

Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2019

Call to Order

Cheryl Turner, president, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Community members introduced themselves.

Old Business

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

Quality of Life/Public Safety/Code Compliance

- Lt. Baldini, zone 3 evening shift commander, presented current crime updates. Has been monitoring traffic and incidents on Georgia Ave as well as Ormond St loitering as requested by residents. Resident asked about people parking on Abernathy across from stadium in front of Aspen Heights. Lt. Baldini recommends having traffic study done for the entire neighborhood. If the road is marked yellow or “no parking,” an officer can be called to enforce. Resident asked about one way opposite traffic on Fraser south of Georgia. Lt. recommends updating signage through traffic study.
- Latrice Harris, ONS public safety chair - projected incidents from the month of August onto projector. Most were incidents of larceny from vehicles. Reminded residents to clean out cars so that there is no opportunities for larceny.

Elected officials Reports

ONS Officer and Committee Reports

- **President Report** - Cheryl Turner
 - Mural project - two listening sessions this past month to share ideas about Summerhill with the artist.
 - Traffic study regarding intersection of Reed and Georgia. Should have the results of this study by December.
 - Increase in zoning variance requests - Cheryl has been working with Tom Butler in this effort. Many open parcels that developers are requesting to develop. Will continue to have this conversation with residents so that all are informed on the issues.
 - Positive press - NPR article, Georgia State magazine. Reminded residents to stay involved to further progress of community.
 - Parking in Summerhill - continue to work toward a resolution with a residential parking permit program. As it currently stands, there are requirements under the parking permit plan. We do not currently qualify under these standards. If a neighborhood applies, and is denied, you cannot apply again for 3 years. Requirements: lack of off street parking, occupied parking spaces, percentage of commuters. Each category is given a certain number of points. Must reach 70 points. Resident expressed concern with parking on Fulton, Fraser area (Greenlea Commons)- mentioned that she notices these areas being used as “overflow” parking for events at the stadium and development areas. Cheryl Turner recommended that this resident send her an email with her concerns and evidence to add to the case to ask for an exception for the entire neighborhood. Mentioned that any resident could also email parking concerns to Cheryl (president@onsummerhill.org) - Forming a committee to handle this issue. Email president@onsummerhill.org to be added to this committee. Cheryl will follow up with interested parties on this matter.
- **Vice President Report** - Wanda Rasheed for Michael Lievers -

- House signs - taking pre orders for the next order of 40 signs - have to meet the 40 minimum to make the next order. Link will be posted on the web site.
- **ONS Financial Report** - Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, reported an August ending balance of \$13,628.10. Credits and balances were reviewed. Of note, ONS received \$5000 from filming company in the month of August. Financial report was made available for review via projector.
- **Secretary Report** - Christina Nixon
 - Newsletter - Members were presented with inaugural edition of the Summerhill Phoenix newsletter. Committee will continue to build further issues of the newsletter which is planned to be published quarterly. Thanked the newsletter committee for their hard work getting this first issue published.
 - Website - Small committee has been working toward updating and refreshing web site. Considering options for platforms as well as person or company to do the project. Hope to have web site live by December of this year.
- **Park Pride update** - Bryan Adams and Wanda Rasheed - Wanda met with Core Landscaping to discuss projects that will be covered. Heritage park - Need to consult with the Cultural Affairs dept to finish the projects and update the monument in this park. Renderings complete, waiting on pricing. Phoenix III - renderings for an amphitheater which should be a great addition to the community. Will work with APS to partner in working toward alleviating flooding issues and allow park use for MLK middle school.

Community Partners Updates

- Carter USA | Georgia Ave updates - Jack Murphy with Carter updated on Georgia Ave. In the next month, should see activity on apartment site (blue retaining wall in the stadium lot) in the next month. Should be planning an info session specific to apartments. Will announce that to neighborhood. Under contract with hotel developer for 125 room hotel on nw corner of hank aaron and georgia. No update on grocery store until likely November.
- Stadium Neighborhoods Community Trust Fund - John Helton updated the group on the status of the SNCTF. Presented historical information via powerpoint presentation. Currently in the process of designing how grants will be awarded. Has already awarded some money in an effort to get some money moved into the communities. Next round of awards will be put out through the process that is being developed. Wednesday sept 11 there is a listening session at 7 pm at fanplex and community is invited to attend. Cheryl encouraged residents to attend the listening session and make their ideas known.
- Wood's Chapel Community Programming - Ben Johnson announced upcoming events at Woods Chapel www.woods-chapel-bbq.com for more information on events
 - Thursdays 6:00 pm - GSU football live filming
 - Pop up library in back of store - available to anyone with or without purchase.
 - Sunday Bingo - 6-8 pm - available to anyone with or without purchase.
 - Sept 24 - civic dinner - topic will be affordable housing
 - Sunday sept 27, 3-5pm - mobile yarn truck and knitting club
- Chris180 - Provides trauma training for residents and stakeholders in the community. Allows trainees to help others in the incidence of community or gun violence. Will have training coming up in mechanicsville library. Also encourages proactive measures such as Tai Chi and Yoga. Will be doing tai chi in Phoenix park on sept 26 at 7pm. Want to provide coping tactics for people to develop in their own homes.

ONS Matters

- Alcohol license for Little Bear restaurant - Jarrett Stieber presented the beverage program for upcoming

Little Bear restaurant. Source locally for food and beverages. Should be open wednesday - sunday.
Motion to approve liquor license - 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

- 105 Georgia Ave update (no vote) - application withdrawn for parking variance as previously requested. Cheryl and Tom Butler will be meeting with developer to discuss future plans for co-living. Resident requested that Cheryl ask him about his previous building developments in the neighborhood.
- 60 Bill Lucas Townhome development (no vote) - bounded by Reed st and Fraser. Empire homes present Bill Lucas project - still in due diligence. Has done other projects in neighborhood. Described other projects in town that they have done. Lot is currently vacant and overgrown. Proposing 29 townhome units. Has met with Tom to create a more engaging look for the neighborhood. Will be asking for variances for 15' setbacks at the next community meeting. This is to properly accommodate parking via garage.
- Hedgewood Homes - presented website to community and presented pricing for first batch of homes. Showed how homes will have greenspaces woven into space. Designs will have mixed materials and heights. Every home is custom. Setting aside a few home to fall into "affordable" - will be 22% off. Must meet requirements. www.ownatsummerhill.com

Community Announcements

- Summerhill Night at GSU stadium this Saturday September 7. Grab tickets through www.georgiastateathletics.com/Summerhill using the code SUMMERHILL
- September 24 - Intrenchment Creek One Water Management Task Force Meeting @ 1-2:30 at the MET Penthouse @680 Murphy Ave SW
- Streets Alive - Sept 29 2:30-6:30 Cascade ave to RDA to Georgia ave

Adjournment

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