



Oakland City Community Organization

General Body Meeting | February 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Welcome & Announcements** **Terra Washington, President**
- a. Get Involved! Join a Committee & Become a Street Captain
 - b. Folks reported some issues with the website link. ID and password are correct. Alex will follow up with Dillon to correct on the website.
- II. Vote on January Minutes** **Laura Glass-Hess, Parliamentarian**
- a. Kyle motions, Mary seconds. No opposition.
 - b. Motion passes, minutes are accepted.
- III. Treasurer's Report** **Allison Myrick, Secretary**
- a. Last month, our balance was \$6000.
 - b. Took in about \$300 for memberships.
 - i. Cashapp issues – Allison will follow up with anyone whose payment was returned to them (Geno, Alex, others)
 - ii. Allison is having some issues accepting but will troubleshoot.
 - iii. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so for 2021. Paypal, cashapp, check, cash.
 - iv. Mary will call Allison about dues and Allison can pick up.
 - c. Expenses: \$1,058 (yard signs, website hosting, flyers). Using McNealy & Associates for printers. They are in the community.
- IV. APD Zone 4 Update** **Captain Jeff Cantin**
- a. Neighborhood Canvas – This Thursday at 4:00 p.m. – This is for the murder of David Ezra Mack, who was murdered at John A. White Park. Volunteers will meet up and knock doors for 1.5 hours.
 - i. Anyone interested, please put your information in the chat and we will send you the details.
 - b. Inspector Hebert joined in Captain Cantin's place. She is the Crime Prevention expert for Zone 4.
 - c. She will speak with Captain Cantin about getting a Zone 4 meeting set up to hear concerns outside of the general body meeting.
 - d. Nicole Kimes, Chair: Working to get a time on the calendar for March that will be once per month meeting with APD. She is looking into us starting our own community watch.
 - e. Inspector Hebert was cutting out a bit... she will email details.
- V. Committee Updates** **Chairs**
- a. Public Safety

- i. Last week's small meet and greet with the officers. Officers shared some challenges they are facing and introduced a few of the beat officers who will respond to homes if there are issues.
 - ii. Once the weather improves, we can host outdoor "coffee with the cops" and other street by street meet-and-greets.
 - 1. Carissa Zedaker is happy to host in her yard.
- b. Beautification
 - i. Code Enforcement – Jason Murphy
 - 1. Jason has been in constant communication with Officer Muckle, who is assigned to our area.
 - 2. Found some big cases on Peeples.
 - 3. Partnering with Toby Reinhardt of Keep SWATS Beautiful. He is here at our meeting and will join as well.
 - 4. Report to ATL311 *and* send the report to Jason. Send photos when you can.
 - 5. Jason's contact info is: jason2371@gmail.com
 - ii. Neighborhood Clean Up – Carissa Zedaker
 - 1. March 13 and March 27, April 10 and April 24 all from 10 – noon
 - 2. Meet at James Orange Park until Carissa chooses the pick up locations.
 - 3. Carissa has reached out to Keep Atlanta Beautiful and Keep SWATS Clean. Rogelio Arcelis has also been doing cleanups. He can also speak at the end to partnership.
- c. Historic Preservation
 - i. Chika is working to get a handle on the active construction.
 - ii. Primary focus is investor owned.
 - iii. City has done two sweeps for Historic Oakland City, and will do another before March 1.
 - iv. Geno Yoscovits asks if there are standards he can adhere to as he rebuilds his house. Check out occoatl.org/historic
 - v. James Keon asks about a specific violation. Advised to take offline with Chika.
 - 1. Chika quickly addressed – stop work placed. Court date in March. Starting to take actions to remove the paint.
 - vi. Elijah is interested in joining Chika's committee.
- d. Zoning
 - i. Great meeting last week. A few updates:
 - 1. Made recommendation to delay the NPU vote on master plan subarea so that OCCO can comment. Missing spur trails originally envisioned, side walks, etc. Having dedicated meeting.
 - a. BeltLine Sub Area 1 Master Plan Neighborhood Revisions Meeting – March 3 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
 - 2. Atlanta Land Trust – 27 homes proposed for Tucker Ave. UDC approved last week. They recommended that they add gables to all of the fronting town homes. They also made recommendations on siding etc to align with historic guidelines.
 - 3. Fort Mac board meeting last week – Not a whole lot happened. They had a board resignation so haven't been meeting because didn't have quorum. They did report on building where FDA will

be moving into. Delayed because of COVID-19. LRA did make a \$70K sale for street light improvements at Tyler Perry Way/Lee Street and the entrance to Fort Mac. Georgia Power is buying very small portion of land to hold the light, versus light going across the street. LRA board felt that it was lucrative enough to move forward with.

4. Lee + White – Attended sub-committee meeting last week. New office spaces, food hall will be built.
5. Murphy's Crossing is pursuing either 501c3 or CDC. Putting funds from developer into fund to benefit the neighborhood.
6. Dr. Minor asks: is there a displacement fund? Kyle said he will send information out from what the BeltLine shared.
 - a. Kyle says that Dr. Minor has been instrumental in this.
 - b. City of Atlanta also says they are exploring anti-displacement funds.
 - c. Kyle will keep the neighborhood informed.
 - d. Kyle to send out BeltLine anti-displacement fund information.

e. Gardens & Trees

i. Free Ivy Removal for Neighbors

1. Saved 38 trees last weekend!
2. Volunteering every weekend through the end of March, at least.
3. Still taking free removal sign ups:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xCT1oMcJ7EKZ6Rr3kVQcvxQ6ES9sEDB-JsVL63O2LKA/edit?gxids=7628>
4. Volunteers can sign up here:
<https://volunteer.handsonatlanta.org/opportunity/a0C1H00001M6f9bUAB>

f. Seniors & Youth Engagement

i. Vulnerable neighbors: let's take care of our seniors, especially when it comes to predatory investors.

1. Mrs. Trimble spoke with her neighbor who was featured in the realtor's predatory video. She and her children are calling them about it; they did not ask her permission.
2. Let's leave flyers in their mailbox; they don't always have digital access.
3. Dr. Yolande Minor will join the committee! Terra and Alex will follow up.
4. Mrs. Trimble recommends making sure all seniors have had their property taxes frozen – this is an important resource that is already available.

ii. Read Across America – March 2 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

1. 364 students at Finch Elementary who we will be reading to.
2. Volunteers on lock!

iii. Little Free Library Installations

1. We will be getting 5 that we built with Lifecycle Building Center and placing them around the neighborhood. Mike McCord helping with installation.

iv. Finch Elementary/REI Bike Program – Enrollment ends Friday

1. We will send info out to the neighborhood.
2. You only have to have one student enrolled there to qualify. About 40 slots available for free bike pack: bike, helmet, and lock.

VI. Elected Officials & Partner Announcements

Various

- a. Councilmember Cleta Winslow – absent
- b. Rep. Stacey Evans – absent
- c. Commissioner Natalie Hall – absent
- d. NPU-S Chair Nick Hess
 - i. Must attend 3 NPU meetings (register beforehand so they can track) to be a voting member.
- e. Toby Rhinehart – started a website. Has more signs available and will post on Nextdoor/alert Jason and others when he does another pick up. First one free, everyone thereafter is a \$5 suggested donation to cover printing costs. Goal is to create a centralized place where people can see cleanup dates and times in the area.

VII. Q&A/Discussion

All

VIII. Final Items & Closing

Terra Washington, President

- a. OCCO Yard Signs – Terra says you can collect the public ones around the community to be “your sign” as long as you remember to put them out during the meeting week. Mary, Barbara Burson, and Dr. Minor would all like one.