

April Minutes Neighborhood Association Meeting
Call to Order - 7:30pm

Zoning Issues

2 Special Use Permits Requested: One to extend the East Lake Community Foundation's use of a residence for their offices for ten years - approved. Another to allow PGA to use a residence near the golf course for their offices for the next ten years - approved. Time for 2 variance proposals were requested (Collage Avenue, and 1950, 1956, 1960 Memorial Drive), however no one was present on behalf of the requestors to discuss. There is some doubt as to whether these properties are in East Lake.

YMCA Camp Scholarships

Lisa Cox reported that we have \$4,588.71 in our account. She proposed that we provide funds for a scholarship for children from EL to attend YMCA Summer Camp. The YMCA has agreed to provide the ELNCA Board with a list of candidates. After discussion, the following motion was approved: ELNCA will set aside \$500.00 to send EL children to camp, with the intent of sending 2 children for 5 weeks, or as otherwise determined in the discretion of the board.

Police Report

Major Banda reported 5-6 arrests for drugs at the corner of Hosea W. and 2nd Ave. Also, a house selling liquor on Hooper Street was closed and liquor was confiscated. Finally, Major Banda reviewed a complaint by a resident on Spence that police did not come to his/her door to discuss resident's complaint. Major Banda discovered that, according to the 911 tapes, the resident did request that the officer come to his/her door, but that the 911 operator did not relay that request in the dispatch. Major Banda has written a letter documenting this issue to the officer in charge of 911 to ensure that it does not happen again.

Painting Police Station

Major Banda is looking for volunteers to help paint the Zone 6 Police Station on the morning of May 18th. Edgewood, Kirkwood, and the other neighborhoods will be sending volunteer groups. The City will provide paint and materials and Major Banda has promised to feed the volunteers when they finish. All volunteers should contact Ken P. at president@eastlake.org.

Glenwood Pedestrian Safety Initiative

Report by Kenny Taylor - Few streets in the entire state are more dangerous for pedestrians than Glenwood. It is only going to get worse as 75 new homes are being built. However, there are funds set aside for the improvement of Glenwood by addition of sidewalks and lighting. If you are interested feel free to attend the next GPSI meeting on May 8th (location TBD) or contact Anasacia Jabo at 404-294-3844 or ajacob@gdph.state.ga.us.

Beautification Report

About 30 people attended our neighborhood clean-up last month. This successful program will be repeated every couple of months. Stay tuned! Yard of the Month - the program will start back up in May. This is a recognition program for those who have put the effort into having a top-notch front yard. Anyone who wants to help with the program or nominate someone should contact Ken at president@eastlake.org. Tree Planting - there will be tree planting project in November with Trees Atlanta. Those interested in helping plan should contact Katherine Kolb. Free Trees - Terry Lawler is running for the Georgia Senate. He discovered that there were 75 white dogwood trees that the Forestry Commission will donate to East Lake. The trees are 3 feet tall and will be given for free to EL residents. To get your tree come to the East Lake park parking lot this Saturday, the 13th, at 10 a.m. The trees will be distributed 1 per person until they are gone. If we have more trees than interested residents, we will distribute more trees per resident, until they are all gone.

Historic Preservation

There will be articles in the next EL Sun on the Cade family and the Harisson family.

Public Safety

There will be an educational meeting with Zone 6 at 7:30 on May 9th at the EL YMCA. This meeting will provide the Police an opportunity to educate everyone about important issues that effect our safety. This meeting will be open to residents of East Lake, Kirkwood, and Edgewood.

Zoning

1. 2nd Ave. and Alston - there were problems with a dumpster being left on a property. The bank has now foreclosed on the property and will remove the dumpster.

2. Downtown East Lake - Reverend Harvey has made good on his promise to board up these burnt out buildings on Memorial Drive. He is proceeding with plans to turn them into viable businesses. A request has been made to have Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong, who helped with the revitalization of East Atlanta, help with this process.

3. Metal Plates on East Lake - these plates have been down too long. Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong is assisting our efforts to have them removed.

4. Fire Hydrants - we have reports of three missing/inoperable fire hydrants: 1. Hosea and Candler, 2. East Lake and Hosea, and 3. Memorial across from EL Park's parking lot. If anyone else has any reports of bad fire hydrants or can give more detail as to the location or problems with these hydrants, please let us know.

Development Corporation

The East Lake Development Corporation, the nonprofit organization created by the residents of East Lake, is pleased to announce that by mid-May the house it owns will be placed up for sale and sold "As Is". For those that do not know, this house is

located on the north side of Memorial Drive next to the Eckerd Drugs. Anyone interested should contact Tom Harding, the Development Corporation's president. Also, if you look at the property you will notice that there is a lot between the home and the Eckerd's. This lot was subdivided from the property that is for sale and will remain in the possession of the Development Corporation for good. It will not be sold.

Business Development

For businesses where illegal activity is chronic, we have a new program - Would Have Spent Bucks. EL will distribute WHSB to residents. When residents go shopping for a product that they could have purchased from the offending business, they will drop off a WHSB at that business and then do their shopping elsewhere. The offending business will see how much money we would have spent if they had cleaned up their property. This will let these businesses know the value of discouraging illegal activity on their property. Since the corner of Hosea and 2nd is the worst offender in our neighborhood, this is where we will begin. Residents living close to that business district should expect to receive some WHSB in their mailboxes. Everyone else should look in their EL Sun for their WHSB.

Membership

Despite the rain, EL had another very successful Easter Egg Hunt this year. Next year we hope to coordinate with other neighborhoods and organizations to make our 3rd annual hunt even better!

Neighbor In Need

A month old and off and running. If you know of someone who needs a little help, send information to neighborinneed@eastlake.org.

Communications

Nichelle is planning to start walking the thirty some odd streets in East Lake to complete our resident information. Anyone interested in walking their street with her should call (her contact info is in the EL Sun) and set up a time!

East Lake Sun Deadline

May 9th is the deadline for articles and advertisements for the East Lake Sun.

Junior Achievement in East Lake

The Drew Charter School has added the Junior Achievement program. There are currently 4 sixth grade classes who need volunteer teachers. If you are interested, please contact Robina Malick at 404-357-1932 x215.

Castle Residence Nominated

Craig Castle's house, where ELNCA held its holiday party last December, has been nominated for an Urban Design Award. Congratulations Craig - keep us posted!

Fundraising

ELNCA T-Shirt Design Contest - this contest originally ended on March 31. However, we received NO entries. Therefore, we are going to open it back up and add a better grand prize. The winner will get to attend YMCA camp for 1 week free! That is right - Mom and Dad get a whole week of having the kid out of the house for free. All they have to do is draw a picture. Entries are due April 21, 2002 and the winner will be notified April 29. Applications have been distributed at Drew and East Lake Elementary and can be downloaded from www.eastlake.org.

The Tour Championship

The championship will again be in EL from October 29 to November 4. Once again, ELNCA has a prime opportunity to raise money. Basically, the Championship offers us a deal. There are 300 shifts available for volunteers. The volunteers work the concession stands - selling sandwiches, hot dogs, candy bars, cokes, etc (trust me, the work is easy and actually down right fun). For every 4 hour shift a volunteer works, his/her organization gets the money. Assuming that each hour earns \$5, we are talking about six grand that is available here. Paula McCollum has arranged for ELNCA to get first crack at these shifts. If we cannot fill them, other organizations are lined up to take the money. Lets put this money in our pockets, not someone else's! Also, there is a hidden benefit - when you volunteer you get a pass to the championship for the day that you work. For many of us this is the only way we are going to get onto the golf course.

ELNCA Charity Golf Tournament

We are in the process of planning a Charity Golf Tournament. Stay tuned for more details!

MEETING ADJOURNS - 9:30pm