

## Blandtown Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes for January 2024

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The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM by Kaite Shanck. 50 participants were in the meeting.

**Opening remarks:** Meeting conducted virtually due to inclement weather. Details will be shared about February to return in-person.

**Minutes from Previous meeting:** Meeting minutes from July were approved and no changes requested

### **Agenda:**

- BNA - Update on the neighborhood event in April 2024
- NPU - Update from District 9 Council Member, Dustin Hills
- Upper Westside CID Updates
  - Huff Rd and Howell Mill updates
  - Woodall Creek Trail progress
- Hot topics - Victory Church parking in Blandtown, Noise ordinances

NPU - Update on District 9 from Council Member, Dustin Hillis

Upper Westside CID Updates, Adeline Collot

- Upcoming Projects
  - Woodall Rail Trail - Building the first 0.7 miles of a 3 mile trail
    - Breaking ground later this month
    - From Ellsworth and Elaine to Chattahoochee to tie in The Works to the Beltline
    - Beltline is also going to bid in the next month
  - Adding an extra bollard in the center line on Huff Rd. where the new yellow lights are added
  - Surveyors are reviewing Huff Rd to determine how much space is available for a Huff Rd. Makeover
    - Goal of the project is feasible improvements - Constructable and that we could pay for
    - Concept study ends with 30% engineering design
    - Please comment on the map if you haven't yet:
      - [https://wikimapping.com/Huff-Road-Multimodal-Study\\_.html](https://wikimapping.com/Huff-Road-Multimodal-Study_.html)
    - First outreach workshop will be mid to late Spring, 2024
    - Return next month with proposals for timing of first meeting
    - <https://www.huffroad.com/> to track the progress of the study
    - At the earliest you will see improvements in 4 - 5 years.
  - What about old widening Huff Rd. project?
    - Run by the city, plan to widen to 3 lanes

- When the city budgeted the project, they didn't expect to plan so long. When it was time to purchase the real-estate, they could not afford it
- CID moved the fences along the watershed to have more real estate available for Huff Rd. improvements

#### BNA - Update on the neighborhood event in April 2024

- David Ameijeiras presented information on building a community event
- We have contacted local resources including Steady Hand, and Coffee Man who have supported the plan
- Currently a group of five neighbors reaching out to local businesses, etc.
- If you want to help, reach out to David directly:
  - <https://wikimapping.com/Huff-Road-Multimodal-Study.html>

#### Victory Church Parking Update - Davis Burnett, "Pastor Mo" - Andrew Momon

- We know that traffic on church days can be a lot
- When Victory moved into the neighborhood there were only about 500 people on Sunday. Now it's nearly 1,800.
- We are trying to be creative in how we can handle it better.
- One of our pillars is to add to and transform the community we're in
- We are open to any way we can work together
- It's our desire to be as considerate as possible
- The growth has taken off faster than expected.
- We originally had no intention of using English, but now we have to or it would be worse.
- We've made adjustments in service timing so that we can let more traffic out before the next service comes in and avoid cross traffic.
- We also want to be as predictable as possible. Our heaviest time is 11am on Sunday. Coming out around 12:30 will be the heaviest.
- We currently have shuttles that run and are looking more into possibilities
- In February, we'll start a new 5:30 service to try and dilute the crowd to relieve the busiest times.
- Victory puts the "No Parking" signs on Fairmont to discourage parking in front of homes. However, please be aware that Fairmont is a public street and parking is legal in these spots.
- Victory does have maximum capacity, but unfortunately no one can know that until they arrive on site.
- They are in conversations to plan new locations in new areas to plan for more future growth.

#### Questions

- Any updates on the sinkhole on Ellsworth?
  - Brought to the watershed's attention as there appears to be a problem with the failing culvert
- What is the latest on the Beltline? Have the Brock easements been worked out so construction bidding can move forward?
  - Yes, easements are moving forward

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