

Shandon Neighborhood Council

Agenda – Sept 11, 2023



Call to Order – 6:19 pm

Roll Call

Judy Anderson, Troy Byrd, Andrew Clarkson, Harrison Greenlaw, Michael Jameson, Dolly Garfield, Mike McCauley, Bill McCormick, Kelly Hynes Morris, Tricia Seal, Cindy Waund, Dennis Wiehl were present.

Rich Horton, Emily Saleeby, Vince Schiano were not in attendance.

Quorum established.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved 6:22pm.

Approval of Minutes - The July meeting minutes were approved 6:22pm.

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

- Will Brennan – City Councilman District 3
 - Firework ordinance-
 - County vs. City had differences, trying to align with county given mapping donut holes. Has passed but in committee.
 - County can shoot until 10p. 10p to 7am is a noise nuisance. Civil fines \$100, 750, 1000. Later than 10pm is Dec 31st, July 4th (1am to 7am quiet time).
 - Edisto discovery park for Columbia Water, can learn more about project for water and stormwater drainage
 - University activities, creating a Town and Gown organization between campuses and neighborhoods and elected officials, finding balance between students and the neighborhood
 - Seth Rose got money for a Devine St traffic calming study, increase pedestrian safety. More restaurants and residential offerings in Devine St corridor
 - SNC has reached out to Devine St Business corridor, neighborhood councils for Old Shandon, Sherwood Forest
 - Sept 30th Peanut Boil on Devine Street to support Animal Mission
 - Cutting down Cypress by the fountain, put in public art
 - New policy for City forestry, if a tree is both in private and city property, city will take responsibility for this
 - DOT and traffic engineer are making a plan for traffic safety measures for Columbia East Traffic Improvement Plan (Garners Ferry from VA to Ft Jackson) (Public Workshop Aug 29, 2023)

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- Harden St project, will share summary of flow
 - Tree component, one new tree for every one cut down
- Cell 803-622-2626
- Seth Rose – SC State Representative
 - Dec-Jan Harden Street transformative project (\$5M) from Blossom to Greene, slow traffic, bike lane, more business friendly, more walkable
 - Constituent update mailer coming out tomorrow with renderings, full copies will be on the Shandon/SNC website
 - \$1.5M for Devine Street for re-pave and re-striping from 5 Points to Dreher
 - Contact info will be on the SNC newsletter coming out
- Jesse Bullard
 - City Council At-Large Race for Duvalls retirement (Vote Nov 7)
 - Lives in Melrose Heights, small business owner (Southern Way catering), married with 2 kids
 - Devoted to making Columbia a great place to live. Looking for support of opportunities, jobs, prosperity. Reduction in crime.
 - Bullardforcolumbia.com
- Tyler Bailey
 - City Council At-Large Race for Duvalls retirement (Vote Nov 7)
 - Attorney, lives in Elmwood Park, married with 2 kids
 - From Columbia, parents are Pastors, graduated from Hammond
 - Diverse city but all people are the same; want a vibrant community with opportunity and improvement in crime, plans to put people and communities first
 - Chairperson for Columbia Arts Council
 - #1 goal is to reduce gun crime, homelessness
 - Tylerforcolumbia.com
- Dr. Patrice Green from Hand Middle School
 - 6th year as Principal, 10th year in R1
 - The most diverse middle school in R1, 703 students
 - Diverse student body
 - Language immersion initiative (25 students)
 - Bloom with the Blues (Dreher HS cluster event)
 - School improvement council and PTO partnerships
 - Question from Floor: Where are crossing guards at Wheat/Woodrow?
 - Crossing guards are not employed through R1 (employed through City of Columbia)
 - Families are given information about where to drop-off, how to cross for pedestrian drop-off (crossing supposed to be at Wilmot)
- Joe Eberlin from Dreher HS
 - From Blythewood, has been in admin for 20+ years
 - Goals for building on improvement for safety, achievement, and innovation (robotics, science, STEM)

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- One of top schools in the nation, the top high school in R1 by US News
- 1153 students
- Continue to build on achievement academically as well as arts
- History of curriculum instruction
- Football 3A school Coach Jenkins
- Back to school bash was open house event, can meet with teachers by appt
- Professional development school, host USC undergrad course for pre-education tract course, dual enrollment program with Midlands Tech, AP courses are available as well, Trade options are available through district via Trade Center (welding, culinary, etc.)
- Crosswalk at Millwood- stops traffic in all directions, 3 admin out there having students use the assigned crosswalk
- Rowena
 - Volunteer opportunities to support the local schools
 - Provide weekend food for students who have food insecurity on the weekends
 - Funded by St Johns and Shandon Methodist churches
 - 70 students in the program this year
 - Contact information:
- EMS Closet
 - Another way to volunteer in the community for

Crime and Safety Report –

- MPO Boyd
 - Break-ins at the beginning of Aug, one in September (Juvenile suspects caught)
 - Porch pirate on Queen St caught, brought to jail
 - Response to private property accidents has changed. A self-reporting form for events (fender bender) on private property. Way to keep officers available for more high-priority calls.
 - Get to know your local USC students. If neighbors are causing issues with noise, parties, parking- we will work with code enforcement, police with this. Please report disturbances at the time they are happening, not later after the event. Students tend to be more active in the fall.
 - 252-2911 is the non-emergency number, if you can't get through, call 911
 - Sgt Brad Darosher (sp?) oversees MPO Boyd and community response team
 - Cell 803-873-8594 (call or text), justin.boyd@columbiasc.gov

Officer Reports:

President's Report – Mike McCauley

- No report.

Secretary's Report – Tricia Seal

- No report.

Treasurer's Report – Harrison Greenlaw

- DEPOSITS
 - 6 checks
 - NNO Kickoff and neighborhood-wise
 - 8 advertisers in our neighborhood have paid
 - Total \$4125
- EXPENSES
 - 3 checks
 - Apex (\$1361)
 - Truly Scrumptious (\$1207) for ice cream at NNO
 - Beautification (\$88) for sprinkler head and ant killer in Triangle
 - TOTAL \$2656.39
- Current balance on our bank statement as of Sept 8th is \$19,445
- We are a 501c(3) organization, have an annual budget planned for this year
- President of Columbia Council of Neighborhoods
 - No report

Committee Reports:

Beautification: Andrew Clarkson, chair

- No report.

Bylaws & Procedures: Dolly Garfield, chair

- Drafting bylaws changes, please send any bylaws changes to Dolly with plan to have collected by Nov, (need to be posted x30d) before we can vote at the annual meeting in March
- Email dollygarfield@gmail.com

Communications: Michael Jameson

- No report.

Events: Michael Jameson, chair

- Neighborhood's NNO on Tues August 1st, 6-8pm
 - Over 250 participants including Sherwood Forest neighborhood, over 180 servings of ice cream. Thank you to Ole Timey Meat Market, Andy's Deli, St. Johns Church, Grillmaster Jesse (15th year!)

Turkey Trot: Kelly Morris, chair

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- Turkey Trot will be Nov 24th, registration is open. Have been getting bids for insurance coverage. Volunteering sign-up is open.

Grants: John Meyers, chair

- Neighborhood council applied to Richland County for neighborhood improvement grant, has been fully funded of \$1500 for the newsletter

Traffic & Safety: Emily Saleeby, chair (reported by Mike McCauley)

- Duncan and Ott, SNC-driven traffic study completed 2021 and 4-way stop was not warranted.
- 2 more recent accidents since that time, they are now creating a 4-way stop at that intersection, 4-way stop effective 9/19

Zoning & Code Enforcement: Judy Anderson, chair

- The Zoning & Code Enforcement Committee met on Tuesday, August 22 at the Emily Douglas Park. The discussion centered around the three focus areas for the committee: Educate, Monitor and Investigate/Support.
- Educate: The committee may sponsor a public meeting on Rentals - Short- and Long- Term. There would be information on the requirements and rules for rentals as well as how to handle/report incident/violations. The new Code Enforcement Officer in charge on Rentals has agreed to participate as have other city employees.
- Monitor: All committee members are now on the distribution lists for Board of Zoning Appeals and Design/Development Commission.
- Investigate/Support: Our Code Enforcement Officer continues to investigate issues/violations that we submit to him.
- Note: Zoning/Code Enforcement enquiries entered on our SNC home page will now automatically be forwarded to our committee.

ad hoc (Shandon Parks): Dennis Wiehl, co-chair

- Met with Randy Davis (director for Parks and Rec for the City)
- 2 parts to the budget
 - Maintenance budget (flexible, based on need)
 - Capital budget, no plan for capital projects at Sims and Emily Douglas
- Reached out to Todd Martin, parks planner. First part is schematic for planning. Plan for meeting about discussion of both parks.
- Had a meeting with Parks Specialist Courtney James at Emily Douglas. She believes we need more events, more activities.
 - Communications – Facebook to distribute Park Events

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- Ongoing maintenance issues are not addressed as soon as they need to be, perhaps having lay people complete small projects
- Events, funding for events, potential collaboration with SNC Events committee,
- Love your Block – City of Columbia grant on the City of website. Motion to apply before the deadline with Grants Committee, approved.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Plan to start a grants process for local organizations, neighbors, parks?
- Next meeting will be at park or St. Johns Episcopal church, with contact with site, pending weather
- Question re: underground power lines (inexpensive to bury transformer drop from power lines,
- Peanut Boil Sept 30, 12-6pm, 2900 Block Devine St.

Adjournment – 754pm

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