



September 16, 2019 UHNA General Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by President Heather Sheets at 7:10pm
2. Cynthia Williams and Captain Seely gave the Station 23 update.
 - a. Station 26 is temporarily residing at Station 23 while their place is being renovated.
 - b. Reminder that the “close the door” policy saves lives.
 - c. Reminder to do family fire drills.
 - d. Captain Seely introduced himself. He is new to Station 23. He used to live in Cross Creek.
 - e. New station may be built near Howell Mill and Peachtree Battle.
 - f. Station 23 was updated when it was “blacked out” during the budget issues a few years ago. It was built in 1947.
 - g. New engines will have blue lights.
3. Planning committee update:
 - a. 1669 Defoor rezoning from I-1 to MRC-1 had passed UHNA but did not pass NPU-D by a 13-1-7 vote at the 8/27 meeting.
 - b. ZRB denied the request because there was no site plan.
 - c. Developer may try for live/work or MRC-2 zoning.
 - d. The proposed development at Collier and Defoor on the dry cleaner site has nothing to be voted on yet, but has been discussed at planning meetings.
 - e. Property is currently commercial, but a request may be made to rezone for higher density residential.
4. Clark Dumas gave traffic update.
 - a. Upper Westside CID held meeting on the Howell Mill Bike and Pedestrian study.
 - b. Study is underway.
 - c. Concerns Howell Mill Road from Collier Rd. to Forrest Ave.
 - d. Traffic committee and CID are staying on top of Complete Streets for Howell Mill.
 - e. Currently Complete Streets is in Right-of-Way acquisition.
 - f. Crosswalks disappeared from Defoor when it was repaved. Log 311 tickets and be relentless to get them repainted.
 - g. Email Clark Dumas or Jeremy Blair with traffic and pedestrian issues.
5. Steven Lindsay gave a parks update.
 - a. Goats are working on the hill behind the tennis courts.
 - b. Let Steven know if any problems with the goats are noticed.
 - c. New wildlife sign from National Wildlife Federation for the corner of Harper and Harper.
 - d. Britt Morris is making a sign for the Mantissa St. Park to be installed at the Mantissa St. access point near Cambria.
 - e. Next park workday will follow the goats.
 - f. Herbicide will be used on the kudzu. It will not be broadcast, but carefully applied to the roots by paid personnel.



6. James Wolf spoke about proposing a Community Garden.
 - a. Potential locations include – front left corner of the park (10 plots), open area behind the basketball court (30 plots), vacant lot at 1884 Cambria.
 - b. Park Pride will provide assistance including help in finding a master gardener.
 - c. Paid for by yearly dues from members.
7. Ian Reeves spoke about playground equipment replacement.
 - a. Ian is an architect who works with schools, etc. designing playgrounds.
 - b. Funds can be raised through the Friends of Underwood Hills Park committee under Park Pride.
 - c. Difficulty navigating the bureaucracy.
 - d. Potential for nature-based play using the topography of the park.
 - e. Will engage PlayAtlanta (a non-profit working with Park Pride).
 - f. There are cost issues with playground equipment replacement.
 - g. Need community input.
8. Heather stated that we are now member of the Buckhead Coalition of Neighborhoods chaired by Mary Norwood which provides a unified voice for Buckhead area neighborhoods.
9. Elizabeth Hollister gave an update on the Upper Westside CID work.
 - a. Organized the Howell Mill Bike and Pedestrian meeting.
 - b. Thanks to those who attended.
 - c. Next meeting on 11/6 to present alternatives.
 - d. Survey should be up soon.
 - e. CID master plan will be started soon. RFP has been issued. Should take about a year.
 - f. CID loves the goats. Cultivate provided coffee, etc. for the meet the goats event.
 - g. Filed a grant application for federal money for the Chattahoochee/Defoor area.
10. Halloween party is 10/27, 4-7pm at the park
11. There will be a fire department Touch a Truck event at Topgolf on 10/12.
12. Elections are next meeting. Open positions if interested in volunteering.
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.



14. 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.
15. Heather reminded everyone to renew memberships.
 - a. Online
 - b. At spring social
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. Next meeting will be July 22. Location TBD.
20. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.