

Blandtown Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Date: June 18, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Board Attendees:

- Katie Schanck
- Jarrett Blankenship
- David Ameijeiras

Meeting Start:

- Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM by Katie Schanck.

Action Items:

- At the July meeting, we will vote on whether to pursue a DOT parking study for Fairmont Road. Please attend if you want your voice heard. Only those in attendance are allowed to vote. Only one vote per household or business is allowed.
 - **Pros:** No parking zones and permitted parking could limit the negative impacts felt by residents due to street parking
 - **Cons:** Permitted parking can be very restricting for residents as well, as each household only receives limited guest passes. Families with nannies, cleaners, or regular visitors may not have enough guest passes to accommodate them
- Finalize the decision and announcement for the next in-person meeting.
- Residents were encouraged to review and comment on the draft zoning code rewrite.
 - Plan A Draft - Comprehensive Development Plan: <https://atlcdp.konveio.com/>
 - Zoning 2.0 - zoning code rewrite: <https://www.atlzoning.konveio.com/>

Minutes:

1. Opening Remarks:

- Katie Schanck welcomed attendees and mentioned the agenda switch to allow Nathan Soldat to present first.

2. BeltLine Update:

- **Speaker:** Nathan Soldat
- **Key Points:**
 - Groundbreaking event for Segment 5 of the Northwest Trail on June 24th at 10:30 AM at 1405 Fairmont Avenue NW.
 - Food and parking available at Victory Church.

- Completion of design for four miles from Bankhead to Lindbergh by 2030.
- Future updates to be shared in meetings and via email or Facebook.

3. District 9 Update:

- **Speaker:** Dustin Hillis
- **Key Points:**
 - Reinforced the Northwest BeltLine groundbreaking - hope to see everyone there.
 - Encouraged residents to email for any issues or questions.
 - DRHillis@atlantaga.gov

5. Upper West Side CID Updates:

- **Speaker:** Adeline Collot
- **Key Points:**
 - Draft zoning code rewrite and comprehensive development plan feedback encouraged.
 - Plan A Draft - Comprehensive Development Plan: <https://atlcdp.konveio.com/>
 - Zoning 2.0 - zoning code rewrite: <https://www.atlzoning.konveio.com/>
 - Huff Multimodal Study survey results to be presented to the BNA in our August meeting.
 - Linear Green space development updates.
 - Collier Road study has been funded by the ARC.
 - Signal cabinet box art initiative using vinyl wraps - hoping to be more resilient to vandalism.
 - Westside Stride event planned for October 6th with road closures, live music, and family-friendly activities.

6. Open Floor for Questions:

- **Question by Wanda Ware:** Are there development plans for the rail yard behind Chattahoochee Foodworks?
 - **Response by Nathan Soldat:** No definitive answer; will look into it.
- **Question on Parking Issues:** Parking problems on Fairmont adjacent to the apartment building.
 - **Response by Dustin Hillis:** Suggested a formal request for a DOT parking study and possible implementation of no parking zones and residential parking permits.
 - The request was made to vote on this issue in the July meeting
- **Discussion on Zoning 2.0 Changes:** Changes to zoning categories with a hybrid system incorporating use districts and form-based codes.
 - **Response by Adeline Colot:** Detailed explanation and encouragement for community review and feedback.

7. Announcements:

- Potential in-person meeting in July or August.
- A new Yoga business, Hot Works, offering lifetime discounts to neighborhood residents once open at the Interlock.

Meeting Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.
- Next meeting details to be announced.

Contact Information:

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Next Meeting: Mid-July 2024 (Date and format to be confirmed)