

## **January 2, 2024 General Meeting**

### **Adair Park Today**

### **President's Report**

Happy New Year, Adair Park Neighbors and Friends!

The *Adair Park Today* bylaws require each board member to provide a status report at each monthly general meeting. As president, I intend to discuss major points impacting our neighborhood during the general meetings. In addition, I intend to publish an expanded written report with references and details ahead of each meeting.

#### ***Adair Park Today Updates, January, 2024***

- Our community expects the president to meet with, listen to, and take feedback from neighbors, past Board members, City of Atlanta officials, and other neighborhood stakeholders. As I begin my position on the board, it is important to me to recognize and understand the history, current issues, and future plans for Adair Park. I look forward to meeting with and listening to you- please feel free to reach out to chat (and here's how to contact me at [president@adairpark.com](mailto:president@adairpark.com). In most cases, I can reply to emails within 24-48 hours. For any emergencies or urgent matters, please feel free to call or text at 404-271-9934.
- Transition activities from the 2023 to the 2024 board are complete. All relevant board resources were transferred from the Past President to the Current President. For known and interim committee chairs, Google Workspace accounts have been transferred to the incoming committee chairs.
- To start 2024, I will propose a Committee structure that reflects the practical division of responsibilities among our committees. (*Proposed Committee structure is attached.*) During the January general meeting, during New Business, I will solicit a motion to amend and/or approve the proposed restructure.
- In partnership with our Treasurer, I propose a 90-day expenditure plan that contains funding for primary activities of the organization, plus funding for Committee incidental expenses. During the 90-day period, each committee's leadership will work with our Treasurer on a the 2024 calendar year budget to include both anticipated revenues and expenses.
  - The Events committee will continue planning and budgeting for Porches and Pies, Adair Park's annual fall pie festival. Accordingly, the Events committee will report a proposed budget to the board no later than the April 2024 general meeting.

- Adair Park Today needs you, our neighbors, and our community partners for a successful 2024! The 2024 Membership Drive intends to broadly engage membership composed to reflect the diversity of our neighborhood.
- Please reach out to your neighbors and encourage them to join! Membership dues directly support Adair Park Today's programs and activities. Moreover, a healthy member roll lifts up our neighborhood's collective voice to our elected officials and the greater community.
- The [AdairPark.com](http://AdairPark.com) web site is fully renovated, with the gracious assistance from several neighbors. The Communications Committee would appreciate volunteers to help with web design, copywriting, proofreading, and testing. Please reach out to [communications@adairpark.com](mailto:communications@adairpark.com) for more information!
- On December 7, 2023, representatives from Adair Park Today hosted an event to focus on the Lee/Murphy/Whitehall train crossing challenges. During the meeting, two paths forward were discussed: short-term solutions to address immediate safety concerns, and longer-term permanent infrastructure-based solutions. Regarding the longer-term solutions, I propose Adair Park Today partners with ATLDOT and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) on a "Livable Centers Initiative" grant to fund an infrastructure needs study. During the "New Business" section of the General Meeting, I will solicit a motion from the Membership to review and/or approve Adair Park Today moving forward with the "Livable Centers Initiative" grant-writing process, delegating that work to the Transportation Committee.
- Working the Parks and Public Spaces and Transportation Committees, respectively, I look forward to pursuing an *Adair Park Litter Reduction Campaign*: I've personally walked through the neighborhood, picking up litter and trash in the most conspicuous places and near the playgrounds. I propose we formalize regular walking groups to help reduce litter within our community.

### **External Meetings**

#### **NPU-V**

- Michelle Marcus and I attended the NPU-V meeting on Dec 11, 2023 at the Rick McDevitt Youth Center. The following topics discussed pertained to Adair Park:
  - *Reported from Zone 3 Precinct APD*: Reduced crime by 6% overall. Down in every crime category other than Motor Vehicle Thefts - Kias and Hyundais are a problem, but they are getting better. Cars that are damaged but not actually stolen are still considered a Motor Vehicle Theft. Increased traffic stop by 3k, 17% increase in gun recovery, year-over-year.

- *Reports from APD Code Enforcement:* Code enforcement is now fully staffed at 24 officers with an additional 10 officers planned to add to staff. Code enforcement issues may be reported through ATL311.
- *Atlanta City Planning Department:* Zoning variance for the gas station at 1241 Metropolitan Pkwy has been tabled.

**Councilman Lewis Leadership Brunch**

- Councilman Lewis held a leadership brunch for neighborhood association and NPU leaders on December 16th at City Hall. Relevant summary notes on topics relating to Adair Park from each City Department head are provided below:
  - APD Code Compliance is now fully staffed. There is now at least one code enforcement officer per NPU. In 2033, Council District 12 had 2,200 inspections; lower than previous year, but trending in a good direction for 2024. Current maximum time from code enforcement report to inspection is 5 days. The department’s goal is to reduce that time to 24-48 hours.
    - Code enforcement also engages in demolitions and “cut and cover”. Demolitions take a while to do for many reasons; but “cut and cover” to clean up vacant lots takes less time and fewer legal issues. Property owners are ultimately charged the expense to public funds for both interventions.
  - CoA Parks & Rec (Commissioner Cutler)
    - Additional \$16 million in funding for parks this year; will allow more cleaning and maintenance of parks.
    - With increased funding, The Parks Ranger program will be initiated in the first quarter of 2024.
    - In 2024, City will start its first youth soccer program. Any youth may join for \$75, which will include all equipment. Also in 2024, Parks & Rec will begin its “Trails Mater Planning”
  - CoA Department Department of Transportation - ATLDOT (Caviness)
    - University Ave repaving is planned, but not in the next three years. Councilman Lewis is working to move the timeframe up.
  - CoA Department of City Planning
    - 50th Anniversary of the Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) system is upcoming, and there will be celebrations and commemorations.
    - The Comprehensive Development Plan process will be re-starting again soon. Additional information will be provided in the coming months.

**2024 Committee Proposal**

Based on conversations with neighbors and observations over the past year, I propose the following Committees for 2024. I intend to submit the following committee structure for approval and/or amendment during the New Business portion of the Jan 2024 General Meeting.

The Bylaws offer the following guidance on standing committees:

*The Organization will recognize up to five (5) standing committees. Should members determine the need to create additional standing committee work, they may partner with the Board to propose, vote on and staff additional efforts as needed and as resources allow.*

... and on ad-hoc committees:

*In addition to the Standing Committees and Subcommittees, members of the Organization may decide to form ad-hoc committees and work with the Board to propose and vote to create them. An ad-hoc committee is a temporary committee that is formed for a specific purpose or to help on a specific time-bound project (e.g. an ad-hoc committee formed to review the Organization's bylaws on a periodic basis). These committees will continue as long as the membership deem necessary. Ad-hoc Committee members must be members in good standing.*

- **Standing Committees**

1. **Communications** (no changes from Bylaws description)
2. **Public Safety and Community Care** (proposed change from Bylaws description to add "Community Care" component)
  - a. **APD and AFRD Liaison Co-Chair** (Liaison to CoA Public Safety Departments)
  - b. **Crisis Intervention Co-Chair** (Identifies, promotes, and conducts non-Law Enforcement-based interventions - such as liaising with PAD - relating to unhoused individuals, individuals experiencing mental health crises, and/or similar types of urgent situations.)
3. **Events** (no change from Bylaws description)
  - a. **Porches and Pies**
  - b. **Porch Parties and Other Events**
4. **Parks and Public Spaces** (no change from Bylaws description); add responsibilities regarding liaising with the BeltLine, Trees Atlanta, and the City of Atlanta Arborist.
5. **Historic Preservation:** (proposed change from Bylaws description to move Land Use to an ad-hoc committee) Responsible for reviewing applications for construction/renovation in the Adair Park Historic District, and delivering recommendations to the City of Atlanta Urban Design Commission on behalf of Adair Park Today. Liaise with the Land Use and Code Enforcement Committee on Code and Land Use issues that intersect with the Historic District.

- **Ad-Hoc Committees**

1. **Senior Outreach:** Plan and implement programming to support seniors in Adair Park; report to the Board and Membership on funding needs to support programming.
2. **Youth Outreach:** Outreach to local PTAs, youth engagement
3. **Adair Park Housing Relief Fund:** Administer the Adair Park Housing Relief Fund; report to the Membership and Board on general status and funding needs.
4. **Land Use and Code Enforcement:** Serves as a point of contact regarding questions from property owners (or to-be property owners) regarding code matters; liaise with APD Code Enforcement, City of Atlanta Arborist, and any other relevant City Departments; serves as the point of contact between real estate developers, including Murphy Crossing, Culdesac, and Adair Park Today.
5. **Transportation:** Liaise with ATLDOT; Lee/Murphy/Whitehall Train Crossing Project