

Mechanicsville Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2016

I. Call to order

David Holder Sr. (President) called to order for the Mechanicsville Civic Association at 6:34pm on October 3, 2016 at Dunbar Recreation Center located at 477 Windsor Street.

Invocation performed by Ms. Doristine Samuel (Chaplain).

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 Geoffrey Grice (Treasurer)

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

All attendees were given 3 minutes to review minutes of previous meeting. There was a motion to approve minutes that was seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved (11-0)

IV. Financial Report

Geoffrey Grice (Treasurer) reported that an online profile was set up for the bank. Also the check had cleared for Jazz Fest, and that were past the deadline on taxes owed by MCA.

V. Communications Report

Jason Dozier pointed out to attendees that business cards had been created with MCA's contact information. Cards were laid out in the back of the room, and attendees were asked to take cards to share with their neighbors. Attendees were also asked to sign in so that they could be added to the mailing list.

VI. Community Report

- Jane Ridley (Resident) discussed the Atlanta Braves departure from Mechanicsville

- There would be a SMP grant opportunity in December, but it was unknown how many funds would be available considering that the Braves haven't paid into the SMP fund
- There was a Turner Field Community Benefits Coalition and Georgia State students-led meeting at Hurt Park to go to Dr. Becker's office as direct action
- The TFCBC Steering Committee wants community to review the CBA to identify what isn't negotiable; we should not say that anything is unnegotiable and Jane asked for a community vote
 - A motion was put forth by Ocie Fulford (Parliamentarian) and seconded by Steve Moss (Resident)
 - The motion carried unanimously

VII. City Officials Reports

- Police Report
 - Sgt. McEckron reported that crime is down but break-ins are up
 - Doristine Samuel (Chaplain) asked if there was a statistics sheet available but the police officers didn't have one on hand
 - Vehicle larcenies continue to be an issue in the neighborhood
 - When asked about the issue with teenagers recklessly riding ATVs through the neighborhood, the police officers stated that they've found some success with utilizing air units to follow riders; this has resulted in the apprehension of 3 ATVs so far. Air units must be used because APD can't pursue. It takes 2 minutes for air unit to get on scene
 - Doristine Samuel pointed out that ATVs gather at the Chevron station at Wells and Northside drive
 - The police officers also pointed out that dirt bikes were also illegal to ride on the streets
- Gloria Butler – Rep. Pat Gardner's Office
 - Rep. Pat Gardner, Rep. Park Cannon, and Sen. Nan Orrock will be hosting a community engagement town hall meeting at Grady High School on 10/4 to discuss the various amendments on the ballot
- Lalla Wilson - PIO with Watershed Management

- Atlanta is the first city in the United States to have flood remediation project on this scale
- 80,000 square feet of pavers have been installed
- Jason Dozier (Communications) wanted to know how long it would take to repair sinkholes formed from the pavers; the response was that it would take a few weeks
- Doristine Samuel asked if there will be pavers on Glenn Street; Lalla said she'd look into whether that would be added to the plan
- Marshall Thomas - Councilmember Clela Winslow's Office
 - There would be an organized clean up on the 3rd Saturday in October at Ralph David Abernathy Square
 - The Mayor's Ball would be held on 11/20, for residents 65 and older; David Holder (President) had 20 tickets available for distribution; the event would be held at the Atlanta Marriott at Peachtree Center

VI. New Business

- Shevan Howard - King Middle School
 - Shevan offered to have Mechanicsville community residents tour the renovations of the school; however, he would have to be notified a month in advance
 - Shevan reported that 2 students received R.E.A.C.H. scholarships
 - There would be student elections on 10/17
 - Shevan will continue to try to come to meetings every other month to report back about what was happening at the school
- Janis Ware couldn't attend but the grand opening for the Mechanicsville Cityside homes will be on 10/20. Community is going to benefit from security improvements. Even though the opening is happening on 10/20, the rest of the development will be happening in phases. All projects are expected to be complete by the end of December.
- Natalie Kaiser - Annie E. Casey Foundation

- Event sponsorship applications for \$300 funds will be due by 10/31. This will be the last funding for the year. AECF will be setting aside \$50K for grants, and they are seeking a Community Investment Fund Board.
- AECF is spearheading the creation of a safety committee across NPU-V, dealing with:
 - How to respond to incidents of trauma to prevent retaliation
 - How to intervene on the street to mitigate issues
 - 10/11 there will be a documentary screening of The Interveners in Peoplestown
- AECF will be hosting an Education Town Hall on 10/20 in conjunction with NPU-V President Stephanie Flowers

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 6:28pm