

## **GENA BOARD AGENDA – SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021 (1 – 3 pm)**

Welcome (Kay Lee)

February 3, 2021 Minutes (Kay Lee) :

- Approved via email (as of March 7, 2021). Posted on GENA website. Any questions/concerns?
- Recommend minutes of this meeting be approved via email and posted to website within 2 weeks of meeting.

Financial Report (Nick Cortese)

- Current treasury balance of \$4,326.90. Since the February report we have incurred expenses of \$21.17 for web hosting fees and received dues and donations of \$2,023. 104 households have participated in paying dues in 2021, an increase over 2020 and 2019. Note was made about the fact that Gena did not host a block party in the Spring of 2020 nor at Halloween 2020.
- Nick will reach out to neighbors who paid 2021 twice to determine whether they wish a refund or to apply to 2022 dues.

Listserv Report (Paul Cushing)

- Thank you to Lee Pritchard for years of IT mastery
- Discussion of Assistant Listserv Moderator to Paul
- Currently 321 listserv members
- Listsrv at the edge of storage at 90%. Paul mentioned the possibility of enabling compression of photos attached to new posts which would reduce the rate of storage usage going forward. He said he would look into it and report back to the Board. Subsequent to the meeting Paul reported to the Board that he was able to remove some large attachments from 3 or 4 older posts which resulted in storage increasing significantly. As a result, photo compression isn't needed for now and GENA's storage capacity is not a current concern.
- The board discussed recognizing top contributors for their service to the neighborhood.
- Neighbor requested reconsideration of taking neighbors off the listserv after they move, and rather to keep them on for a period of time (3 – 5 years). The board discussed and agreed that the listserv should continue to be limited to current residents.

Welcome Committee Report (Kay Lee on behalf of Erin Braden)

- Several new families have recently moved into the neighborhood and have been welcomed. Please notify Erin or Polly of new neighbors.

Old Matters: (Kay Lee)

- February: (Feb 20-21) GENA Work Days in Glenn Creek Nature Preserve

- April:
  - (April 26) – GENA Zoom Class with Decatur Fire and Safety Marshall on fire safety
  - GENA Street Sign toppers for Cedar and Birch. Note made that we have a supply of toppers in the event any need to be replaced.
- May
  - No Spring Block Party
  - Graduation List sent on listserv
- June:
  - Juneteenth possible GENA event cancelled to defer to one created by Beacon Hill Alliance (which sadly also was cancelled bc of weather)
- July
  - Java Joy Breakfast Get-together
  - Website Additions: Under “About” page – GENA Neighbor Catherine Williams’s AJC Article on “Birdman of Glennwood” Steve Rushing.
- August
  - GENA Directory Update on listserv webpage

#### New Matters:

- October 24 & 25: GENA coordinated work weekend in Glenn Creek Nature Preserve
- October 20: GENA Zoom Class for GENA by Decatur Branch Primary Librarian, Elizabeth Costello
- October 31: Halloween
  - Board discussed return of Neighborhood Party at the Triangle or Parade. Agreed to solicit input from the neighborhood via listserv as we get closer to the date. Suggestion for Trick or Treat Guidelines and following City suggestions, if any.
- November 6: Neighborhood Cleanup Day (big trash collection)
- December:
  - Annual Holiday Giving Collection (Mindy Simon coordinating again.)
  - Sanitation Workers Collection: (Ginny Lester will coordinate again. )
  - December 4 -5 Weekend: Another Gena coordinated work weekend in GCNP.
  - Dec. 18: Electronics and Styrofoam recycling
- January (2022): GENA MLK Project.
- Ideas to build/support our community.
  - Clean up vegetation near the park entrance. Kay to reach out to Gena neighbor regarding suggestion.
  - Website: Encourage stories of people who have lived in neighborhood
  - Pending ideas:
    - Fizzy Atlanta beverage truck – Idea was presented to have a social hour with Fizzy beverages and potentially other food trucks and events. (\$750 minimum for Fizzy) Need Gena neighbor to take lead.
    - Food Sharing Event in Driveways: For example: Gumbo/Chili Event. Need Gena neighbor to lead coordination.
    - Outside neighborhood social hour: Even/Odd street number/neighborhood. Need Gena neighbor to lead coordination.
    - Micro yard concerts (challenge is limited outside space)

- Election Day: November 2, 2021: Reminder that local elections, including City Council and School Board will be held in November 2nd. The Listserv may be used to notify neighbors of events but not to campaign or endorse candidates.

Adjourn: