

Adair Park Today Neighborhood Meeting June 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Lawrence Miller, President.

The May meeting minutes were shared for member review. Thackery Brown made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Tim Ruffin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with 13 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Public Safety (Adrian Neely)

- No representative from Zone 3 Police Precinct attended the meeting
- Circulating a speed calming measures petition on Lexington Avenue; working to secure 38 signatures (currently have ~33)
- Exxon on Metro under new ownership; applying for liquor license. Coming to the APT meeting in July
- Discussion
 - Is it possible for residents on Catherine at Lexington to sign the petition? (Nakita Robinson) No because their homes are technically on Catherine.
 - May 16th fire on Clutch warehouse. Lawrence Miller tried to get a fire department report; did not receive feedback.

Secretary's Report (Monique Shields)

No report

Communications (Michelle Marcus)

- Push to finalize newsletter; will be sent to board and committee chairs today. Requests feedback by 6/2. Will contact former block captains to distribute newsletters.
- Needs volunteers for Shelton, Hugh, Tift and Pearce. Please contact communications@adairpark.com to volunteer.
 - Adrian Neely - Pearce
 - Alyssa Thys backup up for Lexington
 - Dana Dojnik for a street near Murphy
 - Tim Ruffin will help

Parliamentarian (Tim Ruffin)

Bylaws review completed by pro bono partner. Board to review/approve recommended changes by the end of this week. Then will meet with bylaws committee to finalize. Up on the website in July. Ready for vote in August.

Vice President's Report (Durand Bailey)

- Happy to work with Michelle on the newsletter
- Working to better organize the grant-writing process; Committee chairs be on the lookout for an email

Treasurer's Report (Nakita Robinson)

- \$20,323.96 in Citizen's Trust account; \$10,106.17 in Paypal account, including housing fund
- Major activities
 - Check for \$1500 for Bonnie Brae Park (restricted funding) and other parks clean up expenses
 - \$767 for ASCAP fee for old cover band recordings posted on website
 - \$891.40 for Porches and Pies deposits

Seniors Program (Lawrence Miller)

- Designing some post-pandemic senior outreach. Many seniors have been vaccinated. Looking to organize regular gatherings for seniors' social health, such as BINGO morning. Recommends inviting them to porch parties.
- Please donate to the senior program.
- Nakita Robinson demonstrated the new donation features that allow people to designate/restrict their donation to a specific APT program
- Email seniors@adairpark.com to assist seniors with specific, practical needs

Historic Preservation (Jeannie Mills)

- Have a new city code inspector, Mr. Fleming, dedicated to serve historic districts
- Working to schedule a meeting with him.
- David Mitchell, Atlanta Preservation Center, hosting a virtual meeting next week. Jeannie will share details.

Events (Alyssa Thys)

- Mural project at AP2; Saturday unveiling at noon-2 p.m., food by La Bodega, music
- Link to FB event:
<https://adairpark.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d768f93f87551e8ee23615e72&id=bb12ecc9d0&e=518513fd4a>
- Please RSVP by Wednesday
- Wear masks to the event
- Contact events@adairpark.com to receive info about Porches & Pies

Parks (Lawrence Miller)

- Check out FB group for schedule of upcoming parks events
- Aiming for the third week of June to open community garden
- Contact parks@adairpark.com to get a plot and to volunteer
- Parks received a \$7,500 grant for Brookline Triangle Park
- Next Meeting, June 2nd, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Contact parks@adairpark.com for meeting link

Atlanta City Councilmember Joyce Sheperd's Office (Joyce Sheperd)

- Congratulations to the community garden. Will try to come out for the Saturday garden build day and the mural unveiling. Please let her know if there is anything she can do to support APT
- Thanked Jeannie Mills regarding her efforts in historic preservation.
- The City will be hiring 12 new inspectors - she has been pushing to hire more inspectors to review building permits. So much renovation on the southside happening without permits, and being built illegally. If you do not see a building permit, call 311 to report and stop illegal/unpermitted construction
- At Promise Center will open next week:
 - <https://atlantapolicefoundation.org/programs/community-engagement/at-promise/>.
 - Serving 60 youth. Still has 18 spots. Refer a young person, ages 12-24.
 - The Center may approach APT regarding a partnership event
- Discussion
 - What about traffic study along Allene? Not yet, but is working on Lexington; there hasn't been one prior to the current petition. (Correction: There was a traffic study completed and approved in 2014/2015 (not sure which year) that petitioner was unable to complete due to the overwhelming vacancy on Lexington Ave and inability to collect the 75% signatures needed. This current petition is another try at completing this task.)
 - What comes after traffic study? Will be put on a Traffic Department list of streets/residents requesting traffic calming devices. May take a year to get installed.
 - Can you include all of Catherine Street and Allene Avenue in the traffic study with Lexington? Lawrence must send a request for all of Catherine Street
 - Along Murphy between RDA and Brookline, any word on the development occurring on Murphy? No developers have reached out to her. Please invite any developers that we hear from to call her.
 - Meliah Honest requested that Tift be added to traffic study

- Michelle Marcus recommends an area-wide traffic study, rather than just a street. Should also analyze Mayland Ave.

Create ATL (Pouya Dianat & Dana Dojnik)

- Shared renderings of renovated facility and parklet
- For \$30-50/month (AP vs. non-AP resident) can join the co-working space. Apply at <https://beamimagination.typeform.com/to/qB9h64fX>
- Located at 900 Murphy Avenue
- Learn more at <https://Createatl.com>

Miscellaneous (Lawrence Miller)

- The Fortress Church on Pearce is closed.
 - They took an alley that belongs to the city. Tift residents can legally access it to build driveways in their backyards
 - Councilmember Joyce Sheperd mentioned that the city has abandoned most alleyways. Let her know how her office can help with accessing the alleyway.
 - What will happen to the Fortress Church building? Lawrence Miller has not received a response from the pastor or building owners about the status of the building.
- Don't forget to patronize all of the Adair Park businesses
- Moving from virtual to in-person or hybrid meetings will be on the July and August agendas for discussion. Reach out with thoughts to president@adairpark.com. Don't call Lawrence - his voice mail is broken.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Nakita Robinson. Dana Dojnik seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.