

Ardmore Park Notes

Ardmore Park Neighborhood Association

Atlanta, Georgia

**MEETING
MEMORANDUM**

TO: file

FROM: Julie Hall

DATE: January 29, 2009

ATTENDING: Jim Wright
Tom Gordon
David Fosgate
Julie Hall
Anne Young
Jim Case
Karen Vohman
Bailey White
Tracey Rutherford
Gudrun Noonan

COPY: All Attending
Steve Fairley
Susan Crawford
Margaret Talmadge
Shelley Kaplan

The Ardmore Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was held at the lovely home of Karen Vohman on Wednesday, January 29, 2009. President Jim Wright presided over the meeting held to discuss several relevant issues concerning the neighborhood. The following comments summarize issues discussed. Please notify Jim Wright or Julie Hall of any clarifications pertaining to items listed below.

Item:

A. President's Report

- 1. Neighborhood Watch** Jim will contact the representative from the Neighborhood Watch Program to begin the process of implementing the program.
- 2. HIA: Health Impact Assessment** The report has recently been published and may be accessed through the GA Tech Research website soon. The HIA contains numerous recommendations concerning public policy, implementation, design, maintenance, and operations. Tom Gordon will post the executive summary on the Ardmore Park website. Jim will discuss the HIA with Clair Muller.

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3. **Liability Coverage** Since the neighborhood does not carry insurance for its board members - Jim again suggested that board members check their home umbrella insurance policy for coverage.
4. **Neighborhood Plan** A couple of years ago Jim met with the board to develop a neighborhood plan. The plan was included in the 2007 fall newsletter and may be accessed on the neighborhood website at http://ardmorepark.org/information_links/Fall-2007x.pdf.
5. **Ardmore Road Sidewalks** According to Jim, Dan Bauer is continuing to work on the sidewalk project and will have more information about estimates to install sidewalks soon.

B. Treasurer's Report Treasurer David Fosgate gave a brief report about the neighborhood treasury.

1. Our bank balance is approximately \$2600.
2. Dues are now due! Notices for 2009 will be sent out soon.
3. At the last board meeting the board approved a motion to raise the APNA dues from \$35 to \$50. The motion will be proposed at the annual meeting in April.

C. Secretary's Report Julie Hall completed the fall newsletter and the new neighborhood directory and both publications were delivered in the fall. A spring newsletter is being planned and will be delivered in the spring. Julie has also begun updating the email distribution list.

D. Security Report Tom Gordon reported to the group that the security dues notices have just been mailed recently and are now due. Tom suggested that the crime reports Susan Crawford emails to neighbors could possibly be uploaded to the Ardmore Park website with a link for neighbors to access. Tom will ask Susan about the logistics of placing these security reports on the website. After a brief discussion, Jim decided not to propose security signs for neighbors' yards at this time.

E. Condo Membership in Neighborhood Association

Jim reviewed the board approved motion from the last board meeting. The board approved to propose to the neighborhood a bylaw change allowing Collier Road Condo Membership into the Neighborhood Association with the following conditions:

- Since a bylaw change is needed it was recommended that we seek legal council on the issue of condo membership in the Neighborhood Association.
- Each building /condo association would have one vote at annual meetings

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- Each building / condo association would be assessed dues. The dues would be the product of the number of units in the building and one half the dues amount assessed to single family homes. Example : a condo building with ten units would be assessed $10 \times \$25$ (or half the dues assessed to single family homes) = \$250.
- Each condo association could have a street representative to serve on the board.

Jim will contact either Pat Tate or Jimmy Ney to discuss the bylaw change.

Per the bylaws—any bylaw change should be distributed to neighbors two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

F. Brookwood Alliance

1. Ga Tech Professor David Green is working with the Alliance to conduct another planning study of the Brookwood area. David is an urban planner working at Perkins & Will and will be conducting the study with the help of GA Tech planning students. Tracey Rutherford suggested that the BA work towards establishing additional funding for additional work on the plan once the initial student work is complete. Tracey offered to assist the BA with fund raising for this initiative.
2. The BA has formed a liaison committee with Piedmont Hospital.

G. Parking

1. Jim Case has been working on a Residential Parking Program for 28th Street. Jim mentioned that the city ordinance regarding residential parking is being rewritten. Once the ordinance has been approved Ardmore Park will continue to pursue the 28th Street Program which would require a permit to park on the street. Parking restrictions would limit parking to 2 hours during the day. In the evening only residents would be allowed to park on 28th Street. Jim Wright will bring the issue up with Clair to find out when the new ordinance will be approved.
2. Jim Case is also looking into the possibility of adding speed bumps on 28th Street. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of installing speed bumps throughout Ardmore Park. Long time Anjaco Rd. resident Karen Vohman mentioned that she did not want speed bumps on Anjaco as she believes they are not necessary.
Note: Jim Wright adds this note: “Board wants the City Department of Public Works to explore the possibility of installing speed bumps on all streets in Ardmore Park. Jim will take up this matter with Clair Muller.”
3. Tracey noticed the new curb cuts are in place at the Brookwood construction site. The curb cuts suggest that left turns will be allowed onto 28th Street when exiting the new building. Anne Young wrote a letter to the developer Mark Riley a few years ago requesting that there be no left turn from the new building onto 28th Street. Tracey will forward to Jim Wright a brief description of the new curb cuts. Jim will then contact Mark to inquire about the exiting from the development onto 28th Street.

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H. Annual Meeting in April

The annual meeting in April will have a new venue. To attract more neighbors to the meeting a spring party/meeting is being planned. Karen Vohman has graciously offered to host the event in her new garden. Tracey Rutherford has offered to chair the spring party committee. Anne and Julie agreed to help her with preparations. The tentative date is set for Sunday, April 21 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Jim will ask Mary Norwood and David Green among others to speak at the event.

I. New Business

1. Bailey White mentioned that the Central City Tavern at the corner of Collier and Peachtree Road will be closing soon. The building is expected to be torn down. There is no official information at this time concerning the future plans for the site. The property is owned by Piedmont Hospital.
2. There are escalating issues with traffic on Collier Road specifically during rush hours at the Hospital exits. Recently Officer Tom, our usual traffic cop at the Anjaco and Collier Road intersection has been away without a backup on duty. Anne was able to report to hospital executives a recent incident when there was no traffic cop on duty. Anne mentioned that the executives were out patrolling the intersection themselves. She suggested neighbors call the hospital to report incidents when there is no patrol officer on duty. Jim will talk to Clair Muller about the growing traffic problems surrounding our neighborhood. Clair may provide a contact within the DOT.
Note: Jim Wright adds this note to the minutes: "Jim Wright and Jim Case will meet with Clair Muller to discuss a number of Neighborhood matters—especially those relating to parking, the worsening traffic and congestion issues on Collier Road and the HIA study."
3. Anne mentioned that the multi family home on 28th Street adjacent to the Brookwood development has become an eyesore due to the number of cars parked all over the front yard. Jim Case mentioned that due to construction of the Brookwood development neighbors are no longer able to park on the street in front of the home. Jim Wright will speak to Clair about the issue and possibly contact the property owner.
4. Next board meeting is tentatively set for March 25th.

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