



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2015

6:30 pm

Antioch East Baptist Church

Meeting called by:

Omar Zaki

Scribe

Tonya Toland

Agenda

New Member Recognition

Community Efforts

- Amy Erwin with Candler Park Conservancy regarding community input for the newly formed 501c3 regarding Candler Park and formulating a master plan.
 - The organization's focus is to enhance the sustainability of the park; focus on the community's needs.
 - To augment additional support of the park beyond the basic services performed by the City of Atlanta
- Derek Pinson from the Edgewood Community Learning Garden regarding the Fall Roots Festival and construction of a new Garden Community Center.
 - The introductions of, Lauren - newly hired Educator, with a focus on elementary school outreach programs
 - Fall Roots Festival, Sunday, **November 15th, 1p – 4pm**; family-oriented event
 - Come out to enjoy a DJ, music, food trucks, games, etc.
 - Soon breaking ground for a new community center entails an open floor plan; slated for completion in spring/summer 2016.
- Viashali Biraj and Erica Nimmons regarding Communities in Schools (CIS)

Contact:

URL: www.cisatlanta.org

Phone Number: 404-897-2390

- Nation's largest "Drop Out Prevention Organization" dedicated to keeping kids in school and graduating.
 - Now in 20 Atlanta/Georgia schools (approx. 18,000 students)
 - Will now provide private tutoring services to those students affected by the CRCT cheating scandal; now hiring 24 student support coaches in support of this initiative.
- Maynard Jackson High School is pursuing an **International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme** (3-4 year approval process)
 - Received a grant to fund 50% of the dollars need to provide computers to the gifted students
 - Seeking the communities financial support for the remaining dollars needed (approx. \$1,350)
 - Donations can be made online @ Donors Choose: http://www.donorschoose.org/project/21st-century-learning-the-king-way/1633692/?rf=link-siteshare-2015-10-teacher-teacher_3028086&challengeid=20618630



- Information can be found: <http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/myp-ibresources>
- Seeking community input for the program via a survey monkey
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M52D22G>
- Building bridges between the middle schools with a math competition
 - Tuesday, November 17th (4:30pm to 7:00pm)
 - M.L. King Jr Middle School
- “Love your Block” Grant submissions:
 - Ed Peal: Edgewood Entrance Mural update
Contact: epealcom@yahoo.com
 - Did NOT meet the October 15th deadline; no submission was made; artist wanted the neighborhood’s input prior to application submission
 - Will pursue a spring 2016 application submission; will return to the neighborhood for input/support
 - KaeAnne Parris : Edgewood Photo Collage near Moreland and Memorial
Contact: kaeanneparris11@gmail.com
 - Submitted a “black/white photo collage” of Edgewood residents; possibly 400 individuals (represents 10% of the neighborhoods population). The collage would be in the shape of the words “Edgewood”.
 - She would reach out to the neighborhood to obtain their portraits to be used in the photo collage
 - Location: Moreland & Memorial intersection; huge concrete wall
 - **Note:** These “block grants” are literally for **EACH** block within our neighborhood (which is why the funds are in small increments of \$1,000). Therefore, multiple residents can submit applications for “block grants” throughout Edgewood.
- Omar Zaki, in Travis Peterman’s absence, regarding Edgewood “Indiegogo Campaign” Update
 - The campaign has ended
 - Some of the funds raised will be used to purchase additional banners to be sold at the ONE meetings
 - Travis will reach out to each individual regarding their order/pickup details
- Greg Giuffrida from Atlanta Downtown regarding the Neighborhood Fund
 - Leveraging the “Imagine Memorial Study” and tying all the existing plans together
 - Partnering with GDOT on Memorial Drive projects, which is state owned highway. Conflicts of interest can be challenge state needs **vs.** city of Atlanta’s needs.
 - Proposing a “traffic study” for the entire length of Memorial Drive providing much needed data for all projects along Memorial Drive
 - Proposed “redesign” of Arkwright and Moreland intersection has been in the pipeline for some time; addresses the issue of the two traffic lights located to each other
 - **“Proposed”** design would close vehicle access on Arkwright; becomes a dedicated pedestrian/bicycle crosswalk
 - More details to come later; GDOT will solicit the community’s input/feedback



- Leggett & Platt factory located at the intersection of Bill Kennedy & Memorial Drive has been put up for sale
 - Bids are now taking place
 - Largest piece of land along the “Beltline”
 - Reynoldstown concerned citizens are working with interested parties to ensure the communities needs are addressed
- Paces Property is finalizing the purchase of the shopping center located on Memorial Drive; next to Walker Park
 - Discussions are taking place regarding the development of the property (which is in a flood zone)

Old Business

City Government Reports

- Valencia Hudson, Public Safety Liaison
 - Several neighbors reported some issues to Valencia for resolution, such as the following:
 - **Question: “How does a neighborhood get speed bumps”?**
Response:
 - Contact Dept of Public Works, who will send a petition to the requestor and the individual MUST obtain 75% of the HOMEOWNERS signature (not renters). In addition, Public Works will also complete an assessment of the traffic speed on the street.
 - Of note, some streets are never considered for speed bumps; need to allow for emergency vehicles.
- 2. **Question: “How to handle shopping carts littered in the neighborhood”?**
Response:
 - To contact the shopping cart property owners (i.e. Lowe’s, Kroger, Target, etc.) and they will come and retrieve them.

APD Zone 6, Lt. Carter

- Concerned neighbors wanted to address the several gunfire incidents; a meeting attendee reported bullets fired into her home.
 - Lt. Carter reported “illegal street gambling” was the underlying cause to one of the incidents

Edgewood Shining Stars

Attended the 2015 Senior Citizens Ball; more than 5,500 seniors (largest attendance record).

Next Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2015 @ 6:30pm

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:00pm