

Shandon Neighborhood Council
Agenda – MAY 9, 2023



Call to Order – 6:25 pm

Roll Call

Judy Anderson, Andrew Clarkson, Harrison Greenlaw, Rich Horton, Michael Jameson, Mike McCauley, Bill McCormick, Kelly Hynes Morris, Emily Saleeby, Vince Schiano, and Tricia Seal were present.

Dennis Wiehl, Troy Byrd, Cindy Waund, Dolly Garfield were not in attendance.

Quorum established.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved 7:11pm.

Approval of Minutes - The March meeting minutes were approved 7:11pm.

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

- Mayor Daniel Rickenmann
 - More small businesses open in past 14 months than in the last 5 years
 - Rebuild 5 Points with more retail, restaurants, tech companies
 - Budget season, come to city hall, we are investing into technology, training, police, fire, employees
 - Innovative ideas to increase public art
 - Access 300 acres from river at zoo to Saluda Shoals, increase mountain biking, drop a kayak, hammock park, river access, increase overnight visits for tourists
 - Question from the floor: Community gardens, trying to get grant from forestry service, building back on 53 residential lots now city-owned, inventory on state-owned lands in the city- how to engage the legislature, need for aging in place facilities downtown- utilizing existing businesses and architecture
 - William St extension, build up embankment to be able to go from zoo to Gramby park for connectivity, agreement for roadway and starting trail for now, Boyd Foundation has given \$, and Bungo foundation funding to get all the way up to the dam. Prelim trail will open in the next 12 months.
 - Man-made beach with wave pool at Lake Murray? Trying to figure this one out.
 - Make sure cars are locked and equipment is up
- Rep Seth Rose
 - Thank you to Columbia PD, the Mayor
 - Scout will be billion dollar deal, will increase jobs in the city, investment
 - \$9M for Williams Street development, increase use of riverfront

- o \$5M for 5 Points for a pedestrian safety project, make it more walkable, Harden to 2 lanes, increase parking, planned to start in Dec
- o \$2M into the budget for Devine Street to re-pave, re-stripe, change traffic patterns to increase access to businesses, less through-fare, will have lots of opportunity for community input
- Rep Heather Bauer
 - o Thank you for patience with I-77 bridge updates, other work being done on I-26
 - o Largest pay raise for state employees
 - o Agriculture committee, oversee waterways, hunting and fishing, women in hunting and fishing bill to support SC Wildlife, DNR. Research to move school lunches from Dept of Edu to Dept of Ag. Trying to improve food insecurity.
 - o 803-979-1024 call, text, email
- Councilman Will Brennan, District III
 - o Focus on basic services, recruitment and retention for public safety officers
 - o Swingsets on the way for Emily Douglass park
 - o Funding to re-do fields at Owens Fields, \$1.8M
 - o Reach out to police, code enforcement issues, solid waste pickup
 - o Questions about PickleBall at Owens Field
 - o Tennis/Pickleball store opening in 5 Points
 - o Will.brennan@columbiasc.gov, 803-622-2626
- John Sherrer- Historic Columbia
 - o Private non-profit founded in 1961, stewards of Robert Mills House (city owned), 14 acres of curated grounds from donation from Boyd Foundation
 - o Oldest remaining building Seibels House
 - o 110 years ago Shandon Terrace Foundation worked with City to re-route roads, sewer, water. Investment with city and private developers to improve the city
 - o www.historiccolumbia.org, there is staff directory
- Event Coordinator for Parks and Rec
 - o Summer program for Hand, STEM programs, lunches served for kids
 - o M-F School year hours 2-6pm, Summer building, opened 9:30-6p
 - o 10-12p, 4-6p for spray pad

Crime and Safety Report –

- MPO Gibbs, SGT Blendowski
 - o 5 property crime offenders arrested (Heathwood, Melrose Heights, etc.)
 - o Theft of lawncare equipment, keep those items locked up and hidden
 - o Ensure houses and cars are secure before going to bed
 - o 5 vehicles entered in April, all unsecured. 70% overall are from unlocked vehicles.
 - o Stabbing on Cannon, domestic-related
 - o Dog removed from backyard, think perp is in Cayce
 - o Juveniles using gel gun and hitting people on roadway, 7mm gel bead rounds into plastic gun, usually gel dissolves when it hits the ground. If charges are filed, will be simple assault.

- o City ordinances are in place for everyone to be a good neighbor, can monitor and assess points for rental properties
- o Ring video- can send in to police via email
- o From the crowd- narrowing of the road on Blossom, only 1 vehicle can pass at the time when both sides of the road are parked at 2400 Blossom
- o Cell 803-873-8594 (call or text), justin.boyd@columbiasc.gov

Officer Reports:

President's Report – Michael Jameson

- List of committees shared

Secretary's Report – Tricia Seal

- No report.

Treasurer's Report – Harrison Greenlaw

- \$16,788 in the bank account
 - o \$1047 grant from Columbia Green
- Expenses
 - o \$1300 to Apex Printing for newsletter printing
 - o \$359 on Easter Egg Hunt
 - o \$1194 on beautifying Heyward Triangle
- Budget proposed for a balanced budget, income ~\$10,500.00, expenses ~\$10,500 >>>APPROVED

Committee Reports:

Active Reports:

Beautification: Andrew Clarkson, chair

- o Spruce-up of Heyward Triangle, spent \$1.47 after reimbursement
- o Work completed in April this year
- o Columbia Green Festival of Gardens, thank you for writing the Columbia Green grant, Episcopal church for Saturday of Service
- o Festival of Gardens tour in Shandon, >\$20,000 net for beautification projects, thank you to docents and volunteers, attendees, gardeners

Bylaws & Procedures: Dolly Garfield, chair

- No report

Events: Michael Jameson, chair

- April 8th- Easter Egg hunt in Emily Douglass Park, thank you

- NNO on Tues August 1st, working on permit and
- Fill the Red Truck to benefit Animal Mission, donations accepted, May 20th & 21st

Turkey Trot: Kelly Morris, chair

- Over 400 runners last year, 5K, will be Fri Nov 24th, do awards and costume contests

Grants: John Meyers, chair

- No report

Traffic & Safety: Mike McCauley, chair

- No report

Zoning & Code Enforcement: Judy Anderson, chair

- No report

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

- No report

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Can advertise new businesses, support our neighbors

Adjournment – 7:37pm

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