

Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association

October 22, 2020 - Meeting Minutes

Call to order and attendance

A meeting of Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association was held via Zoom on October 22, 2020. The meeting began at approximately 6:33pm. Attendees included approximately 14 residents, community representatives, and visitors. Charles Greene introduced the executive board and the meeting began.

Reports

Council Member: Joyce Sheperd (Tamara)

- EPB Meeting: October 27 - contact Joyce Sheperd's office for more information

Atlanta Police Department: Major Peek

- Crime reports show a few aggravated assaults for September and October: one work dispute on Estes, one group altercation on Metropolitan, one domestic dispute, and one involving a homeless man.
- Auto thefts and larceny is more common now. Lock your car doors and don't leave your keys in your car.
- Street racing along Sylvan Road and Metropolitan as the result of a car show. 20+ citations were written.
- Ashley asked about the Douglas County cop car sitting on the corner of Sylvan and Langston. Major Peak was unsure, but said he would look into it.
- Ashley asked about the man exposing himself at Perkerson Park. Major Peak said he would look into it.
- Neighbors are encouraged to contact Major Peek (CPeek@atlantaga.gov or 470-426-1921) if they have any concerns

Benoit Group

- Not in attendance
- Will be closing in December

Commissioner Arrington's Office: Mitsah Henry

- Not in attendance

Association Business

- Treasury Report: Andrew / Maria
 - Andrew cannot make a report this month due to having no access to the accounts yet
 - We have not transferred accounts from Maria to Andrew due to scheduling constraints
 - Maria gave an update in his place: \$1,906.23
 - Charles and Ashley encouraged the community to speak up if they have project ideas
 - Membership dues are a voluntary \$20.
- Audit Committee Report
 - No large issues. Mostly suggestions regarding how to shape By-Laws. Suggestions for moving forward. Will share with the rest of the board shortly. We will have something to present at the first meeting of the year
 - Community Review Board idea from Lisa, Andrew, and Lindsey. Regularly occurring process to make reports available to the community upon request.

- Communications Committee Report: Lindsey
 - Lindsey discussed ideas to create a Sylvan Hills mailing list which will be used to disseminate urgent information and reminders about upcoming events.
 - The topic of creating new yard signs to advertise upcoming meetings was discussed.
 - The Communications Committee will be meeting to develop a community newsletter.
 - Anyone interested in joining the Communications Committee should contact Lindsey Shoemaker.
- Safety Committee Report
 - Charles encouraged members of the community to sign up for the Safety Committee
- Beautification Committee Report
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- Secretary Report
 - Minutes were reviewed by the body. Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes for last month. Andrew seconded the motion. 9 approved. 0 opposed. 0 abstentions.

Community Discussions

- Sosena asked about a community garden. Concrete Jungle does a community garden, but it's not in our neighborhood.
- Sosena also asked about the Arts Program and was referred to Mitsah Henry.
- Tyler Perry Studios is holding a movie night. Includes candy and popcorn. Nightmare Before Christmas and Madea. 6:15pm and 9:15pm on October 30. Open to the community first.
- We discussed creating a vision and mission for the neighborhood. If anyone has ideas, please contact the board.
- NPU elections are next month - November 9th via Zoom.
- Murphy Triangle has upcoming meetings. Lisa and Charles will be participating in these meetings. Sosena is on the Murphy Triangle advisory board representing NPUX. Next public meeting on this project is November 2. Check the Beltline website for more details.
- Lisa asked for a timeframe for By-Laws review. The By-laws committee committed to presenting in early 2021.
- Trees will be removed near the Oakland City Marta Station. We used to have a Land Use / Development Committee, and it might be a good idea to have something similar now so we can stay apprised of the development in our area and our neighborhood.

Announcements

- Next Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting – Thursday, January 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Adjournment

- Ashley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa seconded the motion. There was a voice vote of approval. The meeting ended at 7:37p.m.

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