

**Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2018**

Call to Order

John Colabelli, president, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Quality of Life/Public Safety/Code Compliance

Major Murphy and Lt. Baldini from APD were present and fielded several questions from the group. Major Murphy was formerly with code enforcement and will bring her contacts and code expertise to the zone. She explained higher 911 call volume results in fewer patrols, but her overall goal is to increase patrols. She encouraged use of 911 for all police matters. Minor situations in progress are bumped up in priority; be descriptive in report to 911. A request for increased patrols at bus stops during pick-up/drop-off times was also requested by Colabelli.

Old Business

The prior meeting minutes from the July 2, 2018 meeting were approved.

New Business

No new business.

Program: Speaker/Event/Presentation

Bharath Parthasarathy and Major Anthony Coleman from Georgia State University (GSU) provided an update. They are currently in Phase II of the redevelopment of the stadium which is primarily systems work not visible. They are replacing the marquee on the highway with a \$1 MM sign upgrade. They have announced a new convocation center to open in 2021-2022 in the vacant lot across from the Ramada hotel. It is specifically not a sports arena, though home basketball games will be played there. It will be considered a multi-purpose facility. Bharath reported employment information for GSU: 40 more employees from zip code 30312 since January 1st 2017. He also stated there have been 32 more applicants and 22 students from this time period. None of the fall events scheduled should have a significant impact on the neighborhoods. Alliance for American Football, the primary NFL competitor, begins next spring.

Major Coleman explained 21 police officers are based at the stadium and they have been directed to take routes through neighborhoods between the stadium and main campus. GSU police has jurisdiction for 500 yards from a Board of Regents property. Bharath explained the intention is to be thoughtful about what is put at the stadium.

ROTC will be moved to the stadium. They plan to stand by promise that it will not just be a sports facility but also an academic building. They are looking for a naming rights sponsor for the stadium at which time they will replace signage. Student housing will continue to be centered on the Piedmont Corridor. GSU is supportive of the draft legislation to limit unrelated people in houses to mitigate over population of students in neighborhoods. One neighbor asked for a multi-faceted response to disruptive students in the neighborhood.

In reference to the convocation center and the nearby hotel, he stated GSU would love to acquire the hotel but the price is too high. Bharath also stated it is unlikely the new center will have underground or deck parking which is cost prohibitive; he stated they have not decided how they will approach parking due to several unknown variables. They currently have about 2000 students that use the existing surface parking daily. He said GSU welcomes the input of the neighborhood as a checks and balance for the redevelopment. Designated Uber and Lyft stations were suggested and GSU confirmed that was the case; however, some riders do not utilize the zone.

Randy Beavers from Culture Labs updated the group on upcoming football games and the hospitality tent provided by GSU and Carter. He invited the group to the tailgates August 30th and September 22nd, the first Saturday game. He invited the neighborhood to make suggestions about types of events and activities residents would like to see happen in conjunction with the redevelopment.

Wren McDonald from Trees Atlanta provided information regarding free trees. Handout provided.

The Summerhill house sign was revealed; production logistics and pricing are pending. It will likely be a wood cut or a laminate. An option for numbers option may be available.

Officer Reports:

- Bryan Adams, vice president, relayed park pride has green lighted the plan to proceed with the grant for a large scale park project. A meeting is being scheduled with Park Pride to identify relevant projects. The original park visioning plan can be viewed at www.onsummerhill.org.
- John Helton, secretary, reported the Stadium Neighborhood Communities Trust Fund continues its development of infrastructure and governance. He also announced the nominations process for officers for two-year year terms beginning January 2019.
- Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, provided the quarterly financial report. The July month end balance is \$11,215.40; \$5000 revenue was received from Park Pride from the second half of the Phoenix Park grant.
- Michael Lievers was not present. Colabelli acknowledged and thanked Michael for managing the house sign project.
- Colabelli thanked Carter and Woods Chapel barbecue for the community event they sponsored.
- Colabelli said the church at Connelly and Crumley Streets has been sold. It sits in the middle of two large residential lots they want to subdivide into four lots. ONS will only become involved if they need a variance.
- The problem with nail and concrete on Reed Street behind the GA Avenue development was mentioned and Colabelli said he would follow-up.

Announcements/Events and Updates

Reference events and updates on the agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.