

ELNCA Meeting January 13, 2003

Call to Order by President Miles Bondurant - 7:45 pm

I. BEER AND WINE APPLICATION FOR MEMORIAL DRIVE FOODMART

Kormach Deng, owner of the Memorial Drive Foodmart at 2409 Memorial Drive, approached the ELNCA membership to seek approval for an alcohol license at this location. The store is located within close proximity of East Lake Elementary and is directly across the street from the school's playfield. Mr. Deng said he had measured the distance from his store to the school and believed it was well beyond the distanced required by law. ELNCA President Miles Bondurant said he believes Mr. Deng's assessment is inaccurate as Mr. Deng measured along a sidewalk that required him to go much further away to get around a fence. When measured (as the crow flies) the school is too close to the store, as is the school's ballfield across from the store.

Board member Kyle Caldwell said that previous owners of this location have approached the neighborhood in the past to seek an alcohol license and have been denied because of the reasons stated above. An amendment was proposed to deny the application and the motion was carried unanimously.

II. 2003 ISSUES

Miles Bondurant briefly presented issues of importance that will be addressed by ELNCA this year, including:

- * Corner of 2nd & Hosea Williams
- * Revitalization/growth of the downtown East Lake area
- * Attracting senior citizens and other long-term residents to ELNCA
- * Education
- * Proposed by-laws (these will be distributed at the February meeting for review by the neighborhood, and then will be voted upon at the March meeting)

Miles said he met with the presidents of East Lake Terrace, Oakhurst and Kirkwood to discuss neighborhood issues and share information that will benefit all of the neighborhoods.

III. POLICE REPORT

Sgt. Walker with Officer Bell presented the Zone 6 statistics for November and December. Auto thefts and residential burglaries were down and all other crimes remained static. Miles will request a meeting with Zone 6, City of Decatur and Dekalb County police officers to address the problems at 2nd and Hosea.

IV. SOLID WASTE ISSUES

Miles contacted the City of Atlanta Solid Waste Department to report infrequent pickups of yard waste in East Lake. The city has asked for a list of streets to address the problems. If your yard waste is not being picked up regularly, please

send an email to president@eastlake.org so he can add your street to the list.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification: Ellen Dozier (Absent; report presented by Miles Bondurant)
beautification@eastlake.org.

Holiday Yard of the Month went to Dan and Becky Payne - 2655 Hosea Williams Drive NE and George Calvary, Scott Jenks and Ed Harrell - 2725 Arbor Avenue
Volunteers are needed for 2003 events, which will include among others a spring and fall neighborhood cleanup and Tire Amnesty Day. If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to beautification@eastlake.org.

Business Development: Kyle Caldwell
beautification@eastlake.org

Volunteers are needed to determine priorities for the community and attract/retain businesses.

Communications: Nichelle Cade
communication@eastlake.org

Next newsletter will be distributed the first week of March. Submissions should be sent to eastlakesuneditor@eastlake.org by February 6.

Anyone interested in delivering newsletters should contact Ginny Perrine at 404-373-0220.

Advertisers who wish to run an ad should call Lisa Cox at 404-373-4587.

Fundraising: Open

Our neighborhood raised \$4,428 during the golf tournament thanks to the efforts of volunteers and especially Paula McCollum who spent countless hours organizing for the event. The association now has a balance of \$9,034.43.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the fundraising committee can contact Miles Bondurant at president@eastlake.org.

Historic Preservation: Samantha Beaumont and Melanie Rabb (Absent)

Membership: Open

Anyone interested in volunteering for the membership committee can contact Miles Bondurant at president@eastlake.org.

Public Safety: Allison Sutton

Crime reports for East Lake were made available at the meeting and can be requested by sending an email to publicsafety@eastlake.org. Anyone interested in volunteering for this committee can also send an email to this address.

One initiative for 2003 may be to re-initiate the use of block captains.

Zoning: Ginny Perrine

Currently working on issues on Arbor Avenue, Hosea Williams and Oakridge Avenue, and will provide an updated report at the next meeting.

Volunteers are needed to work with this committee. If interested, send an email to zoning@eastlake.org.

Nichelle Cade expressed concern about a house near Club Drive that is erecting high columns that she believes requires a variance. Tom Harding said a house on Memorial Drive is building columns as well, and that both sites require a variance. However, the city has not taken action and the work is almost complete. Tom believes that someone concerned with the situation must file a complaint with the zoning board and continue to press the issue before the city will take action.

2nd and Hosea: Becky Payne

Becky reported that a rally held at this intersection on December 14th was very successful. Approximately 35 residents from East Lake, Oakhurst and Kirkwood handed out flyers and held up signs to promote improvement of the corner. Natalyn Archibong and a representative from Larry Johnson's office showed up to support the effort.

The billboard idea has been tabled and will not be implemented unless positive change cannot be attained any other way.

Kyle Caldwell said that positive change has already begun, as evidenced by the police officer who works at the corner every Wednesday through Sunday.

The next 2nd and Hosea Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 14th at the East Lake YMCA Intergenerational Room.

VI. EAST LAKE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Carol Naughton, Director of the ELCF, provided an update on the organization's status and upcoming events.

Open enrollment for Drew Charter School will run from February through April.

Currently, 220 children are on a waiting list for admission to the school.

Beginning January 29, Principal Karen Eldridge will lead tours of the school every other Wednesday. To schedule a tour, call 404-687-0001.

The HOSTS (Help One Student to Succeed) program needs volunteers. HOSTS is a structured mentoring program at Drew Charter that provides students in grades 2-5 with one-on-one attention once a week to help with reading, writing, and math skills.

The Georgia Department of Education recognized Drew Charter School for significant improvement on Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) scores, a terrific achievement for such a new school.

The ELCF board will not pursue a charter high school for several reasons, one of which is it doesn't believe it can offer an adequate high school experience to students with such a diverse range of needs. Instead, the school plans to hire a guidance counselor who will work with kids in grades 6-8 to help them determine the best high school options available for them.

The Children's School, a private K-6 school now located in Midtown, will be relocating to this area, near I-20 in Ormewood Park, offering more options for parents in East Lake.

Meeting Adjourned: 9 pm