

**Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**April 2, 2018**

**Call to Order**

John Colabelli, president, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves. Colabelli announced the business sponsor for tonight's meeting, Augustine's on Memorial Drive. Augustine's donated gift certificates for use in the 50/50 raffle.

**Quality of Life/Public Safety/Code Compliance**

Lt. Finch was present and cited the City of Atlanta's recent computer problems and the fact they are writing paper reports as the reason he did not have specific data for the past month. He addressed the concerns regarding unruly children in the neighborhood. He suggested residents contact 911 if serious disruptions or vandalism was occurring. He said it's difficult to charge the children if damage is not done. A resident described an incident in which 7-10 kids were jumping on her car; when she confronted them, they threatened her. Resident has pictures/video the responding officer did not want to view; Lt. Finch offered to send an officer back out or have resident come to Zone 3.

Another resident questioned the presence of a bus stop at Martin and Crumley Streets saying there were no high school kids in the immediate vicinity. She described unruly behavior by older kids when they exit bus. Discussion ensued regarding more advantageous locations for a bus stop and Chief Spillane offered that bus routes were on-line and that a request could be made of Atlanta Public Schools (APS) to evaluate bus stops. A resident noted the graffiti on the sign at King Middle. Colabelli said the school was typically good at removing graffiti quickly. Colabelli summarized:

- Engage Middle School and principal
- Engage High School
- Request directed patrols
- Request bus stop reevaluation by APS

Lt. Finch said that the city's noise ordinance has recently been redrafted. He outlined steps the department takes in addressing disruptive parties and advised resident to call 911.

Chief Spillane from Georgia State University (GSU) Police addressed event management plans for the GSU stadium, including the upcoming Foo Fighters concert which could be up to 32,000 people. 75 officers will be working the event. GSU is working with APD to coordinate traffic and have the expertise of the unit that worked the Braves games. They are trying to prevent visitors from entering the neighborhoods by managing the major thoroughfares. Resources are being moved to the stadium including Athletics, ROTC, Police Department Training Center, and Hospitality School. He relayed the rules governing jurisdiction for his officers; basically, they have jurisdiction 1500 ft/500 yds around buildings owned by GSU. Spillane will include suggestion for posting officers on each end of Fraser St. to management plan. A resident asked if they could avoid closing Fulton Street as was done with Braves games; he said they would try to avoid such. Chief Spillane provided his mobile number to receive residents' concerns: 404-502-4492.

Randy Beavers from Culture Labs ([randy@theculturelabs.com](mailto:randy@theculturelabs.com)/678-877-7761) discussed the goal to promote community engagement with a plaza party in conjunction with the Foo Fighters concert. He also announced a May 5<sup>th</sup> Caribbean-based DJ event called Igloo Fest. Residents expressed concerns about how events and parking lot activities can negatively affect the quality of life for surrounding neighbors. Specifically, noise is historically a

problem. Beavers said parking lots will remain available for lease by outside groups until they cannot be used due to construction. He expressed Culture Labs' desire to collaborate with neighborhood.

### **Old Business**

The prior meeting minutes from the March 2018 meeting were approved.

### **New Business**

Colabelli introduced the discussion of the status of the outdated parking signs throughout the neighborhood referencing restrictions before and after baseball games; they are currently unenforceable. He relayed a meeting had been held with the city and referenced the options listed on the back of the agenda. After a lengthy discussion, option 3 "Permit Parking only at all times" (or in a certain window) was suggested by the majority (15) of meeting attendees. Option 2 yielded 10 votes. Options 1 and 4 received no votes.

Colabelli also advised the organization was considering a parking and transportation study for the neighborhood. Attendees voted to pursue the RFP development. (27-0-0)

Variance requests from a single applicant for four properties (listed on agenda) addressing side setbacks (reduction from 5 feet to two feet) were presented. There was a motion to deny the variance requests which carried 8-7-9.

### **Program: Speaker/Event/Presentation**

Officer Reports:

- Bryan Adams, vice president, announced the order for Phoenix II playground equipment had been placed.
- John Helton, secretary, referred to prior meeting minutes and advised all activities noted continued to be underway.
- Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, referenced the online financials stating the balance was 9,767.42
- Michael Lievers, public safety, announced house sign design was almost complete and would likely be unveiled at the park and that block captains had been identified for all four zones. He also announced the possibility of an "At-Promise" center for underserved, at-risk youth being developed in Summerhill.
- Colabelli shared a summary report by education committee chair, Christina Nixon. A link to the report will be shared in the newsletter. In summary, there is upcoming opportunity for the neighborhood to provide input on school rezoning.
- Colabelli provided several updates:
  - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) grant received to connect Summerhill to Midtown
  - Pittsburg Yard had its ground-breaking
  - Carter has purchased the Metropolitan in Adair Park.
  - Little Tart Bakery will open on Georgia Avenue and a soft serve ice cream shop will be adjacent.
  - 112 Ormond will become Talat Market, a Thai restaurant concept
  - Farm Burger and Grind House burger have opened on Memorial Dr.
  - Two stop work orders issued for unauthorized work at Connally and Bill Lucas

### **Announcements/Events and Updates**

Colabelli referenced announcements on back of agenda.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



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## First Quarter Financial Report 2018

### Revenue

January

February

March

On hand Income Previous Month	\$12,257.75	\$12,565.71	\$14,751.03
Raffle Deposits 2018		\$16.00	\$21.00
Summerhill T- shirts Sells		\$20.00	\$37.00
Carter USA Grant funds for Phoenix Park II	\$5,000.00		
Councilwoman Carla Smith Grant funds for Phoenix Park II		\$2,500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,257.75</b>	<b>\$15,101.71</b>	<b>\$14,809.03</b>

### Expenses

January

February

March

Office Supplies			
GA Secretary of State Business License			\$30.00
Parks and the Resilient City			

Conference		\$335.00	
Printing/Business Cards	\$24.61	\$15.68	\$11.76
Summerhill Neighborhood Profile/Last of SMP Grant	\$2,700.00		
Summerhill Signage Contest Winners/Last of SMP Grant	\$1,529.75		
Printing for Summerhill signs/Last of SMP Grant	\$437.68		
Playworld Preferred Deposit (Phoenix Park II)			\$5,000.00
Total	-\$4,692.04	-\$350.68	
Monthly Balance Total	\$12,565.71	\$14,751.03	\$9,767.27