

[FWN Mo. General Body Meeting](#)

Summary

- **A meeting in January with 8 participants on line. [0:00](#)**
 - Speaker 1 welcomes participants to a meeting, asking them to mute their phones and raise their hands to ask questions during Tom's presentation.
- **Neighborhood changes and developments in Atlanta. [2:49](#)**
 - Speaker 2 welcomes everyone and introduces the agenda, including updates on Highland Avenue development and a new liquor store request.
 - Speaker 2 seeks approval of past meeting minutes and encourages others to speak up with any additional topics for discussion.
- **Improving a public art installation in Atlanta. [5:46](#)**
 - Neighbors aspire to make Highland Avenue a better entry point to the neighborhood through park improvements and safety initiatives.
 - Speaker 1 updates listeners on the progress of the Sol LeWitt sculpture park renovation, highlighting changes made to meet city of Atlanta requirements.
 - The Beautification Committee is excited about the upcoming renovation of the 54 columns in the park, which will include lighting, bollards, and a bike rack.
- **Local development projects in Atlanta. [12:53](#)**
 - Speaker 1 discusses plans for the Highland Avenue path, including moving the crew from the 54 columns area to the Highland path green space and installing tables and chairs for community use.
 - Speaker 2 mentions the Highland parks development and other land use-related issues in the area, highlighting the progress made in improving the area over the past two years.
 - Highland Bakery is leaving their building due to its sale, but the new owner, Vantage Realty, will refurbish the interior and attract new tenants.
 - Vantage Realty has a track record of developing and leasing spaces in Atlanta, including 160 restaurants, and is excited to bring a new restaurant to the former Highland Bakery location.
 - Speaker 2 updates the group on WellStar, a large property in Atlanta that has been vacant for years.
 - The group is concerned about the potential for another moratorium on development, and has hired a development firm to study the property and gather feedback from the community.
- **Local business developments and liquor license approval. [21:48](#)**
 - Serene restaurant/bar seeks liquor license renewal, sparking questions among neighbors.
 - Developers discuss real estate projects, including a new apartment complex and dog park improvements.
 - Speaker 1 asks about development and rumors of a new business replacing Biggerstaff.
- **Liquor store development in a neighborhood. [28:17](#)**

- Neighborhood residents debate potential liquor store openings, with concerns about proximity to homes and impact on community.
- Speaker 2 discusses the potential for a new liquor license in the neighborhood, citing the success of a similar initiative in Jax and the need for a security plan in place to prevent issues like those experienced before.
- Speaker 2 plans to send out information to the neighborhood for a discussion on the matter and potentially schedule a meeting to further address the issue.
- Neighborhood Association members discuss merging four neighborhoods in Old Fourth Ward.
- **Neighborhood merger and development plans. [36:12](#)**
 - Neighborhood association aims to unify and improve community engagement.
 - Speaker 2 discusses the process of land use and how it affects the neighborhood, addressing concerns from the first meeting and sharing the team's process for handling each situation.
 - Speaker 2 highlights the importance of the neighborhood's vote on creating a new organization to coordinate efforts, with the city's support and agreement from most stakeholders.
 - Neighborhood representatives will be appointed in Atlanta's District 2 to ensure diverse voices are represented.
- **Community garden development and funding. [44:03](#)**
 - Speaker 1 discusses the challenges of securing funding for a cultural event, mentioning the need for an artist and ADA compliance.
 - Speaker 3 suggests a more modest approach, potentially involving a one-person show or a musical performance, and notes the importance of showcasing the event to attract attendees.
 - Speaker 2 discusses a new community garden in the neighborhood, including raised beds and a walkway, with the goal of lighting up the water tower.
 - Speaker 2 mentions Terry is on the line and wants to be involved in the project, with plans to use the space for professional farming and community gardening.
- **Community garden updates and neighborhood issues. [50:17](#)**
 - Community garden in Alaska and Kendall Street has six producers, including Rosalynn Carter's butterfly garden.
 - Speaker 1 updates the group on the parks' financial situation, mentioning they have \$72,000 in checking and \$24,000 in savings, mostly from grants and donations.
 - Speaker 2 suggests voting on a budget to ensure they have enough funds for ongoing expenses and future projects, with a goal of having \$10,000 left over.
 - Charlie asks about update on stop signs at Staple House, receives no answer.