

# Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association

## January 23, 2020 - Meeting Minutes

### Call to order and attendance

A meeting of Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association was held at New Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on January 23, 2020. The meeting began at approximately 6:30. Attendees included approximately 20 residents, community representatives and visitors. Melissa Hughley introduced the executive board and the meeting began.

### Reports

#### Atlanta Police Department- Karla Baldini

- Nothing huge is going on in the neighborhood, which is a great sign.
- There were drug dealers off Langston that were caught.
- Some changes are happening to APD. They are able to hire more officers and have a strategic plan to keep people. More information to come later.
- Community Concerns
  - Homeless under bridge at Astor and Lee. Talk to city council and an outreach program. There will be information sent to the president to contact an outreach/clean up for the site.
  - Drug activity on Regent that needs to be looked into.
  - Bike Lanes need to be cleared. Suggestion to contact 311.

#### Habitat for Humanity- Tia McCoy

- The Clark Howard builds started the weekend of January 18 and take approximately 8 weeks until completion.
- The other, larger property on Hood is currently being surveyed and soil tested.
- Other meetings are TBA.
- Repair with Kindness is a program that provides assistance to individuals and their homes. Different neighborhoods have different guidelines as to who can apply for assistance. This program serves all veterans, everywhere.

#### Place Making- Chris McIntosh

- The main goal of this project is to use space that is underused in the community. They focus on making travel safer.
- There are a few designs that were presented. Narrower, more intentional lanes are to slow automobiles down.
- Place Making provides the materials and initial installation. Neighborhood is in charge of maintaining the installation.
- They are working towards collecting data in order to solidify which design would be more beneficial.
- The community had an opportunity to interact and share ideas with the team.

#### Council Woman Joyce Shepherd

- Cross Road Shopping Center is looking to build a new apartment complex behind the existing shopping center. The shopping center and surrounding property owned by the same person is not kept to a high standard.
- The proposed complex would contain 130 units and it would cost 18.8 million. It would contain multi-family units. This would be another affordable housing complex in the neighborhood.

- 40 units @ 50% ami
- 70 units @ 60% ami
- 20 units @ 80% ami
- After much discussion, a motion was set to the floor to not go forward with supporting this project. The vote was 16 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions. The community suggested for the owner to change the units and ami amounts as well as improving existing buildings.

### Fort Mac Update- Charles Greene

- The current developer was bought out. The plans he created were kept. They are looking for a new executive director.
- This will become a mixed use development. The plan contains housing, restaurants, a park, a grocery store, an elementary school, a center for trafficked people, potential expansion on Veteran's Center
- There are currently no tours that can be scheduled for Tyler Perry Studios.
- There will be a Film Symposium on 3.21.2020. This is a free event (registration is required) for the neighborhood. Volunteers are needed. Look to Joyce Shepherd's website for more details and information on the event.
- The FDA will move in 2021. They are gutting the building and basically rebuilding from the ground up.
- Invest ATL assists city entrepreneurs. They are looking to start a small satellite location at Fort Mac.

### Association business

- Minutes to from October 2019 meeting were approved by the body after verbal review from secretary.
- Treasury Report
  - There is \$1,632.92 (as of 1/21/2020) in the account.
  - \$18 was collected at October 2019 meeting.
  - Expenses
    - Trick or Trunk
    - Holiday Party
  - An envelope was passed around for donations and \$30 was collected.
  - An updated budget will be completed for February meeting.

### Motions

- The motions are mentioned above.

### Community Discussions

- Homestead Exemption is due in April. New homeowners and people over 65 can get a break on property taxes.
- Life Bistro will have a soft opening on February 1st. This is a new restaurant in place of late Cafe Ulu.
- Next Month (February) elections will be held for executive officers.

### Announcements

- Next Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting – Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church.

## Adjournment

- The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.