

## **Central Atlanta Neighbors (CAN) Regular Meeting Minutes**

**When: March 4, 2004**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Where: Southface Energy Institute  
Pine Street**

Call to order by President Lew George at 6:35pm. Everyone was welcomed and introductions were made.

The meeting minutes from February were reviewed. Motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. The minutes stand as reported.

### **Committee Reports**

- Public Safety Committee – Lew George
  - No police officers were present at the meeting.
  - It was noted that Sargent Carlino was promoted and his replacement has not been assigned.
  - CAN website has a report on how the police patrols are going.
  - Need to find additional funding for the patrols. One suggestion was to approach banks. Under the Community Renewal Act, banks are required to set aside a specific amount of money for community activities and improvements; up to \$5k is available to non-profits.
- Parks – JoLee Gardner
  - A park clean-up will be scheduled for June. Information will be placed in the newsletter.
  - Working with GPC and the City on the addition of more light fixtures in Central Park near the gazebo.
  - Also, working with GPC on the maintenance and repair of existing lights in Renaissance Park
  - A proposal will be put together and submitted to the Parks Department to trim trees and plant new trees along Parkway. This is scheduled for April, 2004.
- Treasurer's Report - Kristi Burnham
  - 501 (C)(3) Status letter has been received from the IRS
  - A monthly statement was provided for review.
  - Taxes will be filed prior to May 15, 2004 and an audit will be conducted in the near future.
- Communications Committee – Jeffrey Jones
  - CAN will post signs each month to let people know when the meetings will occur. The signs will be posted in a secure location so they are not stolen; also needs to be in a high traffic area. Motion to approve this initiative, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved.
  - Committee is working on a newsletter. It will be available to the neighborhood the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every other month beginning April 14, 2004. Deadline for submittal of information will be April 12, 2004. The Board was provided with a

- proposal for this activity. The theme of the newsletter will be “inform, educate and empower.” Newsletter will contain neighborhood news, meeting information, and advertisements. It will be 1-2 pages in length.
- Suggestions for fund-raising for CAN’s newsletter or other activities include a tour of homes, a tour of churches, tour of parks, etc.
  - Will also create a new website for CAN. Currently gathering information on the development and hosting of the site. More details later.
  - Developing a communications strategy – will provide more details later.
  - Music Midtown – JoLee Gardner
    - CAN signed an agreement with MM. Will receive 2500 tickets and \$43K+ in cash. The tickets will be sold for \$30 each (3-day tickets) beginning mid-April. Ticket sales will take place only at the Civic Center box office this year. Dates are to be finalized by the end of March.
  - Council Member Starnes Office – Zelda Jackson
    - Senior Discounts are available to off set the water and sewer increases. Need to fill out an application to qualify.
    - Send letters of protest to Debi Starnes, Howard Shook, and the Mayor; protest sewer increase as well as the water increases.
    - Debi Starnes newsletter will be mailed in April.
    - Debi Starnes won’t be running next term; need to recommend individuals who might be interested in taking on this responsibility so they can begin to work with Debi.
    - CC Zelda on information that is sent to Jason Baills (housing code inspector).

### **New Business and Announcements**

- Debra Williams (U-Rescue Villa) (404-873-9819) – operates a drug-free community support program for children in the community. There are 190 children from 70 families in U-Rescue Villa. Would like support for the community program. Doesn’t want funding but wants CAN to understand the program so that when opportunities arise we will consider this program. U-Rescue Villa is located on North Ave. next to Cosby Spears. There is no president or Vice President of U-Rescue Villa at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.