

# ***Mechanicsville Civic Association***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

November 7, 2016

### **I. Call to order**

David Holder Sr. (President) called to order for the Mechanicsville Civic Association at 6:38pm on November 7, 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**

Ocie Fulford (Parliamentarian) read the minutes. There was a motion to amend the minutes to correct a name. Correction was approved and seconded. Jane Ridley made a motion to approve the minutes and Jason Dozier seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved (15-0).

### **IV. Financial Report**

Geoffrey Grice (Treasurer) reported that there was a withdrawal for \$1100.

### **V. Communications Report**

Jason Dozier (Communications) reminded community members to take business cards in the back of the room.

### **VI. Community Report**

- Jane Ridley discussed that she was looking to create a coop to keep food prices sustainable in the community; the coop would be limited to seniors in the beginning but would expand to the larger community further along; there was a motion to set up a MCA-endorsed coop made by Jane and it was seconded by Doristine Samuel; the motion carried 17-0

- The Turner Field Community Benefits Coalitoin has continued to conduct direct action and that has resulted in GSU stating that they would like to meet
- Jane argued that we need to start looking at how to move forward with getting a CBA in place to deal with Mechanicsville parking lots and asked for a vote to support getting an addendum to the TFCBC Community Benefits Agreement proposal; a motion for support carried 15-0-1

## **VII. City Officials Reports**

- Police Report
  - Sgt. McEckron reported that crime is down due to colder weather
  - Doristine Samuel asked about Georgia State University police officers chasing ATVs; state law allows for cross-jurisdiction interdiction, which may be why GSU police were in pursuit
  - Jason Dozier asked about the triple shooting on Smith; APD reported that it was narcotics-related
  - Sharon Collins brought up that there needed to be a pedestrian crosswalk at the block connecting to the Family Dollar on Ralph David Abernathy; there was a motion placed that a letter be sent to the Georgia Department of Transportation, along with elected officials
    - The motion was seconded by Doristine Samuel
    - Doristine recommended an amendment to the motion, but it was asked that the motion wait until after the APD report
    - Motion needs to include specific asks for signage and needs to be submitted to NPU-V for submissions
    - Letter must also include specific timeframe (within a week ahead of NPU-V for support)
    - Motion carried 19-0
  - Jane Ridley asked if GSU was working with APD
    - Sgt. McEckron mentioned that they had an established relationship with GSU in Zone 5

- There was a need to figure out specific addresses and properties that GSU would be able to patrol and that they'd need additional training
  - Doristine's motion to address a pothole on Ralph David Abernathy in front of the MARTA was finally submitted and then passed 15-0
    - Letter must add that the city needs to survey Mechanicsville for potholes
    - Ocie Fulford (Parliamentarian) suggested that there needs to be a specific location rather than a neighborhood-wide survey for the biggest impact
  - Public safety contact information needs to be updated on the website (Jason Dozier will action)

## **VI. New Business**

- Dr. Ade – Education and Ministry (Covenant)
  - Starting a community theater and is trying to get the word out; looking to have a meeting on the day after Thanksgiving
- Elections
  - Board of Directors
    - President; Jane Ridley nominated by David Holder; elected 14-0
    - Vice-President; No qualified candidates nominated
    - Secretary; Deborah Arnold nominated by Doristine Samuel; elected 14-0
    - Treasurer; Gregory Grice nominated by Steve Moss; elected 14-0
    - Parliamentarian; Ocie Fulford nominated by Steve Moss; elected 14-0
    - Membership; No qualified candidates nominated
    - Chaplain; Doristine Samuel nominated by Jason Dozier; elected 14-0

- Jane Ridley made a motion to appoint Jason Dozier as Vice-President and to have that affirmed by the MCA general body; Jason was elected Vice-President 14-0
- Committee Chairs
  - Steve Moss was elected as Communications Chair
  - Evelyn Clemmons was elected as Youth Chair

## **VII. Announcements**

- Cheryl with Councilmember Carla Smith's Office
  - Upcoming scrap tire drive, which occurs twice a year; trying to get enough momentum to do tire pick-up as well
  - Partnership with the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHARM); 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of November, residents can take tires to CHARM for free of charge
  - Councilmember Winslow's designated tire pick up 11/19, 9am-Noon, Mall at West End
- Deborah Arnold; there will be a meeting at the intersection of Formwalt and Richardson Streets to march to the polls on Election Day

## **VIII. Adjournment**

David Holder (President) adjourned the Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm