



Oakland City Community Organization

General Body Meeting | Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

22 attendees as of 6:45 p.m.

I. Welcome – Terra Washington, President

- No December General Body Meeting
- Reminder: Atlanta Run-off Elections for Mayor, District 4, School Board
 - i. Early Voting Ends Tomorrow (11/24)
 - ii. Election Day is November 30

II. Approve October Minutes - Laura Glass-Hess, Parliamentarian

- Alex motions
- Geno seconds
- Motion passes -- all in favor, no opposed

III. Treasurer's Report – Allison Myrick, Treasurer

- Beginning Balance 10/26/2021 12,674.27
- Donations:
 - i. In Kind Donations banners, member dues and donations from Paypal 147.15
 - ii. Holiday donation paypal 105.50
 - iii. Holiday donation cash 25.00
 - iv. Cash 10.00
 - v. Kroger 10.99
 - vi. Amazon smile 7.80
 - vii. Total Deposits 306.44**
- Expenses:
 - i. Zoom virtual meeting service fees for September 12.74
 - ii. website hosting wix for 14.50
 - iii. electronic statement fee September 5.00
 - iv. Gardening tools for Finch Elementary 107.61
 - v. Total Expenses 139.85**
- **Net Income Balance as of 11/23/21 12,840.86**

IV. Atlanta Police Department Zone 4 Update – Lt. Gruen of APD - Geno Yoscovitz, Public Safety Chair

- No one from APD was on the call as of 6:45 p.m.
- Geno Yoscovitz, Public Safety Chair, shares update that he is working on monthly community conversations with APD and PAD and neighbors - to be held fourth Monday of the month, with a mix of virtual and in-person options
- Will kick off in January 2022 given the holidays
- Likely start time is 6:30-7 p.m., but will be confirmed
- In the meantime, Geno wants to collect questions and feedback from the community.

- He will take the questions and post on the NPU blog, as well as send out via email
- Geno is recruiting committee members... email him!
- Also email him questions for the above, at: Gyoscovits@gmail.com; Phone: 7346745383
- Geno will make sure the crime stats get sent out, since no officer was able to join this evening

V. OCCO Board & Committee Elections - Laura Glass-Hess, Parliamentarian to Facilitate Voting

- Reminder of Positions
- Voting for Board
 - i. President
 - 1. Terra Washington nominates herself, Alex Dileo seconds, Diane Trimble thirds
 - 2. Voting: all in favor, no opposed
 - ii. Vice President
 - 1. Adriana Sola nominates Alex Dileo and Geno Yoscovitz second
 - 2. Voting: all in favor, no opposed
 - iii. Secretary
 - 1. Alex Dileo and Nick Hess speak about the role, great way to learn the neighborhood
 - 2. *No nominations -- OCCO board to continue to recruit*
 - iv. Treasurer
 - 1. Allison Myrick has been in the role for two years, agrees to stay in the role for another year unless someone else
 - 2. Diana Trimble nominates Allison, Diane Trimble seconds
 - 3. Voting: all in favor, no opposed
 - v. Parliamentarian
 - 1. Laura Glass-Hess shares that she is happy to run again, or to have someone else
 - 2. Folks speak to Laura's great job over the last year keeping meetings on time and on target
 - 3. Nominations: Barber YisraEl nominates Laura, Alex Dileo seconds
- Committee Chair Nominations
 - i. Seniors --
 - 1. Elizabeth Wilson would like to serve on the committee, Adriana Sola is willing to serve as well; Diane Trimble says she is happy to help, as is Barbara Burson -- she said she is up for doing tasks in a timely manner... Terra also suggests Brenda Mills, but she is not on the line this evening
 - 2. Elizabeth says hello, will send contact to Terra
Elizabeth Wilson 404-918-3748 biznow@aol.com
 - ii. Youth --
 - 1. Willie and Stephanie Smith agree to co-chair
 - 2. Aaron Killingsworth would like to help
 - iii. Code Enforcement
 - 1. Alex Dileo will co-lead with someone... she will recruit folks
 - 2. Aaron Estis will help with this
 - iv. Public Safety -- Geno Yoscovitz
 - v. Beautification
 - 1. **We need someone to head this up**
 - 2. Mrs. Barbara Burson is very interested in helping for this

3. Need to start with organizing a clean up for MLK Day weekend
- vi. Historic
 1. C. Chika has done an amazing job over the last year, and would love to train someone
 2. Elijah Belz has expressed interest (not on the call this evening)
 3. SY and Sabrina Moore offered to help, as did Judy Walker
 4. Judy Walker raised the point that the historic committee is more than just reporting things, it's also about determining when to update the code. She has spoken to Doug Young at the City about this, including whether we would expand the historic district.
 5. Ask Chika to organize a knowledge-transfer meeting
- vii. Zoning & Land Use
 1. Kyle Lamont will be stepping down this year. He has done a great job.
 2. Laura Glass-Hess will chair
 3. Barber YisraEl will help -- trosebar21@yahoo.com; 404-732-2048
 4. Judy Walker will continue to be involved
 5. Willie and Stephanie Smith will also be involved
- viii. Gardens & Tree Canopy
 1. Mike McCord has been in this role for 3-4 years and is interested in continuing.
 2. Would love to also have a committee -- has never really had support.
 3. Role would include acting as a liaison between the local gardens and farms and bringing info to the community...
 4. Will also be running ivy removal campaign and neighborhood level fruit tree project.
 5. Laura Glass-Hess is happy to volunteer with ivy removal.
 6. Zach Laguna will help with the committee -- zlaguna@me.com
- ix. **Terra will follow up with everyone for info for a leadership retreat**

VI. Quick Committee Updates & Community Events – Chairs

- Holiday Events/Service - Terra Washington
 - i. Barbara Burson, Brenda Mills, and Brittany Wagstaff will be handling fundraising
 - ii. Mrs. Diane Trimble are also in need
 - iii. Trying to raise between \$2-3K for OCCO families in need of rent, utility, toys, coats, etc. -- will primarily be adopting families through Finch Elementary
 - iv. Also taking ideas from the community if you know of a family in need
 - v. **Committee to follow up with Aaron Killingsworth and his wife, who says in the chat, “Please keep me in the loop. My wife are looking for charities to donate 1k worth of toys and clothes to families/little ones”**
 - vi. Allison will handle the shopping like she did last year
 - vii. Sabrina would like to be a Santa’s Helper (Sabrinamoore76@gmail.com)
- Historic Preservation – Chika
- Seniors & Youth Engagement – Laura Glass-Hess
- Gardens & Trees – Mike McCord
- Zoning – Kyle Lamont - absent
 - i. Judy Walker reports on Fort Mac: says the media is getting it wrong... TD Jakes and Tyler Perry have not yet closed on the deal, it is pending. She says there is a meeting on Monday and TDJakes will be meeting with Community Engagement subcommittee to go over tentative plans. When she gets the link, she will send it

to Terra. The meetings are no longer in person, they have gone back to being virtual. Please log on to fortmac.com for more updates

- Beautification – Carissa Zedaker - absent
- Code Enforcement - Jason Murphy - absent

VII. Brief Updates from Public Officials & Community Partners – Various

- Commissioner Natalie Hall and Councilwoman Cleta Winslow
 - i. Demetrius Myatt introduces Christopher Thomas, who is on the Communications Team for Commissioner Natalie Hall and we will be seeing more of him. Any county related issues, Demetrius is the contact.
 - 1. christopher.thomas@fultoncountyga.gov my direct number is: 404-218-0055
 - ii. Director of Elections and Registration did resign. Demetrius will give us more info on his replacement in January.
 - iii. Hot topic at Fulton County -- making board of commissioners nonpartisan. Will have more info in January.
 - iv. Demetrius Myatt says if you need Cleta Winslow personally, you can call or text.
 - v. Demetrius says they are running a clean up with a focus on seniors who cannot clean up their own yards... will follow up with Terra after the holiday. This clean up will be on Sunday December 12. Someone says Tucker Avenue, as well as Donnelly near the Kroger.
 - vi. Jason Dozier is also on the call - running for District 4 against Winslow. Early voting ends tomorrow. Call or text me at anytime at 404-913-6419 or email me at jason@votedozier.com.
- Barber YisraEl reports broken fire hydrants near Lee street. Demetrius asked to call him tomorrow and he will get it reported.
- NPU-S update from Chair Nick Hess: last week's NPU-S meeting voted on Atlanta Land Trust Donnelly Avenue parcel -- voted in favor to move them to the next step of their zoning/planning. NPU-S *will* have a December meeting so stay tuned.

VIII. Questions & Wrap-up for 2021! – Terra Washington, President