

Mechanicsville Civic Association March Minutes

Call to order: 6:37 PM

1. Present:
 - a. Dr. Jane Ridley
 - b. Jason Dozier
 - c. DeMicha Luster
 - d. David Holder
 - e. Ocie Fulford

2. Law Enforcement
 - a. Major Peek
 - i. Incident on Garibaldi St.
 1. 2 people of interest, not official suspects
 2. 19 y/o deceased man was targeted
 3. First murder of 2020
 4. Community expressed concern of additional/follow up retaliation for this death

 - ii. 700 Garibaldi St. "snack delivery" robbery
 1. 2 people arrested, 1 outstanding

 - iii. Additional shooting on Garibaldi St. (same day as "snack delivery" robbery)
 1. No updates

 - iv. Robbery at 221 Dodd (shots fired)
 1. Suspect is known, warrant issued
 2. Suspect is wanted in South Carolina

 - v. Lots of domestic/family related crimes in area.

 - b. Questions:
 - i. Cameras on Bass St.
 1. Unsure if they are active
 - ii. New camera is pending for Garibaldi
 - iii. 748 Garibaldi is a problem
 1. Lots of traffic
 2. Lots of connection to Garibaldi shooting
 - iv. Were 3 female witnesses spoken to from shooting 3/1/2020?
 1. Unsure if they were interviewed
 2. Video shows they knew Jeep driver
 - v. Shooting 2/14/2020
 1. Shooting is unreported
 2. Video picked up from Atlanta Food Mart

- vi. High APD turnover
 - 1. 3rd new Zone Commander in 12 months
 - vii. Officers are NOT currently stationed at Dunbar
 - 1. They are hoping to have them back in May
 - viii. Recommendation for APD Recruitment *in* Mechanicsville / targeted neighborhoods to prevent turnover
 - ix. Concern for 911 response time (re: 3/1/2020)
 - 1. Initial call was “shots fired in area” however additional call stated “someone was shot.” The response times are different for both.
 - x. Community request for “Clear Car Campaign”
 - 1. Help to reduce car break-in’s
 - 2. 304 has part of Mechanicsville, some arrests have been made.
 - 3. Zone 3 has had an increase in break-in’s
 - xi. “Bluetooth Finder” app has been allowing people to detect devices to break in specific cars
 - c. RECOMMENDATION: Install “Ring Stick-Up” Cameras for your homes
3. Cleta Winslow
- a. NPU University
 - i. Hosted by COA and DCP
 - ii. Electronic Catalogue will be on MCA website
 - b. The return of Night Basketball (circa Bill Campbell Administration) will save us from young adult crime at night
 - c. Call her: 404-216-1701 ANYTIME!
 - d. New Voting Machine Demonstration & Training
 - i. 3/7/2020 & 3/8/2020 from 5 pm to 7 pm at West End Mall
 - e. Park Pride’s The Nature of Our City event sponsored by Cleta.
 - i. See her for sponsorships (valued at \$150) for 2 people
 - f. Cleta Winslow has a digital newsletter
 - i. Can be sent to your email
 - ii. She will also provide paper copies
 - g. 19 developments are happening in District 4.
 - i. There are 14 more pending
 - ii. These are opportunities for jobs
 - h. Work Source offers GED classes M-F
 - i. 2000+ Census jobs are available!
 - i. Over time pay is time and a half
 - ii. Jobs are paying up to \$22.50 per hour
 - j. FILL OUT YOUR CENSUS FORMS!
4. CHRIS 180
- a. Shooting update:
 - i. Trauma Response deployment
 - 1. March 4th 12-2 on Giribaldi

- ii. March 5th
 - 1. 2 healing circles at Dunbar Rec
 - a. 9:30a – 10:30a
 - b. 4:30p – 5:30p
 - iii. Mental Health Support is available
- 5. Center for Black Women’s Wellness
 - a. March 28th 5k Fundraiser Walk
 - i. 8 AM
 - ii. Register at WWW.CBWW.Org
- 6. Development
 - a. John Rodlee
 - i. Owns small lot (2400 sq. ft.) across from the Juvenile Center
 - 1. At Eugenia and Formwalt
 - ii. Transform into a coffee shop with 2 homes above it
 - iii. Needs Parking Variance
 - 1. Street Parking and part of the Juvenile Justice Lot
 - iv. They believe their clientele will be those who attend the Juvenile Justice Center and the library
 - v. The vote:
 - 1. Yes: 18
 - 2. No: 0
 - 3. Abstain: 2
 - b. Jim Sheeks / Fordis Homes
 - i. Love St. (½ an acre)
 - ii. Requesting a Rezoning from subarea 5 to subarea 6 to establish 2 duplexes (4 units)
 - 1. 259 Love street (2 units)
 - 2. 255 Love street (2 units)
 - 3. All 3 bd 2.5 bath
 - iii. Price point
 - 1. High 200’s – low 300’s
 - iv. Previously owned by Columbia Residential
 - v. The vote:
 - 1. Yes: 16
 - 2. No: 0
 - 3. Abstain: 0
- 7. President’s report
 - a. SNTF has approved Mechanicsville proposals
 - b. Film Symposium at Sylvan Hills Middle School
 - i. March 21st
 - ii. Hosted by Georgia Film Academy
 - c. Urban Land Institute

- i. "Mtap"
 - 1. Free consulting work to look at public land use in Mechanicsville
- ii. Please fill out surveys to collect information to know what we want in our community.
- iii. There will be a final report with data supported recommendations for us to use as we say what we want for our community
- d. Minutes were approved:
 - i. Yes: 12
 - ii. No: 0
 - iii. Abstain: 0
- e. Dr. Ridley is working to get a Senior Citizen Center in Mechanicsville
 - i. We exceeded 100 name request (300)
 - ii. We can put a Senior Center in one of the neighborhoods (Mechanicsville, Pittsburgh, or Peoplestown) however operating costs are a topic of concern.
- f. NPU Meeting next Monday HERE! (at Dunbar Recreation Center)**
 - i. 7pm-9pm**

Meeting Dismissed 8:12 PM