

HCPNA meeting Minutes 2-12-19

Meeting led by VP Jason Causey

-recognized new members:

Gill Colston

Tanji Warrior

Minnie Franklin

Christina Adams

Sarah Lowe

Toni Pendley

(Please excuse misspellings)

Announcements:

Linda Gravitt announced Women's Club Yard Sale will be April 11, 12, 13th

Speaker: Mercedes Miller, Exec. Dir., GICC & Arena at Gateway Center

Mercedes talked about how:

-Convention Center drives other businesses in area: hotels, restaurants, etc.

-College Park has 2nd highest occupancy

-We are the economic catalyst for Southside of Atlanta

-5000 different groups a year visit the GICC

-They flip the ballroom 5-6 times a week

-They have some event going on constantly

-Proof of the Pudding is the caterer

-All Clayton county graduations happen there

-2nd largest CC in GA

-New arena is a \$45 million facility with 100,000 square feet

-the GICC has three bids on the table for naming rights

-Fox theatre sends lots of business to them and new arena.

-Most of the money is made from the concessions.

-New arena is 38% complete now and will have an Oct. opening (Hopefully)

-New GICC website in the works

Update:

Councilman Ambrose Clay- Ward I and Tracey Wyatt- Ward III

-Arts Council is eager to establish a new presence

-SCORE Training offered/ Contact Main St. Mgr. Renee Coakley

-Library update- major renovations will include virtual media, more computers, better bandwidth with over \$1 million spent.

-Closing July 1st for about 6 mos. - East Point Library will be open for interim use.

-Park View Cir. (Derelict apt. blogs) being cleaned up.

-5G Cellular deployment (Which is 10X the 4G LTE)

-City is working on better code enforcement- Sergeant Jean Davis

-There will be lots more cleaning up than in the last several years.

-Ward I meeting March 19th—

-2 things they will do which include using the \$50,000 emergency fund for emergencies.

1. will be giving a \$300 credit to alleviate the utility bill burden caused by the billing problems from the city.

2. forgiving 1/2 the bill depending on how much is owed. Unclear on which will happen for residents vs. business owners.

Please contact city for individual concerns.

-Also working on fixing the meter reading issue which caused all of the confusion.

-Live-streaming will be set up for the next council meeting (see city website)

- **Resident asked question** re: payment plan for utility bills- going forward power will be cutoff, no lenience given.

-Update from Police Officer Paniagua

Please call 404-761-3131 Ext. 1804 for code enforcement- Ward I

Can read crime updates online. Majority of crimes still happening from auto break-ins. Please remove valuables as thefts happen at all time of day.

Next meeting March 12th - 2nd Tuesday of month as usual. See you there!