

Shandon Neighborhood Council

Minutes – Nov 14, 2022



Call to Order – 6:17pm

Roll Call

Judy Anderson, Steve Augustine, Troy Byrd, Andrew Clarkson, Harrison Greenlaw, Rich Horton, Michael Jameson, Kelly Hynes Morris, Mike McCauley, Bill McCormick, Tricia Seal, Kathleen Warthen, Cindy Waund, and Dennis Wiehl were present.

Dolly Garfield was not in attendance.

Quorum established.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved 6:18pm.

Approval of Minutes - The Sept meeting minutes were approved.

Recognition of Elected Officials, Special Guests, & Candidates for Office

Mark Townes- Zoller Devine St Office

- Zoning request for 621 Amherst lot (Amherst and Devine), trying to zone commercial to increase parking availability, with new commercial-resident building (current residence is being used commercially currently)
- Council APPROVES rezoning to commercial for 621 Amherst

Councilman Duvall sub for Will Brennan

- Short term rentals, next meeting date has not been set yet, estimated Mid-Dec
 - Safety equipment, permitting process itself, permit# on any add, record of rental, person able to respond within 45 minutes, homeowners can rent 72 nights a year and retain primary ownership
- Question from the floor- Do dumpsters require reflective tape, cones, other visibility aids. Deferred to code enforcement.
- Question from R Horton- Where does the city draw the line between citizens living in the city, or vagrancy
- Question from the floor- How to fill 60+ open police positions available? Increasing recruitment, compensation
- Question from the floor- How to get a speed bump on Wheat Street? Speak to Neighborhood Assoc, Traffic and Safety, they have to

Heather Bauer (Representative)

- 803-563-7560 cell phone

Alison Terracio

- Thank you for another 4 years!
- 803-622-6029, call or text
- Email at terracio.allison@richlandsc.gov
- Right now county has no ordinance for STRs, but STR issues are being worked on

Crime and Safety Report –

CRT Justin Boyd

- Homeless situation, in public spaces hard to manage them. Bus stops are owned by Comet (private). Have a loitering ordinance, but hard to enforce. Can not prevent walking on public roadways, sidewalks. Tickets are being given to people on the median, esp on Forest Drive side. Panhandling is a first amendment right, not against the law to ask for money. They can not follow you onto your property, you need to have a purple line (fixed on a tree or object) or No Trespass sign on all 4 sides of the property. Question from the floor- What about impersonating charities? They might need a license to collect for charity?
- 16 auto breakins since the beginning of the year (14 were unlocked), Rosewood has had 7, but they have locked their car. DO NOT leave backpacks, purses, guns in cars, locked or not.
- 20% down on auto breakins
- Football season almost over, be cognizant of delayed calls on game day, or if by the football stadium
- Cold weather, warming up your car will increase the crime of opportunity for auto theft if left unattended
- Recommend using an alarm, especially if going to be away. Have someone around who can evaluate your house in the event of a break-in or a theft. Police will not force entry into a back yard, etc.
- Keep Christmas presents out of your cars.
- Kia thefts are still a problem.
- Online reporting or TRU (telephone reporting unit), 803-545-3500. Officers are understaffed. Dispatch will let you know if you can report online. Under the “get in touch” tab under online reporting in Columbia. When you call 9-1-1 you speak to a call center, who then calls dispatch, who then prioritizes the call and then dispatches out the officer.
- Traffic violations are misdemeanors, do not send photos as they can not be used in enforcement.
- Cell 803-873-8594 (call or text), justin.boyd@columbiasc.gov

Officer Reports:

President's Report – Michael Jameson

- Welcome baby Jameson!

Secretary's Report – Tricia Seal

- No report.

Treasurer's Report – Harrison Greenlaw

- \$17,022 in the bank account
 - Additional add check \$700
 - \$3600 for sponsor money from Turkey Trot & Burn
- Expenses
 - \$375 for snow cones for NNO
 - \$1471.76 to Apex printing for quarterly newsletter
 - \$250 advertising for Turkey Trot
- 2023 budget is being prepared, notify of requested amount for funds to be added to budget
- Columbia Council of Neighborhoods- Neighborhoods Rectification currently , Combined Holiday social for Richland County and Columbia Neighborhood leaders 6-7:30p, Dec 9th, Decker Admin building, bring canned goods. Contact Harrison Greenlaw if interested.

Committee Reports:

Beautification: Andrew Clarkson, chair (presented by Tricia Seal)

- April 23 and 24th, Columbia Green festival of garden tours
- Yard of the Month will be judging Christmas decorations again this year, nominations will be received until December 15th, winners will be announced prior to Christmas

Bylaws & Procedures: Steve Augustine, chair

- Ideas for amendment to the bylaws
 - Potential emergency procedures, require an annual budget, online meetings
 - Want to increase consistency as the board rolls over
 - Email Shandon neighborhood with any ideas for bylaws changes

Communications: Michael Jameson, chair

- Emails were not flowing through, this has been fixed
- Nothing to report progress-wise for website, will likely need new encryption software
- Have been updating Facebook page and website
- Please let Julie Ruff know if you are not getting a newsletter. Shandontimes@gmail.com

Events: TBD, chair (Presented by Michael Jameson)

- No report

Grants: TBD, chair (John Meyers assisting)

- Nothing to report.

Traffic & Safety: Mike McCauley, chair

- Per Judy's update, our Committee has been involved with the Zoning & Code Enforcement Committee in briefings and a site visit with the principals & adjacent Shandon residents regarding a rezoning request for **621 Amherst Ave**, including reviewing the developer's application for rezoning that was reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission last week for approval by City Council. The developer's proactive outreach to the SNC and dialogue with impacted residents has been notable and commendable. The Committees invited the principals to present tonight to the full Council and neighborhood about their plans.
- The Committee has been contacted by residents 2-3 times in recent months regarding the need for fresh **yellow curb paint** near driveways and stop signs around the neighborhood. The Committee has flagged concerns about the condition of Shandon's curb paint and stop bars on several occasions in recent years. City traffic engineers have long advised that their crews can respond to specific locations but not large swathes within neighborhoods. Staff have asked us to provide block numbers, intersections, and addresses that require curb painting and they have been responsive to those requests. SNC members and residents alike should always feel free to forward to the Committee requests or locations that should be brought to the City's attention.
- Question from the floor re: street lights, no immediate plans for increasing street lights

Turkey Trot: Kelly Morris, chair

- The Shandon Turkey Trot and Burn 5K will be on Black Friday, November 25th at 10am! 280 runners have signed up, raised \$4400 so far
- Packet pickup at Backstreets, getting food and tables figured out
- Looking for volunteers to stand on corners, cheer. Packing bags next Monday if any volunteers would like to join!
- The Start/Finish line will be near Craft and Draft and the course will showcase our neighborhood.
- Prizes will be awarded for the top three most creative outfits so participants are encouraged to dress creatively!
- There is a discount code for \$5 off for our Shandon friends: SHANDON5
- Here is the signup link:

Shandon Turkey Trot & Burn 5K (runsignup.com)

< <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Columbia/ShandonTurkeyTrotBurn5K> >

Zoning & Code Enforcement: Judy Anderson, chair

- In conjunction with the Traffic & Safety Committee, we have been meeting with the principals on the Devine Street Corridor property at Devine and Amherst. Our committees, other council members, and residents of the 600 block of Amherst had a "walk-through" of the site. The committee chairs attended the Planning Commission meeting on November 10 and read a letter stating that the SNC was developing a position on this project at/after the meeting tonight
- Members of the committee attend the Short-Term Rental meeting on September 29. Our committee would be willing to host a special meeting on STR's if there is interest.

- Tentatively Code Enforcement will present at our January, 2023 meeting, Officer Stacy Harris has asked that you submit pictures with your request should you have a concern. He can be reached at Stacy-Harris@columbiasc.gov.

ad hoc (Shandon Parks): Mike McCauley, co-chair

- Committee members are tracking conditions at our Shandon parks and reviewing potential grant opportunities along with making inquiries to the City about collaborating on improvements utilizing existing funding. The Committee will meet soon and provide a report ahead of the next SNC meeting.

Old Business:

- Bylaws amendments

New Business:

- Homes for the Holiday Tour will be Sun Dec 4th, 1-5p, 6 homes on the tour, Tickets \$30 can be purchased at Britton's- wristbands and booklets can be picked up at Britton's on the day of the event, Friends of the Tour (\$30) must notify sponsorship by Thursday, collected funds will be distributed to small businesses, can apply through Julie Ruff
 - Carolina Jazz Society Dec 4th 2:30-5p Christmas Concert in conjunction with Tour of Homes in Shandon (hosted at the Heyward St. Methodist Church)
- Columbia Green will be hosting Garden Tour in Shandon, April 6th.
- Methodist Church Announcements: Food Drive – nonperishables such as rice or canned goods, Tues and Wed Nov 15 and 16th between 5 and 7p, drop-by
- K Hynes Morris- Set aside funds for a neighborhood social event in one of the parks, perhaps in mid or late Feb, under bylaws can do \$500 or less without competitive bidding, motion for up to \$499, APPROVED
- Can evaluate option for gifts for police, other staff dedicated to our neighborhood. Gift to the church for use of our space.

Adjournment – 8:05pm

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