

Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2019

Call to Order

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

Old Business

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

Elected officials Reports

- Mitsah Henry with Commissioner Arrington's office - Left fall newsletter for perusal. Noted event this Saturday at Georgia convention center HOA bootcamp, 8 am-4pm. Accepting vendors for this event. Contact Mitsah for discounted table. 404-613-0203. Also collecting blankets and toiletries for homeless at various locations. See flyer. Feeding the homeless and distributing to homeless on Nov 18. Collecting toys in December and distributing on Dec 16. Taking volunteers for this event. Contact Mitsah for more information or to volunteer.

ONS Officer and Committee Reports

- **President Report** - Cheryl Turner -
 - Yoga in the park - last event was dark and cold and event was cancelled. Continuing conversation with Chris180 about continuing to engage neighbors in regard to trauma response.
 - Bylaws - in process. Continuing to process and plan for having meetings congruent with bylaws. Will follow up in 2020
 - Parking issues -
 - Reed street painting - has not been completed but Cheryl will follow up tomorrow
 - Signs and painting on RDA in front of student housing - request has been submitted.
- **Vice President Report** - Michael Lievers -
 - Signs - Stop date set for December 31. Go to web site to order.
- **ONS Financial Report** - Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, reported an October beginning \$12,228.64 and ending balance of \$12,207.89. This includes house sign purchase credit and debits for parking and Junior's Pizza for mural volunteers. Financial report was made available for review via projector.
 - Cheryl mentioned the new murals that have been painted and refreshed in Summerhill. Community mural nearly finished.
- **Secretary Report** - Christina Nixon
 - Newsletter - Working with committee to put out the next issue for the December meeting. Contact newsletter@onsummerhill.org with ideas or contributions
 - Web site - Working with Josh Jordan, Summerhill resident, to build a new site that will be a resource for the community and also integrate the parks web site seamlessly.
 - Email - Expect 2-4 emails/month from ONS with pertinent information about community events. Sign up on the web site at www.onsummerhill.org
- **ONS Public Safety Report/APD** - zone 3 evening shift commander presented current crime information. As with previous meetings, she reviewed safety topics and crime deterrence ideas such as not leaving empty boxes reflecting recently purchased valuables by the curb or leaving anything visible in vehicles.
 - Cheryl Turner for Latrice Harris, ONS public safety chair - Noted larcenies from vehicles this past month. Reiterated clean car policy. Also noted auto theft.

- One incident where police chase ended in Summerhill at Hank Aaron and Georgia Ave. Suspects were arrested.
- **Park Pride Grant Update** - Bryan Adams, Wanda Rasheed - Bryan reviewed process of continuing to secure funding for project proposed. In process of removing tree by basketball court and will then work toward resurfacing basketball court. Met with office of cultural affairs to get approval for updates in Heritage Park. Must get original artists and architects on board. Have made some adjustments to design which are getting approved in budget currently. Projects in Phoenix park require land grading and heavier equipment and looking toward 2nd or 3rd quarter of next year. Wanda discussed applying for the funds for these projects from SNCTF. Full budget of \$217,439 for project. Wanda noted that the committee would request \$117,439 from SNTCF. Park Pride Grant matches up to \$100,000. Wanda then asked for a motion to allow parks committee under ONS to apply for up to \$100,000 from the SNCTF. Motion made. In favor 24, opposed 0, abstention 2. Motion carries.

Community Partners Updates

- **Carter USA | Georgia Ave updates** -
 - New restaurant - chicken sandwich restaurant signed. More information will be shared at another time.
 - Grocery store - should hear back this month
 - Richard Tang restaurant - arcade themed restaurant. Should be press about this this week.
 - November 20 at 6 pm - next stadium neighborhoods meeting. To be held at Carter offices on Georgia. Will talk about development and also job opportunities.
 - Atlanta United block party - representative from atlanta sports social club. Has met with Michael and Jack about upcoming event to happen this year in Summerhill. Has not permitted yet but holding date for event in Gold lot and Georgia ave between hank aaron and martin. Gold lot would be a ticketed party and Georgia ave would be open to the public. This is not a voting issue for the community at this time but simply a courtesy information sharing.
 - Resident asked about hearing large trucks at construction sites at 5 am. Not certain which site this is coming from. Jack will investigate this issue. Send email to cheryl if you hear these sorts of issues and she will follow up.
 - Resident asked about street lights being off on Georgia Ave. Cheryl said to call 311 to get a reference number which can be followed up with. Jack noted that there is some confusion on who is responsible for the street light functioning (GSU, Georgia Power, etc) but that he is working toward a resolution.
- **SNCTF Updates** - John Helton discussed that there is currently an open RFP and the Park Pride project request of \$100,000 would be an appropriate ask. Noted that organizations can request up to \$100,000 without a need for an annual audit. Wanda noted that she and Bryan attended the training meeting and were aware of the process. Proposals due November 22 at 5 pm.
 - Grant reviewer process - community members can volunteer to be a part of the review process by applying on the [SNCTF web site](#). Grant reviewer applications due November 22 at 5 pm.
 - Cheryl expressed concern with Summerhill receiving fair funds from trust fund. Recommended that residents apply to be on the grant reviewer board in order for proper representation.
 - Mary Gay shared SNCTF meeting info - 1st Wednesday of every month at Dunbar Rec center 6 pm - Noted that these are open meetings and anyone can attend.

ONS Matters

- **Filming in Summerhill/Azar Properties** - Preparation for filming at this property last week was happening before full permit went through. Cheryl followed up with production company/APD/mayor's office of filming. The production company has a permit to film at any private property that is listed on the

CoA filming locations list. Filming occurred, company will make a \$750 contribution to ONS, and property will be resecured.

- **Georgia Ave Streetscape/Traffic Calming Plan (vote)** - deferred to next meeting
- **Trammell Crow (not a vote)** - proposing 300 family market rate multi family complex. Looking to start mid next year. Planned to be on the block of Hank Aaron, Bill Lucas, Fraser, Bass St. Looking at using materials that are reflective of historic buildings in the neighborhood. Would focus density along Hank Aaron and move residential side to Fraser side. Resident asked if there would be parking for visitors - responded that there would be parking for residents and visitors. Resident requested that wide sidewalks be considered. This was affirmed.
- **Tiny House Atlanta (not a vote)** - MicroLife institute presented information on tiny houses potentially coming to Summerhill. Has pinpointed a few small, non-conforming lots in Summerhill. Presenting to neighborhood to gauge interest. May come back to community for variances if zoning goes through at the city level. Currently building pocket neighborhood in Clarkston Georgia. Go to [MicroLife web site](#) to view these.
- **105 Georgia Ave (vote)** - Cheryl and Tom have met with Joe Brown multiple times as well as have had 2 listening sessions to discuss project. Joe Brown presented information about his company, Intown Builders. Has previously built in Summerhill (Orchard Ct). Plan to build a co-living project with 43 units. Tenant profile consists of millennials (late 20s-early 30s). Units will come with wifi, furniture. Will be lounges and programming based on what tenants are looking for. Planning for \$1200/mo/room. Working with Invest Atlanta to make 20% of the units more affordable. Asking the neighborhood to allow to build smaller units and variance to reduce the parking per city code from 28 to 22. Resident asked how many co living spaces this developer has done. This is the first. Developer is looking at management firm to manage the property and residents. Cheryl reiterated that this is Joe Brown's property and he can do what he likes with this property. It is in the best interest of the neighborhood to understand what he is asking and understand the impact on the community going forward. Resident asked what the alternative to this proposal. He says that he would build the 4-6 bedroom option instead of the 1-2 bedroom option. Resident asked if the vote tonight "locks in" this plan. Joe Brown will build whether this variance is approved or not. Joe Brown has worked with the community to negotiate amenities (Bike parking, dedicated scooter, working with zipcar to put a zipcar in one street parking, coworking space on ground floor). Resident asked for clarification on the type of residents. Joe Brown clarified that the 3-5 bedrooms will be leased as single beds. Tom Butler recommends that Joe Brown build the higher number of 1-2 bedrooms. Motion was made to deny variance and seconded - 7 in favor, 18 opposed, 4 abstention. Motion denied. Motion was made to approve variance and seconded. 20 in favor, 8 opposed, 2 abstention. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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