

Adair Park Today Neighborhood Meeting November 2021

Lawrence Miller (President) called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Lawrence explained that no minutes were captured at the October meeting, and that September minutes and bylaws must be approved again. Elise Blasingame motioned to approve the September minutes. Jeannie Mills seconded. No objections. Minutes were approved.

Tim Ruffin moved to adopt the bylaws as presented on the Adair Park website and to take effect on January 1. Jeannie Mills seconded. No one opposed. Bylaws adopted effective January 1, 2022.

Safety (Lawrence Miller)

- Sgt. Cosby, APD Zone 3
 - Vehicle thefts uptick zone-wide; lots of firearms taken
 - Reminder to remove all valuables from your vehicles, even if they don't seem valuable
 - Auto theft near AP2; vehicle was recovered, and arrest warrants have been issued
 - APD presence at polling places to protect vehicles from theft
 - Costume drive for Halloween
 - Coat drive coming soon - drop off donations at the precinct
- Discussion
 - (N. Robinson) re: car chase in AP on Oct 19. (Sgt. Cosby) Wasn't aware of the incident. (L. Miller) Reported the incident to Capt. Adams, Joyce Sheperd, Stacy Evans and GA State Patrol. (N. Robinson) There were no sirens as chase went through Catherine, Lexington and Metropolitan. Sgt. Cosby will follow up with Capt. Adams. L. Miller requested an email response.
 - (L. Miller) Is Major Peaks still leader of Zone 3 or did he ? (Sgt. Cosby) Yes - a different Peak (not Peaks) is the Commissioner.

Treasurer (Nakita Robinson)

- Met with Housing and Parks to review expenses to date and remaining funds
- Housing fund has a balance of \$2,538.15. Please consider donating to replenish the fund.
- Parks has obtained \$12k in donations this year. Kudos to Elise and the parks

- \$526 left for community garden; \$750 for general expenses; \$357 left for Bonnie Brae park; \$7,500 grant for the Brookline Triangle park project will be utilized next fiscal year.
- Grand total \$44,009.05 (bank balance and PayPal account) as of today.
- Discussion
 - (L. Miller) Does the grand total include the remaining housing and parks funds, and are those the only restricted funds? (N. Robinson) Yes
 - (L. Miller) thanks for the donations to the housing fund.

Housing (Mason Reid)

- Spends money from the Go Fund Me. Received close to \$14k. Giving has stagnated.
- Please give on Giving Tuesday. Launching a giving campaign for the holiday season.
- Explained the qualification process and quick turnaround on grant decisions
- Discussion

(J. Mills) Do we get significant amounts of money on Giving Tuesday? (M. Reid) Initial launch yielded \$14k. Can't point directly to Giving Tuesday.

Parks (Elise Blasingame)

- Adair Park 1
 - Playground team will get final renderings. Will cost ~\$120k
 - \$80k request pending from Park Pride
 - Requesting \$10-15k from the general fund for the playground project.
 - Planning a fundraising event to raise remaining funds.
 - Katie Maxwell working to replace hydrangeas that were removed from the triangle planter
 - Requesting \$1500 to cover burweed removal from AP1 from the general fund
- Brookline Triangle Park
 - Working on design Brookline Triangle Jan-Jun
 - Moving metal sculpture to another park
 - Repairing and moving free little library within the park
- Bonnie Brae Park
 - Picnic benches were stolen from Bonnie Brae park. Will replace and anchor.
- Community Garden
 - Pumpkins are growing nicely; harvest day is coming soon.
 - Applying for another \$1500 Foodwell Alliance grant

- Trying to access discretionary funds from Councilmember for parks
- Send wish list items to parks@adairpark.com
- Discussion

(J. Mills) Will Brookline Triangle park have a visual representation of Muscogee culture. (E. Blasingame) Yes, markers, native plantings, etc. Has invited a representative from Muscogee Nation to speak at a neighborhood meeting.
- Motion
 - E. Blasingame made a motion to allocate \$1500 from general fund to parks to pay for burweed removal. Olivia Czufin seconded.
 - 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
 - Motion passes

Seniors (John Sherwood)

- Will use remaining funds \$330 to help seniors with Thanksgiving gift cards
- Looking for help for a legacy homeowner who has significant home repair needs. Local nonprofits are tapped out. Neighbors considering to launch a GoFundMe on her behalf
- Discussion
 - (M. Shields) Will GoFundMe be through APT? (J. Sherwood) No
 - (M. Reid) Neighbor received housing fund support as well, but needs exceeded housing program parameters
 - APT will promote the GoFundMe

Preservation (Jeannie Mills)

- Special meeting of UDC tomorrow; last Thursday's meeting did not reach quorum
- Another UDC meeting the following week
- One case for next week.
- Discussion (Lawrence Miller)
 - Four new urban design enforcement officers have been hired and will be fully trained by the end of December.
 - 884(?) Murphy Ave at the corner of Allene, Lillian and Murphy has been cited for performing unpermitted work. A car wash is not permitted at that location. J. Shepherd's office spoke with the owner. May have to remove the mural as well.

Parliamentarian (Tim Ruffin)

- Volunteers urgently needed for the nominating committee. Contact parliamentarian@adairpark.com.
- Current nominees:
 - Nakita Robinson - Treasurer

- Kevin Fink - Treasurer
- Durand Bailey - Communications Coordinator
- Matt Garbett - Secretary
- Michelle Marcus - Vice President
- Discussion
 - (L. Miller) Need nominees for President and Parliamentarian. Contact Tim no later than tomorrow. Membership must have a month's notice prior to vote.

Events (Lawrence Miller)

- Requested \$10k for 2022 budget
- Beginning to plan for 2022 events
- Discussion
 - Nakita to post on FB for budget committee to meet before December

Holiday Programs (Lawrence Miller)

- 11 neighbors to receive gift cards (10 from seniors and 1 additional referral) for Thanksgiving
- If you know someone, email Lawrence, president@adairpark.com, with their name and address.

The Met (Hodge Patel)

- Big Brothers Big Sisters is painting a mural in front of their suite facing inside of the complex.
- Successful prospects for additional space at The Met. Too early to announce, but very positive.
- Discussion
 - Olivia Czufin lives on Hugh - monthly EDM concerts are too loud; shakes her home. Closes on time, but wants to curb the noise. Hodge will take the feedback to his team, esp. Adam Parker, and work to ensure they're following the rules and being good neighbors.

Chris 180 Trauma Response Network (Aaron Johnson)

- CHRIS 180 is here to support residents' needs.
- Has an office location in the @Promise Center in Pittsburgh

Miscellaneous (Lawrence Miller)

Need members for nominating and budget committees. Contact parliamentarian@adairpark.com and treasurer@adairpark.com, respectively.

Lawrence Miller requested a motion to adjourn. Olivia Czufin made a motion to adjourn, Tim Ruffin seconded, Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.