**FOURTH WARD NEIGHBORS GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 16, 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

 **Meeting Attendees:**

Billy Lockwood

John Bush

Desmond Floyd

John Fuller

Susan Bertram

Hollis Wise

Rene Vines

Royale Hubbard

Lauren Vereen

Mia McDonough

Nathan Soldat

Jennifer Keenan

Carrie Bruneck

Agata Rozga

Michael Reeves

Linda Posner-Downey

Rochelle Bent Bessie Sellaway

Annunziata Gianzero

Samantha Campbell

Richard Corbin

Matthias Rost

Pranay Harsch

Ron Kirkpatrick

Elkie Weiss

Jenny Lockwood

Jay Tribby

Ohnome Uwhebetine

Danielle D

Betsy Boyle

Tess Denniss

 Ben Fierman

 Marcel Crudele

 Priscilla Borders

 Courtney RIchard

 Mike Megeehee

 Jasmine Hall

 Camille Hampton

 Nick Carse

 Marjorie Salman

 Donald Walker

Ashley Walker

* January 2021minutes approved by voice vote
* FWN welcomed Fulton County Commissioner Natalie Hall and members of her staff including Brian Gardner from the Tax Appraisers Office and Dr. David Holland from the Department of Health. Sequoia Kirby appeared as Assistant to the Commissioner. Ms. Hall spoke about the need for county services even in cities and how the Fulton County Commission works closely with the City of Atlanta to provide health and human services. She noted that while city commissioners are appointed by the Mayor of Atlanta, Fulton County Commissioners like herself are elected by voters.

Ms. Hall detailed legislation and programs she is supporting in the areas of health care, drug pricing, rental assistance and food security. She encouraged FWN members to contact Sequoia Kirby with questions and comments. [Sequoia.kirby@fultoncountyga.gov](http://sequoia.kirby@fultoncountyga.gov)

* Dr. David Holland offered an update on the Fulton County coronavirus statistics and the county’s efforts to secure and distribute vaccines. While the virus’s peak has abated, he encouraged everyone to continue wearing masks , washing hands and social distancing. Holland reported that the county and the state are moving as quickly as possible with vaccine distribution and cited vaccine availability as the only limiting factor. If greater quantities are delivered as promised, Fulton County is ready to ramp up the program. Right now, Fulton County operates three main vaccination sites. He hopes supply will be available to allow offering vaccines to those aged 18-64 in April.
* Representatives from Fulton County Commission also took questions from meeting attendees. Discussed were efforts by the Fulton County Sheriff’s office to combat crime and Atlanta Public Schools (APS) representation on the Fulton County Development Board.
* ADP Lt. Floyd reported that vehicle break ins and auto t heft are still a problem in Atlanta despite some success through increased patrolling and surveillance. He asked residents to assist efforts by not keeping keys in cars or leaving running vehicles unattended. Lastly, he asked residents to call 911 when needing police assistance.
* Jennifer Keenan from DT Howard Middle School sought community support for two additional stop signs at the corners of JW Dobbs/Randolph and Howell/Irwin Streets. Both the Atlanta Public Works Department and the ADOT support this initiative and plan to introduce legislation to further it. Jay Tribby and Keenan participate in a discussion of traffic calming solutions for the area surrounding the school, particularly on Randolph Street. All agreed that the stop signs would be the easiest to implement. After viewing diagrams indicating placement of the proposed signs, FWN voted to approve the two stop signs.
* FWN invites all community members to participate safe and appropriate social activities. These include the Community Garden, Hope Hill Cheering Section, Floyd Free Fridge, the Historic Fourth Ward Park Cleanup and the FWN Children’s Easter Egg Hunt. Details and links for all can be found in the March FWN Activities Flyer mailed March 1st.
* Communications and Finance teams reported progress. Monthly communications to FWN mailing list will include Monthly Activities Calendar, monthly newsletter, monthly meeting invitation, Instagram posts and an updated website with links to all meeting minutes. Finance Chair Mark Gregory reported a current balance of $31,841. 2021 FWN giving will be reviewed in light of no fundraising activities this year.
* Five development areas were considered at this meeting;
	1. Members voted to support King of Pops expansion plans at 552 Decatur Street
	2. Members were asked to provide input to projects proposed in the Freedom Park Master Plan by February 22.
	3. Nathan Soldat reviewed updates to the Sub Area Master Plan for the Beltline. The Plan, which will be finalized in March 2021 reflects previous community feedback.
	4. Members voted to support Marcel Crudele’s application for zoning variances at 180 Sampson Street.
	5. Andy Scheggenburger reviewed final zoning and land use changes sought for HDDC’s Revitalization Plan for Henderson Place. After considering the effect proposed zoning changes would have on the surrounding area, members voted to approve the project while continuing to explore the ramifications of these changes.
* The next FWN meeting will be held via Zoom at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 16. Our guest at this meeting will be Emma Tinsley of the O4W Business Alliance.