

Capitol View Neighborhood Association

March Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Capitol View Neighborhood Association was held at the Metropolitan Library on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President, Christie Peters at 1035A.

ATTENDEES

There were 34 attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 2017 CVNA meeting were reviewed and accepted with one change submitted by Sarah Stein:

- The Homestead Exemption project idea was not in association with the Lakewood Grant

James Harris motioned to approve.

Sarah Stein seconded the motion.

The motion was approved (Approved: 20; Opposed: 0).

REPORTS

APD - Zone 3

Sgt. Kenney (Zone 3 Day Watch Administrative Sergeant)

- Several officers rerouted today because of college baseball doubleheader and traffic incidents due to weather on Interstate 20.
- Provided beat report for zone:
 - o Larceny Vehicular): 5
 - o Larceny (Non-Vehicular): 1 [Murphy Avenue]
 - o Auto-Theft: 2
 - o One of the Vehicular larcenies and auto-thefts was a combined incident on Warner Street
- Resident asked about rape on Dill Avenue
 - o Not allowed to provide specifics but did inform that the two parties were acquaintances
- Resident asked how to retrieve other crime information not provided (i.e. narcotics)
 - o Part 1 crimes are reported at community meetings
 - o Part 2 crimes must be requested and may have to be obtained through the Freedom of Information Act to Captain Browning or Major Durant
- Sgt. Keeney acknowledged residents' concerns that enforcement is not and should not be the only solution for drug-related crimes
 - o Alternative treatment programs
 - o Treatment program after-care (i.e. psychological assistance to change mindset in regards to vices)
 - o Resident asked for information regarding narcotics issues as a percentage of total residents vs. specific house count

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Treasurer's Report

- 32 paid members
- 3 members need banners
- Fidelity Checking Account Balance: \$4518.33 [\$2500 of money is earmarked for the Community Cart]
- PayPal Account Balance: \$486.64
- Feb-Mar Activity: +426.73 [(+)membership dues; (-) GoDaddy renewal)
- Total account balances: \$5004.97

NEW BUSINESS

Community Mural - Ashley Thomas

Web: www.ashleydpaints.com

Email: ashleydopson83@yahoo.com

Ashley Thomas was awarded a grant from the city Department of Cultural Affairs. She submitted a five-year portfolio as well as evidence of previous mural work in the city as part of grant approval.

The grant required a cultural component so she chose to paint two murals in NPU-X (additionally, she is a Sylvan Hills resident).

The first location is on a retaining wall of Hutchinson Elementary at the corner of Cleveland Avenue and Metropolitan Parkway. The second location is the Old Masonic Building at the corner of Metropolitan Parkway and Dill Avenue.

Two representatives from each neighborhood of NPU-X met to discuss concepts for first mural. The ideas were presented to NPU for a vote and were approved.

- The mural will be painted on wood panels so as to preserve the brick of the building.
- The mural will be placed on the north side of the building above the yellow house.
- Painting will begin May 1
- Both murals must be completed by July 30
- Ashley would like to create a rendering in 7 days, so please email any suggestions to her as soon as possible

Suggestions:

- Pecan trees (there used to be a pecan farm in the area)
- Deckner House
- Perkerson Park
- Sparlin Clinic
- Community Garden

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

Development at Old Masonic Building (corner of Metropolitan & Dill) - Bridget Goodman (Vantage Partners)

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Email: bridget@vantageatl.com

Phone: 678.686.3113

Vantage Realty Partners (a commercial real estate agency) owns the property at the northwest corner of Metropolitan Parkway & Dill Avenue. They sought feedback from the community regarding development concerns, needs, and wants and to provide information on current development plans.

Development Plans:

- Chris Carter (owner) is working with Councilwoman Joyce Sheperd on a historical designation with the National Register for Historic Places
- Apply for historic tax credit
- Restore original façade
- Replace storefront windows
- Use 3-4 of 4 bays on 1st floor for a restaurant
- 2nd & 3rd floors are currently vacant
- Difficulty finding restaurant owners to commit

Resident Feedback:

- Public access to top floor of building is important in order to retain moniker “Capitol View” for neighborhood
 - o Vantage Realty will maintain public access
- Parking concerns
 - o Property is a zero lot line
 - o Potential parking on the backside of the Sullivan Center
- Status of current business owners, ensure equitable treatment
 - o Current owners will be relocated to other portions of the property
- Approach Atlanta Technical College Culinary program as a partner to use the restaurant as a social enterprise
 - o On-the-job training & experience for culinary students
 - o Job opportunities for residents
 - o Homeboy Industries (out of L.A. has a successful model) www.homeboyindustries.org
- Bridget requested a community (multiple neighborhood) survey/feedback regarding desires for property
 - o Randy Gibbs (Adair Park) has information from previously conducted surveys, will provide to Bridget
- Incentive programs from the city
 - o Councilwoman Sheperd has met with Invest Atlanta to discuss incentives to bring business owners and development to the area and specifically this property
- Community should invest in itself first in order to gain investment and support from others
- Garden on the side of Sullivan Center needs remediation and the crops are not edible
 - o Addresses concerns regarding paving over garden for potential parking

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Updates from Councilwoman Joyce Sheperd

Commercial Development at Metropolitan Parkway & University Avenue:

Deal with the developer for the property on the corner of Metropolitan Parkway and University Avenue fell through. Initially went before City Council for a gas station with an alcohol permit. The Proposal denied because the property is within 1000 feet of another gas station and liquor store. City Council informed developer to get waiver from Councilwoman Sheperd. Councilwoman Sheperd denied proposal and brought Invest Atlanta to the table to come up with an alternative development plan. Investor no longer interested in doing that alternative plan.

Upcoming Events

- ***“Fight the Blight” Educational Symposium:***
 - o ***Saturday, March 25, 2017, 9A - 12N***
 - o Rosel Fann Recreation Center 365 Cleveland Avenue
 - o Symposium will instruct residents on how to recognize and report code violations
 - o Booklet with city services available by next Saturday, March 25

- ***Earth Day:***
 - o ***Saturday, April 22, 2017***
 - o Kids section sponsored by Captain Planet Foundation
 - o Garden Education
 - o Cooking Class

- ***Great American Cleanup:***
 - o ***Saturday, April 29, 2017***
 - o Trash and tire clean up
 - o Gloves and pick up sticks will be provided
 - o Contact Councilwoman Sheperd’s office to provide areas of focus for Capitol View

Resident Feedback:

- Tony Harris, is a developer that was willing to invest \$500K of his own money into a different parcel on Metropolitan Parkway. He may be a willing to invest in the proposed development on the corner of Metropolitan and University.

Senior Resources

- ***Community Transportation Network:***
 - o For seniors, home-bound, and disabled

- ***Resource Directory:***
 - o Only able to receive one (1) copy
 - o Email president@capitolview.org for resource information from directory
 - o Inc. info such as meal assistance, transportation assistance, etc.

Senior Resources cont’d

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- **Capitol View Home Repair Initiative:**
 - o Let us show that “Capitol View Cares”
 - o Senior resident on Deckner Avenue has an electric chair to assist with mobility but she does not have a ramp to get in and out of her home. She has applied for assistance programs to build the ramp but the waiting lists are long (she has had the electric chair for one year) and building ramp requires a city permit.
 - o Christie Peters will check on permit needs and her construction company will build ramp if receive donation of materials
 - o If you wish to participate by donating funds, materials, or time, email Christie at president@capitolview.org.

Resident Feedback:

- Some programs have funding issues which causes long wait times. If Capitol View can come up with funding, the programs will be able to assist with repair/build.
- Some assistance programs are joining together to form a coalition in order to better serve those in need.
- If both a senior and veteran there are a different group of resources available.
- Lifecycle may be a good source for materials donation.
- In order to receive donations from Lifecycle, must have 501(c)(3) status.

OLD BUSINESS

Homestead Exemption Project - Sarah Stein

Homestead Exemptions A **homestead exemption** is a reduction in homeowners' property taxes. The amount of the **exemption** for each **homestead exemption** is deducted from the assessed value. (40% of fair market value) To qualify, the homeowner must apply for this **exemption** on or before April 1st. Homeowners can challenge home assessment. Contact Fulton County Assessor's office with any questions 404.612.6440 (press #4). <http://www.qpublic.net/ga/fulton/programs.html>

- Sarah Stein & husband Max McDonough pulled public records to determine potential Capitol View residents that may qualify for homestead exemption and have not applied
- There are 97 potential properties.
- Sarah designed and printed postcard flyers to distribute to residents
- Volunteers are asked to assist with passing out to residences on list. Others will be mailed.

Resident Feedback:

Historic tax freeze available through state. (See Below)

State Preferential Property Tax Assessment for Rehabilitated Historic Property - Freezes the county property tax assessment for more than 8 years. Available for personal residences as well as income-producing properties. Owner must increase the fair market value of the building by 50 - 100%, depending on its new use. <http://georgiashpo.org/incentives/tax>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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352 University Update - James Harris

Opportunities for local minority and women-owned businesses available

(Meeting ended due to next group scheduled to use room)

Meeting adjourned @ 1210P

Secretary

Date of approval