

## **Belvedere Park Neighborhood Association Minutes**

3/3/2020 7:00pm

Peace Lutheran Church

Number of Attendees: 13

### **Agenda:**

- Introductory Comments
- Review last meetings minutes
- Discuss Bylaw (2016)
- Project Survey Results
- Next steps

### **Introductory Comments:**

- Little League baseball opportunity ages 4-12
- Continued work on email distribution as well as continued NextDoor communication
- Coffee with a cop at the South precinct headquarters; everyone is welcome; usually during the day (request to expand meeting times); monthly meetings are a great resource to hear from representatives who bring a lot of insight and information (last Tuesday of every month)
- Land behind belvedere plaza use: Originally thought to be soccer venue but due to the downturn in the economy it has been stalled. Current speculation that it will be developed into apartments (Decatur YMCA was open to investing to allow for kids to have team sports)

### **Last meetings minutes:**

- Website is up on mobile and desktop
- <https://www.belvederepark.org>; be sure to change your bookmarks and saved pages from old site
- We will be updating the website with meeting dates and minutes as they develop
- Neighborhood Patrol is accessible on new website for members
- General security discussion
- BP History Moment
- Brainstormed Crime & Safety, Social Events, and Beautification (generated survey questions)
- Motion to approve the meeting: Approved

### **Bylaws (2016):**

- Contains general steps to building the Board and meeting procedure
- Copy of the Bylaws will be posted on the website
- Objective: Create a community and connect neighbors through social events and neighborhood projects
- Neighborhood boundaries listed (potentially adding a map)
- Membership eligibility defined (working to develop a simple application)



- Address
- Position Interest
- Membership fees: \$20 / \$10 for seniors – need to
- Membership required to vote on positions, amendments, etc. 55% approval to pass motions
- Three Officer minimum as currently written
- Terms: 2 years / not to exceed 2 terms (4 years total)
- Article 6 (page 5) Officer eligibility: must be member of Board, attend Board meetings, and vote on Board issues
- Roles to be discussed and further defined in later Board meetings
- Committees (Security/Patrol, Beautification, Social, Crime & Safety, Membership, Fundraising)
- Ad hoc committees – project specific committees (different levels of authority)
- Membership meetings at least 10 a year, board has separate quarterly meetings
- Emergency meetings allowed for time pressing issues
- Objective: to have fun and productive meetings to encourage engagement and multiple volunteers to help out
- Needs:
  - Membership base / application
  - Mission Statement
  - Nominating Committee
  - Election / Nomination meeting
  - Establishment of committees
  - Guidance positions who want to teach but not do
    - Attaching in next email distribution for everyone’s review
- Board Officers:
  - President: prepares agenda; presides at meetings; represent Board; spokesperson for the association; public contact
  - Vice Chair: Back up/support to the president
  - Secretary: Records, maintains, and distribute the minutes
  - Treasurer: Keeps the records and handles the financial reports; PayPal/Account but in charge of not intermingling funds due to other neighborhood participation
  - Marketing: Working with the website and handling information distribution

**Project Survey Results:**

Crime & Safety (in order of top picks)

- Create a street-based neighborhood watch
- More/Better streetlights
- Porch Lights “ON”
- Traffic Calming (long-term project)
  
- Code enforcement violation form to be add to the emails



- Submit a complaint online: [Click here to Report a Code Violation Online](#)
- Submit a complaint via E-mail: [codeenforce@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:codeenforce@dekalbcountyga.gov)
- Submit a complaint via Fax: 404-534-1270 or 404-534-1269
- Call in a complaint: 404-687-3700
- Circle Watch: get surrounding neighbors contacts to contact one another about potential crime & safety issues
- The number one priority for most neighbors

#### Beautification

- Quarterly clean-ups – top scorer
- Remove old cars from yards – coordinate with code enforcement
- Bike path connected to City of Decatur – (long-term through PATH foundation)
- Volunteers for seniors/infirm
- BP neighborhood sign/flag -
- Clear curbs
- Plant trees and flowers
- Pick up after your pet campaign
- Neighborhood entrance sign
- Community garden
  
- 59% would participate; 9% coordinate; 32% Both
- Murals could donate money
  - Peach state wall and the concrete wall near Rupert
- Shoal creek park priority
- Yard of the Month sign done by neighbor nomination

#### Social Events

- Cook outs – highest appeal of social events
- Block parties – second highest appeal of social events
- Book Club
- Business Association
- Movie Nights
- Board game night
- Doggie play dates
  
- 56% would participate / 32% would help coordinate & participate
- Feedback said safety/cleanup was primary importance
- Happy hour meetings on NextDoor



**Next steps:**

- Begin distributing/gathering membership apps/payments
- Next meeting discuss nominations of officers
- Set Up Mission Statement
- Begin developing committees and guidance roles
  - Membership
  - Fundraising
  - Beautification
  - Social
  - Crime & Safety

Coming Up:

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm; Peace Lutheran Church**

**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> Candidate Forum for the Dekalb County Sheriff**

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary & Special Election for Sheriff of Dekalb County**

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- Discussion of Leadership Roles / Nomination of officers / Committees
- Circle Watch
- Next steps

