



MECHANICSVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting | Monday, November 1, 2021, | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting Opened at 6:34 pm
- Opening – Laurie Walker,
- Introductions of Board, Presenters, and all on call / meeting
- Minutes: David made a motion to skip. No meeting minutes available.

Presentations:

Request for City of Atlanta staff to speak; none present.

Diane Lynch - Signature at Pryor – Parking Spaces Property that was up for presentation last month. Variance needed. Application was submitted for rezoning for a live work / mix use community from Formwalt to Crumbly. Community approved. Variance application for office space. Ordinance for side street parking and this application will allow for the density for office/workspace. NPU V requested that the updated information be presented. NO QUESTIONS. This was informational only just to update the neighborhood. Waiting on Council and ZRB for full approval before marketing and putting information out with a wrapping and marketing.

Kevin Edwards / - 681 Whitehall (Z-21-92) – Zoning - 42 townhomes, retail space, and parking . Trying to rezone to a MRC3; rezoning is for that specific parcel; extending from 677. Is it a new build? YES. Its only a barren piece of land right now . What is the overall vision? Underground parking; bring units in the 200-250k range for lofts; wider sidewalks; retail and living in the same building; Is this affordability in market? Its more so market than affordability. When do you break ground? March 2022. Micha made a motion to approve. Ocie second. Moved and properly seconded. 14 ye's. 1 nay. 0 Abstentions . Motion Carries.

Randy Pimsler / 515 Whitehall (Z-21-101) – Zoning – From I 2 to I mix. West of McDaniel and North of Whitehall. Parcel is a 3rd of an acre of land. Proposing a 22 unit, affordable and market. 30 parking spaces on the ground; rooftop terrace; COMMENT: Whitehall is north of i-20, can someone incorporate the name of Mechanicsville, so people know they are entering; Is this mix use for sale? It will start as a rental and its mixed income. Residential development. COMMENT: Please come



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by the Mechanicsville / Ga Tech preservation project. Ocie made motion to support development efforts of 515 Whitehall. Nicholas McKinney, second. 19 ye's. 0 no's. 1 abstention.

288 RDA (Pit Stop) – Change in Ownership – Not present; issues presented in reference to issues, concerns, etc. Amber: Various activities; concerned with the parking lot (increase curb appeal); Micha: We need a written community agreement/action plan before change of ownership.

David Holder – Are there any representatives from City or Council?

Committee Reports:

Ocie – Vote tomorrow. Mechanicsville is having elections for our body . 6 meetings needed. You can partake in committee groups.

Caitlin – I have nothing making sure attendance is updated.

Lauren – The spirit is well.

Yolanda – No comments.

Samantha – I have nothing.

Brittany – Is there a list of the committee chairs so that we can look at?

Ocie – Email me ocie004@aol.com and bylaws are on the website as well.

Micha – Thanks for your support, coming out to the event yesterday. Year 3; Filming update, will defer to David.

Claire – Dunbar Elementary PTA, rebuilding year; hosted a Trunk of Treat event for the kids; Guest = Ernest Sessoms – Thank you for the incentives for kids; can't wait for you all to be able to see the transformations happening inside of the school; How is the student attendance? We are at 87%; a lot better since being in the building; we have issues with tardies; Enrollment is up to 308. Established pre-k; uptick in students; trying to be competitive with the charter school options; parent volunteer hours (6); after school tutorial on Wednesday and Thursdays with Spelman and Morehouse; have cheer and band; relatively low as far as numbers for displaced or homeless; has a wraparound program ; and Atlanta Housing. Dunbar is a very high poverty school; highest in the district; Ernest Sessoms; essoms@atlanta.k12.ga.us; 4048027955



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Brandon Alexander – Thanks for those who came out to the Revolt cookout done in exchange for the summit coming this month.

David Holder – Atlanta Fair Tickets overview; Last month's meeting Jane Ridley resigned as president ending effective October 5th. She didn't attend the October 4th. Jane picked up tickets to the fair the day after she was no longer president 220 tickets; email sent to Kerry (Fulton County Authority); Tickets were delivered; Jane Ridley responded she picked up tickets; was asked how many tickets were picked up; she did not respond; 175 tickets returned but only 160 in the envelope. Tickets given away to varying organizations as well as community; we have additional tickets if anyone in the community wants them. If you want fair tickets send me a email to montez68@yahoo.com or text, or call at 404.307.7174 Nominations to replace Jane Ridley as film liaison and Stadium Neighborhood Trust Fund (\$50 stipend for attending); Program Manager assigned from Atlanta Housing for the new development; REVOLT is supposed to do a scholarship for two kids in the community - no clarity on what for.

Micha – Do we have to take a motion to have her removed?

Ocie – She nominated herself and was not elected by this body so we can propose her to be replaced.

Ocie – Nominating Nicholas Mckinney; Laurie second; 15 ye's; 0 no's; 1 abstention.

David – Film liaison ; lets community know when there are filming in the City; can make requests on behalf of the community; Micha was elected interim and met with the City staff...but the director said that she would remove the position from Mechanicsville altogether; Micha has yet to hear a response back from them;

Claire – We should pushback; can we put together a letter stating we trust this person;

Rick – I agree with Claire, in order of transparency. We aren't clear on the qualifications are, and we thought it was a community vote; we should not voting anyone else.

Ocie – We need a backup person just so we cover ourselves. And have a back up person prepared.

Micha – Will create an email; not interested in the role however;



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Ocie – Brandon and Samantha were interested; I move that Brandon and Samantha as co-liaisons. 10 ye's;

Claire: Amendment asking that the City respect our roles.

Amber – Wants to spearhead an effort to do something with the center median.

Rick – Revolt came on the call and made all these promises; we have yet to receive anything based on the meeting; do we have contact information from FAY.

Caitlin – I'll reach out if need be. David said he would.

Ocie – Motion to adjourn.

8:15 PM Meeting Ended.