

**Organized Neighbors of Summerhill**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**February 3, 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 January meeting were approved unanimously.

**Elected Officials Reports**

- Mitsah Henry - Commissioner Arrington's office - left winter newsletter with events and contact info.
  - Black History Film Festival - Feb 21/22 - see more info on the Fulton County Commissioners website.
  - Feb 22 - Black History Month short films at Art Exchange, SE Atlanta Library, Wolf Creek Library
  - Cheryl asked about connecting to the commissioner's office for a tax exemption seminar for the neighborhood. Mitsah will reach out and make contact. Cheryl reviewed some policies around exemptions for residents.

**ONS Matters**

- Atlanta United Block Party (vote) - Representative from Atlanta Sports and Social Club (ASSC) presented about a block party March 6 as a kick off for Atlanta United season. Will have beer and wine sales. ASSC will make a donation to ONS and Soccer in the Streets. Gold lot will be used for parking. Cheryl recommended residents take note of any parking issues during the event and report to the board. Rideshare will be encouraged by organizers. Motion to approve Atlanta United Block Party on March 6. 17 - 0 - 0 Motion carries.
- Picnic in the Park (vote) - Susan Desmond with Wholesome Wave Georgia - looking to host event in Phoenix Park III on April 26 1-4 pm. It will be a free community event with amplified music. Will sell beer and wine. No road closures. Expect ~300 people. Michael expressed some concern with the timeline for building amphitheater. Ms. Desmond said they would be willing to work around the schedule of the construction. Motion to approve Picnic in the Park event. 15 - 0 - 1. Motion carries.

**Community Partners Updates**

- Alliance Apartments (Fulton St.) - Representatives from development presented information and updates on the site on Fulton St. 276 unit project. Market rate with studio, 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom. Will return to community meeting for updates as the project progresses.
- Carter USA | Georgia Ave updates - Jack Murphy - Gravel lot will be closing as a parking lot on or around February 17 to begin construction. Retail parking will be at the Gold lot at Hank Aaron and Georgia. Kickoff meeting with grocery store next week to discuss next steps.
- Georgia State University - Summerhill Night at GSU Basketball on February 15 at 2 pm. \$10 adults, kids are free. Purchase tickets through [ONS custom link](#).

**ONS Officer and Committee Reports**

- **President Report** - Cheryl Turner - 'No Parking' signs on Reed Street installed. Parking on RDA - have not seen cars parked on Hank Aaron.
- **Vice President Report** - Michael Lievers - deferred to later discussions

- **ONS Financial Report** - Wanda Rasheed, treasurer, reported a January beginning balance of \$13,245.21 and ending balance of \$20,912.85. Debits and credits were reviewed. Financial report was made available for review via projector. See report [here](#)
  - Cheryl Turner - Action item to remove Mary Gay from bank account access.
- **Secretary Report** - Christina Nixon
  - Newsletter - Second edition of newsletter available to view on website and at local businesses.
  - Website - Looking for volunteers
  - Social Media/email list - sign up for emails via the website
- **Zoning and Development Report** - Tom Butler - no updates
- Public safety chair has resigned from the position. Reach out to [president@onsummerhill.org](mailto:president@onsummerhill.org) if you are interested in this role.

### **Community Partners Updates**

- Stadium Neighborhood Communities Trust Fund Updates - John Helton - Reviewed history of SNCTF process. Released RFP to communities, went through process, have chosen 17 award recipients at just over \$1M. Announced that ONS was awarded requested \$100,000 for Park Pride matching grant. Needs to be approved by the city council and mayor's office before funds are administered. Working on schedule for the second round of RFP.

### **ONS Matters**

- Parks Committee and Park Pride Grant Update - Bryan Adams and Wanda Rasheed
  - Website - The parks committee has a new website at [summerhillparks.com](http://summerhillparks.com). Will continue to add to the site as the project progresses.
  - Park Pride Fiscal Agent Agreement - At the January meeting, the community voted to have Park Pride as the fiscal agent. The parks committee met afterwards and decided the discussion was rushed and did not entertain questions or a discussion from the community. The parks committee suggested that ONS does not need a fiscal agent, and they did not want to pay the 5% administration fee. Wanda requested that the previous vote by the ONS community at the January 2020 be vacated. Clarifying questions about services provided for administration fee and limitations around fundraising were mentioned. Several residents shared that having a fiscal agent was a good idea and that the Park Pride administrative fees were reasonable. Some concerns were expressed by residents regarding the parks committee's track record of "missing deadlines" for reports and being able to manage this amount of money. One resident reminded the group about the history of "questionable management of money" in Summerhill and the need to keep financial protections in place for this grant. Wanda referenced not knowing about Cheryl contacting Park Pride and asking about fiscal sponsor option through Park Pride. Cheryl clarified that she learned of the option of the Park Pride fiscal agent agreement from Bryan Adams, co-chair of the parks committee, and that Bryan, Wanda and Michael were on the initial email chain with Park Pride. Resident expressed concern with a clear lack of communication between board members and the parks committee's ability to manage \$200,000 for this project. Wanda Rasheed spoke to feeling "offended" that the community would not "trust" her to handle her position, and that Carter will be handling the invoices. Residents clarified that wasn't what they were saying. Wanda repeated that she was "offended." Suzanne Mitchell, previous ONS president, noted that the previous board "always" discussed having Park Pride as the fiscal agent for this project. Michael Lievers assessed that the "community is more inclined to go with the Park Pride fiscal sponsorship" and no additional action was taken. Wanda noted that some projects will have to be taken off the list to pay for the Park Pride administration fees. Resident

noted that the contract states that that amount can be fundraised to cover the administration fees.

- Carter MOU - deferred
- ONS Contribution to Parks project - deferred
  
- Suzanne Mitchell expressed concern about a lack of communication between board members and noted there is a clear tension between Wanda and Michael, on one side, and Cheryl, on the other. She recommended having conversations between members to alleviate clear dissention and volunteered to lead the conversation. Cheryl Turner agreed that would be helpful.
  
- ONS Board and Bylaws update - Suzanne Mitchell reported that she will not move forward with the bylaws update until the board issues are resolved.

### **Adjournment**

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