

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

**Call to Order**

Cheryl Turner, president, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Community members introduced themselves.

**Old Business**

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

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

Karla Baldini, zone 3 evening shift commander presented current crime information. Reported on her follow ups with burglaries within the last 30 days. Reported an arrest for one larcey at 815 Martin. She is still working on loitering on Ormond St behind Stadium Grocery. Resident asked Lt to investigate what is happening inside of the Stadium Grocery as well. Resident asked about plan for increased crowds and activity along Georgia Ave. Lt reported that their department has planned for this but will follow up again to update as needed. Chief Spillane, chief of police at GSU, reported that they have two officers living in the Aspen Heights apartment building and will report and address issues as they arise.

- Michael Lievers, interim ONS public safety chair - Michael reviewed the crime report from the previous month. Mostly vehicle larceny. One burglary report that APD is working on. One auto theft that Michael described as being a product of technology in theft. Recommended purchasing an infrared blocker for storage of your keys in your home to reduce this. RFID blocker.
- Cheryl Turner reviewed report of two workers on Crumley who died from electrocution - Please be vigilant about people doing work on your own and other homes. Please call 311 if you see any work that does not seem safe or you do not see visible permits.

**Elected officials Reports** - None in attendance

**ONS Officer and Committee Reports**

- **President Report** - Cheryl Turner, president
  - Reed/Georgia Ave - Follow up from previous meeting where residents expressed concern about traffic conditions. Cheryl has followed up with Carla's office who has forwarded to city officials to conduct a traffic study. Will provide the community with the results of this survey as they are available.
  - Tax assessment action plan - Cheryl has been attending help sessions from various organizations and has been handing out information to help local citizens. She has specifically been targeting "legacy residents" located primarily on the south side of Georgia Ave. She has provided information to these residents in an effort to help decrease tax burdens. Ultimately want to provide all options to residents so that they can make the best choice about their homes and finances.
- **ONS Financial Report** - Cheryl Turner, on behalf of Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, who was out of town, reported a July ending balance of \$6579.23. \$5000 of this being held for Parks project. Expect paid sign funds from Paypal to be transferred to account soon. Financial report was made available for review via projector. Resident asked if ONS has a projected income source in the next quarter. The short answer was no. Cheryl explained previous ways that ONS has made money. This has generally been through filming or revenue from the SMP fund via the Braves. Community will have the opportunity to purchase ONS shirts, newsletter advertising in the near future.

- **Secretary Report** - Christina Nixon reported on the progress of the newsletter committee. The inaugural publication of the newsletter will be presented at the September ONS meeting for distribution to community. Will be asking for volunteers to distribute.
- **Public Safety Report**
  - **House Sign Report** - Signs have been delivered and have been installed on some homes. Small number of signs still available. Email [vicepresident@onsummerhill.org](mailto:vicepresident@onsummerhill.org) to get on the wait list for one of the signs or to get on the list for the next order.
- **Park Pride Grant update** - Bryan Adams, introduced Ellen Bruenderman from Park Pride as a representative on our project. She reported on some background of Park Pride and their role in the city of Atlanta. She expressed her support of our Friends of Summerhill Parks group and encouraged the community to become involved in this group. Bryan Adams reported on a good turnout of the initial meeting of the Friends of ONS parks group. Focus of grant improvements will be on Heritage Park improvements, Phoenix Park 2 landscaping, exercise and sporting equipment improvements, and potentially an auditorium in Phoenix 3. Park Pride grant is a matching grant up to \$100,000. Resident asked John Helton, Chair of the Stadium Neighborhoods Trust Fund Committee, if there was a potential for trust fund funds for this project. He reported that the committee is in the process of finalizing formal proposal process. Reports that this would be an appropriate use of this fund. Parks committee and ONS will follow up with members of the Stadium Neighborhoods Trust Fund Committee on next steps to apply for this funding.

### Community Partners Updates

- Carter USA | Georgia Ave updates - Jack Murphy reported on multi family apartments breaking ground around Labor day on west side of Hank Aaron near future Glenn street intersection. Grocery store plan was presented to corporation, meeting went "good". Carter has been working on Georgia Ave streetscape - better crosswalks, decreased two lane traffic, adding bike lane. Asked for feedback on city proposal to add bike lane on north side of Georgia Ave going west in place of on street parking.
- Georgia State University
  - Bharath Parthasarathy, Deputy General Counsel, GSU - Athletics, police and ROTC are housed in the stadium. Working through ideas on offices that may have a community benefit. In process of connecting Glenn street to Pollard behind Aspen Heights. Will complete when Carter multi family housing is completed. Plans for baseball still in process. GSU is considering options for more parking while still encouraging alternative transportation options. Convocation center - academics, office space, house mens and womens basketball. Still in process of renderings. Reported on discusses on community partners on bringing holistic services to Summerhill and surrounding neighborhoods. Resident asked about how Marta fits into their plans. Bharath reported that new BRZ will go from South beltline and north on Hank Aaron. Resident asked about plan to address graffiti on capital ave/fulton. Reported that they are not in control of the lot. Resident asked for the contact information for the building company renting the lot. Bharath will provide this contact info to ONS/Suzanne Mitchell as requested.
  - Chief Joseph Spillane, GSU Police Department - Chief Spillane has teamed with APD on getting more police presence in the area as development increases. 4400 spaces available for first game. Do not expect full lots for football games. Department working through all parking options for visitors and residents. Making plans for keeping people safe. Resident asked about plans for parking deck. GSU is looking into adding this as part of development plan.
  - Tyler Wilcher and Alexis Ann Campanella, GSU Stadium - announced Summerhill Night at GSU stadium. \$5 out of \$15 will be given back to ONS. Kids under 10 will be free. Kickoff at 7 PM. Purchase tickets ahead of time with [provided link](#) for Summerhill donation. Use code SUMMERHILL
- Little Bear Restaurant (Georgia Ave.) - Jarrett Stieber, Owner - introduced his upcoming restaurant

opening on Georgia Ave hopefully in the fall. Wants his restaurant to be a small, approachable, affordable fine dining. He will be having an ONS exclusive event - 30 seats available that he will be hosting exclusively for Summerhill residents. See [link](#) to purchase tickets.

### **ONS Matters**

- ONS Vice-President Nominations - Latrice Harris has been nominated as Public Safety Chair and she meets the minimum attendance requirement as per bylaws. Nomination approved with 25 votes in favor. Motion passed. Motion to execute voting process for Latrice Harris as public safety chair. 23 in favor. Motion passed.

### **Community Announcements**

- Street Closure - Filming on Georgia Ave - All day 8/8 thru 8/9 - shouldn't be significant noise or lighting. Filming company has offered donation to ONS as an inconvenience fee.
- Issues with services from the City of Atlanta – Call 311 - use this service to report improper work conditions, property trash, street repairs, trash services.
- Junior's Pizza Official Opening
- Other Announcements & Events
  - Streets Alive - Announced route on Cascade to RDA to Hank Aaron. September date
  - Mural refresh on Georgia Ave - murals on 39 Georgia Ave completed. Plans for community mural in the works. Community meetings to be held on Thursday August 15 at 6 pm and Saturday August 17 at 2 pm. Will send info about this.
  - National Night Out - to be held at Dunbar Center August 6, 4-7 pm. Vendors present and school supplies handouts.

**\*\*Next meeting to be Thursday September 5, due to Labor Day holiday\*\***

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.