

Mechanicsville Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2016

I. Call to order

David Holder Sr. (President) called to order for the Mechanicsville Civic Association at 6:40pm on September 7, 2016 at Dunbar Recreation Center located at 477 Windsor Street.

Invocation performed by Ms. Jane Ridley as Ms. Doristine Samuel (Chaplain) wasn't present at the meeting at this time.

II. Roll call

Roll call initiated by David Holder and reflects community sign-in sheet collected for the meeting.

Civic Association Board Members present: David Holder (President), Ocie Fulford (Parliamentarian), Doristine Samuel (Chaplain), Jason Dozier (Communications), and Evelyn Clemmons (Secretary)

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

All attendees were given 3 minutes to review minutes of previous meeting. Jane Ridley motion to approve minutes, Jason Dozier seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved

IV. Financial Report

Financial Report not given as finances are still being handed over to Geoffrey Grice from previous Treasurer (Steve Moss)

V. Communications Report

Jason Dozier discussed the Mechanicsville Civic Association webpage, Facebook, and Twitter accounts. The goal is to connect people around the area by disseminating information through the website and through an online newsletter. Raquel Jackson was acknowledged as helping with the website—community members met to discuss what they'd like to see on the webpage

VI. Community Report

- Jane Ridley (Resident) discussed that the mayor addressed in his press conference announcing the sale of Turner Field to Georgia State University that GSU would have the first right of refusal for the parking lots owned by AFCRA in

Mechanicsville. The deal still has to be approved by the Georgia Board of Regents, and wants to ensure that they are targeted to let them know that Mechanicsville needs greater economic development rather than student homes. There's also a desire to put pressure on elected officials at City Council.

- Jane Ridley also discussed that the TFCBC marched on Georgia State University. Senator Vincent Fort spoke in support of the TFCBC.
- Jane Ridley also discussed that there will be a groundbreaking for a new gas station at the intersection of Fulton and Winsor Streets.

VII. Community Police Report

- Lt. Meyers reported that crime is up 3% in 303, with the majority of that coming from vehicle break-ins and residential burglaries. There was also a homicide at Hendrix that resulted in three arrests.
- David Holder (President) asked if there could be more signs on one-way streets to prevent wrong-way drivers. There were also concerns about police chases in the neighborhood.
- Lt. Meyers was asked if he had a contact at the Atlanta Police Foundation that could address a concern about getting more police cameras installed in the neighborhood. Evelyn Clemmons asked specifically about cameras at the intersection of Windsor and Richardson Streets to prevent drivers from running stop signs.
- Lt. Meyers recommended that residents concerned about a specific problem speak with Officer Parrish, who is the beat officer that typically completes his reports at the corner of Formwalt and Ralph David Abernathy.

VI. New Business

- Alex Beely from Trees Atlanta spoke about PlantLanta which is occurring on October 15 at 9 AM across the City of Atlanta. In Mechanicsville, there are two community plantings that residents are invited to participate in—plantings at Rosa L. Burney Park and at Prior / Dodd. Community members are also invited to reach out to Trees Atlanta to have trees installed on their private property that's street-facing (free to home owners).
- David Holder mentioned that Ms. Ware from SUMMECH will be hosting an open house to discuss the status of the new homes being built throughout the community. She also mentioned that the properties will have additional security to enforce upkeep and maintenance.

- David Holder discussed a Halloween Party that he is planning. A committee will be formed to make the event more inclusive across the community.
- Lalla Wilson discussed the new permeable pavers being installed across the community, thanking residents for their patience and time while placing down the new pavers.

VII. Announcements

There were no announcements

VIII. Adjournment

Doristine Samuel closed out the meeting with a prayer

David Holder (President) adjourned the Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Minutes submitted by: Evelyn Clemons (Secretary)

Minutes approved by : David Holder (President)