

## Adair Park Today

March 5, 2024  
General Member Meeting  
Agenda and Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Board and Committee Chair Introductions
4. Reports and Presentations from Elected Officials and City of Atlanta Representatives
  - Councilman Lewis & Takesia (TK) Shields (District 12)
    - Shared multiple community-building and resource sharing opportunities coming up, including:
      - District 12 Infrastructure Update, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm Atlanta Technical College.
      - Panel discussion on knowing your legal rights organized by Mother's Against Gang Violence, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Rosel Fann Recreation Center.
      - Quarterly Diapers and Wipes distribution pop-ups. Check out <https://helpingmamas.org/mobile-distribution/>
      - Mobile food pantry on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month. Join the mailing list at [choicesforkids.org](http://choicesforkids.org) to hear more.
  - Sgt. Jake Basile with Atlanta Police Department
    - Adair Park Today members shared their experiences with hearing increasing gun shots. Sgt. Basile encourages community members to call APD to report gun shots. Multiple calls about similar incidents will elevate an issue.
  - Antavius Weems representing The Weems Firm and the City of Atlanta's Safe and Secure Housing Program
    - The City of Atlanta started the Safe and Secure Housing program to identify, track, inspect and obtain compliance on multi-family properties that have severe code violations resulting in substandard living conditions and higher crime. The Weems Firm is hired to contact and work with homeowners, when possible, to bring homes into code compliance.
    - Community Members are invited to call or email The Safe and Secure Housing initiative with any property recommendations. ([sashi@weemsfirm.com](mailto:sashi@weemsfirm.com) 404-482-0801).

5. Roll Call of Voting Members

6. Approval of February [Minutes](#)

○ President (Michael Handelman)

▪ Adair Park Today Financial Update:

- Last month, we discovered that roughly \$6,000 in committed sponsorship for the 2023 Porches and Pies Festival was not collected. This miscalculation has prompted the Board to review our financial tracking systems and procedures. Adair Park Today has experienced enormous growth in our programs and services and may need improved financial processes to continue to grow into the future. Steps the Board will take in the short-term:

- Review our financial processes to ensure they are transparent, equitable, and accurate. Bring suggestions for improvement to general membership meeting.
- Move from cash-based accounting to accrual accounting using Quickbooks.
- Pause on major spending until improved processes are in place.
- Oversight on expenditures and receivables using Quickbooks.

▪ Board Election Announcement

- We will host an election at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Community members are encouraged to run for the three open seats: Vice President, Treasurer, and Communications Chair.

○ Vice President (*Vacant*)

○ Treasurer (Kevin Fink)

- February expenses update: we processed several housing fund requests. The housing fund currently has \$1700.
- Upcoming expenses to finalize the Muscogee Park project.

○ Secretary (Stephanie Selvick)

- No further updates.

○ Communications Chair (Robert Sigler)

- No further updates.

○ Parliamentarian (Michelle Marcus)

- No further updates.

7. Committee Reports

1. Communications (Robert Sigler)

- No further updates.

2. Events (Kimberly Johnson)
  - Hosting a “Pi Day” pizza social at CreateATL to share information, solicit volunteers, and build enthusiasm for Porches and Pies. Date and time will be announced soon.
  - Collaborating on the community Easter Egg hunt. La Bodega offered to donate eggs.
3. Public Safety and Community Care (Andrea Porto)
  - Shared the Adair Park monthly crime report. Noted the burglary at CreateATL as well as the increase in gun shots.
    - Seniors Outreach Subcommittee (Pouya Dinat)
    - Youth Outreach Subcommittee (Michelle Marcus)
4. Parks and Public Spaces (Alex D’Antoni)
  - To see volunteer opportunities for park cleanups and gardening, please visit: [www.adairpark.com](http://www.adairpark.com)
  - To file a service request or report a park issue email: [ParksCustomerService@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ParksCustomerService@atlantaga.gov) or call 404-546-6813
  - [Park Pride’s annual conference](#) is March 25<sup>th</sup> and members of APT are eligible to apply for a reduced “friends of the park” entry cost. More detail
5. Historic Preservation (Jeannie Mills)
6. Transportation (Brooks Rowlett)
  - There are upcoming opportunities to hear about the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program, which enables states and localities to apply for grant funding to improve safety and efficiency of railroad crossings in Georgia. Contact [transportation@adairpark.com](mailto:transportation@adairpark.com) if you want to get involved.
7. Housing Fund (Mason Reid)
  - Distributed four awards in February to help neighbors with household utilities.
8. Land Use and Code Enforcement (Jarred Bone)
  - Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) is happening now. All Adair Park neighbors are encouraged to join any of the two upcoming meetings <https://www.atlantaforall.com/events>
  - Neighbors can also participate in the Department of City Planning’s Survey “Atlanta for All” <https://www.atlantaforall.com/survey>
8. Old Business
9. New Business
  - Kevin Leff presentation on Vine Club’s restaurant application for an Alcoholic Beverage License. Neighborhood Comment and Review. Vote on recommendation to the NPU.

- 18 members voted to recommend the license.
- 0 members objected.
- Events Chair, Kimberly Johnson, motion to request \$600 for two upcoming events (Pi Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt). Unspent funds would be returned.
  - In favor: 12
  - Abstain: 2
- Transportation Chair, Brooks Rowlett, motion to rotate meeting location for Adair Park Today general member meetings. No second. Motion fails.
- Board President, Michael Handelman, motion to create an Ad Hoc committee to review financial systems and processes. Board Parliamentarian “friendly amendment” that Committee Chairs be included as members of the committee.
  - Unanimous consensus.

#### 10. Announcements

- [May 11<sup>th</sup> Lantern Parade](#) on the Beltline
  - April 4<sup>th</sup> lantern making tutorial

#### 11. Adjourn