



March 26, 2018 UHNA General Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by President Heather Sheets at 7:10pm
2. Chris Ashkouti from the 1824 Defoor apartments gave an update on the increased noise from CSX activity at the Howell Yard:
 - a. Within the last 4 months, CSX has closed the Tilford yard and moved the switching operations to the Howell yard in a cost savings move.
 - b. Has met with CSX twice with no progress made.
 - c. CSX not expected to give in on anything as they have not in other similar cases and this would set a precedent that would likely have ramifications elsewhere for them.
 - d. 1824 Defoor doing internal things for noise reduction including installing sound mitigating windows in units that face the railroad tracks.
 - e. Next meeting with CSX will be on April 10.
 - f. Noise level tests have been performed.
3. Officer Jones from APD, the beat officer in Zone 2 that covers Underwood Hills, gave an update:
 - a. In addressing the recent announcement that officers in Zone 2 would no longer respond to shoplifting calls, he noted that he spends at least half of his time responding to shoplifting calls at Wal-mart.
 - b. He noted that there had been “sliding” crimes at the new QuikTrip.
 - c. There was no followup on the suspicious doorbell ringing in the early morning hours because no crime was committed.
 - d. Hemant Piduru added that getting to know your neighbors is a good crime preventative measure.
 - e. Andre Dickens noted that 1801 Howell Mill, i.e. Wal-Mart, is the number one larceny address in Atlanta.
 - f. Alan Holmes from Dustin Hillis’ office suggested that the neighborhood have a dialog with Wal-Mart on ways to reduce police calls.
4. Alan Holmes gave an update on Dustin Hillis’ work on blighted properties.
 - a. They are working on condemnation of blighted properties.
 - b. They are trying to streamline the demolition permit process for owners.
 - c. There is a scrap tire drive April 19-21. Denise Booth is coordinating – dbooth@atlantaga.gov.
5. Andre Dickens gave an update on transportation issues:
 - a. With the Northside Dr. bridge over Peachtree Creek replacement they are discussing with neighbors a 24 hour work option to finish more quickly.
 - b. A question was asked about the promised I-75 access ramp directly from Wal-Mart. No one had any details on that.
 - c. He suggested that the UH traffic committee have a traffic engineer check the traffic priority list to prioritize which should be submitted to the city.
 - d. There will be work session of the city traffic committee on 4/18.
 - e. He is going to suggest the city for a Department of Transportation.
6. Eva Nason noted the NPU-D meetings will be at the new Agape Center location at 2210 Marietta Blvd.



7. Adam Karcz noted that we now have 78 payed members of UHNA.
8. Cynthia Williams gave a UHERO update:
 - a. UHERO is the Underwood Hills Emergency Response Organization.
 - b. She displayed maps that will be used to divide the neighborhood into areas for use with the program.
 - c. Fire Station 23 will be at the neighborhood social giving fire extinguisher lessons and demos.
 - d. Suggested that everyone do a household fire drill especially if you have children.
 - e. Reminder that 5/12 is the 70th birthday celebration for Fire Station 23. The actual anniversary of the dedication is 5/10.
9. Heather Sheets showed the sample designs for wooden Underwood Hills yard signs.
 - a. Physical samples will be coming soon.
 - b. They will be available for purchase online.
10. Stephen Lindsay gave the Park and Beautification report.
 - a. During the park cleanup with Trees Atlanta, 800 live tree stakes were planted along the banks of the creek in the park to help with erosion control.
 - b. He wants to develop a punchlist for midweek mini-cleanups.
 - c. Ballard Designs will help cleanup the UH sign at Harper and Defoor as part of a corporate workday in mid to late April.
 - d. Park Pride with Gas South will have a workday at the park on 5/5.
11. Chris LeCraw gave an update on the social:
 - a. The Spring Social will be on May 5. Dubbed Cinco de Social.
 - b. He hopes to have a margarita machine.
 - c. Looking for raffle items.
12. Adam Karcz gave an update on the neighborhood run:
 - a. Fun Run on the morning of 5/5 approximately 2.5 km.
 - b. Will start at park.
 - c. Will solicit donations to raise money to buy specialty washing machine for the fire station for washing their gear.
13. Ben Hudgins said that QT has applied for their liquor license. He suggested that the neighborhood get them to chip in for the cost of traffic study in exchange for neighborhood support for the license.
14. Sponsors were thanked:
 - a. Gold sponsors – 1824 Defoor, AT&T, Ballard Designs, Charlie Ballard – Realtor, Blaine Palmer – Realtor, Moncrief Heating and Air, Handyman of Marketing (In Kind), The Preschool at Northside Dr. Baptist Church
 - b. Silver - Florist Atlanta (In Kind).
 - c. Bronze - Comfort Shied Heating and Air.
 - d. Red Brick Brewery was thanked for hosting.
15. Next meeting will be July 16. Location TBD.
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.