



Chastain Park Civic Association Meeting Recap January 28, 2019

Time and Location: The January 28, 2019 Board Meeting was at 6:30pm at the The Galloway School in the McKerrow Conference Room.

Board Members Present: Mikki Hawkins (VP Community), Kelley Gambrell (Treasurer), Mindy Kaplan (Secretary), Ashley Battleson (VP Community), Kirk Oppenlander (VP Advocacy), Tejas Patel, Steve McClelland

Neighbors Present: Debbie Guerra, Juan Guerra, Disja Koch, Don Vellek, Manny Beauregard, Sabrina Henderson, David Miles, Rosa McHugh, Mary Dodson, Olen earl, Gordon Mathis.

Guests: deLille Anthony, Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods Tree Canopy Chair

Quorum: The Board discussed the lack of quorum. Therefore, official business and voting cannot take place at the October meeting. The group decided to move forward with discussion.

Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods Resolution

deLille Anthony provided an overview of the proposed Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods' Resolution regarding the city's tree canopy. Per Ms. Anthony, the resolution is in response to the rewriting of the tree ordinance and shortcomings of the current ordinance. Currently, the city is in the process of rewriting the tree ordinance; however, it feels as if the process has not been transparent. So far, all communication has been extremely transparent in nature, and Mary Norwood wanted a resolution to address the lack of transparency. Ms. Anthony also shared that there are problems with the current ordinance, and trees are coming down now. She believes Chastain Park is the hardest hit area in the city. Some areas of improvement include improper placement of tree protection fencing, pre-construction conferences not taking place, lack of quarterly reporting, and not properly posting permit requests and subsequent permits online.

Holy Spirit Expansion

Kirk Oppenlander, VP Advocacy, gave an overview of the Holy Spirit expansion. The school and church recently announced a 20 year master plan to expand into the neighboring land within Sandy Springs. The expansion includes doubling its current student body on this site, and many neighbors feel this expansion is not in harmony with the neighborhood and it goes against our land use and zoning guide. Debbie Guerra, neighbor on Mt. Paran, spoke on behalf of the Neighborhood Preservation Association (NPA), which was reenergized when the expansion was announced. The NPA was involved in the original agreement with Holy Spirit from 2003. Per Ms. Guerra, the charge originally had a meeting in October to share the expansion plans, and the NPA quickly reformed to work to fight to have the school honor the original agreement. The NPA created a website, www.respectourneighborhood.org, began fundraising, contracted a lawyer, reached out to MPNCA and CPCA for

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support, and engaged in a dialogue with the school and church. The first meeting was on December 3, and the attendees shared concerns, asked questions, etc. The church is currently completing traffic, tree, and hydrology studies and will share reports once complete. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29. The NPA requests CPCA support and for the CPCA board to assist in member outreach.

Atlanta Crime

Mikki Hawkins, VP Community, shared that we plan to invite some of our police force to attend the next CPCA meeting. She shared that there has been an uptick in crime in our area, and mentioned some safety tips. Don't keep keys or key fobs near your car, make sure your interior door to your garage stays locked, and install motion lights. Ms. Hawkins encouraged everyone to join CPCA and donate to our security patrol. Every dollar donated to the security patrol helps to fund the officers, and we would love to increase the hours of security coverage.

Treasurer Report

Kelley Gambrell, Treasurer, presented that CPCA is in good shape from a financial perspective. The organization has approximately \$61,000 in the bank, and we have 217 membership renewals for 2019 to-date. The Gala was also successful, and we have netted a profit. Ticket sales totaled \$5,000 and sponsors brought in \$2,500. The current total on expenses is \$5,500.

Board Member Updates

Mindy Kaplan, Secretary, provided an update on the Bylaws rewrite process and Board member resignations. Thus far, six board members have submitted their resignation.

Chastain Park Dog Park

Mikki Hawkins, VP Community, discussed NextDoor discussions regarding a desire by some neighbors for a dog park in Chastain Park. As a neighborhood association, we can support efforts such as this, but we cannot lead.

Chastain Park Conservancy

Rosa McHugh, CPC Executive Director, gave an update on CPC happenings. On Friday, February 1, CPC is holding their annual member meeting at the Horseradish Grill at 8am. The restaurant can accommodate 100 people, and they are about half way there. The new Director of Operations will be introduced at the breakfast.

The Tool Fundraising has been going well. The CPC has a relationship with the Tool Bank so there won't be a need to house all the tools needed for volunteer days. Tools can be rented free of charge as needed.

The CPCA next meeting will be the 4th Monday in February – February 25 at Galloway.

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