



Minutes from November Meeting:  
11/3/2020

## Board Members

### President

- Elections will be next month
- All monthly meeting will be held via Zoom vs. Google Meet. Please keep an eye out for the new link
- La Bodega has provided food to people waiting in lines to vote - thank you!
- Nominations are open for the elected position for Adair Park Today - president, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentary, and Communications Coordinator
  - NOMINATIONS:
  - President: J Lawrence Miller
  - VP: no one volunteered
  - Secretary: Monique Terry Shields & Timothy Ruffin
  - Treasurer: Nakita Robinson
  - Parliamentarian: Mindy Kao
  - Communication Coordinator: Michelle Marcus
- If anyone would like to run for one of these positions, please email [parliamentarian@adairpark.com](mailto:parliamentarian@adairpark.com)

### Public Safety

- Last month was more of the same, but overall crime is down
  - Gun fire is still an issue, so please call in any shots that you hear
- Thank you to everyone that did Halloween this year - everyone did a great job of keeping everyone safe
- 661 Elbert - lots of noise complaints there
  - Discovered that the house had been turned into a party house, but Captain Adams has been alerted
  - The house is being advertised online as a party house
- Captain Adams
  - Looking into permitting and Troy Smith at zoning to see if there is anything we can do about that house party in terms of citations
  - Business is not registered with the Secretary of State
  - The renter does live at that location
  - Please call 911 or call a supervisor if you have any complaints
  - Email Captain Adams: [WMAdams@atlantaga.gov](mailto:WMAdams@atlantaga.gov)

### Treasurer

- Adair Park Today hasn't had an audit, so we would like to have one done in 2021

- Don't suspect any money missing, but would like to have one done for good housekeeping
- \$32,131 in the bank
- Porches & Pies was hugely successful
  - \$12,674 received from sponsorships and pie sales
  - Spent \$4,478 for P&P
  - Profit of \$8,169
  - Donated 42 pie boxes as well
- Flags are \$20, Dues are \$12; Can be sent through paypal to [treasurer@adairpark.com](mailto:treasurer@adairpark.com)
  - Dues are for the calendar year, so anyone who pays now will need to pay again in January again
- Received \$7,506 in payments for the housing fund since starting the program two months ago
  - No money from APT goes into the housing fund, it is completely supported by outside donations

#### Secretary

- John Sherwood motioned that the October meeting minutes be approved
  - Matt Lynn seconded the motion
  - Votes: all yays

#### Communications Chair

- Will be posting all the nominations and election information on our website and FB
- Will continue to post all updates on FB
- Still looking for volunteers to help with the newspaper
- Some parents are starting a PTA at Gideons
  - Zoom meeting on november 19th
  - Need 25 people to become members in order to start a PTA at Gideons
  - Anyone is welcome to join - you don't have to be a parent
  - Membership fee for the PTA is \$5 per year, but that cost can be prohibitive for some families
    - Asking for APT to contribute \$125 to cover the cost of 25 memberships
    - Anyone looking to join the PTA can reach out to Michelle at [communications@adairpark.com](mailto:communications@adairpark.com), but they need to participate in the Nov 19th meeting
      - [mjmarcus@bellsouth.net](mailto:mjmarcus@bellsouth.net)
      - 404-512-3542

#### Parliamentarian

- Will be working with Lawrence to start the process of revising the bylaws
- Committee of volunteers has been formed and there is an established timeline for revising the bylaws

#### President

- Each of the board members need help, so please reach out to them to provide more support
  - Treasurer and Communications in particular could use help
- If anyone knows how to get in touch with our council member, please contact Lawrence

- She has not responded to anything from us since June
- She is responding to other neighborhoods, but we have not received any communications from her in months

#### Youth Committee

- Not a ton of activity this month
- Excited about sponsoring the PTA at Gideons
- Blueprint 58 is based in Adair Park and they along with Bearings Bikes are great resources for our youths

#### Senior Program

- Serve upwards of 100 seniors via about 30 volunteers
- Feeding about 20 households a week
- Trying to put together a survey among our seniors to see how else we could serve them, get them involved in the neighborhood, and see what long-term senior work could look like in Adair Park

#### New Business

##### Short Term Rentals (AirBnBs)

- Legislation will be coming in front of all the NPUs in order to address Short Term Rentals
- City Council has written legislation to regulate STRs of less than 31 days
  - As gentle as just a fee or tax required to be paid by the homeowner or as strong as prohibition
- Lawrence has made a personal statement on FB, but would like to open up the discussion to the membership
- NPU-V will have a discussion about it during the next meeting, but not sure how Columbus will conduct the meeting (individual opinions or community opinions)
- Ordinance number is Z-20-69
  - John Sherwood - dedicated AirBnB homes leave big holes in the neighborhood because you don't know who they are.
  - Ms. Jeannie - neighborhood stability relies on long-term neighbors.
  - Michelle Marcus - Some value in having some of them, but many take low income housing off the market. Wouldn't want to eliminate them, but would support legislation that helps regulate them.
  - Matt Lynn - agree with Michelle. Don't think they should be banned. There's an economic benefit for homeowners to be able to rent out their property.
  - Allison Brennan - Support a softer touch, like a tax, but not anything as strong as banning STRs.
  - Lawrence - suggested that a tax is used to support local efforts. Doesn't like the wording of the legislation, but like the intent of it.
  - Rachel Stroly - have an AirBnb and agree with most others. Happy to be taxed on our AirBnB profit if that's what passes.
  - Teague Buchanan - one way to address issues would be to require homeowners on site.
  - ADU has a kitchen, Accessory Unit does not have a kitchen
  - Nakita Robinson - Some houses were being rented out as a transitional housing for people in need. This might not be all that common, but it was happening a lot and that helped a lot of people who were in need.

- Identify those types of addendums for non-profits so that they don't need regulation or inspection
  - Full group homes are highly regulated and that can be prohibitive for those looking for a little help
- Michelle Marcus - Can we include an exemption for non-profits who would be helping those in need?
- Ms. Jeannie - want some type of regulation that would require inspection
- Rachel Stroly - consider a restriction that allows a certain number of days a year the homeowner lives on site (e.g. requires them to be on site at least part time and allows them to rent out their home part time - like for the Super Bowl)
- Lawrence - the legislation needs to be better defined
- Michelle Marcus - would like APT to be a part of how they further define the legislation
- Teague Buchanan - Where is the inventory of airbnb? I've never seen a quantification of the problem. What about regulating density of for profit properties allowed within a zoning class (R4)?

#### Next Meeting is December 1st

- That meeting will be on Zoom vs. Google Meet
- Voting will take place at the beginning of the meeting
- Please reach out to our committees (Senior, Youth, Housing) if you know of anyone who is in need.
  - [Seniors@adairpark.com](mailto:Seniors@adairpark.com)
  - [Youth@adairpark.com](mailto:Youth@adairpark.com)
  - [Housing@adairpark.com](mailto:Housing@adairpark.com)
- We will be crafting the budget for next year, so we would like to get a sense of what's needed outlined in the budget
- Michelle would like to conduct a needs and resources assessment, so that we can get a sense of what might be needed throughout the year
  - Would like to conduct it online and offline for those who aren't
  - John Sherwood - Volunteer working right now trying to figure out resources available that can be used for long-term solutions

#### Preservation

- Really quiet lately, only one meeting in October
- Urban Design committee doesn't have anything on their agenda from us
- Will be discussing the budget during the next Preservation meeting

#### Bylaws

- Where do the standing committees stand in regards to voting? The bylaws are not clear
- The board has decided that the standing committee chairs do not need to be elected by the membership
  - Bylaws say that the members of the committee select the chair, but there can't be a committee without members and the committee can't exist without a chair. It's a self-eating snake.
  - The executive committee can appoint the chairs of the standing committees
  - Standing committees are Housing and Zoning, Social, etc.
    - Larger standing committees cover some of the smaller committees like Events and Preservation

- Smaller committees can self appoint their chairs
- When the appointments happen is not clear in the bylaws
- Katie Maxwell is interested in being the chair of the Parks and Beautification committee - she can reach out to Elise to join the committee
- Ms. Jeannie - would like for all applications for use of event space to notify the neighborhood of those applications, even as a courtesy
- Contact committee members: <https://adairpark.com/adair-park-today/executive-council-and-board-members/>
- Logan - the current bylaws timeline has us sending revised version to president for voting by end of november

#### Atlanta United

- Treated the neighborhood to a suite at a recent United game

#### Lawrence

- Very thankful to all our sponsors for Porches & Pies!! They have been incredible partners!