

Adair Park Today Neighborhood Meeting May 2021

Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Participants were invited to review the minutes. Lawrence called for motion to approve the minutes. Elise Blasingame motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Adrian Neely. Minutes approved unanimously with 12 Yays and 0 Nays

Public Safety (Adrian Neely)

- Lawrence introduced Dr. Adrian Neely, new public safety chair
- Capt. Adams did not attend the meeting. Has not responded to recent outreach
- Q&A
 - Any update about the daytime intruder on Brookline?
 - Intruder was identified; might be homeless and have a history of mental illness. No garden shears were found. Adrian to gather more info
 - Does Public Safety handle traffic calming requests?
 - Lawrence deferred to Councilwoman Joyce Sheperd for response

Treasurer's Report (Nakita Robinson)

- \$32,246.95 in operating account, not including \$3,000 in reserves
- \$156 of receipts; \$70 of expenses for Quickbooks. Net income of \$86 for the the quarter

Secretary's Report (Monique Shields)

- No report

Communications Report (Lawrence Miller)

- Still working on printed newsletter. Send content to communications@adairpark.com
- If you are not receiving the email newsletter, click here to sign up:
<http://eepurl.com/hcHRPP>

Parliamentarian's Report (Tim Ruffin)

- Bylaws are complete and being reviewed by Pro Bono Partnership lawyer. Hoping they will be finalized by end of month

Seniors Program (John Sherwood)

- Assessing whether meal support will continue to be a need among 20 senior residents as pandemic winds down
- Pulling together a small planning team to design activities for seniors as it becomes safe to resume in-person activities, including social events and home repairs
- If anyone is good at planning events and/or resource development/fundraising, please join the Seniors Program, seniors@adairpark.com

Preservation Committee (Jeannie Mills)

- Met on May 3rd about upcoming Urban Design cases. Meeting again next week with applicants to review a new construction project on Allene - three homes on two lots
- Networking with Stacy Evans' office and the Atlanta Preservation Center regarding new statewide legislation that would be detrimental to preservation efforts
- The Urban Design Commission recognized Adair Park for being great about working with property owners to be compliant with historic guidelines
- Contact code@adairpark.com

Housing Program

- No report

Events Committee (Alyssa Thys)

- Porches and Pies will be held on September 18, 2021. Save the date
- Finalizing a short list of returning, local bakers. Will announce them in the coming weeks
- Pre-sales to begin in mid-June
- Committee working on marketing and presales
- Stay tuned on social media. Get involved - next meeting on the second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. Contact events@adairpark.com

Parks Committee (Elise Blasingame)

- Shared the spring/summer clean up schedule. Next on the 8th at AP2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Check social media and the website for updates
- Muros Adair Park II Mural Project
 - Designed by former AP resident George Baker III
 - Would be located on the back side of the Parks & Rec building at AP2 facing Tift
 - May 31-June 7 with community participation day on June 5
 - SafeAuto sponsoring the mural
 - Alyssa Thys motioned to approve the mural project; Tim Ruffin seconded
 - Discussion/Q&A
 - If approved, we'd present a letter to Parks & Rec, Cultural Affairs and NPU-V expressing support.
 - There is a maintenance fund to keep the mural looking good
 - Suggested that the side facing Lillian would be more visible to people driving through the neighborhood
 - Artist really loves Adair Park. Wanted the mural to be joyful and energetic. Dave can share more information about the inspiration.
 - Suggested that the biker on the sidewalk may encourage people to "illegally" ride bikes on sidewalks
 - Can meet the artist at the June 5th event
 - SafeAuto is donating the maintenance fees to the Bureau of Cultural Affairs to touch up/repair the mural

- On the SafeAuto sign, can “community” in the first sentence be changed to “neighborhood”? Yes.
 - Can we work to ensure that masks and distancing are part of the June 5th event? Yes
 - Can the neighborhood petition to remove SafeAuto’s logo if its values don’t align with the community’s? Unsure. Elise will clarify
 - Motion approved with 22 Yays, 1 Abstention and 0 Nays
- Parks is requesting \$750 from the general operating fund to match Park Pride grant dollars for the community gardening project
 - Elise Blasingame motioned to approve; Tim Ruffin seconded the motion
 - Discussion
 - Where will the garden be located? In AP2 near the Parks & Rec building
 - What will it grow? Foods primarily
 - How many plots? 30 - if it comes to fruition will be the largest neighborhood garden in the city
 - Would the City hold the liability for the community garden? Not sure. Elise will clarify
 - Motion approved with 23 Yays, 0 Nays
- Contact Parks@adairpark.com with any questions or to get involved in any subcommittees

Atlanta City Councilmember Joyce Sheperd

- Joked that Capitol View is larger by just added 10 more beds to its community garden - beating AP by one bed. Wished AP’s garden well. Expressed that Capitol View’s garden brings together lots of diverse residents
- On May 15th, at Pittman Park, Morehouse will be hosting a COVID-19 vaccination event. The Pryor Road Carver YMCA is currently vaccinating people; Uber transportation is provided for free
- Parks will be open for events beginning May 15th. If AP would like a stage for Porches and Pies, Councilwoman Sheperd will be happy to donate it.
- Trees Atlanta is taking over the property on Warner and Allene. Demolishing all but the tower. Is hosting a community update on this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Will send a reminder.
- Rodney Scott Restaurant will open in Pittsburgh in July. Coming before the NPU in June for its beer, wine & liquor license. Will be putting out a flyer to hire employees and will actively recruit residents. Will start at \$15-17/hour. Rodney Scott is a James Beard award winning chef. Restaurant will be across Metropolitan from The Met
- Discussion/Q&A
 - Where to direct requests for traffic calming measures? Contact the city’s department of transportation. Please send requests to her office as well and she will follow up on requests for to the DOT
 - Can we get traffic study on Allene and Catherine (re: the Exide Battery Plant development)? Can conduct a study now, but should conduct a second one once the development is completed. Asked Lawrence to send the request to his office.

- Community gardens legislation: Co-authoring with Carla Smith. Loves community gardening, but there have been some issues. Bylaws have curtailed challenges in her neighborhood's garden, but in less organized gardens, there have been serious altercations. Studying best practices to develop citywide criteria for gardens on city-owned property, such as that gardens must be open to all community members. Aims to standardize bylaws and accountability to Park Pride, etc. Parks, Park Pride, the City, AgLanta are all contributing to this legislation. Legislation will go through NPUs for discussion.
 - Would neighborhoods have to ratify the garden rules? Not sure
 - Will neighborhoods have to register their gardens? Yes, via Park Pride with annual assessment/site visit
- Need an APD liaison to attend the meeting. Invited Adrian Neely to remind her to help get a liaison, jmsheperd@atlantaga.gov 404-330-6053, and to contact Capt. Adams directly
- Councilmember Sheperd may have found a sponsor for the mural on RDA lofts; not secured but under consideration
- Additional constituent services contacts: Vincent Carter, 404-821-3563 and Vicky Jackson, 404-330-6053

The Met (David Yankey)

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta is moving to The Met. Moving in April will be near the water tower off Murphy Avenue
- Rodney Scott BBQ planning a July 4th event

Miscellaneous (Lawrence Miller)

- Create ATL looking to grant 20 free memberships. Apply at www.createatl.com or contact Dana Dobrik at dana@createatl.com
- La Bodega is still hiring
- The Murphy Crossing RFP has been released. August 4th deadline

Lawrence Miller called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Monique Shields moved to adjourn; Tim Ruffin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.