

Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association

April 25, 2019 - Meeting Minutes

Call to order and attendance

A meeting of Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association was held at New Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on April 25, 2019. The meeting began at approximately 6:40. Attendees included approximately 18 residents, community representatives and visitors. Melissa Hughley introduced executive board and the meeting began.

Reports

Atlanta Police Department, Zone 3 – No Attendance

District 12 Update - Councilmember Joyce Shepard's

- There will be a neighborhood clean up on Saturday 4.28.19 in Adair Park. Tire pick up will be available. The Fire Academy will be able to assist with the clean up and tire pick up.
- The rezoning of the University and Metropolitan area will begin soon.
- There will be 60 million dollars spent on fair price housing.

Community Concerns

- The community brought about information about large amounts of tires on Victory. Shepherd stated she was going to look after leaving the meeting.
- The community was concerned about the large amount of trash that was located near the Cut Rate Box. Shepherd stated that although they may pick up trash today, it will go back to the same as the week before. She stated her desire to have a trash clean up committee from the city.

Atlanta Bicycle Coalition

- Wykeisha Howe: works in Atlanta Public School to teach students about road safety (biking and walking). She focused on teaching street safety to second graders.
- There will be free bike classes for beginners and advanced bikers. There will also be a family biking class and families will receive free bikes.

Fulton County Commissioner Marvin Arrington Jr.'s Office

- New Spring Newsletter
- There will be a Family Fun Day on May 4th from 10am-2pm.
- There is a summer camp for children age 10-18 focused on writing.
- The phone number is 404.613.0203

Association business

- Treasury Report
 - There is a \$1774.66 balance in the account.
 - Dues don't run on a calendar year and residents are welcome to make a donation beyond dues. Dues are \$20.
 - The neighborhood association has a SquareUp link to pay dues and donate:
<https://squareup.com/store/shna>
 - An audit will be done by 3 people from the community. These members are Dionne Steward, Kennard Hilliard, and Janet James-Carney.

- A proposed budget of \$30 will be spent on snacks for the meetings. Snacks will rollover if there are leftovers. There were 9 votes to support and 1 abstention.
- Bylaw Discussion - Gamba
 - The proposed bylaws were discussed. They changes that were made to the previous bylaws were discussed in great detail.
 - The proposed idea was to post the new bylaws to social media in order for the community to review them in great detail. The motion to extend the bylaw vote until next meeting was granted with 8 votes of approval.
- Beautification Committee- Melissa
 - Reviewed clean up with Buckhead Church and Habitat for Humanity.
 - The community discussed concerns on Hood, Astor, Evans, and Estes.

Motions

- Kelly Santiago- Liquor License
 - Kelly Santiago represented her client and new owner of Food Mart on 1709 Sylvan Road.
 - The ownership has been transferred and they need to renew the liquor license.
 - 1 abstention and 7 approve

Community Discussions

- James Birch Miller is an architect that is proposing to renovate a house in the community. The house has been empty for 10 years. There is a great deal of vandalism and poor architecture that is still existing. They plan to renovate the house using as much of the previous house as possible. The community has 9 votes to support this project.
- Business Breakfast was introduced to the community as a way to bring business members together. The details are still being sorted out as to what and where it will be. More details are to come.
- Lakewood Amphitheater Grant: The next grant opportunity will be on July 1st. The funds that are being asked for will go towards the completion of the neighborhood sign. The communities opinions and help is needed to complete this task.
- Flag Update: There was a meeting with the company that will be completing the creation and printing of the flag. A sample flag was brought to show new material of flag. More details are to come as the process continues.

Announcements

- Next Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting – Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church.
- Blendz Cafe - Keisha
 - New business opened in Sylvan Hills selling food and cafe items.
 - They offer sweet and healthy foods. They have smoothies, coffee, snacks and small pastories.
 - Their hours are 7am to 7pm. Their policy is to close when it is dark.
 - They will be having a taste testing on their coffee's very soon.

Adjournment

- The meeting ended at 7:45p.m.