

Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
December 2, 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 November meeting were approved unanimously.

**Community Partners Updates**

- **Marta BRT Update** - Saba Long, consultant for Marta - reviewed historical process as of yet for Bus Rapid Transit - BRT has dedicated lane to bypass traffic. Conducted meeting with community previously to elicit input. Reviewed some data from community survey. Presented the Locally Preferred Alternative map that will be presented to the local and state government. Contact Councilwoman Carla Smith with support for this project. Outlined next steps for approval. Anticipate September 2024 as operational date if all moves according to schedule. See [www.connectthecore.com](http://www.connectthecore.com) for more info or email [contact@connectthecore.com](mailto:contact@connectthecore.com) with questions
- **ONS Public Safety Report/APD** - Lt. Baldini, FIT team commander, presented current crime information from November. One aggravated assault which began on freeway and ended on Capitol (non summerhill origins). Followed up on other noted incidents. Resident asked about report of car fire in Phoenix Park on 12/1. Lt. will follow up and report back. Residents can email Lt. Baldini ([kbaldini@atlantaga.gov](mailto:kbaldini@atlantaga.gov)) with any issues - please copy [president@onsummerhill.org](mailto:president@onsummerhill.org) or [publicsafety@onsummerhill.org](mailto:publicsafety@onsummerhill.org). [kbaldini@atlantaga.gov](mailto:kbaldini@atlantaga.gov)
- **Urban League** - Sheryl Stone - presented information about the purpose of the Urban League of Atlanta. Desires to correct gap in workforce availability and rising business needs in Atlanta. Provides workforce development for families and individuals in need. Has received a grant to partner with the NPU's to get feedback from the community on needs. Please complete resident survey [here](#) and return via email to Sheryl Stone.
- **GSU update** - 19/20 graduation (will not be at GSU stadium). High school football championships will be at GSU stadium. Construction to begin on convocation center at Capitol and Fulton over summer. Has followed up with chief of GSU police about cleaning up that lot. Has also followed up chief about student behavior and potential frat houses within the neighborhood.

**Elected officials Reports**

**ONS Officer and Committee Reports**

- **President Report** -Cheryl Turner -
  - Reed street traffic study - have been approved for no parking signs and painted curbs - project has been delayed but still on City list to complete
  - RDA traffic study - has not come back as approved but do not anticipate any issues with this process.
  - Community contributions for production companies - President requests contribution from production companies after receiving notice from the city for filming. The following streets will be closed for filming upcoming:
    - Dec 4 - Hank Aaron
    - Dec 5 - Pollard
    - Dec 6 - Little Tart and Reed Street

- **Vice President Report** - Michael Lievers -
  - Dec 31 - deadline to order - go to web site to order
  - Atlanta united - working with them to coordinate parks contribution.
- **ONS Financial Report** - Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, reported a November beginning balance of \$12,207.89 and ending balance of \$13,172.57. Credits and debits were reviewed. Financial report was made available for review via projector.
- **Secretary Report** - Christina Nixon
  - Web site - Working toward affordable options to update web site on it's current platform (wordpress).
  - Newsletter - New issue will be available at the next meeting. Email [newsletter@onsummerhill.org](mailto:newsletter@onsummerhill.org) with ideas or to get involved
- **Zoning and Development Report** -Tom Butler
  - Terry St - Tom met with architect and introduced negotiation to build 3 smaller homes instead of one large - would be able to provide some affordable housing options.
  - 160 Little street - asking for rezoning for 12 units
- **Park Pride Grant Update** - Bryan Adams and Wanda Rasheed -
  - Wanda - last month asked community to approve application of SNCTF grant - approved. Applied and submitted. Should hear back about this grant in February. Bryan and Wanda met with CoA Parks Committee who were impressed with plans. Particularly impressed with Phoenix amphitheater project. Working with CORE (landscape company) to make sure they are in compliance with city standards. Will have a 5k fun run/walk in March as a fundraiser. Has been working with Cultural Affairs to update Heritage Park monument. Michael Lievers has met with original artists to develop update plans. All projects set to start March 2020.

### Community Partners Updates

- Carter USA | Georgia Ave updates - Jack Murphy, Carter -
  - Grocery store update - Good news → summerhill approved for location. Bad news →company doesn't want to open until 4th quarter of 2023.
  - Signed lease with a salon to be in building next to Hero donuts.
  - Beginning apartment development site work on Hank Aaron -
  - Lights on Georgia and northern side of hank aaron as requested at previous meetings.
  - Phase 2 - in gravel lot on Georgia - one level - should begin construction in January. Has been in negotiations with deli and will have smaller spaces available for retailers/businesses.
- SNCTF Updates (vote) - Cheryl reviewed process of applying for grants. Noted that applicants need to have a letter of support from the community, as required by the application process. Need a vote from community to provide letters of support to applicants. Received two requests from organizations for a letter of support, which was not able to be provided due to timeline of applications. Cheryl asked the community how they would like the Board to proceed in regard to requests for letters of support. Resident suggested that any organization asking for a letter to come to ONS community meeting to ask for a letter of support. Resident suggested having off cycle meetings to approve letter requests. Member suggested applicants meeting with Board and Board publishing organization information publicly for comment for a period of time. Motion to let the Board decide on determination of letters of support. No second. Motion for off cycle meetings. No second. Motion for Board to vet organizations and release to community. Seconded. Friendly amendment - come to regular meeting as option if they have time. Full motion - Organization will come to organization if time, if not time, board member or member(s) will vet then post information to web site. People will be given a period of 5-7 business days to respond, where concerns can be voiced. If no concerns, Board will provide a letter of support. Motion will be tabled until the January ONS meeting. Board will come back to the January meeting with a

recommendation to be voted on.

### **ONS Matters**

- ONS Bylaws update - deferred to the January meeting.
- Georgia Ave Streetscape/Traffic Calming Plan (vote) - deferred to January 2020 meeting.
- Alliance Apartments deferred to the January meeting.
- NPU-V hosting (vote) - NPU-V meeting will be at Georgia Hill center this month. Annie Casey foundation has offered to pay for dinner for December meeting. Cheryl suggests that ONS and SNDC sponsor dessert from local restaurants. Motion to sponsor dessert. Seconded. 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention. Motion carries

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.