



March 18, 2019 UHNA General Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by President Heather Sheets at 7:15pm
2. Mary Anna Chiles was elected unanimously as Treasurer for 2019.
3. Heather Sheets reported on the budget:
 - a. Handouts distributed with budget details.
 - b. Noted that sponsor fees/donations are greater than dues.
 - c. There is a \$10K balance in the Park Pride fund (managed separately).
 - d. Security patrol budget is managed separately and \$29K of \$40K budgeted has been collected.
 - e. Big expense items are Beautification, Social and Operations.
 - f. Budget passed unanimously.
4. Nina Gentry presented zoning variance request V-19035 for doggie day care at 1919 Hill Ave.
 - a. Zoning allows for doggie day care.
 - b. Wag-A-Lot is the proposed business.
 - c. Has two locations. One in Ormewood Park and one in Decatur.
 - d. Zoning requires 17 parking spots, 10 exist plus 3 on the street.
 - e. No room to add more parking.
 - f. Variance would reduce the requirement to 10 spots.
 - g. 6 employees and unknown number of dogs.
 - h. Variance supported by the Planning Committee.
 - i. Support for the variance passed unanimously.
 - j. Next step is the variance will be voted on by NPU-D.
5. Eva Nason gave an update on the status of the special use permit for the concrete plant in Blandtown.
 - a. NPU voted 39-0 against.
 - b. Good turnout at the ZRB meeting.
 - c. Unanimously denied by the ZRB.
 - d. Will go to the Zoning Committee of City Council next and then possibly litigation.
6. Steven Lindsay gave a parks update.
 - a. Started work on the Mantissa green space with Trees Atlanta.
 - b. About 20 people showed up including the Atlanta Women's Chorus.
 - c. Plan is to work once every three months and educate neighbors to the green space.
 - d. Dan Calvert estimated of the Atlanta Parks Department estimated \$75K to redo the playground and \$220K to redo the whole park.
 - e. Immediate plans are to repair the existing playground equipment.
 - f. Trees Atlanta is doing monthly work in the forest areas.
 - g. Teen Park committee plan is to install steps from the basketball court to the creek which will help with erosion control
 - h. Led by Brian Epstein for his Eagle Scout project.
 - i. New swings waiting to be installed (were installed after the meeting).



7. Chris LeCraw gave an update on the Social.
 - a. Neighborhood social is 4/27 at 4pm at the park.
 - b. Food, beer and raffle items help is needed.
 - c. Gift cards, gift baskets and Falcons tickets are good raffle items.
 - d. John on the corner of Ridgeway and Harper will provide the power source.
 - e. The fire truck from station 23 will be there.
 - f. Primrose School is providing face painters.
8. Heather reminded everyone to renew memberships.
 - a. Online
 - b. At spring social
9. Cynthia Williams reported on Atlanta Streets Alive and UHERO.
 - a. Streets Alive on Sunday, June 9, 2-8pm.
 - b. Will go from Howell Mill and Chattahoochee to Decatur.
 - c. REI will host a concert at the new westside park with benefits going to the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition.
 - d. Fire Station 23 will have an open house. Volunteers are needed. There will be stuff for kids.
 - e. UHERO has divided the neighborhood into quadrants with emergency reporting stations for each.
 - f. Fire Station 23 will help with home fire drills which are encouraged.
10. Beau Grant gave several updates.
 - a. There is a \$5M Westside Future Fund grant financed by SunTrust/BB&T.
 - b. There is concern about the city recommending a change in operator of the Bitsy Grant Tennis Center to Agape from UTM.
 - c. SB66 is in the Georgia Legislature to allow deployment of 5G antennas throughout neighborhoods on utility poles, etc. There is a safety concern.
11. Sponsors were thanked – Charlie Ballard Real Estate, Primrose School of Atlanta Westside, PetWell Veterinary Clinic, Joe Burns Keller Williams, Handyman of Marketing (In Kind), Florist Atlanta (In Kind). Second Self Beer was thanked for hosting.
12. Next meeting will be July 22. Location TBD.
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.