

Adair Park Today Neighborhood Meeting September 2021

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

Lawrence called for announcements:

- Monique Shields announced an effort to get the Atlanta Department of Public Works to pick up yard trimmings and a free community policing event with the Center for Civil and Human Rights.
- Jeannie Mills mentioned dumping on Allene; Lawrence mentioned that it has been reported to code enforcement

August Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes made by Tim Ruffin, seconded by Alyssa Thys.
- No discussion.
- 14 Yeas, 0 Nays
- Minutes were accepted

Public Safety (Adrian Neely)

- Ms. Ismail's (gas station operator on Lexington and Metropolitan) request for support for a beer and wine license was approved by NPU-V
- Crime Reports:
 - 2 Larceny from a vehicle (August 2nd from 712 Brookline St and August 30 along northside drive.
 - 2 Auto-theft 8/3 from 826 Elbert st and 8/31 from 711 Catherine Street
 - 1 Robbery 8/13 at 12am 1217 Metropolitan parkway
 - 2 Larcenies that did not involve vehicles on 8/20 from 1217 Metropolitan and 553 Northside drive.
 - This month, on 9/1 a burglary was reported at 841 Oakhill Ave and an aggravated assault on 9/2 at 866 Murphy Ave.
 - This data was captured from the neighborhood Crime Map from the APD Public Safety website.
- No APD representative present
- Lawrence mentioned murder at 200 Whitehall - not in Adair Park.
- Getting a camera at Whitehall near the homeless encampment; funding from Joyce Sheperd's office. Another camera already a lillian, murphy or Allene
- Nakita Robinson provided an update on the speed tables for Lexington.
 - It has been added to the installation list.

- The contract is in process. Likely to be executed at the end of September.
- Will receive the installation notice after that. Would like for Joyce Sheperd's office to discover where AP is on the installation list.

Treasurer's Report (Nakita Robinson)

- \$9,121.50 in PayPal account, including a housing fund balance of \$3,965.37.
- \$33,189.32 in bank account

Communications (Michelle Marcus)

Working on the newsletter. Please send submissions and volunteer to distribute newsletters at communications@adairpark.com.

Parliamentarian's Report (Tim Ruffin)

- Revised bylaws were not posted on the website. Will get them up ASAP.
- Send any suggested edits to parliamentarian@adairpark.com. Will vote to approve them at October's meeting.
- Lawrence shared highlights:
 - Term limits are changing - from three one-year terms to two, two-year terms.
 - Some committee names are changing and charters are expanding (i.e. preservation).
- Bylaws have been reviewed and approved by Pro Bono Partnership.
- Need volunteers for the nominating committee. Elections in December. Let Tim know if you're interested in running for office.

Seniors Program (Lawrence Miller)

Connecting seniors who were receiving meal support from APT to Meals On Wheels Atlanta now that grant has ended.

Preservation Committee (Jeannie Mills)

- Urban design meeting tomorrow - 2 applicants, deferrals from previous meetings. Expecting favorable outcomes for the applicants.
- Lawrence mentioned that a Brookline project looks to be approved with conditions. Brent will oppose the acceptance due to repeated failure to meet standards

Housing Program (Lawrence Miller)

- Lawrence explained the housing program.
- Residents can learn more and apply for assistance at adairpark.com

Events Committee (Alyssa Thys)

- Alyssa thanked everyone for buying pies for Porches and Pies on September 18th, 12:00-3:00 p.m..
- Explained the COVID-pivot from a community festival to a bake sale. 132 boxes have been sold so far - goal to sell 200.
- Some boxes are being donated to seniors and families in need (use the option to donate a box of pies).
- <https://porchesandpies.com/pies> Please spread the word.
- If you'd like to volunteer to distribute pies, contact events@adairpark.com.
- Special thanks to the Katz family for donating La Bodega to assemble the boxes.
- There are also "Pup Pies" for sale.

Parks Committee (Elise Blasingame)

- Next Thursday interest meeting, 6-8 Brookline Triangle
- 9/17 AP1 park clean up
- 9/18 Trees Atlanta scavenger hunt in the morning before Porches and Pies
- Need clean-up captains; email parks@adairpark.com to volunteer
- Community garden is open. There are plots for sale. Water is there.
- AP1 Playground redesign team is receiving proposals from potential vendors.
- September 23rd, 2:30-5:00 p.m. - two groups of Lovett School volunteers will serve in the community garden and host a children's event at Bonnie Brae park
- Contact parks@adairpark.com for event details and to get volunteer
- Discussion
 - Jeannie Mills asked Elise to call her.
 - Bree with BBBS Atlanta would love to partner on the clean up. Will contact Elise

House District 57 State Representative Stacey Evans (Stacey Evans)

- Alexis Fuller attends every meeting; Stacey tries to attend quarterly
- Waiting to be called into special session in November for redistricting (happens every 10 years after the Census). Expects it will be a very one-sided, partisan process and that there will be legal challenges.
- Stacey is following the efforts by the state to take over the Fulton County elections board.
- She is also trying to marshal state resources as she can to combat crime, but this is largely a local matter.
- A lot of state roads run through district 57. Meets with GDOT monthly.
 - Pulliam and Alice fencing is approved for repairs.

- There is a plan in place for the city and state to resolve traffic safety challenges at RDA and Metro.
- Windsor Park exit at I-20 is unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. Pedestrian improvements coming in 6 months.
- Contact Stacey's office for issues with state unemployment benefits, medicaid and other matters.
- Discussion
 - Jeannie Mills asked about "state historic preservation tax credits set to expire on December 31st. Are there any efforts to reinstate them?" Yes, there is bipartisan support for renewing this tax credit.
 - Lawrence Miller asked "What's the city/state dividing line on RDA? What about disability access and bike lanes (from W. Whitehall and Murphy)?" Stacey doesn't know the dividing line - thought it was all state-owned. It's on the list for safety and cycling improvements (2-3 years). RDA and Cascade is a city-state dividing line, and requires collaboration on safety improvements.
 - Elise Blasingame asked about trains blocking Murphy and Lee. Lawrence answered that it's a federal railway issue that has been elevated to Nikema Williams. Requires an act of Congress to get changes from railroad companies.
- Rep. Stacey Evans, stacey@staceyevans.com, 404-275-4135. And sign up for legislative updates: staceyevans.com

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta (Bree Davis)

- Moving to Adair Park at The Met, 680 Murphy Avenue SW, Suite 1090
- Not to be confused with Boys and Girls Clubs
- The Big Blitz, October 23rd, 9:00-1:00 p.m. in partnership with Bearings Bike Works, Trees Atlanta and Westside Future Fund. Would also like to partner with Adair Park. Will share a flyer with Lawrence, Alyssa and Elise
- Wants to foster a holistic support system for the children it serves

The Met (McKinley Riley)

- McKinley Riley, new property manager, introduced himself. Started in July.
- He looks forward to working with everyone.
- Lots of interest about Porches and Pies from flyer in the leasing office.

Miscellaneous

- Chantelle Rytter shared that the Beltline postponed the Lantern Parade until spring 2022. She received an Elevate grant to host a jazz funeral for Rex (best

cat ever), on October 29th, 7:15-7:45 p.m. Free lantern giveaways. Will share details at the October neighborhood meeting.

Motion to end the meeting made by Alyssa Thys, seconded by Dana Dojnik. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.