**FOURTH WARD NEIGHBORS GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 15, 2021
7 pm – (Zoom Teleconference Meeting)

**Board members in attendance:**

 Tom Boyle (President, host)

 Nick Chapman, Vice President

Mark Gregory, Treasurer

Brenda Fuller, Secretary

Forrest Coley, Board Member at Large

Jamie Warner Board Member at Large

Billy Cooney, Board Member at Large

Onome Uwehubetine, Board Member at Large

Susan Bertram, Board Member at Large

Marcele Crudele, Board Member at Large

 **Meeting Attendees:**

Dee Ellen Cargill

Jeffrey Jones

Iain Crawford

Shannon Makaila

Lori D-Andreas

Sean Imlay

Julia Head

Bennett Richardson

Sgt. Egbert

John B

Nancy Megeehee

Mark Cassell

Heidi Hampton

Billy Lockwood

Tim Stoltenberg

Elizabeth Germano

Karen Shacham

Sara Jansson

Lynn Browder

John Fuller

Tammy Hughes

Macey Howard

Sequoia Kirby

Terry McColl

Matthias Rost

Betsy Boyle

Elke Weiss

Hollis Wise

Jenny Lockwood

Michael Reeves

* All FWN members are encouraged to provide input via Marta’s Beltline Light Rail Survey
* May meeting minutes approved by voice vote
* Crime and Safety Update focused on efforts made to improve security at Jack’s Pizza on Highland Ave.
	1. APD, ATL and FWN are taking “whole neighborhood” approach to situation
	2. Corrections now underway to add security guards, train staff, clean outside area and fix code issues
	3. Fewer noise complaints now recorded in neighborhood, most centered in Edgewood Ave. area
	4. Sgt. Egbert reported that APD is doing more patrolling in Jack’s area
	5. Questions raised include the status of Highland Ave. speed barriers and options for converting barriers to more aesthetically pleasing but effective alternatives
* Tim Stoltenberg, Interim Artistic Director at Dad’s Garage, was June’s guest speaker
	+ Performance space closed in March 2020; since then, all events have been virtual
	+ Two online shows were offer in early 2021; now doing improv in parking lot
	+ Hope to reopen in July with shows, in-person classes and workshops
	+ All members enjoyed a demonstration of improv
* No Land Use proposals were offered at this meeting
	+ Partnership for Southern Equity hosted an Open Space Community Gathering on June 17, 2021, at 6 pm
	+ ChikFilA has secured construction permits on Boulevard Ave. despite requests from the Beltline Design Community for a more walking friendly design
	+ Forrest Coley noted that this is an example of what happens when neighborhood voices are underrepresented and overlooked
* FWN welcomed new Board Members
	+ Susan Bertram, Instagram and Facebook
	+ Lauren Vereen, Website
	+ Marcele Crudele, Liaison to film companies
	+ Ono Uwehubetine, Safety and Licensing Review Board
	+ Billy Cooney, Special Land Use projects
	+ All new and future volunteers welcome!
* Treasurer Update
	1. Balance $31,675
* Social/Quality of Life
	1. DT Howard Middle School Tour – July 28 at 6pm
	2. Fall in the Fourth Block Party planning now underway
	3. Go to atlantaga.gov for information on trash and bulk pickup schedules and requests
	4. All trash pickups now occurring each Friday
* Hope Hill Elementary School parent Karen Sachem reported on APS discussions now underway relating to use of elementary school resources within the Grady Cluster. APS is evaluating proposals for elementary school redistricting or creation of a 4/5 grade academy.

Hope Hill parents support K-5 redistricting as in the best interests of Hope Hill students and proposed guiding principles for better use of all City of Atlanta facilities in a letter to APS. FWN voted unanimously to support this letter and Hope Hill’s efforts to secure resources and facilities equal to the other elementary schools in the Grady Cluster.

* Michael Reeves of the Freedom Park Conservancy reported that the Master Plan Final Draft would be presented to the NPU in July to gain support for city adoption in the Comprehensive Development Plan
* July Monthly Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 20 at 7 pm via Zoom.