

Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS)  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2020

**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 December meeting were approved unanimously. 12-0-0

**Elected officials Reports**

**ONS Officer and Committee Reports**

- **President Report - Cheryl Turner** - Reported on bright 2020 future for Summerhill.
  - Traffic studies -
    - Reed St - ongoing.
    - RDA - waiting on approval. Have seen a reduction in street parking in front of Aspen Heights apartments. ONS does not pay for these traffic studies. They are requested through Carla Smith's office.
  - Fundraiser through GSU basketball - February date and more information forthcoming.
  - Filming - currently 1 filming scheduled - waiting on community contribution from 1 production company from December.
- **Vice President Report - Michael Livers**
  - **Atlanta United Block party** - currently negotiating on contributions to two neighborhood projects - volleyball court update and new mural
  - **Signs** - currently at 10 orders but need 40 to place an order with sign manufacturer. Go to ONS website to place an order.
- **ONS Financial Report - Wanda Rasheed**, treasurer, reported a December beginning balance of \$13,1072.57 and ending balance of \$13,245.21. Reviewed credits and debits.
  - Housing ordinance - recognized Paul Salo and thanked for his contributions to the process.
- **Secretary Report - Christina Nixon**
  - **Newsletter** - New issue of newsletter passed out to community members. Reviewed one edit pointed out by community a community member.
  - **Web site** - Continued work toward building a website that is user friendly and reflects the Summerhill community.
- **ONS Public Safety Report/APD** - APD representative absent.
  - Latrice Harris, ONS public safety chair - absent
- **Zoning and Development Report - Tom Butler**
  - **Parking lot rezoning (Hank Aaron and Fraser)**- south of Georgia lots that did not get rolled into the rezoning after the Braves moved. Desire to rezone these lots to have the same zoning. Tramel-Crow project proposed to be on these lots but being held up by permitting. Motion to approve zoning change: 24 - 0-0 Motion carries

**ONS New Matters and Votes**

- **160 Little St** - Kyle Williams, zoning attorney for Parkwood development. Parkwood own property in discussion. Looking to build a small, minimal unit apartment complex. Plan to keep the price point low. Have had conversations with APS regarding strip of land adjacent. Have not been productive. Currently

a vacant house on the property. Contact Kyle at [kwilliams@williamsteusink.com](mailto:kwilliams@williamsteusink.com) with more questions. No community vote needed at this time.

- **Georgia Ave Streetscape/Traffic calming Plan** - Jack Murphy with Carter - presented proposed plan to change the number of lanes of traffic traveling between Fraser and Hank Aaron on Georgia ave and also from Fraser to Martin on Georgia ave. Proposed plan will decrease lanes of traffic and add bike lanes and on street parking. City has approved these plans. Plans from Martin to Connally have been countered by the city. Counter does not include on street parking. Asking for a vote of support to go back to the City and ask for a plan to include on street parking. This would include 32 on street spaces. Tom Butler, ONS zoning chair, recommends the plan as presented by Jack Murphy. Carter would be paying for this project. Received and answered questions from the community. Motion to support proposal from Jack Murphy for Carter. 18 (yes) - 2 (no) - 6 (abstentions) Motion carries
- **United Tiny House Festival** - Reviewed history of putting on tiny house festivals around the country. Looking to have the next Tiny House Festival in the Gold Lot on April 4,5 2020. Event projected to be a daytime event with contained parking. Tiny homes brought in for display, information and touring. Will have non-amplified music and will be kid friendly. Will be paying a convenience fee and provide a limited number of free tickets to the event. Motion to support Tiny House Festival in Summerhill. 26 - 0 - 0 Motion carries

### **ONS Ongoing Matters and Updates**

- **Park Pride Grant Update** - Bryan Adams, Wanda Rasheed - Have had meetings with Park Pride and Parks and Rec. Bryan Adams reported that they have received an extension until Jan 31 to give update to Park Pride. Stepping away from doing repairs and letting Parks/Rec do those tasks. Use Park Pride money to add improvements. Carter is project manager and will be stepping up involvement. Identifying multiple funding sources. Wanda Rasheed applied for a grant recommended by a resident. Waiting on word from SNTCF grant applications. Contact [treasurer@onsummerill.org](mailto:treasurer@onsummerill.org) with questions or recommendations. Suzanne Mitchell recommended using Park Pride as the fiscal agent per their current processes. Look for surveys to the community for feedback.
  - Cheryl Turner - Reviewed that Carter is the project manager and doing this work pro bono for ONS. Reinforced that ONS does not have the capacity to handle \$100,000 or more if awarded this grant. Recommended engaging Park Pride to serve as fiscal agent for this project. Park Pride takes a 5% fee for this service. Noted dates that have been mentioned for deliverables that are inconsistent with what has been expressed via emails from Park Pride. Referenced this as a reason to engage Park Pride to act as the fiscal agent in this project. Some questions to clarify who is in charge of getting these deliverables complete. Cheryl asked if Carter would assist in completing the deliverable and Adam agreed. They will work with Bryan to clarify deliverable dates. Cheryl asked that the Board be updated on this and provided with documents before submission. In agreeance. Motion to use Park Pride as fiscal agent. 26 - 0 -1 Motion carries.
- **ONS Board and Bylaws Update**
  - **Bylaws committee** - Suzanne Mitchell and Rod Teachey, Cheryl Turner. First order is to assess current bylaws and identify areas of conflict. Present in february. Will provide revised bylaws in March and host community feedback sessions. Vote on in April.
    - Wanda Rasheed presented an amendment in current bylaws that she states that the above proposition to be in opposition to currently bylaws. She stated that a resolution needs to be made before proceeding.
    - Cheryl Turner reviewed the recent historical process of need for update in bylaws. She began the process of updating the bylaws in January of 2019 and used 2019 to get an understanding of how ONS operates so that the bylaws would be consistent with how we

do business. She stated that the process she proposed above with committee is the process by which a resolution to change specific parts of bylaws will be created. Some disagreement on interpretation of current bylaws.

- Motion to revise bylaws - 18 - 1 - 1 Motion carries. Board will draft a resolution that will be digitally approved by the Board. Suzanne Mitchell will adapt the timeline for revisions as needed.
- Motion presented by Michael Lievers to allow Board members to sit on committee - Motion rescinded due to Suzanne Mitchell specifically saying Michael Lievers can sit on this committee. Michael Lievers will provide a Google doc for distribution to the community for the purpose of gathering community feedback.

### **Community Partners Updates**

- Carter USA | Georgia Ave updates - deferred to next month
- SNCTF Updates - deferred to next month.

### **Adjournment**

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