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FROM: Julie Hall

DATE: 30 January, 2008

ATTENDING: Jim Wright
Tom Gordon
G. Noonan
Anne Young
Steve Fairley
David Fosgate
Rich Hall
Julie Hall

COPY: All Attending
Susan Crawford
Sandy Builder
Karen Vohman
Shelley Kaplan
Margaret Talmadge
Hank Schwab
Alfred Kennedy

The Ardmore Park Neighborhood Association Board met at the home of Rich and Julie Hall on Wednesday, January 30, 2008. President Jim Wright called the meeting to discuss several relevant issues concerning the neighborhood. The following comments summarize issues discussed. Please notify Julie Hall of any clarifications or amendments pertaining to items listed below.

Item:

A. Officers' Reports

1. President's Overview
President Jim Wright distributed and gave a brief overview to the evenings meeting agenda.
2. Secretary Report
Vice President Julie Hall will take and distribute the meeting minutes. Neighborhood Secretary Sandy Builder has been unable to attend the board meetings.
3. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Rich Hall briefly updated the board about the neighborhood treasury. The account is now over \$4000 and includes dues paid by just over 65% of the neighborhood – which is the first increase in the number of association members in several years. The dues for 2008 are \$35 – a \$10 increase over previous years dues. Rich will send out an email to the neighborhood as a reminder to neighbors who still may wish to pay dues for this calendar year.

4. Security Report
Security Officer Susan Crawford forwarded her report as she was unable to attend the meeting. Susan reports that there is over \$10,000 in the security fund to pay for security officer hours to patrol the neighborhood. Susan continues to keep neighbors updated with her frequent and much appreciated security emails.
5. NPU-E Report
Representative Steve Fairley briefly updated the board about the very busy NPU-E activities. He also reported that the new town home development on Ardmore Circle will soon begin demo and construction with an expected Phase One Opening within the next year.
6. Street Representatives
David Fosgate joins the board as a new St. Rep. for Ardmore Road. David and his family have been Ardmore residents for several years and are very active in the community.
Also new to the board this year will be Alfred Kennedy as the new St. Rep for 28th Street.

B. Neighborhood Initiatives

1. Parking – Jim Wright briefly discussed the ongoing parking issues along Wycliff Road. Clair Muller has been involved since early January to help accelerate the process of obtaining parking permits for neighbors on Wycliff Road.
2. Neighborhood Watch - There was a discussion about creating a Neighborhood Watch program. Jim Wright explained that according to the NW representative he has spoken with there is evidence that neighborhoods with the program are statistically more secure. David Fosgate indicated that he may be available to lead this initiative sometime later this year.
3. Social Committee- Tom Gordon reported for his wife Social Committee Chair Pat Gordon. The committee met to discuss their ideas for creating more social gatherings for the neighborhood. Two ideas discussed were hosting a Spring Garden Tour and a 4th of July picnic celebration.
4. Website – www.ardmorepark.org Webmaster Tom Gordon suggested posting the past neighborhood newsletters. He is looking into limiting access to parts of the website to members only for security purposes.
5. Newsletter – Julie Hall will coordinate the spring newsletter to publish in April.
6. Brookwood Alliance – Jim Wright indicated that the Alliance is still trying to study and decide how the organization will be funded by the neighborhoods.
7. Friends of Ardmore Park –The focus of the committee is the maintenance of the park and playground equipment safety. At present there are a few safety and maintenance issues. Dan Bauer continues to help coordinate park maintenance. Julie Hall will organize a Spring clean up day in the park. Steve Fairley suggested adding solar site lighting along the paved trail.
8. Land Use Committee- there are no new updates at this time.

C. Planning Initiatives

1. Beltline – The Path and Beltline will begin construction on the trail through Tanyard Creek Park soon. The Beltline decided to go forward with the trail adjacent to the meadow despite much controversy from the community. At this time it seems that the Beltline does not have the necessary approvals to build the trail under the CSX railroad trestle to connect the proposed new trail to the existing Ardmore Park trail.

Also, according to Jim, the Beltline will soon release its study to address how the partnership plans to develop beltline rail adjacent to the existing CSX rail line and the single family homes on Ardmore Rd. and Dellwood Rd. At many public meetings Beltline officials continue to maintain that single family homes will not be affected by the beltline rail.

2. Peachtree Corridor – There was a brief discussion about the proposed streetcar funding. Steve Fairley recently asked corridor taskforce Executive Director Ray Christman to address whether or not single family homes will be included in the tax to help fund the streetcar. Christman indicated that while the taskforce is not specifically targeting single family homes – there may be some homes immediately adjacent to Peachtree Rd. that will be included in the Corridor and therefore eventually taxed. Also there is some concern that the Taskforce design recommendations published in 2007 will not be incorporated into zoning regulations along Peachtree Rd. Jim indicated that the Brookwood Alliance may need to further address this concern.
3. Buckhead CID – the Buckhead CID’s website is www.buckheadcid.com
4. Hospital Health Impact – Dr. Catherine Ross kicked off her public meetings to introduce the hospital health impact study this month at the Brookwood Hills neighborhood meeting. The study group has developed a survey for neighbors in the area to give their input about whole health concerns they have regarding the adjacent hospital. Our neighborhood input will be important to the study and we are encouraged to participate in the surveys as they are made available. Jim Wright indicated that he will continue to speak to Dr. Ross as he feels necessary while he is in Houston. He will ask Dr. Ross to be our key note speaker at our Neighborhood Meeting in April.
5. Transportation – Steve Fairley is involved in the new Connect Atlanta transportation study. He presented an introduction to the study. Please go to the web site www.connectatlantaplan.com for more information.

D. Annual Meeting in April

The regularly scheduled neighborhood meeting usually scheduled for the third Tuesday of April falls on the 15th tax day this year and therefore will tentatively be moved back a week to April 22 TBA. The board hopes to have a keynote speaker for the meeting - possibly Dr. Catherine Ross - to help increase attendance at this year’s meeting. Rich Hall mentioned that the new bylaws indicate that this is a board election year. While Jim indicated some hesitation about serving as president for another term board members hope he will continue to serve based on his outstanding record. There was a brief discussion about other board positions. A nominating committee will nominate neighbors for the five main offices. At Julie’s suggestion Tom Gordon said he will consider serving as an officer. Street Rep Coordinator Anne Young suggested recruiting more street representatives to increase neighborhood participation on the board and to allow new neighbors to get involved.

E. Board’s Responsibility while Jim is away in Houston.

Jim indicated that he will have email and his cell and wishes to maintain many of his current contacts. Jim will be available for consult on neighborhood issues and Vice President Julie Hall will act in the role of President when necessary. The board wishes Jim a speedy recovery and will miss him while he is away.

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