

February Minutes Neighborhood Association Meeting
February 11, 2002
Call to Order - 7:40pm

Welcome by R.C. Pruitt, President, East Lake YMCA

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Beautification - Vacant (Temporary Chair - Ken Piernik) - Individuals interested should contact Ken Piernik
- Street Toppers are up! If you need a sign, contact Ken (404-885-3669)
- Yard of the Month -- Set to run from March to October
- Tree Planting - Working with Trees Atlanta and Park Pride to get trees donated. We will need volunteers to help plant trees (Contact Ken if interested)
- Business Development - Elvin Hawkins (Absent)
- Communications - Nichelle Kade
- Target first week in March for new East Lake Sun Newsletter
- Check out website for new additions! (EastLake.Org)
- Fundraising - Paula McCullom
- T-Shirt Design Contest - Kids from ages 7 to 16 are encouraged to submit designs for T-Shirts. Winning design will get \$50 Blockbuster Certificate. Deadline for submission is March 15th. Winner will be chosen on March 31st - For more information, go to EastLake.Org
- Historic Preservation - Samantha Boumont - Melanie Rabb
- Conducting survey of historic homes and residents for newsletter
- Looking at registering homes on historic register
- If you have any suggestions, ideas, please contact Samantha or Melanie - Melanie's email address: mnmrabb@aol.com
- Membership - Missy Hawkins
- EASTER EGG HUNT: March 30th, 11am in East Lake Park - Need Volunteers to decorate and hide eggs, clean park before and after event.
- To volunteer, call Missy Hawkins - 404-337-5173 or 404-441-3001
- Public Safety - Allison Sutton
- Crime report for East Lake area will be emailed
- Treasury - Lisa Cox
- \$5200 in Bank - \$4700 in available funds
- Zoning - Nebraska McCullom
- Goal of producing photo album showing zoning violations

NOTE: NPU-O Meeting is 4th Tuesday evening of every month Location: Dekalb Senior Center (Corner of Hosea and Warren) 7pm This meeting is where decisions affecting our community are made. To vote at these meetings, you must have attended at least one meeting before the day of the vote. Put simply, if you come to your first meeting and there is a vote, you cannot vote. This requirement renews every year. If we do not attend these meetings, we cannot vote on matters affecting our community, such as zoning of liquor stores, etc. We encourage all to attend at least one meeting (be sure to sign in) – then you will be able to vote when we need

to mobilize East Lake residents for an important vote. THANK YOU!

II. POLICE REPORT - MAJOR BANDA, City of Atlanta

- Calling 911. When residents dial 911, depending on where you call, you may get Dekalb County or City of Atlanta police. To avoid problems when you call, immediately tell operator to transfer you to City of Atlanta police operator. If you get Dekalb county operator when you call 911, be sure to call Major Banda to let him know (404-371-5002)
- Continue to concentrate on 2nd and Hosea For interested parties, police hold zoning meetings the last Monday of every Month

III. MEETING WITH MAYOR SHIRLEY FRANKLIN & COUNCILWOMAN NATALYN ARCHIBONG

- Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong arranged to have Mayor Franklin visit the East Lake neighborhood
- East Lake presented priorities
 - 1) Seek DOT Clarification on Memorial Drive Expansion
 - 2) Sidewalk Construction
 - 3) East Lake Business Improvement (Business Zoning)
 - 4) Atlanta/Dekalb Issues - Taxes, 911 calls, etc.
 - 5) Construct path from YMCA to East Lake Park
 - 6) Transportation and Public Safety improvements around East Lake Elementary
 - 7) Greenspace Conservation

IV. EAST LAKE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (ELDC) Nebraska McCullom, East Lake Board member on ELDC Board

- Looking for contributions from individuals and companies for neighborhood
- If willing, contact Nebraska McCullom
- Clean up day on corner of Memorial and Candler scheduled for March
- Concern about trash being left on street.
- Determined that ELDC needs funds for this purpose. Residents request that ELDC present formal funding request to East Lake Community at next meeting.

IV. TAX INCREASE

- City of Atlanta and Dekalb County raising property taxes
- City of Atlanta - Raising portion of property tax by 50%
- Your total property tax bill is NOT being increased by 50%. That is to say, if you paid \$1000 in property tax last year, you will not be paying \$1500 this year.
- Simply put, we are having the portion of your property taxes that go to fund Atlanta's General Administration fund increase by 50%.
- In detail, it is 50% of the millage rate that goes to General Administration fund or \$74 per \$1000 of assessed value - would amount to approximate 7½% increase
- So, if you paid \$1000 last year, your bill would go up to about \$1075 (if appraised value remained the same)
- Message to City Hall - Residents discuss issue and present 4 messages to Ken Piernik for him to present to Atlanta City Council at its public meeting.

- 1) Express concern about tax increase
- 2) Want our seniors/fixed income residents to be protected
- 3) Want the same services as City of Atlanta/Fulton County or a reduction for the absence of these services
- 4) Willing to support for the short term, but we want a sunset provision put in place where the increase has to be evaluated in a year or two to approve its continuation

MOTION to approve these requests

- Approved unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNS - 9:30pm