



MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 6:30PM

1. Reports from City Departmental Representatives
 - a. APD – Sgt. J. Miller, Zone 6, jemiller@atlantaga.gov, 470-476-9836
 - i. Zone 6 has new beat officers
 - ii. Old Wheat St encampment has been cleaned up; the fence has been reestablished and there are no occupants
 - iii. Resident asked about mounted patrol; likely setting up in Zone 5 on Centennial and walking through neighborhood
 - iv. Resident asked about coordination between Zones 5 and 6; COBRA meeting every Thursday
2. Comments from Elected Officials
 - a. Atlanta City Council District 2 – Jay Tribby for Amir Farokhi, ARFarokhi@AtlantaGA.gov, 404-290-3347 (Amir's City mobile), 404-823-2099 (Amir's personal mobile)
 - i. Reminder: NPU-M monthly public safety meeting is on the 3rd Thursday at 6p and includes Zones 5 and 6
 - ii. Amir's 2023 council assignments include: Transportation Chair, Zoning, and Committee on Council
 - iii. Resident asked about restriping on Edgewood – Jay will check on an update
 - b. Atlanta City Council District 5 – Nic Cappon, Chief of Staff, ncappon@atlantaga.gov, 470-572-8505 for Liliana Bakhtiari, lbakhtiari@atlantaga.gov
 - i. Liliana's 2023 council assignments include: Committee on Council, Finance, Zoning and Community Development/Human Services
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Treasurer – Around \$3,000 in 4th & SAND account; will have specifics next month
 - b. Public Safety
 - i. Increase in car break-ins
 - ii. 11/19 murder solved
 - iii. 12/4 active drug related murder case
 - iv. Increase in mail being stolen
4. Neighborhood Organization Reports
 - a. Old 4th Ward Business Association (O4WBA) – Juan Mendoza, president@o4wba.com;
 - i. Introduced himself to the neighborhood

- b. Central Atlanta Progress – Jennifer Ball, Chief Operating Officer
 - i. Noted that the newly appointed commissioner of the Atlanta Department of Transportation (ATLDOT) may have implications for restriping
 - ii. CAP has been able to connect the dots between Georgia Power and ATL DOT (who bear the responsibility to implement the new lights) who collectively owe CAP an update on timeline. It's time to follow-up after the distraction of the year-end
 - c. Sweet Auburn Works – LeJuano Varnell, lvarnell@sweetauburnworks.com, 404-441-3420
 - i. SCAD students are conducting interviews to get ideas for the pocket park that is being planned for the parking lot under the John Lewis mural
 - ii. The kick-off for Sage is planned for the first weekend in April. The focus is the revitalization of neighborhood, restaurants, and food. More details coming
5. Presentations
- a. 250 Auburn Avenue – request for support of ordinance to waive 2000-foot distance requirement of Section 16-29.001(73)(a)(2) of Part III - Code of Ordinances (Land Development Code), Part 16 (Zoning), Chapter 19 (Definitions)
 - i. Chip Patterson, Board Chair; and Darlene Schultz, Executive Director, Georgia Works presented proposed development and request ([Presentation](#) is available on 4th & SAND website)
 - ii. Neighborhood questions/concerns were similar to those presented during the December meeting:
 - 1. Too much supportive housing in neighborhood may reduce property values, create undo burden on neighborhood support services
 - 2. That the economics won't really work
 - 3. What might happen if project isn't successful
 - 4. That the development does not fit within the neighborhood/corridor land use plan
 - iii. Several residents noted the success of the Georgia Works program and that they believed they would be a positive addition to the neighborhood
 - iv. Nic Cannon noted that the ordinance could be amended to be specific to Georgia Works ownership of the property
 - v. A motion was made and properly seconded to support the ordinance with the caveat that it be amended to be specific to Georgia Works and is nil if/when the property is sold to another entity, and that no more than 25% of the housing units may be used for supportive housing. The motion passed 16 to 2
6. The meeting was adjourned.

Attendees

Note: These are in alphabetical order and were captured from Zoom login screen. Please email lizbrinkley1@gmail.com with any additions or corrections (especially spelling, as I sometimes can't read my own handwriting).

1. Alex
2. Kimberly Alexander
3. Douglas Ammar
4. Jennifer Ball
5. Elizabeth Brinkley
6. Nic Cappon
7. Chef D
8. Cherie
9. Hector Colon
10. Wanda Davila
11. Demetrius Feaster Sr.
12. Michael Garber
13. Bobby Graham
14. Tim Head
15. Husani
16. Sung Hyong
17. Johnny Juan Kenobi
18. Jeremiah McMiller
19. Nick Meli
20. Juan Mendoza, O4WBA
21. Sgt. J. Miller
22. Sarah Oak
23. Andy Odle, Remerge
24. Michael Palazzone
25. Chip Patterson, Georgia Works
26. A Claire Reeve
27. Marcus Ryan
28. Darlene Schultz, Georgia Works
29. Egan Short
30. Jay Tribby
31. LeJauno Varnell
32. Nancy Wheless
33. Yemia White
34. Devon Woodson

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