

Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association

February 28, 2019 - Meeting Minutes

Call to order and attendance

A meeting of Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association was held at New Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on February 28, 2019. The meeting began at approximately 6:28 p.m.. Attendees included approximately 25 residents, community representatives and visitors. Melissa Hughley provided snacks and water for attendees.

Reports

Atlanta Police Department, Zone 3 – Officer Demaso (Filling in for Officer Baldini)

- Information Distributed
 - Call 911 for any suspicious activity
 - Call Zone 3 Precinct for non-emergency calls: 404.624.0674
 - Protect houses by getting a security system or Ring Doorbell
 - Call ahead when leaving out of town
- Community Concerns:
 - Parking in bike lane on Sylvan Rd

District 12 Update - Councilmember Joyce Shepard's

- Sylvan Circle Development (apartments) - They are going to be affordable housing apartments that will hopefully bring some small businesses in the development.
- CD 12 Neighborhood Blueprint utilizes federal opportunity zones to invest in our community
 - <https://sites.google.com/view/atldistrict12/documents>
- They will be starting construction of the Police Zone 3 Precinct on Metropolitan. They have allocated funds and are incorporating local arts in the community rooms.
- Urban League of Atlanta is offering a Film and Television Career and Small Business Symposium and Expo to the community on March 30th
 - Free but you must register:
 - <http://ulgatl.org/events/atlanta-2019-film-and-television-symposium/>
 - Experts from Tyler Perry Studios, Georgia Film Academy, EUE/Screen Gems Studios and many more
- Homestead Exemption should be filed by April 1 in order to halt an increase in taxes.
- Legislation passed for speed bumps on Brewer; now awaiting on funds.
- Joyce's contact information: 404.303.6053

Association business

- Treasury Report
 - There is a \$1,727.55 balance in the account with recurring expenses going to Legal Zoom.
 - We paid our \$30 annual registration fee to the state of GA but we will need to file a 990-e postcard for federal taxes.

- o Dues don't run on a calendar year and residents are welcome to make a donation beyond dues.
- o The neighborhood association has a SquareUp link to pay dues and donate: <https://squareup.com/store/shna>
- Habitat For Humanity: Tia McCoy
 - o Habitat owns 10 acres on the west side of Sylvan Hills. They will be starting Building the Block project and are acquiring input from the neighborhood. They will be sending out another survey to the neighborhood.
 - o Habitat now has a new designer that will help create and envision the land.
 - o They hope to be ready for construction at the end of the year.
 - o April 13th 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - There will be a team of volunteers to help clean up Sylvan Hills. They have targeted our neighborhood for this project. General beautification and tire pick up are of focus.
- Pond
 - o Related to Fort McPherson: they will be hosting a walk audit on March 9th, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.. They want to further develop how the community will be able to access Ft. McPherson
 - o RSVP by Wednesday, March 6 to Torri Hill at fortmac@tcfatl.com or 404-684-7031
- Harrington Office District 5:
 - o Distributed newsletter for the district
 - o Discussed potential housing assistance for seniors

Motions

- Barrett and Symone Property Managers: Nakia Strong
 - o Needs to enclose the dumpster in the Sylvan Plaza. They will need to add two feet of concrete to enclose the dumpster. The Neighborhood voted to support this project. 17 votes of approval.

Community Discussions

- Place Making Project: discussed applying for the placemaking project to beautify the existing bus stops on Sylvan Road near Cafe Ulu. The community supported this project. They also brought about a potential other project of beautifying a space near Sylvan and Astor.
- Introduced the new suggestions box that will be at every meeting.
- Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Sign: The previous spot that had been considered for the neighborhood sign is privately owned. A letter will be sent to those owners to ask if a sign on that property would be acceptable.
- Previous Peeping Tom has been caught.

Announcements

- Next Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting – Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. We will be discussing committees and bylaws.

Adjournment

- The meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.