

10/12/2020 RCIL Neighborhood Meeting Notes

Welcome and virtual meeting orientation (5)

Acknowledgement of new residents and board members (5)

- Board
- New residents / new to meetings
 - Cristina Mineo
 - Zachariah Hill
 - Stephanie Thomas

Atlanta Police Department

- abcharles@atlga.gov 404-913-3427
- Several patrol cars on Hardee street at all times, “we are on top of it”
- Questions & comments from neighbors
 - Jeep seen full of stolen items from home in Reynoldstown - Officer says will look into it and to email him
 - 1 break in was this past friday. between 11& 2. and at the corner of holtzclaw and northern. and then the other was on stovall.
- Noticing a decrease in activity on the corner of Wylie and Moreland, thank you!

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

- Congratulations on 150 years! <Video is shared>
- Texting with Mayor Bottoms that we kicked off our meeting listening to music from her dad!
- **October 29th District Town Hall; Zoom at 6:30pm** and on all City social media platforms
 - Updates from various departments
 - Email questions to Natalyn’s office in advance and departments will come to town hall ready to answer questions
- **\$75,000 coming to Reynoldstown for traffic calming at intersection of Arkwright, Howell, etc from City’s Impact Fund.** Thank you to Christopher Leerrson and transportation committee!
- Questions from neighbors
 - Should we use 311 to report overgrowth needing to be cleaned up? Need to be reported for ‘right-of-way’ yard trimming. Has already been reported but helpful for more to share. For code violations, know it will be a slow process but still report.
 - As you are on the Public Safety committee, concerned about motorized scooters that you can sit down on - more like motorbikes. Who takes care of this? Natalyn

says police should take care of this. Office shares they are enforcing no scooters on the sidewalk, but don't get many complaints.

- "Sargent, Kemberli" <Ksargent@atlantaga.gov> - SCOOTER MGR FOR CITY OF ATLANTA
- Idea for more signage
- Natalyn: want to educate that it is unsafe, think should be a warning and not criminalized especially for first offense and young people; need to keep the conversation going, call 311; citywide issue

Committees / Initiatives (15)

- Board elections
 - Nominees accepted in October, introductions in November, vote in December
 - Need to email nominations to Janine by EOD November 2nd; Self nominations are encouraged; If nominating others, need to make sure person wants to serve.
 - jbrownsod@gmail.com
 - Can also drop off nominations at Janine's home
 - Ballot box will be inside of Parkgrounds for those who can't join the December neighborhood meeting to vote for RCIL board members
 - Vote to authorize secret ballot election by either an extended physical voting period or by electronic platform prior to December
 - Question from neighbor if board has considered all staying on for two-year terms
 - **Deciding to wait until November meeting to vote on how we will vote**
 - Vote for VP Jillian Japka - **Passed (18 in favor, 3 abstain)**
- Vote With Dignity - John Gibson
 - Neighbors will be 'hosting the vote' at Lang Carson and Dad's Garage, covering two polling places for Reynoldstown (and Cabbagetown).
 - Ask: volunteer or donate! And follow on social media!
 - votewithdignity.org
- Wheelbarrow Festival and 150th Anniversary – Joya
 - Attendance was low but were glad to gather neighbors for virtual celebration with our proclamation, had trivia, had a great time.
 - Still open, kids challenge - what does Reynoldstown mean to you?
- Friends of Lang Carson – Annie Appleton
 - \$60k left to raise! Please contribute!

- Thank you to Empire Communities for their contributions
- Fundraising for RCIL - Please donate! And look for 2020 Impact Report
- Thanksgiving Baskets
 - 50th year!
 - Will not have gathering to stuff baskets due to COVID. Instead, need people to raise their hands to sponsor a family. If you are the sponsor for the family, you will do the shopping for the family (with a recommended list) and will swing by park to pick up your turkey/ham. Suggested \$15 donation per family.
 - Facebook event has been created in Reynoldstown Civic Improvement League
- Zoning – Virgil Murray

1115 Kirkwood - 81% approved, passed

Stein Steel rezoned to medium density mixed use - 86% approved

- 6.4 acres of land, 264 for sale units and one commercial building (restaurant)
- Questions in the chat
 - “Empire, I'd like to know why you do not plan to finish the park that was promised to Boulevard Heights in the Swift Townhomes” - response: letter from understanding from Empire to donate land as well as develop it
 - Plans and location for water retention?
 - Affordable housing? Response: no provision in City of Atlanta for affordable housing for for-sale units. Empire is working with City on policy and incentives for for-sale units. Neighborhood provided feedback wanting for-sale units vs rental.
 - Concerned by lack of details in the packet given to surrounding neighbors; did not contain elevations and distances from homes. Was unclear why that information was not included. Response: Not requesting variances, instead today are looking for vote for zoning
- Empire shares feedback received that was incorporated into plans
 - Traffic concerns, so multiple traffic calming measures
 - 80 spots for bike parking

Discussion on ordinance Z-20-69

Need neighbors to share feedback that can be taken to NPU. This is a conversation starter, “very controversial” “killing a mosquito with a sledgehammer”

Email Hallie feedback - halliebrett@yahoo.com

Race task force (5 min)

- Need more diversity in task force - share with neighbors!
<http://bit.ly/rcilracialjusticesurvey>
- Had a great session with the board and will do with the task force once formed

Covid-19 response (10)

- Neighbor in Need + volunteer needs - Amanda Geller
 - Replacing HVAC for a neighbor this week
 - Working with Jen Chan's to provide meals to seniors in our senior housing and in the neighborhood
 - Reach out to Janine tomorrow by noon if you'd like a meal or to NiN if you want to get more involved
 - As you may have seen on door hangers, help spread the word about new services NiN provides. Newsletter will be coming out this week!
 - Will be having a Christmas fundraising but TBD what it will be. Will be December 12th, either a virtual or socially distanced photoshoot with Santa.
 - Thank you to Gemini and the Bear photography!
 - rtownnin30316@gmail.com
 - <https://ninrtown.org/>

Announcements (2 min)

- How to get in touch: email: reynoldstownatlanta@gmail.com. Reynoldstown website: reynoldstown.net. Instagram handle: @rtownatl. Yahoo group: Search Reynoldstown or email reynoldstown-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.
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