

ONS COMMUNITY MEETING

April 5, 2021

7PM

This meeting was conducted virtually. Messages in the chat have been amended and incorporated into the Minutes. Voting eligibility was checked after the meeting so that vote differences may be slightly different from those announced live. No differences resulted in a change of the results.

Call to Order

Phil Olaleye, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business

The prior meeting minutes from the March meeting were presented for approval.

- Cheryl Turner requested an amendment to the March minutes:
 - Requested amendment in reference to conversation around homeless shelter (section 2c). Wants to include all voices and concerns from within the discussion, not just her own. Cheryl also requested clarity around Sasha Friedman's comments, requesting specificity over interpretation. Secretary will assess and amend as necessary.
 - Ashley Charles presented motion to approve with amendments presented
 - Minutes approved unanimously

Announcements

- **Key Updates, Phil Olaleye, President** - Phil presents further information around 143 Little variance previously voted against this variance and NPU voted against as well. The variance passed at the zoning committee meeting. Phil has been in communication with Carla Smith regarding this matter. ONS has been and will be in contact with immediate neighbors to discuss next steps and options moving forward. Phil underscored a need for greater community capacity regarding neighborhood zoning matters to ensure that neighbors most directly impacted by variances are informed and provide input before decisions are made. Phil extends request to any neighbors who would like to help and be involved to please email board@onsummerhill.org.
 - Cheryl asked if there was any reason given for the committee to vote in favor. Passed 3-2 but unsure specific reasons other than previous variances passed on the property (2013). Phil reiterated the need to make sure that neighbors immediately impacted have a voice in this process.
- **Local/State elected officials**
 - **Mitsah Henry, Commissioner Arington's office, Fulton County, District 5** - april 6 covid 19 town hall on Youtube page with Dr Paxton, Board of Health. Will answer questions and concerns from residents. April 7 board of commissioners meeting on Youtube page. May 1, 11-1 family fun day - partnering with hosea health for food drive, oakhill family center. Rsvp is encouraged. www.2021ffdrive.eventbright.com
- **Public Safety Report, Arnie Moskowitz** - Arnie presented public safety information for the previous month. Presented information on recent incidents in the area. Number of incidents reduces from previous. Again emphasized keeping your car clean and being aware of your surroundings.

- Cheryl Turner asked about the status of repair for light posts and traffic signs that were damaged by delivery truck at Crumley and Reed St. Arnie has called Georgia Power multiple times without response and will contact the City to resolve.
- Cheryl also presented information on presence of new tents at Connally and Fulton - 3 tents - property owner is aware and does not want city to intervene
- Cheryl also spoke about an individual at the corner of Fulton and Capitol asking for money. Be aware of this individual as he can be persistent.
- **Sgt Cosby, APD** - city wide homicide rate 36, slight tick up, crime up 6% across city. Zone 3, 6 homicides, overall down 10% in zone 3. Made arrest in shooting in early March near GSU stadium. Crime upticks at service stations. Be aware, take belongings, lock car. Contact with any further questions - tlcosby@atlantaga.gov, cpeek@atlantaga.gov

New Business

- **Variance vote** - 753 Martin St variance previously on agenda - Phil and Donald Shockey spoke to adjacent neighbors who were not in support of this variance. This variance was deferred to May meeting and architect will work with neighbors to hopefully come to an agreeable solution
- **Tree Ordinance** - not specific to Summerhill neighborhood, just informational. Zoning office wants to reduce setbacks as they relate to trees in order to improve preservation of trees. May 6 zoning review board public hearing. NPU bringing this to vote at next meeting to present to ZRB.

Community Partners

- **Carter** - Phil presented information from Adam Parker - Still making progress with the grocery store tenant, moving along. Maepole opening early next week. DBocaNBoca opening by end of week. Road work continues.
- **CC and Mike with Georgia Vintage Goods** - Pop up market working with local artists and creators of vintage and handmade goods. Creating pop up market in Gold lot across from Hero and Maggie Murphy's - Sunday May 23, 40 vendors - Covid safety protocols in place - plan to do every other month and possibly move to monthly. Currently popping up at 97 Estoria (April 11) if you would like to check out what they are doing @georgiavintagegoods on instagram and facebook. *Local businesses can set up free of charge - contact CC and Mike to set that up. georgiavintagegoods@gmail.com*

ONS Updates

- **Financial Report, Patrick Riordan, treasurer-** \$17,042.21 March starting balance and \$17,367.99 ending balance with 4 house sign purchases totaling \$325.78 deposit. No debits on the account. Secondary Parks account March starting balance of \$8843.80 with no deposits or debits.
 - Cheryl Turner asked how many signs remain. The organization has 12 remaining signs.

Bylaws Group Discussion

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b5bHW5edo8e6MrxctQhULO37lf8PY2Gik-TYxkUt3-8/edit?pli=1>
- Group was broken into small groups to discuss topics within the bylaws document. See above document for questions and answers from group members

Closing

- **Next meeting - May 3, 2021**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM