

## **Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting - Minutes**

Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 7 pm via Zoom. Meeting conducted by Alicia Thompson. Minutes by Laura Bellinger.

### **I. City of Atlanta - Natalyn Archibong**

- A traffic study is underway to have Wylie and Pearl become a 4-way stop. It appears it will be finished by the end of the month.
- CSX Findings: Four new mufflers were installed in early July. Meeting comment: Seems like they may not be using the mufflers as much as they should. Awaiting further information.
- 152 Berean Ave: Code Enforcement visited the location in the past two weeks. The lot was cleaned but it has to be done again because they did not do a good job. A virtual hearing about the property violations will be held on July 22. It would be helpful if the community showed up for the hearing.
- DeKalb Ave project: Send an email to [ATLDOT@AtlantaGa.Gov](mailto:ATLDOT@AtlantaGa.Gov) and put "DeKalb Avenue Safety Improvements Updates" as the subject line if you would like to be on the email list for notification regarding Dekalb Avenue/Decatur Street safety improvements project.

### **II. Atlanta Police Department**

- Still facing the same challenges as last month - vehicle break-ins, particularly around Memorial Drive. Have added reinforcements and undercover investigations. PLEASE KEEP YOUR CAR CLEAN - NO ITEMS IN SIGHT.
- Call 911 to report suspicious activity.
- Meeting comment: Thank you for the work done by the tunnel.

### **III. June 2021 CNIA meeting minutes approved.**

### **IV. Financial Report - Jack Cunningham.**

- Need to send invoices to all sponsors of the newsletter. Need to transfer some community garden money to CI.

### **V. Transportation Committee - Genevieve Barber**

- Hoping to add a pedestrian lane on Wylie between Esther Peachy LeFevre park and Krog tunnel. We need a certain level of insurance to apply for tactical urbanism. Another option would be to allow parking on the forward warrior wall. This option was not widely support by meeting participants. A specific bike lane is not currently an option.
- Genevieve has received over 70 reports for the traffic safety hot map. Data indicates the intersections of Gaskill & Tye and Kirkwood and Pearl would be good places to add stop signs. However, the city habitually rejects stop sign requests, usually because the next intersection has a stop sign or a red light.
- Estoria, Wylie, Caroll, Pearl and Berean have put in requests for transportation safety support.

### **VI. Communication - Naomi Siodmok**

- We're looking for suggestions for improving the CNIA website, [www.cabbagetown.com](http://www.cabbagetown.com). Feel free to send your ideas to [CNIACommunications@gmail.com](mailto:CNIACommunications@gmail.com). And check out our social media for events and information!

## **VII. NPU-N - John Dirga**

- Stacks Squares: The "Say Their Names" exhibit currently on Stacks Squares was selected to be part of the Elevate Atlanta Public Art project this year. This will take place the weekend of September 10-12. For further information, see [www.elevateatlart.com](http://www.elevateatlart.com) Congratulations to artist Austin Blue!!
- This month a cop stopped an active shooting at a hotel on Moreland near I-20.
- High speed chase on Wylie: there's still a moratorium on high speed chases unless the person has a felony.
- Officer forum for code enforcements: They are just now getting back to the list and are prioritizing 2020 complaints. They prioritize vacant lots and a couple other items.
- Fall Festival on Ponce de Leon Ave: NPU voted against it.
- NPU passed the decided on CDP language. The CDP will go before City Council in September or October.
- The Atlanta Beltline has been offering a housing improvement series.
- The Center for Civic Innovation has been working for 1-2 years to improve the effectiveness of its organization and access to equity. To receive more information on this, email the NPU.
- Bertha was interviewed for Cabbagetown's YouTube channel. Check it out here: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPfMySiE5\\_Mf4v0GrDHYQbA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPfMySiE5_Mf4v0GrDHYQbA)

## **VIII. Chomp N Stomp 2021 is on!**

- Chomp N' Stomp: We now have someone for logistics and a lot of people wanting to volunteer who have never previously volunteered.
- We're looking for neighbors who have a cool porch to have a band play on their porch. All you need to provide is an extension cord and your porch. It could also be in your yard or on a flat bed truck that pulls in front of your house. If you'd like to offer your porch/yard/truck, email [chompmusic@gmail.com](mailto:chompmusic@gmail.com).

## **IX. Cabbagetown Initiative - Kendall Rawls**

- We're still working on putting together a beloved list of what we would like the agreements to be. Negotiating with the city for what we would like for the community center.
- Our next Park Clean Up Day is August 7. Come volunteer and help us tidy up our beloved parks! Cabbagetown Park, Esther Peachy LeFevre Park and
- The next CI meeting will take place August 3 at 7:15 pm.

- CI currently has two open positions to fill: Vice President and Secretary. Join us! Responsibilities generally require approximately 3 hours a month of your time, including the monthly meeting which meets the first Monday of each month. Learn more about CI here: <https://cabbagetown.com/cicdc>
- Friends of Cabbagetown Conservancy (FOCC), a branch of CI, is a year-round group that raises money to keep up all 3 of Cabbagetown's parks. Learn more about FOCC and become a FOCCer here: <https://cabbagetown.com/donate-to-the-park>

## **X. New Business**

- Forward Warrior will take place this year on September 18, 2021. They will be closing Wylie from Powell St. to the Krog Tunnel from 11 am - 5 pm on this date and are looking for volunteers for the event. 97 Estoria will be open and will also feature a craft market. Traffic maps will be shared and there will be detour signs. If you go through the Krog Tunnel, you will be routed to Pearl. Stay tuned for more details here! <https://cabbagetown.com/forwardwarrior>
  - A Cabbagetown garden tour of homes is being planned to take place the same weekend as Forward Warrior. And we're looking for gardens, back yards or front yards in Cabbagetown to participate! If you'd like to have yours added to this awesome tour, or if you'd like to help out with the event, email [info@cabbagetown.com](mailto:info@cabbagetown.com).
  - Concrete Jungle will also be tied in to the Forward Warrior and Cabbagetown Garden Tour of Homes weekend. Cabbagetown wanted to include a public good component to Forward Warrior and someone asked that Concrete Jungle offer a couple of Cabbagetown Arboretum tours in the neighborhood this same weekend. Part of the proceeds will go to Concrete Jungle, <https://www.concrete-jungle.org> Come learn about Cabbagetown's trees and support the awesome Concrete Jungle!
  - Patchworks is also looking into offering a historic tour of the Stacks this same weekend. Lots of great things planned for the neighborhood the weekend of September 18. Stay tuned!
- CNIA currently has a few open positions! We're looking for a VP, a Historic Preservation/Land Use chair, a Security Chair, and sub-chairs for the communication and hospitality chairs. If you're interested in getting involved, reach out to [president@cabbagetown.com](mailto:president@cabbagetown.com)
- Cabbagetown movie nights have been a big hit and keep on coming. Picnicking usually starts at 6:30 or 7 pm and the movie usually starts around 8:45 pm. There is often a vendor selling snacks. If your street, or streets would like to sponsor a movie, email Celine at [cbufkin@gmail.com](mailto:cbufkin@gmail.com). The cost to sponsor a movie is \$350.

