

ONS COMMUNITY MEETING
MARCH 1, 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.

The Meeting was hosted by Phil Olaleye, President

- I. Approval of February Minutes.
 - A. Cheryl Turner introduces the need for an amendment to the Minutes so they reflect her previously stated concerns regarding : 1. the formation of encampments, 2. the lack of notice to the neighborhood , 3. the City's duty to manage this program so that it does not impact the neighborhood during or after it's conclusion.
 - B. Motion to Approve Minutes with the inclusion of the editing of the Feb. Minutes with the previous amendment as written by Cheryl Turner by Suzanne Mitchell.
2nd- Patrick Riordan
 - C. Vote Passes: Yes-36 No-0 Abstentions-0
- II. Presidential Updates
 - A. Phil explains that there have been several conversations between the City Representatives: Catherine Marchman CEO of Partners for Home who manages services at the Ramada, Jon Keen, COO of City of Atlanta, the owner of the Ramada, Phillippe Pellerin, and community members.
 - B. Jon Keen – speaking to ONS community regarding current use of Ramada and for community to ask questions: On April 8, 2020, the Mayor issued an order to provide \$1.5 million with another \$1.5 million from a matching grant to aid the Homeless. The CARES Act has also provided money to provide housing for the homeless. The City also provided a warming center when the temperatures were very low. This initiative comes to a close on April 30. The city's goal is to provide long-term housing by then. If anyone remains at the Ramada after April 30 a plan will be in effect to move them quickly. When asked to address why the neighborhood was not contacted: "this has not been a typical thing so the normal processes did not apply. This was an emergency situation in the middle of a pandemic."
 - i. Resources:
 1. There is a process to report homeless who need help or have mental health issues through 311:
www.atlantapad.org/311-community-referrals
 2. Mental Health Crisis: Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL) 1-800-715-4225. There is a mobile crisis team who can respond in

person. Their response time is typically 50 minutes so they are not an emergency line.

3. Call 911 for emergency intervention
 4. Catherine Marchman, cmarchman@partnersforhome.org (managing Ramada housing for homeless) 404-694-2262
 5. Jon Keen, COO City of Atlanta, jgkeen@atlantaga.gov
- C. Cheryl Turner speaks to the difference between people losing their homes and going to the hotel compared to people moved from homeless encampments. There is concern that this does not become a Peachtree and Pine situation where the area was not cleared until months afterwards. *Cheryl's links will be listed at the end of this document.
- i. Cheryl also wants confirmation that the City will not extend this date of April 30.
 - ii. Sasha Friedman speaks to concerns that we have empathy for those still in a housing crisis even after April.

***Amended to add (by Christina Nixon):** Cheryl Turner expressed gratitude for the work that Jon Keen and Cathryn Marchman have done and their responsiveness to requests. She gave history and background for homeless shelters presented to the Summerhill neighborhood. She would like to see consistent management of this property. She questioned Jon Keen on whether the April 30 date is the specific end date of the use of the hotel as a homeless shelter. Jon Keen reiterated that the April 30 date is the final date for use of the shelter. Sasha Friedman expressed "disappointment" over community conversation around homeless population in Summerhill. She reiterated that "we are sitting in a housed situation." She offered resources for people experiencing homelessness and expressed her support for the use of the hotel as a homeless shelter.

- D. Captain Adams, Zone 3 Ass't Commander APD. wmadams@atlantaga.gov reports on the following issues:
- E. Dealing with auto theft on RDA 800 block. Do not leave your car running even if you're a delivery service.
- F. Shooting at Country Inn and Suites has no information he can disclose at this time while it is under investigation.
- G. Arnie Moskowitz sums up Crime Report: vehicle larceny is still high- keep a clean car. There was a dog theft. The crimes on the Connector have been connected with road rage or those with mental health issues walking into the roadway.
 - i. Question regarding shooting at Aspen Heights. The shooting this weekend occurred at 521 Hank Aaron Dr.

III. New Business. -Zoning Issues

- A. Poach Social Restaurant- 112 Ormond St SE: Brian Mitchell, Ronnie Merrill opening a Breakfast/Brunch at Neighborhood Goods development. Requesting an alcohol license. (Brian and Ronnie live in Summerhill) Hours of Operation M-Th 8-4, F-SUN 9-6
 - i. Motion to approve Liquor License – Kenyatta Mitchell 2nd Rod Teachey.
MOTION CARRIES: 38 yes, 2 abstain, 1 no

B. Zoning Variance request for 143 Little Street.

- i. Donald Shockey explains the neighbors' concerns of the home being so close to their home. Daughter, Nakia also speaks to her mother's concerns of feeling unsafe. The 20 ft wide house width minimum is in the Summerhill plans but not codified. Donald says that the minimum width is a guideline more than a governing code.
- ii. Architect – gives reasonings for a variance of 2.5 feet from the property line on both sides of the house. The width of the lot is also a problem with the city's problems. Windows will also be set not to look into the other homes.
- iii. Jeff speaks to the home being 2 story with homes on either side being one story, overshadowing the neighbors
- iv. Yasin – when the Summerhill guidelines were created the homes in Summerhill were to be in compliance of the structures that are already here and that the residents already here would not be inconvenienced. She has concerns that these narrow variances being accepted cause endangerment that if fire broke out all the houses would burn.
- v. Motion to deny the variance on 143 Little by Julie Jenkins. 2nd - Bryan Adams
 1. MOTION DENIED: 31 VOTE YES TO REJECT VARIANCE, 5/NO, 4/ABSTENTIONS

C. Zoning 773 Grant Terrace

- i. Donald Shockey explains that the house would be 12 ft. It would be a joint decision of NPUV and GPNA because this is a border street.
 1. Grant Park neighbors have concerns re: permeable land, closeness of nextdoor home. The request has been amended to change the variance size. The next door neighbor is NOT in favor of the variance.
 2. Developer – Jim Cheeks- a half depth front setback from 10 to 3 feet on the Little street side. The 3 feet is just for exterior stairs, not a change in the distance on the house. For R4B zoning is under the permeable zoning code so that complies. Jim says that many lots in Summerhill are less than 20 feet wide. It creates many unbuildable lots.
 3. Todd Falconbury motions to accept the variance. 2nd Willie Black
 - a. VOTE: 22/Yes, 12/No, 1/Abstention. MOTION PASSES TO APPROVE VARIANCE.

D. Press Shop – waiver regarding an alcohol license. Ashley

1. Ashley Buzzy McHugh– moving her business onto GaAve. From Inman Park. She has a specialty shop mostly selling gifts and letter press stationary. She carries art, books, jewelry, pet gifts and stationery created in house. She would like to sell bottles of boutique wine. She wants to be a specialty wine shop, not a bottle shop. Wine will not be in the storefront. Hours are Tues-

Th, Sunday 10-6 and Friday and Saturday 10-8. The reason she needs a distance waiver is because of her proximity to Phoenix II Park. Municipal Ordinance requires 600 feet away. She is 300 feet away. She is asking for a waiver on distance of 270 feet and a license for specialty wine sales. Her waiver is specific to her store and does not set a precedence for others. In response to Tracey's question regarding her being able to add more than 20% wine or other alcoholic beverages: this is a wine only, not a request to approve liquor. Ashley states that the code requirements allow for more wine but her space with her letter presses will not accommodate more.

- a. Motion to approve both the distance waiver and the alcohol license – Patrick Washington 2nd Tracey Long
- b. VOTE: MOTION CARRIES: 49/YES, 1/NO, 0/ABSTENTIONS

E. Carter Update:

- i. There will be a Carter update meeting on March 28. It will be advertised on their site and other social media.
- ii. There will be road closures in regards to Glenn and Crumley expansions. Thru 3/12 Westbound will be closed until March 12. Starting March 17 Fraser will be closed to re-route utilities.
- iii. Maypole – Peter Dale – fast casual food/ real food-real fast. Meat, vegetables ... online ordering at first where you can pick up plates just inside the store. Open 11-9 DAILY. WWW.MAEMPOLE.COM/menu
- iv. Opening Soon: D Boca N Boca, Center Parc Credit Union, Press Start are under construction. Starting construction in the next few months: Aviary, Redacted, How Crispy, and Iconic Orthodontics

F. Sheryl from Carla Smith's office

- a. is inviting all to the Public Safety designees and neighborhood presidents, plus the NPU heads to a for discussion regarding areas in need of camera surveillance. This is done in conjunction with District 4, 11 and 12, City Counselors Smith, Winslow, Overstreet and Sheppard. March 18 at 6:30 PM.
- b. A new EcoDepot at CHARM on Saturday April 24 from 9AM to 1 PM for all recycling.

G. Financial Report presented by Phil Olaleye, President. Please see the attachments. There was no activity this month in either account other than the monthly \$3. Service charge.

H. New Officer request for anyone who would like to serve as Secretary or Treasurer. Nominations by President Phil Olaleye

- a. Secretary Position
 - i. Suzanne Mitchell Nominates Christina Nixon to serve through December 2021. John Helton 2nd.
 - ii. VOTE: 34/YES, 1/NO, 0/ABSTAIN

- b. Patrick Riordan was nominated for Treasurer. Patrick has lived in the community for several years both as a renter and now homeowner. He has been working on the Ad Hoc Financial committee with Phil for the last 2 months.
 - i. Motion to approve Patrick as Treasurer through Dec. 2021 by John Helton. 2nd. Bryan Adams
 1. VOTE: 30/YES, 0/NO, 0/ABSTAIN
- c. Christina Nixon elected Secretary for 2021. Patrick Riordan elected Treasurer for 2021.

I. Motion to Adjourn – John Helton at 8:47 PM.

Links from Cheryl Turner regarding neighborhood background on serving the Displaced/Homeless discussions:

- <http://lavistapark.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/ISSUE-1-2021.pdf>
- <https://atlanta.curbed.com/2019/1/4/18168172/summerhill-turner-field-fanplex-homeless-super-bowl-liii>
- http://onsummerhill.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/1-7-19-minutes-final.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1ZX-ku3sN-5Banxds9QtCtwLXZOHFN59aSX2K_eCQRrD1056M8o4nI7qA

From Sasha Friedman regarding help for those in crisis:

<https://www.atlantapad.org/311-community-referrals>