

CABBAGETOWN

CNIA Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2021

Opening of meeting: October 12, 2021 at 7:03pm

Approval of September Minutes: Motioned by President, seconded and passed

1) Welcome and announcements

2) Review and approval of the August minutes - Motioned by President, seconded and passed

3) Atlanta Police Report - Sgt Murphy

- Make sure we are cutting off vehicles and taking the keys out at gas stations
- Encourage people to consider security cameras in their vehicles and park them along the streets to get a better idea of ingress/egress of criminals (usually ~\$200 per camera) - offers street level surveillance.
- Make sure you are locking your cars and taking your valuables out

4) City of Atlanta—Valencia Hudson

- Traffic Study at Pearl and Kirkwood to make an all-way stop
 - Did not pass requirements, going to put corner clearance signs
 - Reasoning: No accidents were reported during a certain period of time (2019, 2020, 2021); traffic volume on Kirkwood is not high enough - legislation may be drafted to go to Council next Monday
 - Genevieve is proposing mirrors like at Milltown Lofts, but we will need to do this on our own (City does not do mirrors)
 - Memorial and Tye - Mirror was posted there
- Yard clipping pickup has not happened for 9 weeks and bags are starting to breakdown
 - Allegedly they have collected all of the older bags, but if anything has been out there for more than two weeks, send a notice to Valencia of the location
- 152 Berean Ave - Did pass UDC and in the interim, Code Enforcement should be going to cut the yard.
 - Can a lien be put on the house? Valencia will check with City Solicitor in the morning and will check with Commander of Code Enforcement
- What do we do about houses where plants are growing into the sidewalk? Who do we call?
 - The owner/renter is responsible for the sidewalk in front of their house
 - Send Valencia addresses and Public Works will cut what is in the right-of-way
- Krog Street Tunnel Party - why was it approved?
 - Mayor's office of Special Events wrote a response as to why they allowed that to happen - Valencia will send that out
 - Dirga - email for more input and safety review and raising for-profit event fees - speak out - reach out to the Mayor of the City of Atlanta and Ebony Barley - ebarley@atlantaga.gov and specialevents@atlantaga.gov
- Access to beltline - gravel removed from sidewalk and new concrete driveway added
- Stop signs at Pearl and Kirkwood (denied - corner clearance signs) and Tye and Gaskill

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5) Financial Report - Jack Cunningham, Treasurer

- No update

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6) Chomp Safety Update from Todd Gandee (CI President)

- Will be spreading out the event a little more such as music, which will include porch jams and music on Carroll Street
- Reduced the number of Chili vendors to 45 and spreading them across Wylie
- Artist tents are spreading out more
- Vendors and chili cookers much show proof of vaccination
- All of these requirements are shared in email confirmations
- Will have signs for social distancing and mask wearing for when people are close
- Carroll Street - open until Savannah, likely that people will avoid it whether it is closed or not
- Check the Chomp social media accounts for more information
- Lane closures may not be up on social media, usually have a Chomp newsletter edition near the end of October
- Spoons are \$8, individually wrapped, and cash is required if you want to pick one up at Little's, but otherwise, the event is cashless

7) Vision of the Little's Lot - Brad Cunard

- Owner of the tattoo shop building has leased the neighboring lot to Little's - it will be used for special events, it could potentially be rented for the day, but it is mostly there for Little's customer's and neighbors
- Little's is responsible for it now. Could someone take over "whisper lot" and do the same thing? Is this setting a precedent? What if someone is being rowdy?
 - Brad is running it and responsible for it as part of a business
 - Precedent is already set with a nearby property selling alcohol on a property of a different address
 - If there are major concerns, Brad can look into it
- People on the call shared support of the park

8) Committee Reports

- Cabbagetown-Reynoldstown Transportation Committee-Genevieve Barber, Chair

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- Tactical walklane along Wiley between the tunnels and Powell as a way to narrow the road, slow traffic, and allow people to enjoy the murals
 - Top five area of concern in safety survey and got about 200 responses
 - Need approval from the City and then we do it ourselves
 - Kirkwood is starting to test this out
 - Right now, working with insurance companies - waiting on a quote (~\$500 to get insurance for the day of installation)
 - Trying to get letters of support from the neighbors in the area (need 3 letters total)
 - This project is designed to be removed after a year, but can become permanent if we like it
 - Working on getting a comprehensive quote and a final application to Atlanta
 - Comment from several in CNIA meeting about how the road does narrow near the park, so may have some “yield flow” in this area to slow traffic - concerns about safety at this corner
 - Maybe just do reflectors on the ground and paint the area instead of bollards.
 - Comments about the beltline maybe tunneling under the tracks to add a bike/walklane, speaker has seen some surveying, but Genevieve has not heard anything about the Beltline doing this just yet. Activity may be on account of repaving on DeKalb
 - May be able to raise some money for this and take it in our own hands (relatively low cost, experimental, can be removed, etc.)
- Genevieve is moving, so we are looking for another chair
- Communications Chair-Naomi Siodmok
 - Announced events happening in Cabbagetown that are on the neighborhood calendar on the Cabbagetown website
- NPU—John Dirga, Cabbagetown Representative
 - No Update, left NPU meeting early in protest

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- Chomp Report: Todd Gandee
 - Concerns about runoff in the park, but after Chomp we will look toward more improvements
 - Volunteer
 - Need marshalls to direct people (get shirts and spoons)
 - Photographers for porch janes, help with audio, welcome tents, beer pouring, chili judges (vegetarian or meat)
 - Sign- up on Chomp and Stomp website and click

New Business:

- Need a VP, secretary, and transportation chair
- Rodney - doing documentary on spamming
- Sub-Area 4 Beltline Discussion Rep - Alicia - will put something on nextdoor and Facebook to gauge what we would like to see on the Beltline.
 - Alicia is concerned with traffic, keeping our streets slow, and keeping our tunnel clean
 - Would like affordable housing and a connection under the tracks
 - She will share what she learns, has an online meeting with them soon.

Old Business:

- None

Meeting adjourned - 8:05 PM