

Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2019

Call to Order

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

Old Business

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

Quality of Life/Public Safety/Code Compliance

Officer Tabor, zone 3 APD, presented current crime information and reviewed safety topics and incidents around the zone. Noted some disputes at Martin St Plaza but nothing out of the ordinary.

Latrice Harris, ONS public safety chair - noted vehicle break-ins this past month. Reminded residents to keep a clean car and porch. Most of the larcenies noted on Pollard St. Some vehicle larcenies on Martin St SE. Resident noted issues with GSU game attendees defecating and urinating on Fraser St on game weekend. Board will follow up with GSU and APD about this issue. Cheryl reviewed incident wherein pedestrian was struck on Georgia Ave - all impacted are well and Board will continue to work with Carter to implement traffic calming strategies.

Elected officials Reports

Councilwoman Carla Smith - BRT Community Listening Sessions - Reviewed history of LCI after Braves left. LCI included transportation initiatives on Capitol Ave. Awarded Tiger grant which will pay for BRT (bus rapid transit) and eventually light rail. Must have public meetings. Meetings will be held on Thursday and Saturday. Come to meetings to give feedback on opinions on where and how the BRT should be implemented. Go to www.connectthecore.com to complete the survey and give feedback on this process.

Mitsah Henry - Fulton county commissioner's office - HOA boot camp november 9 - looking for vendors to attend this event at the Georgia International Convention Center. Contract services funding for arts and culture - oct 18 deadline - go to fultonarts.org or 404-612-5780. Check out the commissioner's newsletter for more information.

ONS Officer and Committee Reports

● **President Report -**

- Yoga - small crowd for first but two more sessions upcoming Oct 10 and 24 in Phoenix II park. Only doing yoga at this time. Achieved goal of drawing bystanders and encouraging engagement.
- 105 Georgia work session - successful meeting where the developer presented residents with his idea for the co-living space. There will be another work session to further discuss the direction of the project. The developer has the right to build a co-living space without a variance if he so chooses. If he comes to the neighborhood for a variance, he may be amenable to working in amenities (scooter parking, zipcar). One resident suggested that the owner clean up the lot in the interim.
- Mural projects -
 - D Boca N Boca wall - refresh and reseal this month.

- Community mural - wall of Wood's Chapel - will be installing - artist wrote a narrative describing the image that she has created. Community will be invited to participate oct 26 12-3 pm. Will be invited to help paint.
 - Little Tart mural - new floral piece to be installed. Date TBD
- **Vice President Report**
 - Nothing to report at this time.
 - Can purchase house sign through link on website
- **ONS Financial Report** - Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, reported a September starting balance of \$13628.10, multiple deposits and credits, and ending balance \$12,228.64. Financial report was made available for review via projector.
- **Secretary Report** -
 - Updated website - check out onsummerhill.org for resources and information. Continuing to pursue a full updated site in the new year.
 - Check out the newsletter at <http://onsummerhill.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ONS-Newslettercolor.pdf>
 - Emails - sign up for emails to get ONS information right to your inbox. Go to the web site to sign up. Check your spam to make sure you are getting emails.
- **Summerhill Development Update** -
 - Alliance Summerhill - new apartment complex behind hotel on Fulton St.
 - Fraser St Apartments - started demo without a permit. Must now rezone the property to MR3 or PEH.
 - Tramel Crow - one block south of georgia between bass and bill lucas - 300+ units with pocket park. Will come to meeting next month.
 - Georgia tech case study - community meetings to find out with neighborhood wants to see in development.

Community Partners Updates

- Carter USA | Georgia Ave updates- Jack Murphy - no update on grocery store. Started work on apartment development by hank aaron wall. Working toward streetscape improvement plan. Under contract with hotel developer. Resident asked about the streetlights being fixed on RDA between hank aaron and pollard. Currently not working.

ONS Matters

- Georgia Ave Streetscape and Parking Plan (vote) - **edited to add: deferred to next meeting**
- 60 Bill Lucas (vote) - presented plan for development on bill lucas (bounded by reed, fraser). Currently under contract. Currently zoned RG3 (significant setbacks). Met with Tom Butler and created a more engaging streetscape. 29 units. Two car garages. \$370k range. Requesting a setback variance consistent with recommendations from Tom. Motion to approve variance. 25 approved, 0 opposed, 7 abstentions. Motion carried.
- Fraser St. 2-way petition (vote) - Tom Butler presented rationale and asked for a motion to approve starting a petition to present to the City. Resident asked about increased traffic and ability of emergency vehicles and school busses to traverse. The city traffic study will determine feasibility. 18 approved, 1 opposed, 11 abstention. Motion carried.
- Martin St. Variety Store (not a vote) - 559 Martin St - presented plans for opening store. Want to be involved in community. Plan to be a deli and grocery store and eventually serve small hot food with caribbean menu. Resident asked about trash clean ups around the store. Plan to place trash cans and follow up with people dropping trash. Resident asked about selling beer and wine. Owners said they would like to eventually. Resident expressed concern with alcohol sales.

- Parking Permit Program Update/ Comprehensive Development and Parking Plan - reviewed previous conversations about parking permit concerns. Via follow up conversations, Cheryl found that we do not necessarily meeting requirements as it stands. Would need an exception. Tom Butler and volunteers are working toward this issue. If the applicant is denied, they cannot reapply within three years.
 - Traffic study for Reed Street approved. Will become a no parking street effective oct 21.
 - Parking in front of Aspen Heights on RDA - Cheryl has been speaking with manager and she has been telling residents not to allow their guests to park there. In process of getting No Parking signs installed. Resident said that Carla told them that the No Parking during Stadium events program can still be activated. Bobby Scott and Kim Foster agreed to head up this effort to clarify this information.
- Georgia State homecoming game issues- Cheryl has been in conversation with Barath. He is unable to attend this meeting today. GSU had a traffic plan but suspected that the neighborhood parking issues were due to attendees not wanting to pay for parking or not going to the game. GSU is open to conversation about solutions to this situation. Resident asked about asking GSU picking up trash in neighboring streets. Resident suggested locking up the orange lot when not in use.

Community Announcements

- **Alfred with Chris180** - hosted yoga and tai chi and invited residents to come to the next session. Groundbreaking has occurred for the new At Promise center in Pittsburg. Weekly healing circles at BAMOA 9-10 am Saturdays - will also have at Metropolitan library oct 23 7-8 pm. Halloween events coming up - 787 windsor 6:30-9 scary house and vendors.
- Todd Michney - Georgia tech - community researcher workshop - digitized mayoral papers of Ivan Allen Jr. November 23.
- Park Pride - monthly meeting on Thursday at 7:30 am at Phoenix II park softball field. Friends of Summerhill Parks the host.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.