



Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)

Meeting Minutes

May 1st 2017

Call to Order | 7:08 PM

36.5 present at the beginning of the meeting plus 4 board members, Lt. Finch

42.5 total in the middle of the meeting

Quality of Life/Public Safety/Code Compliance (15 mins)

- **APD Report – Lt Paul Finch**
 - Year to date we are down 12%. There has been a slight uptick in violent crime in Zone 3 with the warm weather.
 - Any time you see a large event/party let police know so they can do focused patrol.
 - Summerhill: 9 crimes in April: 6 property offences including auto, 3 assaults
 - Chosewood Park, two bodies were found in a car. They are still investigating it.
 - Camera request has been submitted but they have not been given a timeframe
 - Tent City: Chief is allowing them to stay on the property until construction begins as long as they are peaceful. Patrol is constant.
 - Gun fire is being heard but folks are having a hard time identifying where they are coming from. Always call it in especially if it is multiple shots
 - Domestic fight on Reed St was called in and no one came to respond (Finch will look into it.)
- **Hot Topics (John)**
 - 829 Martin Street
 - Have valid permits
 - Neighbors feel that it looks more professionally taken care of.
 - Tent City
 - Goal is to get a community benefits agreement
 - ONS is not a part of this effort and does not support it
 - GSU & Carter have both drafted initial agreements as to what they will bring to the surrounding communities. The communities have not signed off on these. Folks in Tent City have been provided these agreements for review

Program: Speaker/Event/Presentation (30 Mins)

- **Redevelopment Update**
 - Agreement has been written up with GSU and one with Carter. They are focused on what these two entities will bring to the neighborhoods



The individuals who are in discussion with GSU & Carter include President & Treasurer, Past president of ONS and additional representatives from other neighborhoods

- Carter Agreement/Community Investment Plan
 - Community Benefits: Summerhill Community Investment Plan is the Agreement
 - A comprehensive plan to benefit the community.
 - GSU Agreement
<http://news.gsu.edu/files/2017/04/Anchoring-Communities-Stadium-Neighborhood-Engagement-04.24.17-Final.pdf>
 - Carter Agreeemnt
<http://news.gsu.edu/files/2017/04/2017.03.31-Summerhill-Community-Investment-Plan-clean1-copy.pdf>
 - How do we have one body that represents the whole area was a question that was considered. They propose creating a body(Southside Future Development Fund) representing all neighborhoods that would provide accountability and ensure that they are executing on what they say they will do
 - Zoning, LCI, Southside Future Development Fund, Carter & GSU Agreements is a roadmap for the future of this community
- GSU and Carter Plan/Anchoring Communities
 - GSU is more focused on what types of resources they can provide. They are interested in supporting education, safety & security, child & adult focused programming, service learning programs, entrepreneurship and more are the high level commitments they address. They are unable to give money as they are a public college so they are interested in giving time and programming.
 - Neighbor: We need to be sensitive to the fact that they are a public school and there is a limit to how much they can invest.
 - Neighbor: Another person believes they can invest more and is concerned that GSU is inflammatory in stating that agreements have been signed by neighborhood groups as it appears neighborhood groups have not actually signed anything.
 - Carter: These are just plans that included neighborhood input. There are no signed agreements as the plans are with Council.
 - Neighbor: People are not recognizing who the individual owners (GSU & Carter) are so they asked neighbors to come to the table to develop these plans. These plans are proposals and NOT signed agreements. Language was difficult for several neighbors.
- Carter Update
 - The Future of Georgia Avenue (Terry and Hank Arron) 55k of retail and 20-30K of office space. Currently there are about 30K of building space currently.



- They have been providing tours to retailers for the past 6 months. They have had a lot of success thus far. In general it is folks who want to expand here or start a business here. They are in negotiation for two leases and a lot of interest.
- Groups that Carter has talked to are: BBQ place, open air beer garden, brewery, bakery, chocolate factory, pizza place, diner, doughnut shop etc.
- Goal with the design is to maintain all existing buildings however the art work would have to be changed and/or refresh annually with art.
- The variance touches on allowing more of eclectic mix of materials for building. Currently it only allows for brick. There is no variances on the table for size as there are already existing restrictions and Carter is currently abiding by these.
- Neighbors: There is a true concern about parking. Carter is taking continually working to thoughtfully address these concerns and will continue to do so.
- Zoning: There has to be a minimum number of spaces based on type of business. They are also considering stickers and signs for residences
- Bike Lane is being considered but that would make it a one lane street creating a more neighborhood feel.
- Goal Timeline: Demo will begin in the next 2 months. Goal to turn these buildings over to tenants in February and Open in Spring/Summer 2018.

Old Business (5 Mins)

- **Review/Approval of Minutes from April**
 - Minutes approved: 32
- **Website**
 - Website got hacked. Our apologies however we have secured it for the future
- **Summerhill EARTH DAY! Cleanup/Social**
 - Phoenix Park III was cleaned. Parks and Rec, Carla's office and ONS made it happen. So many to be thanked and you know who you are. True neighbors!
- **Atlanta Streets Alive**
 - Missed a treat in the rain. Thanks to Wanda, Carter, John and the community that came out in the severe weather to volunteer! We SO APPRECIATE YOU!

New Business (10 Mins)

- **Zoning Application V-17-086 | 562 Terry**
 - A proposed deck in the back corner with a privacy screen. Zoning recommends that they support this application with the removal of the privacy screen.
 - **13 Agree/6 Opposed/3 abstain**
- **June Meeting Location: Is to be determined**
- **May 26th: 6-9pm: Business Showcase at Fanplex.**



- **SNDC/ONS Festival:** 30th Anniversary on June 13th New Neighbors and Old please come join us! Parade at 10am and activities in the park start at 1pm. Come enjoy the heritage of this wonderful neighborhood! Planning meeting on Wednesday May 3rd at 5:30pm
- Housing Authority is supporting investors who want to develop multi-unit developments

Meeting Adjourned: 8:39pm

- Congratulations to the Raffle Winner and winning \$26 dollars and a \$25 VISA card!

Next ONS meeting: June | Monday 6/5/2017 | 7:00 PM, Location TBD