

HCPNA Monthly Meeting

January 8, 2019

I. President Vanessa Erbrick Welcome and new neighbor recognition

- a. Jamie and Celia Martinez
- b. Bryan Champs
- c. Lisa Williams
- d. Lucas and Anna Ellington
- e. Kamal and Yodit Oliver

(Welcome, we're so glad you came!!)

II. Announcement from Katy Hinman, CP First United Methodist Church, Pastor

a. For the next seven weeks they'll be having a "Visioning Process" to celebrate their 125th anniversary year. Instead of regular services, they are having worship at her house on Sundays at 4pm 2260 Rugby Ave. Exploring "How can we be better neighbors?"

III. Guest Speaker Renee Coakley, Main Street Manager, College Park

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- a. Main Street Alley project: addressing flooding issues and increasing exposure.
- b. There will be dining tables and more walkability.
- c. We have new businesses: Soul Crab, Drip Thru Coffee
- d. Urban Foodie Feed Store is having a pot luck and contest on Jan. 20 from 4-7pm
- e. Tri-city networking event is 2nd Wed. of every month, in East Point this month.
- f. There will be a downtown clean-up in April (Check website for updates).
- g. The building which housed the Pig and the Pint is in negotiations to be bought.
- h. The pretty painted bldg. on the corner of Main and Harvard has two contracts for new businesses. One will be a bakery.

IV. Guest Speaker Jane Randolph gave us a lovely history of how the Historic College Park Neighborhood Association came to be. It began with citizens seeking progress and a voice to be heard.

V. Updates from our City Councilman, Ambrose Clay, Ward I

- a. At last meeting they approved a new Arts Council
- b. The new city website is online for testing (So the data is not current).

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c. The council also approved an attachment contract to allow Verizon to attach items to our existing poles. This may be the beginning of 5G service. This means they will need to build cell towers every 1-2K feet. The FCC and State govt. mandates us to allow this as part of a state bill that is allowing access to broadband in all neighborhoods.

d. He said the council is working on getting a \$12 million pedestrian bridge built to connect MARTA to the Convention Center to the game arena. This connection would increase foot traffic on Main St. CP.

**Member asked about speed bumps- Clay says no one wants them and the fire dept. has told us they would slow their response time by :10 per bump. Also they would cost \$5000 per hump and snow plows would ruin them.

*As an alternate solution, CP is hiring off-duty and retired police officers to monitor speeding. They have made several stops and given several citations (10 arrests just in Dec.). As a result the violations are decreasing.

VI. Updates from our City Councilman, Tracey Wyatt, Ward III

- a. If you are interested in serving on the Arts Council, reach out!
- b. We had not one homicide in our city in 2018
- c. 320 acres near golf course to be developed called "Airport City" should bring hotels/businesses/living space which may increase

our headcount and median income levels—which could lead to a new grocery store for our city. (We are currently at only 75-80% of the required median income level for any grocery store company to consider coming to our area).

d. Council supports expanding the golf course to 18 holes from its nine holes to increase business travelers' stay in our area.

VII. **Updates from Community Officer Paniagua**

a. Crime is down 67% from last month, most of the crime is auto theft at random times. Please do not leave any valuables in cars. There were two stolen cars but they were both left running and unattended at the time.

B. If you have any code enforcement issues, call him.

**Member asked what can be done about the bad reputation we have regarding crime in CP and how we are portrayed as a horribly dangerous area. Discussion was lively. Tracey Wyatt said he would work on that.

VIII. **Pres. Erbrick** recapped 2018

a. Reminded us we are NOT a political group, we are researching a definition of what our area borders actually are, listed the several events and organizations we contribute to every year.

b. We have HCP YARD FLAGS for sale with pole \$20 (See pic on Instagram MYHCPNA) or buy at hcpna.org/hcpna-store

c. We have HCP license plates for sale \$5

d. She mentioned all of our social media platforms (FB, Instagram, Web, Twitter) and suggested everyone join NextDoor app for great community connection.

e. She closed by thanking **former President Reggie Wilkins** for his two years of excellent service on the HCPNA Board. The crowd gave enthusiastic applause.

Next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019