

Shandon Neighborhood Council

Agenda – Jan 9, 2023



Call to Order – 6:16pm

Roll Call

Judy Anderson, Steve Augustine, Troy Byrd, Andrew Clarkson, Dolly Garfield, Michael Jameson, Mike McCauley, Bill McCormick, Tricia Seal, Kathleen Warthen, Cindy Waund, and Dennis Wiehl were present.

Harrison Greenlaw, Rich Horton, Kelly Hynes Morris were not in attendance.

Quorum established.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved 6:16pm.

Approval of Minutes - The Nov meeting minutes were approved.

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

- Presentation by Daniel Hatcher, code enforcement
 - Code enforcement ensures that properties remain maintained, also enforce city rental ordinance, handle mosquito control
 - 678 registered rental units
 - 172 new code cases in 2022, majority overgrowth, debris
 - Resolved 150 cases in 2022
 - Photographs are helpful for making a report, probable cause, code enforcement then will assess violation
 - They assess points for parties in the neighborhood, 15 points before rental licenses are revoked, charging \$100 per point
 - You can call Solid Waste for special pick-ups (mattresses, move-outs), 545-3800
 - CPD website columbiapd.net > bureaus > operation bureau > code enforcement > has ordinances
 - Stacy Harris, Stacy.Harris@columbiasc.gov, enforcement officer in our neighborhood
- Councilman Will Brennan
 - Can contact for code enforcement issues
 - Yard trash a few days behind, peak holiday pick-up season
 - STR meeting Jan 23rd 6:30p via zoom, legal counsel will be participating with a draft of the STR ordinance, ensuring that city and neighborhoods are being respected by renters, landlords
 - There is a shortage of replacement garbage cans, there is a wait list.
 - Will.brennan@columbiasc.gov

Crime and Safety Report –

CRT Justin Boyd

- No crimes reported in Shandon yet in Jan
- Have made numerous arrests for property crime over the holiday time
- Kias and Hyundais remain the most stolen vehicles
- Emails for traffic concerns, has been sitting at stop signs, issuing citations. Blossom and Amherst, most are Shandon residents.
- Students will be returning soon, call if there is a disturbance or house party, this is usually improved in the spring
- Cell 803-873-8594 (call or text), justin.boyd@columbiasc.gov

Officer Reports:

President's Report – Michael Jameson

- No report

Secretary's Report – Tricia Seal

- No report.

Treasurer's Report – Harrison Greenlaw

- \$18,448 in the bank account
- 2023 budget is being prepared, notify of requested amount for funds to be added to budget

Committee Reports:

Beautification: Andrew Clarkson, chair

- April 23 and 24th is Columbia Green festival of garden tours
- Columbia Green has offered SNC an extension to their grant which was awarded 2021 for additional plants, at the Triangle Park on the corner of Harden and Heyward. Plans are under way for implementation of this grant. Updated quotes for several plant and materials vendors are being sought. Additionally, SNC approved mulch, and on-going maintenance
 - This grant stipulate that we furnish and install all materials listed in the grant and they will reimburse up the approved amount of \$775. With the inevitable price increases, SNC may need to supplement the Columbia Green funding for this portion as well as the mulch and maintenance as listed on the grant application. Grant and budget as approved at prior SNC meeting.

The Project consists of the following:

- (1) Clear Triangle of debris.
- (2) Add native plantings in and around the two “Welcome to Shandon” signs. Add native plantings in the center of the Harden Street frontage. The native plantings will mingle around the signs and will not grow too high to obstruct views. Once established, they are drought tolerant.
- (3) The native plantings will be planted in accordance with Ms. Yenkey’s recommendations. All plantings will be completed by December 31, 2022.
- (4) The Triangle will be irrigated through an appropriate irrigation schedule to ensure the native plantings establish and thrive.
- (5) A local landscaping company will provide ongoing monthly maintenance for the Triangle, along with the assistance of SNC Beautification Committee volunteers.

The estimated budget for the Project is: \$1,435 to \$1,585, broken down as follows:

- (1) Native plantings: \$775. See Attachments 2 & 3 (Summary and Pricing).
- (2) Soil Amendment: \$510. See Attached 4 (Estimate from KB Landscaping).
- (3) Delivery: \$150 to \$300. See Attachment 2 (rough estimate)

The SNC is providing funds to cover the cost of yearly maintenance by a local landscaping company. This cost is estimated to be \$2,125.00, broken down as follows: Initial cleanup \$250.00, bi-weekly maintenance \$1,875.00 (25 x \$75.00). See Attachment 4 (Estimate from KB Landscaping).

- Project Estimate:
 - Plants \$775
 - Soil Amendment (Mulch / Pine straw): \$510
 - Delivery: \$300
 - Bi-weekly Maintenance (25 x \$75/visit): \$1875.00

 - Total projected upfront investment: \$3,460.00
 - Less Columbia Green reimbursable grant \$775
 - SNC portion after reimbursement \$2,685.00
 - Motion to approve a budget of up to \$3,850 (\$3460, plus ~10%) for landscaping improvements to the Shandon Triangle Park. >>> APPROVED

- AT&T will be trimming their utility lines in Shandon this winter and spring. Citizens with specific questions or concerns should contact Forestry and Beautification at [803-545-3860](tel:803-545-3860) or AT&T at (803) 343-1694 to meet and discuss in advance of the work being completed.
- A small tree was knocked over at the Triangle Park in late December. City Forestry has removed it. SNC will be responsible for replacement if desired.

Bylaws & Procedures: Steve Augustine, chair

- Proposed amendments to the bylaws so far
 - Specially called meetings: Occasional need for special meetings between regular meetings, previously required 48h notice. Proposal to decrease to 24h notice. This is consistent with SC nonprofit act and FOIA.
 - Emergency procedures: If a national or local state of emergency or disaster that may put members at risk, the president and a majority of members can vote
 - Requirement that leaders of the committees created by the president keep some sort of record, this is a best practice and assists in transition of the role.
 - Passing an annual budget for planned expenditures instead of voting individually per expense.
 - The outcome of elections will be posted in the minutes
- Provide amendments to the bylaws >30 days before the March meeting to post on the website, email snc

Communications: Michael Jameson, chair

- 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

- Spring festival of gardens in Shandon this year (April 6th), looking for a coordinated approach with the city

Turkey Trot: Kelly Morris, chair

- The Shandon Turkey Trot and Burn 5K was a success! 456 registrants this year. \$4,550 raised from sponsors, in addition to funds from GRIT = \$6,520. Thank you to the sponsors and Backstreets for package distribution.
- Will be scheduled for Black Friday 2023, contract for next Turkey Trot is available now, motion to sign > APPROVED

Zoning & Code Enforcement: Judy Anderson, chair

- Appreciate the informative visit with Code Enforcement.
- STR meeting Jan 23rd and 6:30pm

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

- Looking at grant options, funds from the Turkey Trot as match or otherwise to improve the City Parks.
? Durable adult gym equipment for Sims Park

Old Business:

- Can evaluate option for gifts for police, other staff dedicated to our neighborhood. Gift to the church for use of our space.

New Business:

- The March plenary meeting is coming up, there will be multiple seats up for election
- 2 ways to be nominated, application can be filled out 30 days in advance, or any 3 residents from the floor can nominate someone for the meeting. Please consider application.

Adjournment – 7:28pm

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