

Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2019

**Call to Order**

Mary Gay, ONS President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. ONS Board members introduced themselves.

**Attendance**

96 people provided sign in information at the start of the meeting.

**Correction to Agenda**

Please note the correct date of **January 20th** for the following event:

Forum: Race, Religion & Our Role in the Community

January 20th 10 am – 1 pm

MLK Middle School, 545 Hill Street SE

<http://www.theoutletcommunity.com>

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

Michael Lievers, public safety chair, reviewed the past month's public safety incidents. 11-12 incidents in December. As with previous meetings, he reviewed safety topics and crime deterrence ideas such as not leaving empty boxes reflecting recently purchased valuables by the curb or leaving anything visible in vehicles. He also reviewed and updated the current neighborhood sign project. The prototype was available to view and the neighborhood is able to go ahead and order these via Michael Lievers or through the ONS web site.

Lt Baldini, zone 3 evening shift commander presented current crime information. Go to Atlantapd.org website to see crime data for the area. 8 larceny incidents over the month of December. A community member asked Lt Baldini what course of action to take for groups of people smoking and drinking in Pheonix Park. Call 911 and ask for an officer to come out and check it out. Also asked about people parking on sidewalks, specifically around the church at Martin and Fulton. Call 911 and ask for an officer to come out.

Street name on sign at Georgia and Fraser spelled incorrectly. Information given directly to Carla Smith, Councilperson.

**Old Business**

The prior meeting minutes from the December 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

**ONS Financial Report**

Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, reported a December ending balance of \$15,938.88. Financial report was made available for review and are also on the web site for review.

**SNDC Social Services Report**

Geoff Heard, SNDC representative reviewed the role of SNDC in the neighborhood. See [thesndc.org](http://thesndc.org) for more info

### **New Business**

Tom Butler, ONS zoning chair, presented zoning variances for voting:

- Alcohol license, ramada plaza, change of agent - New owner plans to take care of graffiti in the next 30 days. Motion approved for change of agent with one abstention
- 166 South Ave - Chris Hellman, architect, presented variance vote for request to change setback on side lots in order to build 20 ft wide house as required by zoning. He plans to build a 2100 sq ft home with a one car garage. George Dinot, owner accompanied Mr. Hellman. Tom Butler, recommends approving the variance for the setback. Motion for the zoning variance was accepted, one abstention
- 66 Ormond st variance moved to next month

### **Announcements/Events/Special Projects and Updates**

Elected officials Carla Smith and Marvin Arrington introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

#### **Carter/Georgia Ave Development Update**

Jack Murphy, Carter Development presented leasing updates. Little Tart to open in next couple weeks. Big Softie late spring. Halfway Crooks, mid march. Woods Chapel, late spring. Conspiracy, Little Bear, Junior's Pizza (owners in attendance), summer opening, hopefully. Woodworking retailer, deli, hopeful grocery still in conversation regarding lease agreements. 15 spaces, 3 loft offices still open. Suzanne Mitchell, requested Carter continues conversations with APD and Georgia State Security regarding safety around the new retail district. Jack Murphy stated that they plan to have 3rd party security camera systems around the retail district. Carter does not own Azar liquor store or the Fuwah Chinese restaurant.

#### **Fanplex Update**

Cheryl Turner went over the current Fanplex use proposal. Guests: Fulton County Commissioner Marvin Arrington, George Chidi, Social Impact Director with Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (and arm of Central Atlanta Progress) and Geoff Heard with AFCRA.. See the original AJC article and Diversion Proposal on [ONSummerhill.org](http://ONSummerhill.org)

Turner went over the original proposal briefly and the steps that have been taken. AFCRA has voted down the use of the Fanplex for this use specifically around the upcoming Superbowl. However, active parties will continue to pursue this location for this use. The center will be a diversion center as well as community center for the homeless. The ONS Board was not presented with this information before the publishing of the AJC article. See the original proposal for background information on proposal. Turner shared historical use of Fanplex in the community and around the Braves organization.

Marvin Arrington, along with Geoff Heard, presented his understanding of the proposal which he heard of at the December AFCRA meeting. It was passed to the grounds committee and then passed back for approval. It was unanimously declined. Mr Arrington recognized the large crowd in attendance to likely be in opposition to this use of Fanplex. John Helton, resident,

asked how citizens can ensure that political pressures do not negatively impact due process of decision making. Arrington noted the community process is important and to continue to voice opinions and stay active in the decision making process.

Carla Smith, Councilperson, reviewed the 2016 LCI for the neighborhood and how the Fanplex location is described within. Go to [Stadiumneighborhoodslci.com](http://Stadiumneighborhoodslci.com) to see more information about the LCI. LCI recommends using the Fanplex as a community center - pg 138 of the LCI

Suzanne Mitchell proposed motion for board to write a letter opposing proposal to AFCRA.

Approved. One abstention.

Suzanne Mitchell proposes motion to call on carla smith to establish committee for best use for Fanplex along with Peoplestown Neighborhood Association as requested by PNA President Chris Lemons. Approved. One abstention.

Valerie Scott proposed a friendly amendment to letter to specifically say opposition is to a "diversion and community center for the homeless" - motion approved. One abstention.

George Chidi took questions regarding proposal. Gave background for desire for plan for homeless around Superbowl. Carla Smith presented legislation approved today to provide more funding for homeless support. Community feedback was received. Suzanne Mitchell requested to be on record stating that she believes that Moki Macias should not be recommended for any further grants because of her involvement with the LCI and continuing to pursue this location even knowing the specifics of ideal Fanplex use on the LCI. The crowd in attendance demonstrated overwhelming opposition to the proposal.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.