

FWN General Body Meeting - notes from Otter.ai

The Old Fourth Ward Neighborhood Association discussed updates on the WellStar AMC site, including community involvement in leading its transformation. They also debated the proposal to expand the Old Fourth Ward market and modify its alcohol license. Concerns were raised about potential noise, crime, and traffic, as well as the proximity of the proposed liquor store to residential areas. Speakers emphasized the importance of considering the neighborhood's needs and preferences, and some challenged the proposal due to the property's residential proximity.

Transcript

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Outline

Neighborhood development and parks in Atlanta.

- Tom Boyle introduces the agenda for the February 24th general body meeting of Fourth Ward Neighbors, including a vote on the "One Neighborhood" concept and updates on the WellStar AMC site.
- Speaker 1 shares updates on Highland Avenue parks transformation and upcoming grand opening party.

Creating a unified neighborhood association in Atlanta.

- Speaker 1 advocates for creating a unified Old Fourth Ward Neighborhood Association to have more clout and resources to address big issues like the streetcar and Civic Center building.
- Combining into one neighborhood will save time and money, allowing more focus on key projects and a comprehensive approach to issues.
- Neighbors support one neighborhood concept, seeking clear bylaws and governance structure.
- Speaker 1 announces resounding approval of the one neighborhood concept in Fourth Ward Alliance, with a vote scheduled for March 7 for Fourth Ward West and Fourth and Sand.
- Transition teams are forming to work on the overlap between the old and new neighborhood associations, including finalizing bylaws and elected positions.

Combining neighborhood associations.

- Speaker 7 emphasizes the importance of community involvement and dedication to the cause, citing a 10-year effort to combine the neighborhood associations.
- Speaker 8 shares their experience of 23 years in the neighborhood, including past presidency, and expresses confidence in the current leadership to move forward as one.
- Speaker 8 confirms voting requirements before taking a vote.

Neighborhood association concept and WellStar AMC site development.

- Neighborhood votes unanimously in favor of new association concept.

Planning for a vacant hospital site in Atlanta.

- The city of Atlanta has hired a consultant to create a roadmap for the future of the AMC property, with input from the community and local businesses.
- Committee seeks 10 members to help shape new development plan for neighborhood.

- Speaker 1 suggests that WellStar, a local hospital, should be involved in the development process early on to ensure their needs are met.
- Speaker 10 asks if there are any infrastructure requirements in Atlanta that would necessitate a certain amount of medical infrastructure in a given area.

Liquor store proposal in Atlanta neighborhood.

- Neighbors vote on allowing liquor license for new business in Old Fourth Ward.
- Owners of Old Fourth Ward market present proposal, face opposition due to potential negative impact on neighborhood.
- Neighborhood votes down two liquor store proposals.

Liquor license for Old Fourth Ward market.

- Greg Pridgen, consultant for Old Fourth Ward Market, recaps previous discussions with the neighborhood association and outlines the store's proposed changes.
- Neighbors express concerns about the store's request for a waiver of distance requirements, and the owners agree to modify their proposal in response.
- The old fort Morton market wants the neighborhood to know that it appreciates the community and is happy to be a positive community team.
- The market is seeking a modified store with alcohol by the drink, a grill, and additional seating, and will employ a security firm to ensure safety.
- Speaker 9 expresses concern about the lack of a provisional period or snapback provisions to address issues with the liquor license.
- Speaker 1 confirms that there are no such provisions in place and the decision will be either approval or rejection of the liquor license application.

Liquor license waiver for new business.

- Speaker 8 makes a motion to recommend denial of the waiver of the distance requirements for the liquor store.
- Unknown Speaker seconds the motion, and the group discusses the issue further.
- Greg is concerned about the proximity of a potential liquor store to homes in the neighborhood.

Potential changes to a local market.

- Speaker 9 expresses concern about potential liquor store conversion.

Liquor store proposal in a residential area.

- Group voted against proposal due to concerns about long-term impact on neighborhood.
- Residents express concerns about liquor store near church, request distance requirement.

Alcohol sales and community expectations.

- Store owner agrees to community conditions to be a good neighbor, no alcohol consumption on property.

Liquor license for Old Fourth Ward market.

- Speaker 1 addresses Claire's question and thanks her for sharing their concerns about the liquor store, acknowledging the property owner's choice to build next to a residential area.
- Speaker 14 echoes previous comments and emphasizes that variances are intended to remedy inherent problems with the property, not the property owner's choices.
- Speaker 11 recommends denying the request to allow liquor at the Old Fourth Ward market, citing concerns from neighbors.
- The vote is 18 to 2 in favor of denying the request, with Speaker 11 and Speaker 8 dissenting.

Improving the appearance of 54 columns in a park.

- Plans to renovate 54 columns in the park, including landscaping and ADA compliant walkways.

Streetcar project in Atlanta neighborhood.

- Community members gather to celebrate completion of neighborhood improvement project.

- Neighborhood association recruits 12 people from four micro-neighborhoods to provide feedback on streetcar project.
- Speaker 1 excitedly shares updates on a consulting firm's public works project, with a focus on community involvement and designing an "amazing streetcar experience."

Atlanta streetcar route through residential neighborhood.

- Neighbors express concerns about proposed streetcar route cutting through residential area.
- Jennifer and Speaker 4 discuss potential solutions for a busy street in their neighborhood, with multiple proposals and pushback from residents.

HDR rollout and community engagement.

- Speaker 1 emphasizes the importance of clear communication and understanding regarding HDR implementation.

Community development projects in Atlanta neighborhood.

- Claire is eager to discuss the streetcar expansion project and its potential impact on the neighborhood.
- Jennifer mentions that the Martin Luther King historic parade no longer goes through the neighborhood due to streetcar tracks being unsafe for the parade.
- Unknown Speaker: Tom is the bomb.
- Speaker 2: Reusing Tom is the bomb nickname.