

Shandon Neighborhood Council
Minutes –January 8, 2024



Call to Order – 6:19 pm by President Elect Judy Anderson

Roll Call

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

Harrison Greenlaw, Vince Schiano were not in attendance.

Quorum established.

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

Approval of Minutes - The Nov meeting minutes were approved 6:16pm.

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

- Victoria McKenna – Ezekiel Ministries, Jan is mentoring month. Richland and Lexington Counties, serve 100 kids in Elementary school. Next Gen program 1 day a week after school program, experience different things. 1:1 mentoring program similar to BBBS. Pray-Mentor-Give campaign. Giving campaign with \$500 match. Young professionals event designed to recruit mentors. Teenagers (16+) can volunteer in site-based (Radius Church, Grace Church) mentoring, ages 21+ can do 1:1 mentoring programs. Looking for multiple mentors at this time, matched on personality, preference, and interests.
- Rep Heather Bauer- Session starts tomorrow, teacher pay increase, getting dollars in the budget and serving on Ag committee this year, working on food insecurity for kids. Discussions on duck hunting, DNR controlled duck land. heatherbauer@schouse.gov , 803-979-1024
- Candidate Tracey Robins, running for House Seat 75 for this year. Conservative alternative to Rep Bauer.
- Rep Seth Rose – Session starts tomorrow, secured \$5M in funding for Harden St project- on Seth Rose Facebook page, more walkable in Five Points, bike lanes, crosswalks, etc. Ready to break ground in Jan, 5 Points Association had valuable input, they are planning for surveying now and getting started after St Pats in 5 Points. \$1.5M for Devine St corridor, enough to resurface from 5 Points to Dreher, need to evaluate plan for re-striping. 2 years away for Devine St project.
- Will Brennan – City Councilman District 3 – Stormwater project going through easement process, Sen Harpootlian is working on quiet zones for downtown neighborhoods and trains. Budget season starts in Feb, desiring Parks and Rec input for budget. Cell 803-622-2626, will.brennan@columbiasc.gov

Crime and Safety Report –

- MPO Boyd
 - No crime in Dec in official reports, nothing reported so far in Jan. Keep doors locked.
 - 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

- Income: Newsletter ads \$8,000.000, Turkey Trot & Burn \$13,643.25.
- Currently a large balance, \$34,099.73, plans discussed in new business.

Committee Reports:

Beautification: Andrew Clarkson, chair

- No report.

Bylaws & Procedures: Dolly Garfield, chair

- Drafting bylaws changes, send them by Feb 9th, to SNC President or Secretary. One bylaw amendment has been requested by J Anderson for emergency meeting notice.
- Email dollygarfield@gmail.com

Communications: Michael Jameson

- No report.

Events: Michael Jameson, chair

- No report.

Turkey Trot: Kelly Morris, chair

- Turkey Trot was Nov 24th, highly successful! 425 registrants last year, 700 this year. Raised \$13,643.25 from the Turkey Trot this year.

Grants: John Meyers, chair

- New grant cycle ends Feb 5th. Newsletter grant (\$1500.000) has been requested for.

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

- No report.

Zoning & Code Enforcement: Judy Anderson, chair

- No report.

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

- No report.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Annual Meeting coming up in March. SNC Candidate application process through online forms and can also take candidates from the floor.
- Motion for seeking grant for newsletter grant >>> UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR APPROVAL
- Motion for use of Grit Endurance again for 2024 Turkey Trot Race >>> UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR APPROVAL
- Homes for the Holidays Tour- Are a registered charitable organization but not a 501c3, being considered for Richland County H-Tax eligibility. Will require a documentation letter from SNC that we are a charitable organization for \$3,000.00 to be given to Homes for the Holidays Tour. >>> MOTION for tabling discussion until review and further discussion by a special committee consisting of SNC President, President elect, Bylaws, Grants, and any other interested parties >>> UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR APPROVAL
- Proposal for creating grant application to use SNC funds for neighborhood and local community improvement projects using proceeds from Turkey Trot. Draft application created and shared for feedback and informational use. Will review grant proposal process, disbursement and whether bylaw amendment will be necessary.
- Motion for \$500.00 donation to Shandon Presbyterian Church as a charitable gift for appreciation for use of their premise for Turkey Trot Start/Finish pending compliance with bylaws. – UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR APPROVAL
- Grant received for Love Your Block Grant- plan for a Sat in Feb for plantings. Need a sufficient number of neighborhood volunteers.
- Reforestation program November to March, can request for street trees in right of way.

Adjournment – 724pm

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