

SAND Member Meeting September 12, 2024

Meeting Notes

- Call Meeting to Order and Review of Requirements for Voting - **The meeting was called to order @ 7:30pm**
- [Approval of meeting notes from August meeting](#) - **The August Meeting Notes were approved without objection**
- Federal/ State/ City/ School/ Other Elected Officials – 5 minutes per presenter
 - **Atlanta Police Department - Officer Robert Godwin shared that crime statistics in Zone 6 continue to trend down. Vehicle break ins and vehicle theft (due to cars being left running) are the most frequent crime. Most violent crime is domestic violence or gang related.**
- Announcements – 5 minutes per item
 - Beautification – Financial Agreement with Urban Farm Ormewood, Inc (UFO) being finalized. - **The UFO/SAND fiscal agent agreement is under final review and should be completed this month.**
 - Treasurer – [2024 Makers Festival funds distribution recommendation](#) for consideration and vote. - **A motion to approve distribution of \$6,000 was approved without objection. Tapestry Greenspace, Urban Farm in Ormewood, Inc., and Friends of Benteen Park will each be receiving \$1,500. \$1,500 will also be allocated to the “Festival Reserve”.**
 - Transportation
 - SMAWG Update - **Brent Huff (SMAWG Co-Chair) gave an update on the timing of installation of several crosswalks with Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons which is expected to be complete in the next 12-18 months. Additionally, sidewalk improvement plans should be completed by the end of the year. The reconfiguration of the I-20/Moreland Avenue interchange is expected to begin construction Spring of 2025.**
 - [Beltline Rail Now](#) update will be on the October Agenda
 - [Benteen Park Fall Fest Update](#)
 - Sign Toppers – **CMG sign topper purchase and installation pending neighborhood agreement on design update. Neighborhood voting on sign designs is ongoing.**
 - **Elections are coming! – for SAND and NPU-W. Let folks know if you are interested in a leadership role. No position is a lifetime commitment! Please reach out to President@sandatlanta.org if you are interested in being a candidate.**
- City of Atlanta Matters for Voting:
 - **Z-24-59** – City ordinance to remove 103 billboards and allow relocation/ conversion of 27 billboards, for purposes of moving billboards away from neighborhood areas and placing them more centrally around major vehicular corridors.
 - [Summary Fact Sheet](#)
 - [Full Ordinance Text](#)
 - [Attachment A](#)
 - [Attachment B](#)

A motion to support the ordinance was approved without objection.

- [Community Input Poll](#) Opportunity:
 - o Community Benefits Agreement for property between Boulevard Avenue SE, Custer Avenue SE, and Entrenchment Creek. [Please take the poll](#) and provide your input prior to 25 September. **Please take the poll, we have 83 responses and would like to get at least 100!**
- Next SAND meeting – October 10th @ 7:30 pm
- Next NPU-W general body meeting is September 18th at 7 pm
- Conclusions and closing remarks– 2 minutes - **The meeting was adjourned @ 8:40**

Monthly Meeting Date Details

NPU-W LUZ – 1st Tuesday @ 7PM (online)

NPU-W – 3rd Wednesday at 7PM (online)