

# Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association

## September 26, 2019 - Meeting Minutes

### Call to order and attendance

A meeting of Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association was held at New Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on September 26, 2019. The meeting began at approximately 6:30. Attendees included approximately 20 residents, community representatives and visitors. Melissa Hughley introduced executive board and the meeting began.

### Reports

#### Code Enforcement- Vincent Jeter

- Call 311 or download app to file a complaint.
- There has been several cases created throughout the neighborhood that they will be working on in the upcoming weeks.
- An area on Estes is a huge concern for the neighborhood with the amount of garbage and construction supplies dumped in that area. A fence was once installed and people stole it. The owner of the land is responsible for the trash that is currently on site.
- The process when a complaint is filed on unknown parcels of land: Research is done in order to find the owner. They then reach out to owners. Two weeks are given for the owner to reach back out to code enforcement. If the owner does not reach out, the case is then taken care of at court.

#### District 12 Update - Clifford Ice (for Councilmember Joyce Sheperd)

- Contact information: (404) 330- 6053
- Atlanta Street Alive is an event that is going to be held on Sunday September 29, 2019. Streets are shut down and an artist market is to be held at The Met.
- There will be a meeting held to discuss Murphy Crossing on Wednesday October 9 at 6:30pm.
- Atlanta Airport is holding a career fair at the Georgia Convention Center on October 8th from 10am-2pm. \$5 parking at the event. 60 employers will be present.
- 874 vaccinations were administered at the Healthy Pets event.

#### Department of Public Works

##### First Speaker: Garvin Baptiste- Sweet Team Manager

- Contact Information: (470) 322-7186 and gbaptiste@atlantaga.gov
- Scooters cannot be picked up from private properties. Only scooters in streets and sidewalks can be handled by Public Works.
- 311 is used as a tracking system. Use 311 to file complaints.
- If a dumpster overflows, a citation is given.
- There is a new officer in the area that will be at the next NPU X meeting.
- Neighborhood Concerns
  - AT&T cut pole and left them in a yard. 311 should be notified.
  - Creek dumping: that is an area of concern for APD and code because of illegal dumping.
  - bulk trash: call and schedule pick up. trash can be left outside 7pm the night before pickup.

##### Second Speaker: Robert Whitehead: Manager of Solid Waste Collection

- Contact Information: (404) 597-8514

- There will be a courtesy ticket when there is street dumping outside that is not scheduled.
- Neighborhood Concern: Yard Trimming pick up rushes through neighborhood and misses limbs. Those individuals will be notified.

### Third Speaker: Kanika Greenlee: Public Works

- Keep Atlanta Beautiful!
- They offer free cleanup supplies if a group or the neighborhood wants to organize a cleanup, supplies will be provided.
- Adopt a Spot allows groups to keep supplies in order to have 4 clean ups per year.
- Trash Can assessment can provide trash cans for areas that are heavily trafficked and litter is abundant.
- A search engine on public works website allows you to type in items in order to know where items can be recycled at.
- There will be a 6 month recycle bin study. This is where recycle bins from all over the city will be sorted through in order to monitor what is going into the bin. A notification will be given if some bins have items that should not be recycled. Plastic bags should not be in the recycle bin. Items should not be bagged in the recycle bin. These groups will spend 4 weeks in each area of the city.
- There is a program that provides supplies to beautify a spot. This could be providing a few bushes or trees to an area that is in need.
- The 3rd Saturday of each month a recycling event is held at Greenbriar Mall. This event is from 9am to noon.
- Public Works is working with APS in order to educate students.
- Contact Information: kabc@atlantaga.gov

### Forth Speaker: Commissioner Jackson

- The rate has increased this past year. The rate had not increased in 14 years. Therefore, many things were not effective any longer. There are now 49 new pieces of equipment that will aid in the beautification of Atlanta.
- Please call employees who pick up trash and recycling sanitation engineers.
- There will be a sweeper that comes through 3 times a year. There is talk of increasing the amount of street sweeps.

### Fulton County Commissioner Marvin Arrington Jr.'s Office - No attendance

## Association business

- Treasury Report
  - There is a balance of \$1784.27 in the account.
  - \$20 voluntary dues a year.
  - There was review of the proposed budget. There were 8 votes for the budget approval.

## Motions

- There is a dilapidated house that is located on the corner of Sylvan and Deckner that was to be redone. The owner and manager of the project recently came to a meeting in hopes of being able to salvage as much of the house as possible. After several engineers visited the property, no parts of the original

house will be saved. The neighborhood voted to approve only the tear down of the original house. 10 votes approved this motion.

## Community Discussions

- Habitat for Humanity: The next meeting will be Monday 10:30-12:30 at the Metropolitan Library. There will be two more sessions until they have a plan to present at a meeting. Lots at the top of Hood will begin construction mid January. This should be 2 or 3 lots.

## Announcements

- Next Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting – Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church.

## Adjournment

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