

## CAPITOL VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the **Capitol View Neighborhood Association** was held via Zoom on **Saturday, March 20, 2021**. The meeting was called to order by President, Iva Williams at 10:32A. The executive board introduced themselves and new neighbors were welcomed to the neighborhood.

### ATTENDEES

There were 55 attendees.

Attendees were asked to send a private message to Dave Banta CVNA Vice-President on Zoom with their name and address for attendance keeping.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by **Meggan Kaiser** to approve the February 2021 CVNA meeting minutes as proposed.

**Patricia Kusumadjaja** seconded.

The body voted as follows:

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carries

### COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

None this month

### REPORTS

#### APD - Zone 3

Lt. Welch

Contact #: 404.788.8111

Email: [nwelch@atlantaga.gov](mailto:nwelch@atlantaga.gov)

- For March: 4 part 1 crimes
  - o 3 theft from vehicles
  - o 1 acquaintance related aggravated assault; arrest was made on scene
- Crime prevention reminders: Remember to remove keys/key fobs from vehicles



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- Resource to pull crime stats: <http://opendataportal.azurewebsites.us/>
  - o How to get to this crime stats page:
    - Go to: <https://www.atlantaga.gov/home>
    - Hover over **RESIDENTS** menu option
    - Select the **Public Safety** menu option
    - Click the **View crime data** which is a link in the Community Policing & Crime section of the page
    - Click **Open Data Portal** which is an option in the menu on the left side of the page
    - Click the **Crime Data** tab
      - Here you will have the option to select **Historic Crime**, **Today's Reported Crime**, or **Yesterday's Reported Crime**
  - o Selecting the **Historic Crime** option allows you to search by neighborhood, month, year, and type of crime

**Questions:**

- Gun fire is on the rise. It's often hard for residents to determine which direction shots are coming from when calling it in to police. Sometimes shell casings are found by residents later. What should residents do when incidents like this occur?
  - o Always best to call 911 when an incident is occurring. Can be difficult for responding officers to do anything in the moment if there is no victim or property damage.  
Feel free to reach out to me with any additional information that may surface later (video footage, photos, location of shell casings, etc.). I will pass that info on to the investigations commander.
- Can we get more police presence in Perkerson Park? Due to the amount of activity there, including gunshots being fired, residents do not feel safe to enjoy the park.
  - o I'll spread the word to the watch commander and to my team and make sure we get some presence in the park.
- Is it possible to have an officer parked at some of the "hot" spots and just sit there with their blue lights flashing? That tends to displace negative activity.
- When residents find shell casings what should they do?
  - o Call and report it to 911 with the exact location of the shell casings

**Treasurer**

Randall Frazier

- Feb 28, 2021 Ending Balance: \$8,226.00
- March 2021 Income (to date): \$ 912.31
- March 2021 Expenses (to date): \$ 206.20
- March 2021 Ending Bal (to date): \$8,932.11



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- CVNA received a \$600 inconvenience fee from the production company that was recently filming in the neighborhood
- For those who purchased banners I will be reaching out to you to arrange for pickup

### Questions

- How does the convenience fee that the production companies pay work?
  - o When the filming will be inconveniencing the neighborhood for several days and causing traffic disruptions to major thoroughfares they are usually open to making a donation to the community.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

### NPU-X

Zach Adriaenssens - NPU-X Chair

- April meeting voting item: [Z-21-27](#) City of Atlanta proposed update to tree ordinance
  - o Major change: If approved the ordinance will increase to \$232 per diameter inch for tree removal; currently it is a flat fee of \$100 + \$30 per diameter inch; [FACT SHEET](#)
- 2021 Capitol View SAPs (Special Administrative Permit)
  - o A Mano Italian Restaurant
  - o Exide Battery property
    - Developer is being sued for their tax credits; This may delay closing
  - o The Guild has not filed an SAP yet; They are in the public involvement/feedback stage
  - o Masonic Temple (corner of Metropolitan + Dill): Currently zoned NC9; Will require an SAP; the community's voices will need to be heard on this development
  - o Mondelez Factory closing; technically located in Sylvan Hills however the work that CVNA Development committee does would be a great asset to whatever happens there
  - o COVID vaccines now available to people with a body mass index of 25 or over

### Questions

- If the City identifies your tree as sick does the fee apply or is the fee for elective tree removal?
  - o This is for elective tree removal and will mostly affect developers; If the City arborist identifies a tree on your property as dying you are waived from the fee

### City Council District 12

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd

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- Developer Westwood 21 is interested in property at Sylvan Rd + Murphy Ave; They've contacted Invest Atlanta and CM Sheperd who encouraged them to engage with the community
  - o Property technically sits in Oakland City however since it's border touches several neighborhoods they have been encouraged to engage with all adjacent communities



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- Presentation to adjacent neighborhoods proposed for 3/30 or 3/31
- Proposal is for a mix of multi-family residential (possibly some studio apts) + commercial/retail
- FortMacpherson: Board voted to go into negotiation with TD Jakes Development ([TD Jakes Real Estate Ventures, LLC](#)) to build out remaining piece of property; negotiations will last 45 days
- Mondelez International (Sylvan Hills): In the process of hiring a real estate broker
- Masonic Lodge (Metropolitan Pkwy + Dill Ave): Invest Atlanta is aware that this building is up for auction and is looking into how to go forth with that; There is a lot of interest in this property
- Have emailed Iva housing demographics; don't have time to go over it today; will send that info to the Economic Development committee; I along with City Planning will be glad to go over this information with you all at the next meeting if the community would like
- Have received lots of complaints about Triton Yard food truck park (loud music, cars blocking the streets, etc); the City has visited the property to address concerns; may need to go through the proper permitting process with Triton Yards which will help regulate parking concerns among other issues
- Exide Battery Property: Moving forward; developer has taken recommendations from CVNA and incorporated them into their development plans; unsure of the status of the lawsuit against the developer

### Questions

- Triton Yards food truck park is a great venue however the loud music, traffic congestion/parking, littering issues persist, especially for residents on Hartford Ave and on Erin Ave. If the owners are notified of the problems it is creating maybe they will do something about it. That area is a little too small for what they are doing right now.
  - Response: The City has determined that a Special Use Permit is required for what they are doing at Triton Yards food truck park; Triton Yards does not currently hold this type of permit
- Regarding the TD Jakes development group: Is their intent to develop single family homes on the Fort MacPherson property? You mentioned they have done this in Dallas, TX
  - Response: They are looking at our LCI which outlines retail, single + multi family housing, green space, etc.
- Regarding Westwood 21 development: Having a hard time finding info about them online. Can you provide contact info for them so that the Development Committee can establish contact?

Also, following up on the Development Committee's request for a written response to our request for a commitment from you to let us know when developers express interest in our neighborhood.

  - Response: We're going to first allow them to present to the communities as mentioned earlier (possibly on 3/30 or 3/31); property is located in Oakland City.  
I'll respond in writing but please note that some developers are not ready to have a discussion with the community when they present to me; developers have a legal right to privacy
- Are you committed as a member of the MILRA board to ensuring that TD Jakes does follow and commits to following, in a contract, the LCI that was completed?
  - Yes; I personally presented the LCI to TD Jakes (and team) to make sure they understand that these are the rules and regulations that this community has committed to; I questioned them to ensure that they understood what the LCI is; the group who developed the LCI presented to TD Jakes and team, in an executive session, to have them understand the commitment and ensure they are committed to upholding the terms of the LCI; they confirmed their commitment



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- We are recommending selling the property in phases as opposed to all at once; we learned a lot from the (failed) Macauley contract
- Any type of high level written communication trail that you can share with us may help dissolve suspicion that you are not working in our best interest and provide substance behind the words
  - We have a resident at Gateway Capitol View with an urgent situation that we need your help with in resolving the issue; I've sent you a text at the beginning of this call
    - I'm already actively involved with that situation; I've gotten an email everyday this week and I'm on top of it; We'll be going out there next week to have a larger discussion with management and all agencies attached to that group (AHA, Invest Atlanta, etc.)

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### Community Engagement and Communications

Kate Itrich-Williams - Co-Chair

Email: [capitolviewcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:capitolviewcommunications@gmail.com)

- Working on physical newsletter to distribute to the community at the end of the month
  - o need volunteers to distribute next weekend (3/27 - 3/31)
    - several neighbors raised their hands/noted in the chat to helpout
- Committee has many other initiatives we are tasked with addressing, such as Capitol View Cares and various community events; If you're interested in helping out with these initiatives or have ideas for others please email us at [capitolviewcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:capitolviewcommunications@gmail.com)
  - o Neighbor Christian Mabry has proposed a holiday gift drive and has joined the committee to make that happen
- We meet every other week, Tuesdays at 7:00 pm via Zoom; Next meeting is 3/30; send is an email if you're interested in attending

#### Economic and Community Development

Patricia Kusumadjaja - Chair

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- Patricia shared [this presentation](#)
- We've submitted comments for RangeWater and Prestwick
- Established contact with The Guild; working on scheduling time to talk with them
- Gateway Capitol View Task Force has been formed in response to complaints voiced at last CVNA meeting; Task force will work directly with Gateway Tenant Association
- Asset Mapping project is in early stages; goals are to create a foundation for community development & improvement; determine what we want and need as a community; determine feasibility of the amenities and improvements that we want and need
  - o Working to put together a scope of work and recruiting a graduate student from Emory to support this project as part of their summer practicum; this will tie in with the Partnership for



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- Southern Equity grant we applied for should we get that grant; also discussing possible collaboration with The Guild
- Looking to launch Asset Mapping project in late Spring/early Summer

### Safety and Quality of Life

Kevin O’Gara - Chair

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- Looking for committee members
  - Several neighbors raised their hands to join committee
- Want to focus on things like activity on Beatie Ave, Perkerson Park, shootings, etc
- Considering doing a joint venture Transportation Committee with Adair Park
  - Adair Park is on board to collaborate on this; CVNA needs to vote on whether we would like to partner with Adair Park
- Dave Banta: Neighbor Ms. D has been engaged in safety issues on Beatie Ave and Genessee Ave; she has committed to continue her efforts there including interfacing with APD and the Safety and Quality of Life Committee  
Other thing this committee could address is dumping in the neighborhood
- Sosena Desta: We are working on a letter to the Department of Public Works that we will share with the community along with a date and time for those who are interested to do a coordinated “email blast”; if you are interested please be sure you are on the email distribution list which you become a part of by clicking the “Subscribe to our mailing list” button at <https://capitolview.org/>

Motion: Sagirah Jones motioned to create a joint Transportation Subcommittee with Adair Park

Motion seconded by Sosena Desta

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Questions:

- What is the process for the joint committee and what is the timeline for that?
  - Kevin: Will coordinate with Sagirah and other committee members and reach out to Adair Park to set up a meeting with them to figure out the logistics
  - Sagirah: Head of Adair Park Transportation Committee has been in contact with chair of Reynoldstown/Cabbagetown joint transportation committee for info on logistics and operations; she will share that info with Kevin; together they will present to the joint committee

## VOTING MATTERS

- None



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**PRESENTATIONS**

- None

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Iva took a moment to acknowledge the tragedy that occurred this past week in Atlanta where 8 people, 6 of whom were of Asian decent, were killed; there was an 80 second moment of silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives due to hate

Randall Frazier made a motion to adjourn  
Sosena Desta seconded the motion

**Adjourned: 12:19p**

Sosena Desta  
Secretary

4/17/2021  
Date of approval

