



Oakland City Community Organization
General Body Meeting | March 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

I. Welcome – Terra Washington, OCCO President

- a. Vaccines are now open to all Georgians 16+ beginning on Thursday! Please use the state's site to sign up: <https://myvaccinegeorgia.com/>
- b. Nick suggests removing password from our posts and emails of meeting links to avoid Zoom bombers.
- c. Several people still having issues with Zoom link on the OCCOATL.org site. Alex will ask Dillon to fix the link.

II. Approve February Minutes – Laura Glass-Hess, OCCO Parliamentarian

- a. Kyle motions to approve.
- b. Allison seconds.
- c. Motion passes. Minutes are approved.

III. Treasurer's Report – Allison Myrick, OCCO Treasurer

- a. Allison shared a correction from the February meeting.
- b. \$5,093.43 starting balance
- c. Deposits totaling \$353.79. All banners purchased have been delivered. Please contact Allison if ordered one and want to coordinate delivery. treasurer@occoatl.org
- d. \$31.67 of accidental Amazon charges (Allison's personal on accident). She will deposit that plus \$10 donation to the account.
- e. Mailing postcards to all of Oakland City (1300 postcards) was \$1275 plus \$50 to pull address.
- f. Allison will go to the bank to ask if they will waive fees since we are nonprofits (\$5 monthly fee). We bank with Citizens Trust, FYI.
- g. Balance as of 3/17/21: \$4,102.76

IV. Illegal Dumping Community Response – Terra Washington, OCCO President & Jason Murphy, OCCO Code Enforcement Chair

- a. In late February, 18 wheeler truck that tried to discard entire truck of office furniture onto Tucker Avenue site where Atlanta Land Trust will be building affordable housing.
- b. OCCO executive board took action. We wrote a letter to the company, Fox Moving, with a video of the incident, as well as a press release that we shopped around to local media outlets (though we didn't get any takers).
- c. The letter made its way to Fox Moving. They fired the driver responsible for the infraction. Fox Moving said that his dumping was his "side hustle" hauling junk (though they did not explain why he was able to use their truck to do so).
- d. Carissa will be inviting Fox Moving to participate in community clean-ups. If they can't participate, will ask that they donate to the community to make right.
- e. Page asks if we can organize a street watch for dumping. Street captains could be tasked with doing this.
- f. If you are interested in serving as a street captain for your block, please email occoatl.org with your name and street and we will get with you on duties, like trash clean up, checking on seniors, and monitoring for illegal dumping.

- g. Jason Murphy, OCCO Code Enforcement Chair, has been on it reporting to ATL311 – Please email or text him photos if you see illegal dumping taking place. He needs photo and address to report to the city. You can also call 311 yourself and make note of the case number. Share that with Jason so he knows it has been reported.
 - i. Email: code@occoatl.org OR jason2371@gmail.com
 - ii. Text: Jason Murphy 718-724-4424

V. Atlanta Police Department Zone 4 Update – Captain Jeff Cantin

- a. Zone 4 Meeting - Tuesday, March 30, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- b. *Alex shares screen for crime report for February 23 – March 23 for Zone 4. Alex will include in her email with the minutes.*
- c. In short, car break ins have been the biggest issue in the community from APD’s perspective. They know the culprit and he is also hitting Westend. Two guys driving in a stolen car.
- d. Councilwoman Winslow is donating some of her funds for License Plate Readers for the district.
- e. Jason M. asks if we can have some more patrols in the neighborhood – some regular faces. Captain says they are experiencing a shortage of officers, but will get three new officers graduating from the Academy (evening watch 2 p.m. – 10 p.m.) in about 30 days. This is our busiest time. Oakland City typically has more incidents 1 p.m. – midnight.
- f. Sabrina Moore asks – Lives off of Lawton/Peeples. Lot of shooting activity, including this past weekend. Where is this captured in the APD report presented by the Captain? Under aggravated assault? Sabrina shares Jason’s sentiment that we want more of a presence. Office patrol was there within minutes – thank you. Captain Cantin says they are trying. There are days where OCCO has one or two of the APD cars dedicated to our neighborhood.
- g. Page asks: Peeples and White Oak – corner that has a lot of drug activity. Are they aware? Yes. APEX unit has a list of the drug houses in the neighborhood, but they are strapped because they are covering the entire city. Sometimes APEX also gets pulled for special detail so that slows them down.
- h. Second question: street bikes from Avon to White Street at 5 p.m. doing wheelies throughout traffic on Lee. Yes, they are familiar. Page says the owners live on Arlington and do it almost every day. Captain Cantin says please send info to him.
 - i. Captain Cantin – Jcantin@Atlantaga.gov
- i. Darryl asks about youth programming. Captain Cantin says: Let’s ask the folks buying the site at Tyler Perry Studios to invest. Also, work with Atlanta Police Foundation and their At Promise Center.
- j. Karen asks that Captain Cantin share the info for the town hall. Included here:
 - i. Zone 4 Virtual Townhall Meeting with APD
 - ii. Event Timing: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6pm
 - iii. Event Address: Virtual Meeting via Zoom
 - iv. **Zoom link will be emailed upon successful registration
 - v. **This event is limited to residents and business owners of Zone 4
 - vi. Register to attend and submit your questions using this link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWvKVIN3dq5Vq0U56WfRzL61ykrEd0u6MCn9sk7bFM1tPzcQ/viewform?gxids=7628>

VI. Committee Updates – Chairs

- a. Public Safety & Roads – Nicole Kimes
 - i. Captain Cantin’s update covered most of the news.
 - ii. Nicole has been in contact with companies that provide License Plate Readers to understanding pricing and options.
- b. Historic Preservation – Chika

- i. Good news - Many buildings that have received stop work permits are doing the right thing and going for permitting and before the Urban Design Commission.
 - ii. When you see people working on a site with a yellow “Stop work” order, you can call Atlanta Police Department, or let Chika know (email below) and she will report.
 - iii. Biggest problems in the neighborhood for Historic: working without permits, applying for inside only but working on the outside, work that is out of scope (for example, can’t change size and placement of windows on historic homes).
 - iv. To join the committee or for questions, email Chika at historiccoco@gmail.com
- c. Zoning – Kyle Lamont
 - i. Tucker Avenue/Atlanta Land Trust project will give info later tonight so not too many updates.
 - ii. Zoning committee will meet second week in April about zoning to discuss the BeltLine’s subarea 2 master plan. Look for more info in your email over the next week.
 - iii. Laura sits on Murphy’s Crossing Neighborhood Alliance board. Trying to influence development and makes sure neighborhood is heard.
 - 1. Looking for OCCO neighbors to join her on this board!
 - 2. Email Laura at laura.glasshess@gmail.com if you’d like to join.
 - iv. T.D. Jakes – new potential buyer at Fort McPherson – Community Engagement subcommittee is looking into this. Kyle and Judy Walker sit on that committee. Buyer has never come to this committee about this. Everyone was blindsided by this. Stay tuned for more information. There is another Fort Mac Community Engagement meeting tomorrow so more soon.
 - 1. Judy Walker has talked to elected officials and our resident who is on the board.
 - 2. This development has been pending for 15 years and Judy has been involved.
 - 3. Subcommittee meetings are open to everyone. Meeting is tomorrow at 5:30. To join:
 - a. Fort Mac LRA-Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting (CES)-
 - b. 3/24/2021 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 - c. Zoom Meeting-<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87057433006...>
 - d. Meeting ID: 870 5743 3006
 - e. Passcode: 466343
 - f. One tap mobile 929-205-6099,87057433006#
 - 4. Allison asks who should we reach out to express our dismay about the lack of communication with the community? Judy says at the end of the meeting tomorrow for public comment. Or you can write a letter to Joyce Shepherd, who is the city council person who sits on the board.
- d. Gardens & Trees – Mike McCord, Alex Dileo
 - i. Ivy removal project – 161 trees saved in the neighborhood! This weekend is our last weekend for the program, though you can still pay Community Foodscapes (\$50 per tree) to come out and help you with removal. Come volunteer and learn on Saturday at Cathedral of Faith 9-12. You can email Alex at secretary@occoatl.org for more info.
 - ii. Campbellton Community Garden – Looking for volunteers every Saturday 10-12. Email Mike McCord to get involved. Cofo.mike@gmail.com
- e. Beautification – Carissa Zedaker
 - i. Clean-up is this Saturday from 10-12 on Wilmington/Arlington. Carissa will have supplies.
 - ii. Carissa will update the OCCOAtl.org calendar with the correct clean up dates. We do at least two per month.

- f. Seniors & Youth Engagement – **Looking for chair/co-chairs*
 - i. Read Across America – 25 volunteers who read to Finch students on Zoom. We also provided reading goodie bags to all students with a book, pencils, etc.
 - ii. Senior engagement – Canvassing coming this spring.
 - iii. Please reach out to Terra at president@occoatl.org if you are interested in leading up this committee.

VII. Public Officials & Community Partner Updates – Various

- a. Councilwoman Cleta Winslow
 - i. Clean up this weekend – CM Winslow’s office will provide supplies (PPE, bags, etc.). Carissa to follow-up.
 - ii. Vaccines – if you know of a senior who needs assistance with transportation to the Saint Peter Missionary Baptist Church April 1-3 for vaccines, CM Winslow’s office is coordinating transit so let him know.
 - iii. Contact info: Demetrius Myatt - jdmyatt@atlantaga.gov (email)
Demetrius.myatt@fultoncountyga.gov (email address) 251-234-9540 (personal number) 404-822-9265 (county cell)
 - iv. Cleta Winslow joins later in the meeting – shared that they have been working on daylighting the creek through Bush Mountain with OCCO – reminds us that money is coming from the SPLOST (special purpose local option sales tax) that we are paying for.
- b. Representative Natalie Hall
 - i. Coordinate with Demetrius if we need her to be at our meetings. If there are specific services we need to discuss for Fulton County, she can bring one of the chairs.
 - ii. See above contact.
- c. Representative Stacey Evans – Absent this evening.
- d. West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA) & Outdoor Activity Center
 - i. Dr. Erica Holloman-Hill – absent tonight; Daryl said move ahead with Barry’s presentation
 - ii. Barry Fagan, Volkert Design Firm – *Shares screen for presentation on Stream Restoration Project for the Outdoor Activity Center* – daylighting the creek. Many years in the making.
 - iii. Volkert is leading the team. Kyle Lamont is the student representation (OCCO neighbor).
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. Aaron Estis – Lives at Merrill and Oakland Drive. Why does steam come out sometimes? Darryl says its part of Dept. of Watershed’s property... probably experiences a lot of temperature variation. Not necessarily part of this project because CM Winslow takes care of it – property that is across from the store – hopeful that DWM will eventually give it to OAC but not yet.
 - v. Kyle Lamont putting on hikes every two weeks at OAC. Next one will be first Saturday in April. Come out and learn about the history! OCCO will put info on our website and send out.
- e. Atlanta BeltLine – absent this evening.
- f. Atlanta Land Trust – *Karen shares her screen with slides*
 - i. Karen Babino, Stewardship Manager at ALT presents
 - ii. kbabino@atlandtrust.org
 - iii. ATL is a three person team
 - iv. Working with Intown Builders to construct Tucker Avenue affordable housing project
 - 1. Townhome community at 1091 Tucker Avenue
 - 2. Will be putting up a silk fence to help curb dumping

3. Construction will be done in two phases – first phase is 15 units. Groundbreaking third quarter 2021. Construction to begin fourth quarter of 2021.
 4. *Karen shows rendering that reflects historic standards.*
 5. Will not have garages as were in early plans.
 6. 36 townhomes in total, spanning 5 buildings.
 7. 1.7 acres in total.
 8. 52 parking spaces.
 9. Register for next community info session on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 10-12 on their website atlantalandtrust.org
 10. If you would like to be placed on the list of interested buyers email: kbabino@atlandtrust.org
 11. Questions: Terra asks whether they will be pre-fabricated, as were originally contemplated? No, it ended up being more cost-effective to build on site.
 12. Winnie asks is there no longer a play space for kids as originally intended? Kyle answers no, ALT decided that they did not want to pre-determine the uses of the open space, but to rather leave that up to tenants.
- g. NPU-S – Nick Hess
- i. Nick Hess, Chair: Nick Hess, NPU-S Chair
(404) 890 0089 chair@npu-s.org
 - ii. Reminder that NPUs are the way that the city talks with citizens.
 - iii. Meetings are every third Thursday. Next meeting: April 15.
 1. General meeting every third Thursday @ 7pm. Next meeting 4/15
Register at <http://bit.ly/NPUS-Meeting-Register>
 - iv. Recruiting for committees:
 1. Committee meetings:
+ Policy 1st Saturday @ 1pm (next 1/3) @ meet.google.com/rbh-ptwd-efj
 2. + Zoning/Land Use 1st Wednesday @6:15 (next 4/7)
meet.google.com/hoi-bzjq-ytu
 3. + Quality of Life 2nd Thursday @ 6:30 (next 4/8) meet.google.com/rbh-ptwd-efj
 4. + Assistant Services 3d Wednesday @ 7pm (next 4/21)
meet.google.com/rbh-ptwd-efj
 - v. Starting up lawn care program, thanks to grant funding. Nick will be calling seniors who were enrolled last year. Please send seniors his way, or if you'd like to volunteer to mow lawns, please send his way.
- h. Friends of John A. White Park – Dawn Alta
- i. Dawn is the new chair for the group, lives on Chatham/really close. Her husband works for Community Foodscapes!
 - ii. Relaunching this Friends of Group (Started in 2020 but was put on hold due to pandemic).
 - iii. Looking for community input:
 1. Survey here:
<https://fs19.formsite.com/atlantafalcons/33wzuno21z/index.html> and brainstorming Zoom her: Topic: John A White Park - Friends Group Meeting
Time: Apr 1, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87998818305?pwd=T1RCNzg3UHgraHNZd1Z4ckh2TXk3dz09>

Meeting ID: 879 9881 8305

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VIII. Discussion & Wrap-up – Terra Washington, OCCO President

- a. Jason Dozier, District 4 City Council candidate, joins New emails
 - i. Marieh Scales – Atlanta native, moved here last April. Montreat/Hall
 - ii. Mary Pittman – First time joining a meeting. Live off of Wyland Avenue. Been in this neighborhood over 40 years. 404-748-4206. Looks forward to joining next month!
 - iii. Sam and Britney Wagstaff – Oakland Drive (Terra’s neighbors); want to get plugged in
- b. Add to email list:
 - i. Lula Ballton - Lulaballton@gmail.com
 - ii. Page Bondurant - Pagebond08@gmail.com