

Adair Park Today Neighborhood Meeting March 2021

Lawrence Miller (President) called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

Secretary's Report (Monique Shields)

- Tim Ruffin made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Kenneth Katz seconded the motion.
- Minutes were approved unanimously with 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

Public Safety (Lawrence Miller)

- Issue on Hugh Street with a mechanic blocking the street with client cars. It has been resolved.
- Q's Oasis Atl, a home on Elbert Street being operating as a party spot venue without proper licensing, has been shut down with the help of Councilwoman Shepperd's office and the local police precinct.
- There was a car theft on Lexington and Catherine last week. Car was recovered.
- Please text concerns to Lawrence, 757-202-5631.
- AP needs a new Public Safety Chair. Send nominations to parliamentarian@adairpark.com and copy secretary@adairpark.com.

Communications (Michelle Marcus)

- Working to restart printed newsletters, and to ensure that all who've requested newsletters begin to receive them.
- To sign up for the newsletter, click here: <http://eepurl.com/hcHRPP>.

Treasurer's Report (Nakita Robinson)

- Current checking account balance \$21,789.23
- Paypal balance of \$10,782.60 includes dues payments and donations to the housing fund
- Technical problem with Quickbooks prevented presentation of February balance statement
- Q&A
 - What are PayPal fees? Unable to answer at present due to problems with PayPal account. Nakita has contacted Paypal for assistance

Parliamentarian's Report (Tim Ruffin)

- Bylaws committee is still working to update bylaws
- APT has been granted services from Pro Bono Partnership beginning January 2022 to assist with bylaw reviews
- Lawrence explained [Pro Bono Partnership](#)'s services

Senior Program (John Sherwood)

- January survey identified senior needs. Has spent program funds and made referrals to nonprofits and city services for larger projects
- Seniors have indicated wanting to hold social activities when it is safe
- Have had a few transitions among seniors (to senior living communities) and volunteers
- Senior meals program continues
- Lawrence indicated that other neighborhoods are interested to replicate Adair Park's senior program - a credit to the Sherwoods and program volunteers

Events Committee (Alyssa Thys)

- Next meeting will be on the 9th at 7:00 p.m. Contact events@adairpark.com to join
- Close to selecting the date for Porches and Pies. Will host as a bake sale again, like last year, for safety's sake. It is also a more predictable model for making revenue projections
- Kenneth Katz at La Bodega is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the senior program. March 10th pop-up dinner. Pre-order meals starting today through the 8th. Can pick up at La Bodega (at The Met). To order: <https://labodegaatl.square.site/pre-order> or call 404-809-4158. Lawrence indicated information will be available on AP's Facebook and NextDoor pages

Housing Fund (Mason Reid)

- One application and award in February for rental assistance
- Still collecting donations and applications
- Have distributed half of funds raised to date. Encourages neighbors to inform neighbors in need to apply
- Lawrence indicated that other neighborhoods have inquired about replicating AP's housing program

Parks Committee (Elise Blasingame)

- Meeting tomorrow (always the first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.). Email parks@adairpark.com for meeting info
- Submitted application to city for AP community garden
- Working on 2nd phase of Bonnie Brae park improvements, playground equipment at Adair Park 1 and Brookline Triangle
- Requested hoops to be reattached at AP2
- Nakita Robinson reported damaged playground equipment at AP1

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd's Office

- Vicky Jackson (Chief of Staff) indicated that Councilmember Sheperd was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She sent greetings, For questions or concerns call 404-330-6053 or email jmsheperd@atlantaga.gov

- Ms. Carter introduced Vincent Carter, new Constituent Services Specialist, as the person for AP residents to contact regarding needs for city services. 404-546-4968, jmsheperd@atlantaga.gov
- Nakita indicated recurring internet problems. Ms. Jackson indicated that if Nakita will contact the office, they will look into it, but the city does not control this utility

AP House Signage Project (Tiffany Chen)

- Working to provide a unified, graphic approach to house number signage. Shared on neighborhood pages; has gathered feedback via a survey. Working on the second draft based on feedback. Will share by the weekend.
- Lawrence explained that it is similar to Grant Park and Capitol View Manor. Purpose is to identify the neighborhood. Can contact Lawrence, president@adairpark.com with ideas or for more information
- Q&A
 - Is signage different than the flag? Yes
 - Is the image available on the website? Yes
 - To which FB group is it posted? Adair Park Neighbors

Preservation Committee (Jeannie Mills & Lawrence Miller)

- Met Monday with an applicant for a house on Bonnie Brae. Application had problems. Applicant with resubmit
- 960 Allene plans are being redesigned. Problems with site plan
- Urban design meeting, March 10th, 4:00 p.m. will be posted on the FB page
- Q&A
 - How do you join the preservation committee? Email code@adairpark.com

The Met/Carter (Adam Parker)

- Leasing is going well. Rodney Scott's BBQ is opening in June
- Elise Blasingame will send Adam sign up for community garden to share with Met tenants

Special Services District (SSD) (Lawrence Miller)

- 2.5% millage rate increase on commercial and multi-family residential companies to fund properties within ½ mile of the Beltline. Goal to raise \$1B to complete the trail system.
- Doesn't affect single-family homes.
- The rail system is not included in the SSD; that is to be funded by the MARTA tax increase from years ago.
- Important for commercial and residential renters to understand because likely only their landlords have been notified.
- ATL city council is trying to fast-track approval of the rate increase within the next six weeks.
- Lawrence expressed opposition because of the likely increase in rents (undermining affordable housing efforts). Shared that other neighborhood associations are opposed because the process doesn't incorporate community input. Encouraged residents to

contact city councilmembers to ask questions and to slow the process to gather community input

- Jenne Shepherd suggested that Councilwoman Sheperd's office should hold a forum for residents from her district to learn more. Vicky suggested that Lawrence Miller, as president, email the request to Councilwoman Shepherd tonight and to expect a response tomorrow
- Michelle Marcus suggested also contacting constituent advocates Stephanie Flowers and Kyle Lamont with the Beltline Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee

Exide Battery Plant (Rangewater) Development

- GDOT has approved entrance to development on Metropolitan, but no exit. Exits on Erin and Allene. If so, up to 400 vehicles per day will pass through Erin and Allene
- AP has been asked to support Capitol View in its proposal to the City the project be postponed to explore solutions to the traffic impact on Allene. Capitol View Neighborhood Association is currently drafting proposal language
- Michelle Marcus (Allene resident) shared that she doesn't oppose the project. Would rather look for traffic calming measures, and alternative routing
- Q&A
 - Is University being extended to Murphy is still an option? Still TBD, no updates

Miscellaneous

- Lawrence introduced Durand Bailey, HOA president of The Storage Depot Lofts (Wells and RDA). Former storage facility converted to 18 condominiums. Contact the homeowners association at stodeloatl@gmail.com
- Open Positions
 - Lawrence reiterated that we need a new safety chair. Very important role
 - APT also needs a VP. Role involves committee coordination, and standing in for president in NPU and other community meetings. Michelle Marcus recommended Durand Bailey during the meeting. He will consider it between now and the next meeting
 - Submit nominations to parliamentarian@adairpark.com and copy secretary@adairpark.com
 - Bylaws call for the nominating committee, led by the parliamentarian, to nominate officers. Contact parliamentarian@adairpark.com
- Ken Katz announced that La Bodega is hiring. Contact ken@buenosdiascafe.com

Michelle Marcus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Sherwood seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.