

Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2019

Call to Order

Mary Gay, president, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All ONS Board members present. Community members introduced themselves.

Old Business

The prior meeting minutes from the March meeting were approved unanimously. 15 - 0 - 0

Quality of Life/Public Safety/Code Compliance

Sgt. Godwin, zone 3, presented current crime information. 2 residential burglary, various vehicle larcenies, auto thefts. Expressed concern regarding "shootings" around various parts of adjacent neighborhoods. Mentioned two locations, Peoplestown and Mechanicsville. Recommends calling in anything suspicious (fireworks, gunshots) that you hear. Resident expressed concern over loitering at vacant lot at Ormond and Hank Aaron. Officer will follow up with Public Safety Chair. Resident expressed concern with graffiti and trash in front of Summerhill Variety Store on Martin Street. Officer recommended following up with code enforcement.

Michael Lievers, public safety chair - house signs are ready to order - Link to pre-order: bit.ly/2Uq7SPL \$60 for wall mount, \$70 for hooks, \$80 for both.

Elected officials reports

Mitsah Henry, Commissioner Aringtons office - May 4 - family fun day, health screenings, food, activiites. Accepting applications for internships - \$12/hr - see flyer or web site (fultoncountygga.gov) for more information

Community Partners Reports

- GSU Update - Cheryl Turner shared update from Barth P, with GSU - New convocation center at Capitol/Fulton to break ground fall of this year, completed by 2021. Used for basketball as well as some instructional use. Land currently leased to the contractors building new State Supreme Court building for the city. Increased police presence and looking into anti graffiti paint. Construction of Glenn street completion through to Aspen Heights apartments should start soon and completed by summer.
- Carter USA/Georgia Ave - Signed new lease with mexican restaurant (D Boca N Boca) to be at 39 Georgia Ave. Ben Johnson, Woods Chapel BBQs applying for Placemaking grant to improve streetscape and placeholding for scooters and other personal transportation options. Currently working with Trees Atlanta to add trees to the streetscape. Grocery store has signed LOI and Carter continues to work toward an agreement with them. Carter to be planning a neighborhood bGlock party to welcome new businesses and f4residents of Summerhill. Apartments on west side of Hank Aaron to break ground this summer. 10% to be affordable, remaining to be market rate.
 - Ben Johnson, Woods Chapel BBQ - currently in process of applying for the Placemaking Grant through City of Atlanta. Interested in creating streetscape that slows cars, improves aesthetics, provides place for scooters/bikes. Ultimately wants to connect Georgia Ave with Mgdxarta/GSU/Beltline.

ONS Committee Reports

- **Zoning and License Reports** - no applications at this time.
 - New business owners present in crowd briefly presented their business and when they will open - Juniors Pizza, Redacted Drink Parlor

- **ONS Financial Report** - Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, reported a March 2019 ending balance of \$9,452.82. Financial report was made available for review.
- **Newsletter Committee** - Christina Nixon reported that the inaugural edition of the Summerhill Phoenix newsletter is almost ready for publication. Please submit ideas for future editions of the newsletter at secretary@onsummerhill.org. Look for the first publication in the next few months.
- **Bylaws committee** - Cheryl Turner is working with the board to update the current bylaws which will be reviewed by an outside committee consisting of Summerhill residents. Once the draft is approved by multiple committees, it will be brought back to the community to vote to approve.

Social Services / Community Reports -

- SNDC - Community Breakfast & Summerhill Reunion Update - Wilbur Yancy - Previous fish fry's were both successful. Thanks to community and volunteers who helped. Community breakfast for June 8, pricing \$25 for early bird. Summerhill Reunion planned for June 15 - planning for parade kickoff at 10 am. Would like for residents to come out to event and participate and learn about their community. Smith High School - Mr. Yancy planning a reunion for June 7 in coordination with the Community breakfast on June 8. Prom event evening of June 8 - Rick Laupus and Marni Davis will be presenting their project on Georgia Avenue history.
- Residential Leaders for Equity Program - Michael Lievers - program through Annie Casey foundation. Class based program where leaders learn about NPU-V and take next step to serve community. Check facebook page for more information.
- SNC Trust Fund Update | John Helton - see previous updates on background of committee. Have been working through city ordinances and building structure for taking grant proposals. Committee members expressed to attendees that if they have ideas about projects that need to be funded, please reach out to Mary Gay at president@onsummerhill.org for more information on how to submit your idea/proposals. Mr. Helton expressed need to be able to include various neighborhood groups in ability to apply for money.
 - Program. Manager position | see web site for information on how to apply sncTRUSTatl.org
 - Feedback Card Community Projects - desire to begin process of getting ideas out for projects that are mutually beneficial for all local neighborhoods. Physical cards distributed to members. Survey to be posted on facebook page.
- Volunteers Needed:
 - Economic Development Committee - Michael Lievers will chair this committee - desire to work with new businesses and connect them to neighborhood
 - Friends of Summerhill Park - Email president@onsummerhill.org to participate in the friends of summerhill park committee.
- Events & Announcements -

Adjournment

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