

9/14/2020 Neighborhood Meeting Notes

Welcome and virtual meeting orientation (5)

Acknowledgement of new residents and board members (5)

- Rishika-new resident on Cleveland and on the Lang Carson Park board
- Maya-Wylie Street
- Allie and Travis-on Cleveland Street

APD Zone 6 Captain Zenelaj

- Newly appointed last Thursday
 - Spent 9 years in Zone 6 as a patrolman-2000-2009
 - Major Reece also new to Zone 6
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- Resident q: Held zoning meeting in the park last week and there were 20 cars parked at Lang Carson Park on the basketball court, truck doing car detailing, music blasting. Seems to be a continuous theme at the park. Requesting the ballards put up to prevent the cars from parking there. There is not regular patrol going down there. How do we get our park back to feel safe?
 - Captain: Patrols increase in the summer. He will bring the concerns up during his next meeting to make sure officers patrol the park especially at night. We can discuss the ballers with parks and recreation department. Will push for increased patrol in the park and at night. If you are at the park and you see something you don't feel right about, please call 911 but if you can't reach them, send an email or give Zone 6 a call.
 - Resident q: The ballards are there but it should be locked.
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- Resident q: What is illegal in the park? We need to be careful before we call the police just because someone is having a gathering in the park

- Captain: There should not be motorized vehicles in the park other than park services/police. Music should not be disruptive. There are park rules and they need to be posted.
- Resident q: It would be nice if someone could patrol around Caroline street and also hardee and moreland. They run the red light all the time. It's very dangerous for pedestrians.
- Captain: I will address this. Any other questions, please email me.

City issues – Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong's office (10)

- Valencia representing Councilwoman Archibong's office
- Valencia: The only complaint I've seen is about the parties on the basketball courts in the parks. Not just in Reynoldstown. Parks and rec are the only ones who can place ballards. They cannot park cars on the court.
- Resident: Someone unlocked the ballards and we have not been able to lock them since.
- Valencia: Will have someone contact Annie Appleton about the park to have the ballards placed.
- Resident q: Are they going to schedule for the yard pickup?
- Valencia: Commissioner of public works handed in his resignation last week. There is an interim director. There is a city utilities committee meeting tomorrow and Natalyn will bring this up to him.
- Resident q: Shoutout to public works: Saw 2 people on Walthall and Wylie clearing the storm drains. Thank you!
- Valencia: Krog tunnel drainage issue is a priority. City is coordinating with improvements on DeKalb Ave. to address the flooding. She will find out the timeline on when this project will be started. Also saw a request for additional trash cans on Wylie and Krog. We are working to make sure all 4 corners will have additional trash cans since it's a high pedestrian area.

- Resident q: Lives in the Moda condos and the sidewalk has stopped in front of it. Last heard that the city would finish it out. Is there an update?-19 Weatherby
- Valencia: She will look into this for an update.

Committees / Initiatives (15)

- Wheelbarrow Festival + 150th Anniversary – Joya Burson-September 26
 - Thank you to everyone for ideas for the virtual Wheelbarrow festival!
 - We will have another round of virtual trivia (donations are welcome), walking tour, kids contest
 - Grab your drinks and food and sign on with us to have fun!
 - Sept. 26 from 2:00-4:00pm
 - 150th anniversary this year, We have a proclamation that Natalyn Archibong and Senator Orwick will have published
 - Merch: working on this
- Friends of Lang Carson – Annie Appleton
 - We feel very grateful for Empire coming in to the neighborhood
 - Our big focus for Lang Carson park is fundraising for Manigault play lot
 - We are only \$60k away to have all the funds we need to renovate the Manigault play lot
 - If you're looking to support, if you make a donation to Lang Carson park at langcarsonpark.com: If you make a \$250 donation, you will get a brick engraved in the park
 - There are a lot of bricks still available. We hope to start construction in the next few months.
 - Yoga in the park: Shereen who teaches yoga at Highland Yoga has been leading socially distanced outdoor yoga in the park at 6:15pm every Wednesday. Donations go to the Park Fundraiser
 - PARK (ing) Day- This Friday at Lang Carson parking lot from 9am-5pm.
 - This past year we went through a viioning process and have a lot of open volunteer spots for anyone who wants to assist.
- RCIL Bylaws vote – Gerald Souder

- Voting for passage of bylaws: 22 voted yes, 1 voted abstained.
- Vote with Dignity – John Gibson, Chris Appleton, Catherine Woodling
 - Grew with first hand experiences
 - We will give those in line to vote a bottle of water, have a neighborhood story teller, etc.
 - Will make the voting process which most is waiting in line, more comfortable and feel more dignified.
 - Cabbagetown and Reynoldstown up to Bill Kennedy are now voting for the Nov. 3 election at Dad's garage
 - We are accepting volunteers and are fundraising
 - Votewithdignity.org to sign up to volunteer, donate or find out more info!
 - Expanding our mission to residents in Cabbagetown and Reynoldstown neighborhoods wherever they vote (dad's garage and lang carson park)

Neighbor in Need (5 min)

- Had our last NiN committee meeting in August
- We will have a board member from NiN attend the RCIL board meetings and vice versa
- We are excited that free 99 fridge will bring free food to Reynoldstown: <https://atlanta.eater.com/2020/8/27/21400720/community-refrigerator-free-fridge-mutual-aid-fighting-food-insecurity-free99fridge-atlanta>
- It will be outside at park grounds
- Janine has been leading delivering produce boxes from East Lake YMCA
- We have a lot of volunteers helping to engage with this process
- We have completed a roof job on Kensington
- We have a couple of more jobs in progress involving plumbing and fixed a hot water heater for one of our seniors
- Continuing our relationship with Mercy Senior housing to determine how we can assist our seniors in a more formal way
- NiN passed out doorhangers to the whole neighborhood to update neighbors on our change in service

- Our primary focus will always be on the senior lower income houses but have expanded to help Rtown residents who may need food and help due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Opportunities to volunteer through our new website: <https://ninrtown.org/>

Zoning – Virgil Murray (15 min)

- Zoning committee meeting held first Thursday of every month if you'd like to join
- Had our meeting last Thursday in the back of Lang Carson park
- We would like to put a sign up that says the Basketball Court is reserved that day for zoning committee meetings
- We have had a great turnout-35-40 people who attended
- Thanks to Christopher Leerson for running the meeting
- Variance request for 183 Moreland Ave.
 - Was recently approved but back to seek a variance for dumpsters
 - Anastasia: Requesting 2 setback variances
 - Variances were unanimously approved at the zoning committee
 - Vote: 21 approved, 3 abstained -Variance approved
- Stein Steel redevelopment by Empire Communities
 - Representatives from Empire communities organization who have been working very hard with zoning committee and neighborhood-have had 6 to 8 meetings with them over the past several months
 - They are here to present their plan
 - Nicole Seekely presenting-architect working with Empire on Stein Steel site
 - We will have open house style in person Q+A sessions at Lang Carson park:
 - 9/18-8:30-10:30am will be the first

- Empire based in Atlanta-a lot of projects focused on smaller attainable housing
- Please come to the Friday meetings so we can receive your feedback!
- Donating a half acre of land to Lang Carson park
- Mostly condo buildings with a food and beverage retail component that runs along flatshoals and wylie
- Nicole: Excited about retail and restaurant concept. The modern district that's connecting to the green space on Lang Carson, will it block the basketball court?
- Virgil: Zoning committee feels that it's best using the space.
- Retail and restaurant clients?-Single operator who operates a burger place not far from us...on memorial...
- Attainable and affordable: Trying to bring down the cost that someone with a lower income can afford-offering studios, one bedrooms, smaller units that allow for attainable price point.
- Naming: Resident concerned about the name of Empire due to lower income families being displaced. Is there a way to avoid that labeling in the neighborhood?
 - "Empire" will not be on the buildings -it is the name of the developer. The name of the development has not been named yet.
- How will the developer address the additional traffic on Flat Shoals?
 - We are having a traffic study conducted at this time to see what the impact will be. The beltline's master plan does call out of something much more dense than our project outlines.
- Retail space: hoping that most people will be walking or biking to come here. No parking for retail space planned.
- Is there a reason that the Hybrid project doesn't connect to Holtzclaw?
 - The development became less efficient when Holtzclaw was connected. We had to pick and choose and decided that having as much greenspace as we could to donate to the park was our priority. Tradeoff was not having the connection.

Announcements (2 min)

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