

# Blandtown Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Date: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00 PM

Location. Fowling Warehouse

President	Katie Schanck
Vice President	Joshua Jarmin
Secretary / Treasurer	Jarrett Blankenship
Residential Member at Large	David Ameijeiras
Commercial Member at Large	Hadi Irvani

## Opening Remarks:

- The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM by Joshua Jarmin.
- Board members introduced themselves to the group.
- A special thank you was extended to Fowling for hosting the neighborhood.

## Neighborhood updates:

- NPU-D Update will be next Tuesday, 8/22/2023
  - An appeal is up for voting for someone who wants to build a carwash on Chattahoochee Ave.
- Westside Stride upcoming event (More information below from the Upper Westside CID)
- Beltline updates
  - Section 5, our section, is fully funded
  - Design is 100% complete
  - Waiting on construction bids
  - Plan is to be complete by December 2024
  - Link to study:
    - [https://beltlineorg.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/FINAL\\_NWT\\_Seg5100\\_Seg130CommMtg\\_20230525.pdf](https://beltlineorg.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/FINAL_NWT_Seg5100_Seg130CommMtg_20230525.pdf)

## Huff Road updates:

- Joshua presented updates on the upcoming Huff Road study
- Funding was allocated for the multimodal study for Huff Road
- Once that study is done, it is possible that projects can go for funding
- Question posed: What about the trucks coming through?
  - Resident called out that trucks are damaging the fences

## The floor was opened to questions from neighborhood:

- Are the other meetings to be aware of?
  - NPU-D meeting
  - Beltline updates
- Ask for construction team at Fairmont and Culpepper to clean up trash and mess that's left on the site
- Question raised about improving pedestrian crossing intersection at Elaine and Ellsworth Industrial. This is where the BeltLine will cross, plans can be found here:
- Concern raised about a sinkhole forming across from Bone Garden Cantina.
  - Recommendation was given to report these issues to ATL311
- Concern raised about the Midtown Collective event space with noise violations
- Question about Marietta St and Marietta Blvd road quality at the intersection

### **Upper Westside CID Update**

- Requesting vote in support of Westside stride at the NPU-D meeting next week
  - October 29th, 12pm - 6
  - Road Closures will be involved
  - <https://www.westsidestride.org/>
- There will be a beer garden at 17th St and Howell Mill
- Will go from Trabert to Marietta & Northside
- Festival block party feel
- Vintage goods market will be there
- The Works tenants will be there and hoping other vendors as well
- Cornhole tournament
- Seeking volunteers
- BNA attendees voted unanimously in favor of the event. Results of our vote in support will be presented at the NPU-D meeting next week.
- Huff road updates
  - Blandtown has co-funded some improvements on Huff road
  - Crosswalks & Curb ramps at
    - Fairmont & Huff
    - Ellsworth & Huff
    - Boyd
  - Going through the final permitting
  - Also a push and flashing beacon will be added at Boyd for crossing
  - Hoping for September to begin construction
  - Crescent agreed to give \$100k to study Huff road. We also got a grant to match that, now we have a fully funded study.
  - Currently bidding on the work.
  - Should have someone hired for the study to begin by Westside stride
  - Huff road is officially coming off the freight route network

**Meeting Adjourned**

Minutes prepared by Jarrett Blankenship, Secretary, Blandtown Neighborhood Association.