

Boulevard Heights Neighborhood Organization  
Meeting Minutes, 15 March 2010

The Meeting was conducted by BOHO President James Palmer.

Schools. Much of the meeting focused on schools. Our guest speaker, Brenda Muhammad, Atlanta Public School Board Representative from District 1, discussed some of the issues facing the school system.

- Currently, BOHO is zoned into the Benteen Elementary School district. Ms. Muhammad hopes to effect some changes in zoning that will allow for more school choice, especially since BOHO is equidistant from Parkside and Benteen.
- APS is sponsoring a demographic study that is expected to be completed by July or August. If all goes well, new zoning should be in effect for the school year 2010-2011
- A Blue Ribbon Commission headed by Gary Price is investigating the allegations related to the CRCT testing.
- Atlanta School Board meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 at the School Board Office on Trinity Ave. The meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. If you wish to speak at the meeting, you need to arrive a few minutes early (15-30) to sign up.
- Ms. Muhammad emphasized that in order for her to be effective, she needs the community to actively support her efforts.

I will be following up with SAND and GPNA to try and come up with a group of folks who can assist in the demographics study.

Also APS meetings are the first Monday of every month at the School Board Office.

Neighborhood Cleanup. It's time for spring cleaning. Mark Daniels is coordinating the neighborhood cleanup which will be on the morning of

April 17th.

#### Code Enforcement.

- Some concern was expressed about the house on the corner of Edie and Hobart that appears to have a towing business operating at the house.
- Residents are encouraged to call Code Enforcement at 404-330-6190 with any complaints about Code violations. The City has cut back on resources and Code Enforcement has suffered City wide. It is more important than ever, to continue to call with your complaints ... theory being that “the squeaky wheel gets the grease” or in this case the attention.

#### 404-330-6190 Code Enforcement

New neighbors: A number of the formerly vacant houses on Edie are now occupied! When you see new neighbors out and about be sure to welcome them to the neighborhood

I am working to get those folks plugged into our GG list.

#### Communcations.

- Google groups. You need an e-vite to be added to Google groups (which replaced i-neighbors). To get an e-vite, contact Jason Genung ([jasongenung@shifty.org](mailto:jasongenung@shifty.org)), who manages the BOHO google group.
- Facebook. BOHO is on Facebook. The page is managed by Zack Juno.
- Blog. BOHO’s blog is managed by James :  
<http://www.boulevardheights-atl.blogspot.com/>

Trestletree: The last meeting held with Trestletree management was quite positive. Management has authorized its security team to be more proactive in their efforts to maintain a secure and safe environment. Several residents have been evicted for shooting guns into the air. A major problem facing the security team is the reluctance of residents to “snitch”

for fear of reprisals.

Thanks Jason for representing BOHO at the meeting.

Parks and Greenspace Conference. There was some discussion about BOHO paying the registration or partial registration for someone to attend the conference and prepare a report for the neighborhood.

As of now, we have Jonas and Jenn planning to attend the conference.

They will report back to us when they get back.