

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

**Call to Order**

Cheryl Turner, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Community members introduced themselves. All ONS Board members present.

**Old Business**

The prior meeting minutes from the June meeting were approved unanimously. 17 approved

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

- Lt. Karla Baldini, Zone 3 evening shift commander presented current crime information and promoted ATL311 app. Recommends residents download to report code enforcement issues. Mentioned shootings in Mechanicsville and Old 4th Ward likely related. Resident asked about autonomy when reporting via 911. Lt said you can dial \*67 to block your number to 911 or ask to remain anonymous. 853-TIPS to report. Link to Crimestoppers posted on group Facebook page. Resident requested increased police presence to monitor speeding vehicles at Martin/Georgia/Fraser.
- Michael Liever, ONS public safety chair - public safety report projected on screen for community to view. One robbery of pedestrian on 6/3/19 with which Michael is following up with APD.

**Elected officials Reports**

- Mitsah Henry, from Commissioner Aringtons office
  - Tax assessment town hall meetings July 9, 2-3 pm at metropolitan library, additional dates include July 10, July 18. See flyers for more information.
  - Back to school event at Villages at Carver YMCA - see flyer for more information.

**ONS Officer and Committee Reports**

- **President Report** - Cheryl applauded SNDC for a fantastic reunion this past month. Thanked Christine Frazier and Franklin Mack for hosting reunion and breakfast. Reported 6 ONS community members present at breakfast. Thanked Jack Murphy for presenting at the breakfast. Thanked Rick Laupus for photographing breakfast and reunion. Construction Ready, an ONS partner, was present at the reunion and got a great response at the reunion. Living Walls will be updating murals on Georgia Ave. More information with Carter update.
- **ONS Financial Report** - Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, reported a June ending balance of \$8,226.80. Reviewed checks and deposits over the month of June. [June Financial Report](#)
- **Secretary Report** - Christina Nixon, secretary - update on newsletter progress. Working through draft at this point. Taking advertising input for the newsletter. Email [secretary@onsummerhil.org](mailto:secretary@onsummerhil.org) for rates and information. Should see first edition at September ONS meeting.
- **House Sign update** - will have 8 additional signs available to purchase. Will be placing orders this month for signs. Contact Michael Lievers to purchase or go to [onsummerhill.org](http://onsummerhill.org) and click on the House Signs tab.
- **Park Pride Grant Update** - received matching grant from Park Pride. Hope to have \$200,000 total to improve parks around Summerhill. Legacy grant will match up to \$100,000. Have some committed funds. Need to raise ~\$60,000 to reach the \$100,000 match. Planned improvements include Heritage Park improvements, Pheonix park basketball court resurface, possible exercise stations at Martin and Georgia. Will be asking for volunteers to help this project. Email [board@onsummerhill.org](mailto:board@onsummerhill.org) to be added to Summerhill Parks committee (Friends of Summerhill Parks Committee). Looking at potential Summer

2020 finish date. Questions regarding how we will be raising funds → Cheryl recommended asking for a grant from Stadium Trust Fund and then coming back to community to raise additional funds. Wanda mentioned fundraising event to be on the lookout for.

- Vote to approve request to funds from Stadium Trust Fund Committee to be used toward the matching grant from Park Pride. Motion to approve request of funds for this purpose. 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention. Motion carried.

### **Community Partners Updates**

- **Carter USA | Georgia Ave updates** - Jack Murphy with Carter spoke about Living Walls project along with ONS to refresh murals along Georgia Ave. 39 Georgia Ave first project. Plan to add mural to Little Tart wall on Reed St and eastern facing Woods Chapel wall. There will also be a community/history of Summerhill wall. Will host meetings to gather input from the community on what they think is important for the Summerhill community wall.
  - Carter is also working on implementing a historical marker program wherein they will be implementing and installing markers for historical places along Georgia Ave.
  - Bee Louis spoke about opening her new location on Georgia Ave. Currently owns a business where she organizes and hosts dinner clubs (Hush Dinner Club). Subsequently, she also opened Atlanta Meal Prep which will be run from the space. Opening diner style at front of space and Atlanta Meal Prep in rear. Will be at 59 Georgia Ave.
  - Block party/fall festival - date TBD this fall
  - Halfway Crooks hopefully to open this week. \*Edited: soft opening for Summerhill and surrounding residents on July 4 and 5, grand opening on July 6.\*
  - Resident mentioned garbage dumped on Frasier near Georgia and requested it be addressed.
  - Resident expressed concern that Reed street is too narrow for the two way traffic that it is now experiencing which will result in accidents. - Board and Carter will be looking into options.
  - July 31 - quarterly meeting 6:00 pm
- **YMCA** - Tammy Matthews, YMCA, spoke about developing partnership with ONS. Tammy has made a commitment to provide support to local communities. Last month YMCA at Carver offered monthly guest passes to Summerhill residents and seniors. YMCA is a full gym and swim, but also offer summer camp, after school care, scholarship fund to cover memberships.

### **Community Announcements**

- [Georgia Avenue History Project](#) - Marni Davis, Associate Professor of History at Georgia State University, and Rick Laupus reviewed their history of Georgia Avenue project, which includes an interactive website located at [bit.ly/GeorgiaAveATL](http://bit.ly/GeorgiaAveATL). Rick thanked community members for participating in the Georgia Ave project. Goal is to get oral narrative of history of Summerhill. Part 2 involves exhibition date TBD. Will provide date as it becomes available. Showed video of history piece. Marni Davis will also be working with Carter on historical markers and community mural. History project will continue through current age. Concerns were expressed regarding the "accuracy" of history represented in the website. Ms. Davis clarified that the focus of the website was limited to on the history of Georgia Ave., not the Summerhill neighborhood as a whole. Residents requested signage when date for exhibition is available. ONS will post on social media and email list. Thanked Carter and SNDC for their support of project.
- **Other Announcements & Events** -
  - Trust Fund Update - Mary Gay reviewed new trust fund updates. Committee has hired a manager. Come to meetings to join the process. The next Stadium Neighborhood Communities' Trust Fund Committee Meeting is July 10, 2019 Dunbar Recreation Center 477 Windsor St SW Atlanta, Georgia 30312 6:00 - 7:30 pm ET Meetings are public. All are welcome to listen and submit feedback and questions to [info@snctrustatl.org](mailto:info@snctrustatl.org)

## ONS Matters

- ONS Vice-President Nominations - Reviewed those who have been nominated for Vice President. A vote from the residents was required due to the conflict in the bylaws regarding how officers are replaced (board appointment v. requiring eligible candidates to meet 50% meeting attendance requirement). There are eight residents meet the 50% requirement and four of them are already on the board. Per Robert's Rules of Order, residents can vote on how to proceed given conflict in bylaws. Some conversation regarding whether to allow nominations for those who have not attended 50% of meetings in the past 12 months. Resident made motion to keep requirement of 50% meeting attendance in order to be eligible for ONS Board. 26 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carried. Michael Liever accepted vice president nomination. Motion to vote on Michael Liever to become vice president. 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. Motion carried.
  - Cheryl deferred decision/vote on filling public safety chair, which is now vacant due to Michael becoming vice president, until August. Called for volunteers to come forward to serve in a capacity on Board. Please email interest to [board@onsummerhil.org](mailto:board@onsummerhil.org)
- Tax Assessments - Cheryl reviewed information regarding Fulton County tax assessments noting that many people have experienced significant increases, some 100% or more. Cheryl recommends that everyone appeal their tax assessments if they experienced a significant increase. Going forward, everyone will need to be thoughtful about managing their taxes. Review Mitsah Henry's handouts and flyers to see additional information on opportunities to learn more about how to appeal tax assessments. ONS will be passing out door knockers with reminders to appeal taxes and information to do so. Asked for volunteers to help distribute door knockers. Email Cheryl at [president@onsummerhill.org](mailto:president@onsummerhill.org) to participate. Door knockers will be sponsored by Carter and will include information about Georgia Ave on the reverse side. Will continue this conversation over the next several months. ***Appeals due August 2nd.***
- Bulk pickup - New ordinance requiring bulk pick ups to be scheduled will be enforced starting July 1st. Call 311 to schedule. You will be fined if you do not call to schedule.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.