

# **Adair Park Today Neighborhood Meeting August 2021**

Lawrence Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

## **July Minutes**

- Motion to accept the minutes: by Matthew Garbett, seconded by Nakita Robinson
- 12 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention - July minutes approved with correction

## **Public Safety (Adrian Neely)**

- Ms. Ismail (Metro & Lexington gas station operator) did not attend the NPU-V meeting to present her request for a beer and wine license
- Contact Lawrence Miller, [president@adairpark.com](mailto:president@adairpark.com) for guidance on filing noise complaints so that they get resolved

## **Treasurer (Nakita Robinson)**

- Gave revenue update. Expenses for housing, events and parks in July. \$39,620.23 in available funds
- Lawrence shared that APT has ~\$1200 in discretionary funds to assist with back to school needs and holiday needs. Contact [president@adairpark.com](mailto:president@adairpark.com) to share needs
- APT is also going to move forward with ordering and selling house number signs, as soon as we can find a fabricator

## **Parliamentarian (Tim Ruffin)**

- Announced the need for nominating committee members. Contact [parliamentarian@adairpark.com](mailto:parliamentarian@adairpark.com)
- Bylaws are on the website for review before the September meeting, when we will vote to adopt them.  
[https://adairparkatlanta.files.wordpress.com/2021/07/apt\\_bylaws\\_last\\_revision.pdf](https://adairparkatlanta.files.wordpress.com/2021/07/apt_bylaws_last_revision.pdf)
- Discussion
  - Is the draft available now? Yes it is online now, must be publicly available one month before

## **Communications (Michelle Marcus)**

Working on a newsletter. Contact [communications@adairpark.com](mailto:communications@adairpark.com) to submit content or to distribute newsletters

### **Events (Lawrence Miller)**

- Porches and Pies, September 18th - <https://www.porchesandpies.com/#/>. Order as soon as possible
- Sept 25 9am-5pm Promise Center Field Day Adair Park 2 (approx. 500 children and 100 APD officers)
- Sept 25 Lantern Parade!! Starting in Adair Park 2 7pm

### **Seniors (John Sherwood)**

- BINGO event planned for July 31st was postponed due to increasing COVID-19 infections and the heat
- Is working on a plan to aid the senior who requires extensive home repairs, but does not qualify for services due to lack of insurance
- Please share ideas and needs with [seniors@adairpark.com](mailto:seniors@adairpark.com)

### **Housing (Mason Reid)**

- No July awards; one pending
- Please continue to spread the word about the program, especially since the eviction moratorium has expired
- A group in Phoenix, AZ contacted APT housing to learn how to replicate it

### **Parks (Olivia Czufin)**

- Plots are available at The Murph for \$25 per plot; financial aid is available. Link to the application: <https://tinyurl.com/n2aj5cp6>
- Working on the playground grant for AP 1
- Discussion
  - Why did the fee change? Received feedback that the \$100 fee was not accessible

### **Councilmember Joyce Sheperd (Vicky Jackson)**

- J Sheperd is attending National Night Out events this evening
- Please feel free to alert the office about noise complaints and other concerns
- Vincent Carter, Constituent Services Rep, for the Councilmember's office. Will take photos of issues, reports
- Discussion
  - City is undertaking a major rezoning project, including removing. What is the Councilmember's stance? Cannot answer, but is taking note and will provide a response to M. Garbett

- Is City Hall open? No, pushed back to after labor day. There is a mask mandate in place for the City
- What about the Adair Park Crime Prevention initiative spoken about by Mayor Bottoms? Vicky has never heard about it. Please share with Vicky and she will investigate

### **Goodwill Industries of North Georgia (Keith Parker and Tia Banks)**

- Keith Parker introduced Goodwill.
- New store and Career Center opening at 2160 Metropolitan Parkway. Career Center will serve approximately 800 people per year
- <https://goodwillng.org/metro/> for more information or to apply for a position with Goodwill or its employment partners
- Discussion
  - When will the store and career center open? Hopefully, late October to mid November
  - J. Mills has a friend who has had difficulty finding employment for three years. Goodwill NG specializes in helping people with barriers to employment. Connect with Tia to get her friend connected

### **Miscellaneous**

Reminder that Gideons students begin school on Monday. Contact Michelle Marcus, PTA Co-Chair, [gideonsptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:gideonsptapresident@gmail.com), for information.

<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/gideons>

### **Murphy Crossing RFP Discussion (Matthew Garbett)**

- M. Garbett asked if anyone had been asked for feedback from the developer. No one reported having been contacted
- Wole O. expressed that he believes the public engagement phase comes after RFP submission. Had to explain the way his company will engage the community if selected. Lawrence explained that the process includes two periods for community engagement - before RFP and submission and before final submission
- M. Garbett is deeply concerned that community engagement did not occur before the RFP deadline
- Does this tie into the redevelopment program and A. Farokhi legislation? No, they are not related to the Murphy Crossing project

Motion to adjourn made by Jenee Shepherd, seconded by Wole O. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.