

Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association June 27, 2019 - Meeting Minutes

Call to order and attendance

A meeting of Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association was held at New Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on March 27, 2019. The meeting began at approximately 6:35. Attendees included approximately 15 residents, community representatives, and visitors.

Reports

Atlanta Police Department, Zone 3 – Lt. Baldini

- Information Distributed
 - The most common crime in the neighborhood is petty theft with cars. Baldini expressed that people need to be cautious about what is left in their cars.
 - There has been some crime around the neighborhood like shoplifting, aggravated assault, youth crime and shooting crime.
 - Freak Nik went well this past weekend.
 - Parks are a larger issue during the summer.
- Community Concerns:
 - ATV and Bike riders with no helmet. Baldini expressed the need to call 911 when these things are seen.
 - 4th of July brings about partying. It is the springboard for mischief with guns, alcohol and drugs. Baldini encourages everyone to call 911.
 - There was an incident earlier in the day at the Texaco involving two people. One person was shot in the legs once in both legs.
 - Dumping on Estes and around the neighborhood is a constant problem. There is a car body that is on Estes currently. Atlanta Neighborhood Development Project owns the lot on Estes.

District 12 Update

- No representative from Joyce Shepherd's office

Association business

- Treasury Report
 - There is a \$1830.60 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>
 - We now have a \$30 budget for snack and drink budget for the meetings.
 - The audit team reviewed our documents. Since there was no previous year budget, the audit team gave suggestions on how to proceed. There will be a focus group starting in August to build a budget.

- NPU-X Chair Michael Hopkins
 - NPU-X meetings are held the second Monday of the month.
 - There are funds to provide cooling through the Laheif Program. They are currently out of money but will be receiving more soon. Contact is 404.320.6715
 - Georgia Power has a monthly discount for seniors that provides \$18 off their bill. You must qualify for the program with an income at <\$24,000 a year.
 - Rain barrels and compost barrels classes are being offered through at the waterworks lodge for \$40.
 - Fort McPherson is calling for 14 art pieces soon. More details to come.
 - Nehemiah Project CDC is a non profit that provides plumbing for qualifying people.
 - The Census 2020 is paying \$17-\$18 to work events. You cannot be a felon to apply.
 - The NPU-X completed a grant that will provide different things for each neighborhood.
 - Oak Hill offers free groceries when accompanied by a 30 minute seminar. They are apart of Fulton Fresh.

Motions

- Bylaws
 - There was a motion on the floor to move the bylaw vote to a later date. 8 people approved.

Community Discussions

- Flag Update: Flags are available for purchase. The price is \$35 for 24” by 18” and \$65 24” by 36”. The neighborhood can purchase through this link <https://shna.secure-decoration.com> that can be found on facebook, SHNA website and Nextdoor.
- Place Making Project: We were awarded the grant for \$25,000 that will beautify parts of Sylvan Hills. There will be focus groups that will allow the community to have some input as to what the updates will look like.
- Business Breakfast: The business breakfast was a success. There were some people that came and participated.
- The Race: There will be a race that comes on October 5th. The leaders of The Race will come to the July Neighborhood meeting.
- Trick or Trunk: The neighborhood wants to complete an activity with the church. The Trick or Trunk in October. Not many details are out yet. They will follow up at the next meeting.
- Habitat for Humanity - Tia : July 11 will be the next meeting for the development. The three lots on the top of Hood St. are going to break ground in January-February timeframe.

Announcements

- Next Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting – Thursday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church.

Adjournment

- The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.