

ASHFORD ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010

- 1.] Attendees were Gail Davidson, Dick Lyons, Jeff Turnage, Sandra Murray, TomReilly, Chris Morgan, KathyGlenn
 - 2.] Per the handout presented at the meeting by President Gail, the AACA has some serious credibility issues. These can be overcome by consistent "one voice" communication, dealing with the issues' "pros and cons" only, increasing both "top down" and "bottom up" communication, by identifying when you speak as an individual, etc. The homeowners are looking to us to provide information and take a stand. We need a more businesslike approach: a marketing plan, memberships, allowing information to lead to discussion then to decision.
 - 3.] There is no Homestead Option Sales Tax [H.O.S.T]. in our area??
 - 4.] The Dunwoody Homeowners Association has a lot of "loose cannons."
 - 5.] Possibilities of Susan Hamilton being the Communication Committee Chair, of Richard as a Chairperson, Eric as the other needed AACA member, Jeff as Program Chairperson.
 - 6.] The next AACA meeting will be on Thursday, March 18th, 2010 at Merrill Gardens. Scott will run the meeting, Gail/Paul will do the agenda/get feedback, Dick will get the speaker.
 - 7.] Need to continue the sidewalk between Strafed Drive and Humility Lane.
 - 8.] Being heard is what counts. We want to grow membership among the sixty neighborhoods in our area, including Brookhaven north of the historical section. There are now some 25 dues paying members. Nine members have renewed year to date. Individual membership has no advantages.
 - 9.] Oglethorpe Estates has aligned with some Brookhaven groups.
 - 10.] We have established I-285, the Fulton County line, and Peachtree [Industrial] Boulevard as our northern, western, and southern boundaries respectively. Jeff Turnage is to investigate if we need to revisit our boundaries.
 - 11.] Each neighborhood representative is to submit a short summary/history of his/her neighborhood for inclusion on the website.
 - 12.] Do we need to substitute monthly meetings with quarterly meetings?? Once we stopped having speakers and Jeff Turnage left then attendance dropped. We need a public presence. There should be monthly AACA activity announcements in the Brookhaven Reporter, etc. General monthly meetings at Gail's house, quarterly AACABD meetings at Merrill Gardens. Possibly meetings every third Wednesday at Merrill Gardens?? We could sometimes have events instead of formal meetings.
 - 13.] A "silence gives consent" approach would be a valid assumption.
 - 14.] Tom Reilly is to resend his Marist article to the AACA.
 - 15.] We need a communications and a zoning chair.
 - 16.] Our biggest credibility loss has been with Dekalb County Board of Commissioners..
 - 17.] Pending issues: Elaine Boyer continues to be unresponsive, Chamblee is getting ready to annex the area east of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road and south of I-285, PDK airspace needs a speaker by April 8th, 2010 including on a possibility of an preliminary environmental study, Marist might be able to change its Special Land Use Permit into two SLUPs, one the northern and one for the southern end of their property. Father John Harhager has mentioned the possibility of creating a nature preserve on the western Marist/Cross Creek area.
 - 18.] As always, please contact me with any corrections or additions.
- Thanks, as always,
Tom Reilly