



## **Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)**

Meeting Minutes

June 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Call to Order:** 34 in attendance at beginning of meeting with 3 Board Members (27 have been to 2 or more meetings) 42 in attendance at 8:00pm

### **Quality of Life**

APD Report – Lt Paul Finch/Major Durant

- April: 39% reduction in crime
- May: 6 auto thefts in the month of May (Do not leave car running in your driveway)

### **Hot Topics**

562 Terry/Variance Hearing/BZA

Atlanta City Hall Annex, 55 Trinity Avenue, 12:00 p.m. June

### **Program**

**Fulton County Tax Assessments (Andy Goldstein, Property Tax Consultant/404-822-3643)**

#### *Appeal Process*

If you think that the value is too high you can write an appeal letter within 45 days of receiving the letter

- Value of home
- Uniformity: Based on other people's property
- Homestead Exemption, you can appeal when you do not receive it

County will respond and you can deny their decision and you can appeal to Fulton County Taxpayer Panel, a three person panel. This panel will make the ultimate decision. (If you win your taxes will be locked in for the current year and for the next 2 years.) They look at sales in your neighborhood for 2016.

Dwight Robinson is the new Chief of Tax Assessment. It is very good news for citizens of Fulton County.

**RECOMMENDATION:** If you are a new home owner do not file on line for Homestead Exemption, take the time to bring it down to the office and get a receipt or documentation for submission of application.



## **Commissioner Arrington:**

Lots of great things happening for young people:

- Job readiness workshop was done this morning and about 40 young people attended.
- Interviews will be all next week and they need to attend one of the sessions at the Wolf Creek Library this week.
- There is a Junior DA program this summer and there is a Junior Marshall and Sheriff program in Fulton County
- United Youth of America has a 24 month program that is available

## **Development Update (Carter)**

June 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm there is a community discussion at the Fanplex, 768 Hank Arron, which will be facilitated by Carter, Oakwood Development and Healey Weatherholtz Properties. Great time to get updates about the development in the community

Georgia Avenue: Carter is moving forward on a number of opportunities such as a grocery store and a restaurant.

Street car connections are a possibility to be extended to Hank Arron near the University as well as linking the MARTA station.

Beltline: They are in the predevelopment phase for the expansion of the Beltline. Glenwood and West End extension is 7 years.

**May MINUTES:** approved: 27 Yes, 1 Abstention

## **New Business**

*Student Housing Discussion and Vote (Paul Salo)*

- See DRAFT Student Rental Housing Legislation on website for more information
- Attendees have a real investment in insuring that the owners keep their houses up if they rent to students. Other attendees have an issue with students. Yet others did defend students living here when there are others negative aspects in the community as well. All agree that fraternities establishing themselves in houses here should not happen.
- GSU are very concerned about having students come into our community. They are encouraging students to live in student housing. However they cannot do anything about private citizens that purchase and rent.



- Please review the Draft Legislation on the website and bring your feedback and thoughts to the next meeting. We will review and come to consensus on this legislation. We must act now.

### **Summerhill Reunion, June 17th Phoenix Park III**

SNDC, Carter, GSU and ONS will be having a festival, block party, reunion and some great fun.

10am: Parade with vintage cars, bands and more

1pm: Entertainment, Food Trucks, Vendors, Horseback Riding, Bounce House and activities for every age group.