



November 4, 2019 UHNA General Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by President Heather Sheets at 7:05pm
2. All attendees introduced themselves.
3. Steve Whitlock reviewed the minutes for the September meeting.
4. Eva Nason gave some meeting reminders:
 - a. Wednesday 11/6 – Howell Mill Bike/Pedestrian Study meeting at The Works
 - b. NCA meeting on 11/20 featuring Meria Carstarphen and Mary Norwood
 - c. Tree ordinance rewrite meeting on 11/7 at Trinity Presbyterian (since cancelled)
 - d. NPU-D meeting on 11/26
5. Heather Sheets and Beau Grant gave an update on the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods meeting
 - a. A 17 item transportation resolution was adopted.
 - b. Meria Carstarphen spoke about the effects of corporate tax breaks on the tax base
 - c. Discussed getting rid of the Buckhead Loop shuttle and replacing with on-demand pick up. The shuttle is paid for by the Buckhead CID.
6. Sabrina Azavedo stated that a CPR class will be given at Anna and Eugene Gassman's house in January
7. Steven Lindsay gave the parks and beautification update.
 - a. The goats are gone and had no problems.
 - b. Paid for by the Upper Westside CID and Trees Atlanta.
 - c. \$600 contributed by Ridgeway neighbors to extend their reach into their unfenced yards.
 - d. The next few park workdays will be following where the goats cleared.
 - e. Plantings will be in January.
 - f. Georgia Power has surrendered their easement where their power lines were.
 - g. City may formalize the easement as a greenway.
 - h. Workdays are the second Saturday of each month and can be used for high school or employer community service hours.
 - i. We may do some of the playground maintenance on our own.
 - j. If you see any issues call or use the 311 app.
 - k. Always be persistent with any 311 issues.
 - l. Also, may get some street beautification or cleanup funds through a Love Your Street grant.
 - m. Cynthia Williams showed the brochure for the Adopt a Drain program from the Watershed Dept.
8. Ian Reeves gave an update on the playground.
 - a. Step one is getting dangerous equipment removed.
 - b. We have established contact with people needed playground renewal.
 - c. We have surveyed other parks to see how they have proceeded.
 - d. Can use Park Pride to help with process.
 - e. Will have a design workshop with kids and adults involved.
 - f. This involves more than just the playground.
 - g. Can be funded through grants, such as the Park Pride \$50,000 grant, and private donations.
 - h. Must have a plan to get grant money.
 - i. Had two fundraising events in October.



- i. Neighborhood Oktoberfest hosted by Eugene Gassman.
 - ii. Halloween party chili cookoff at the park raised \$315.
 - j. Showed designs of Friends of Underwood Hills Park merchandise - tee-shirts, mugs – for fundraising.
9. Cynthia Gentry from PlayAtlanta gave presentation on their park designs.
 - a. Partnered with Park Pride for 15 years.
 - b. Raised \$300K for a Virginia Highlands park after the 2003 tree tragedy that killed a mother and her two sons.
 - c. Designs living playgrounds with biophilic design. Blends manufactured equipment with nature.
 - d. Works with kids first in the design process.
 - e. At Camp Twin Lakes the architect used almost all of a kid’s design for a treehouse.
 - f. Worked with Chastain Park to get a \$100K legacy grant from Park Pride.
 - g. Design for Underwood Hills Park will include:
 - i. Using the terrain.
 - ii. Involve the community.
 - iii. Concentrate on nature based play through biophilic design and loose parts play.
 - iv. Avoid the “scorched earth” install equipment approach.
 - v. Find neighborhood stewards for the park.
 - h. Phase 1 would be a 6 week research phase.
 - i. The Park Pride Parks and Greenspace Conference in March will focus on The Nature or Our City.
 - j. A few members had comments:
 - i. Unlike many other large city parks, Underwood Hills park is not in a flood plain.
 - ii. Need to find way to engage adults. The new swings and workout areas are a good example.
 - iii. We have tons of kids in the neighborhood and many of the families moved here partly because of the park.
 - iv. Is there a way to include revenue generating spaces?
10. Elections
 - a. Returning executive committee members reelected unanimously.
 - b. New committee chairs:
 - i. Sponsorship – Hilary Murdock
 - ii. Safety (Security Patrol) – John Haliburton
 - iii. Friends of Underwood Hills Park (new position) – Ian Reeves
 - iv. Teen Park Committee – Dante Lindsay
 - c. Remaining open positions:
 - i. Communications
 - ii. Membership
 - iii. Playgroup monthly meetups
 - iv. Special Branding Projects (Murals, Signage)
11. Elizabeth Hollister stated that the CID will begin plantings on the I-75 ramps soon.
12. Atlanta Brewing announced their artisan market on Sunday 11/17.



13. Heather Sheets thanked our sponsors:

- a. **GOLD:** AT&T, Ballard Designs, Charlie Ballard Real Estate, Primrose School of Atlanta Westside, PetWell Veterinary Clinic, Joe Burns Keller Williams, SaltYard, 1824 Defoor, Handyman of Marketing (In Kind), Florist Atlanta (In Kind)
- b. Atlanta Brewing Company was also thanked for hosting.

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.