

**Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2018**

**Call to Order**

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

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

Lt. Karla Baldini, zone 3 evening shift commander, and Sgt. Godwin from APD presented current crime information. She explained the investigation process for APD. Burglary clears (resulting in an arrest) averages 5% nationally. Car break-ins were 16% for Atlanta, which is considered very good. She encouraged reporting and sharing of video with investigators even though it may not seem it yields results. She encouraged cooperation with investigators. She also clarified terminology:

- Robbery: Taking by force/threat of violence
- Burglary: Breaking into resident or business when occupant not home
- Theft: Stealing from non-dwelling unit.

Residents can download crime statistics at [atlantapd.org](http://atlantapd.org).

As with previous meetings, she 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. Lt. Baldini's info is as follows:

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Colabelli inquired whether anyone had experienced problems with the Atlanta half marathon on Thanksgiving. No concerns were voiced.

Michael Lievers, public safety committee chairman, explained his efforts to identify and contact the owners of the lot at Hank Aarin and Ormond where loitering occurs. We wish to have the owners allow no trespassing signs that may be enforced by the police.

A representative from Marvin Arrington's office spoke and provided a newsletter advertising events including a toy drive for children of incarcerated fathers in Fulton County jail and a wrapping party.

**Old Business**

The prior meeting minutes from the November meeting were approved unanimously.

**New Business**

Colabelli called for introductions by the new board members and expressed thanks for their service. He relayed the old and new board met on Saturday to plan the transition. The first meeting of 2019 will be January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### Officer Reports:

- Bryan Adams, vice president, reported we are awaiting news from Park Pride regarding the grant proposal. He reported Trees Atlanta will be coming into the neighborhood December 8<sup>th</sup> to plant 78 trees in the neighborhood. See announcements on agenda. In response to question regarding the variety of trees to be planted, members who had spoken to Trees Atlanta said they are being more thoughtful about tree selection.
- John Helton, secretary, reported the Stadium Neighborhood Communities Trust Fund continues its development of infrastructure and governance. The by-laws review and streamlining project continues as well with an intended completion date by February.
- Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, reported a November ending balance of \$15,938.88. Financial report was made available for review.
- Michael Lievers said we are moving forward on the house signs with prototypes ordered. They should be available for review in January.
- Christina Nixon had no education committee update.

Micah Rowland, Mechanicsville, announced his non-profit had received a grant from U-Haul to provide lawn services. He provided a flyer providing information on reduced fees for elderly or people with disabilities.

Colabelli recounted the Georgia Avenue history project led by Rick Laupus and Marny Davis, GSU professor who specializes in Atlanta history, The newly released video was shown announcing The Storyteller Project, The Georgia Avenue Story which will be launched in February 2019. The URL link will be posted to ONS website,

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

- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual NPU-V Community Forum will be Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 9 a.m. at Fanplex.
- Colabelli called attention to the announcements on the back of the agenda as well as his farewell statement on behalf of the board.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.