

## Mechanicsville Civic Association Meeting

September 10, 2020

6:36 PM – 8:12 PM

Present:

Dr. Jane Ridley, President

Jason Dozier, Vice President

DeMicha Luster, Secretary & Youth Committee Chair

Ocie Fulford, Parliamentarian

David Holder, Treasurer

Queen Evelyn, Chaplain

- Meeting opened (Dr. Ridley)
- Prayer (Queen Evelyn)
- Attendance
- Public Officials
  - Carla Smith
    - Council Update
      - Dog park with David (He will update us)
    - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
      - Is still moving forward on Hank Arron
      - The bus will have its own lane! (no traffic)
    - City Council asked the State to ban no-knock warrants
      - They are already banned in the City of Atlanta
    - Alcohol delivery is being worked out
    - One Atlanta is approved and Invest Atlanta is making the strategic plan
    - Youth (18-24) are wanted for the CRB
    - How does Mechanicsville feel about AirBnB's?
      - Legislation from Councilman Shook is on the table.
        - It impacts any residential area having airbnb's.
          - Including mixed-residential
      - Send thoughts to Carla
        - [Csmith@atlantaga.gov](mailto:Csmith@atlantaga.gov)
        - Office: 404-330-6039
        - Home: 404-627-8313
    - Dr. Ridley requested support on the community sale/purchase of land on Cooper St. near Fulton st. and the BP.
    - Ocie asked about updating/amending the noise ordinance in the City
      - He does not want to hear music out of homes after a certain time.

- Carla recommends Ocie providing recommendations to her so she can advocate.
    - Major Peek shared the difficulty of noise complaints
    - Shalondra H asked about vacant lots in Mechanicsville
      - Dr. Ridley provided a response
  - Major C. Peek
    - We had a ok July & August. Not much going on.
      - 1 robbery (male robbed female while walking)
      - 1 home shot up
- Presenters
  - None
- Officers
  - Jason Dozier
    - Murphy Crossing (Lee st @ Murphy) Coalition
      - There is a survey to hear more about what people want developed in the area
      - Survey:
  - David Holder
    - Dog Park update
      - Working with public works to identify an area for the park
        - Interested? Contact David
    - Spoke with Cleta Winslow about reducing parking density on Bass St (1-sided parking)
    - Voting tiny houses (now also a mini library)
      - Garibaldi @ Bass (east)
      - Working on getting more!
  - DeMicha
    - Welcome Rayna Dozier!
      - The Dozier network + Community donated to Dunbar on behalf of the baby!
    - FREE WIFI at all libraries!
      - Be socially distant & learn in a library greenspace
    - Park Pride
      - Updating parks
        - With Evelyn

Motion made: DeMicha to education chair for community grant.

Moved, second, & approved

- Ocie
  - MCA Elections
    - October 2020 is the deadline to run for an MCA position

- Elected in November 2020
    - Start January 2021
    - Jason has been compiling the membership attendance over the last few years. He will work with Ocie to complete elections process
    - Ocie will send out qualifications
  - Queen Evelyn
    - Seniors update:
      - Spoke with Lily Burns, the secretary of the Columbia tenants association
        - Lots of passing and not enough family support
        - Evelyn provided resources for help and support
- President's report
  - AECF grant for NPU V communities on October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - SNCTF grant RFP anticipated in December
  - Christian Bonner – nominated as housing chair
    - Moved, second, & approved
  - Update on Secoreia Turner money collected
    - Family not responding to donate money
    - Motion made to return collected money
      - Moved, second, & approved
- Question + convo: vacant lots in Mechanicsville – Our vacant properties are not included in the publicized land sell off to pay a debt. We will reach out to housing reps in the area to discuss at next meeting.

Dismissed