

CHALET PEYTON WOODS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
PEYTON FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Cafeteria
May 11 - 7PM
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by the president, Jackye Rhodes and prayer was offered by Mr. Knight.

Minutes – Betty N. Kennebrew – corrections were noted and minutes were accepted. The financial report was tabled since Mrs. Thomas was not present at the time.

Hospitality Report – Ms. Sims gave for Ms. Winfrey: Remember the following neighbors – Charles Gibson, Mr. Girffin, Jan Burch, Samuel Sanders, Jonathan Warner, Julia Mae Boyd is the oldest neighbor and was given a Mother's Day card; also, The Seabraums were given a welcome to the community flower.

Our guest speaker was Lt. Sinks representing the new Zone 4 Commander, Major Moore. Lt. Sinks shared that the crime rate for our zone is lower because there are more police resources on this side of the city, especially in the last month. Also, a traffic unit has been assigned and started their assignment two days ago. We will see them soon on the main thoroughfares in the community.

He answered some questions from the audience. **1.** Can you mark a personal vehicle on the street? He says that is not illegal if not impeding traffic. **2.** Can you park a tow truck on the street? Yes, temporarily for business purposes. **3.** What happened about the car accident due to the police pursuit of driver of a stolen car? Car hit a tree or a pole and one of the occupants we arrested the other escaped but police did get finger prints. **4.** Explain the business with the APD sign on it on M. L.K. Jr. Drive dear barber shop. He said it is Galls, a business that make uniforms for the police department, therefore only police are permitted to enter. **5.** What can be done about trash being dumped at Kelso Drive and a trash truck parked? He suggested that Officer Character be informed and he will address. **6.** When will construction on MLK near Fairburn Road be completed? Check with transportation department. **7.** What about gang issues? Not a major issue in our city, there are some hybrid gangs, meaning they mimic gangs in NJ and California who are trying to organize in Atlanta. The rezoning of schools caused some problems, but not major. **8.** Is there a prostitution problem in our area? Not really. **9.** What about gang graffiti on the walls of buildings, etc. Not really, most of it is local artist who tag areas. **10.** What will be done about the street sign missing at Kelso and Peyton? Mrs. Martin said she reported it a while back and just received notice that it is being handled. Lt. Sinks asked Office Jackson to address. He says always report when you see a sign missing. **11.** Dr. Steele, principal of Peyton Forest, asked if police could address speeding during school zone times am and pm. The new traffic unit will address and ticket fees are doubled. We thanked Lt. Sinks and Officer Jackson for their presence.

Dr. Moss presented Dr. Steele (Peyton Forest Principal) with a \$200 check for Teacher Appreciation week and asked that she do something special for faculty. Dr. Steele expressed thanks and announced that Comcast Care volunteers were doing some grounds beautification at the school. They will be back again.

Jackye Rhodes introduced State Senator Horacena Tate- she gave us an update on what is happening regarding the State.

- The session is about to end and any bills the Governor does not veto will automatically pass even if he does not sign them.
- There is a request for Cobb County to annex to Atlanta the section where the new Braves stadium is being built so that it remains the Atlanta Braves. There will be no tax impact on Cobb or Atlanta if it is done.
- The Opportunity School Bill proposed by Governor Deal addresses taking over failing schools which are school that scored 60 or lower on the College Career Ready Performance Index rating. The Governor would appoint a commission to run the schools. There were originally 149 schools on the list now down to 139. Most of the schools were in poverty areas. Dr. Steele shared that Peyton Forest is on the list, but working to improve; challenge is students who enroll who are not at grade level. This issue will be on the November 2016 ballot. The State can control a school for a minimum of five years; if not

improved then can be taken over completely. Majority of the schools are in Metro Atlanta; non in Cobb County.

- Sen. Tate voted for the transportation bill, 1.3 billion was needed for 10 years. It would be helpful if MARTA could extend.
- She has a newsletter available via email. Only gets \$7000 for mailing expenses.
- It was suggested that we develop a plan to address parent issues. Jackye Rhodes says we will discuss plan at the June 1 Southwest Community Association meeting at Peyton Forest at 7pm and asked Sen. Tate to attend. We will also discuss the Dome funds.

We thanked Sen. Tate for attending our meeting. We then heard from Officer David Jackson, Community Liaison Officer for Zone 4. He specially focuses on the MLK Jr. Drive corridor. He is also the Pastor of Mr. Sinai Baptist Church and has his doctorate degree. His contact number is 404-857-7570 from 9-5pm.

Ms. Rhodes announced that Ms. Finley could no longer serve as Education Chair and asked for a volunteer. Rev. Crawford agreed to take the position, which requires keeping up with the community schools and their needs; especially Peyton Forest. She further stated that the newsletter featured student accomplishments. Congratulations to all students!

Mrs. Janet Martin gave a report on the trash receptacles. She would like to have one at Kelso and Peyton and the other at the Walking Trail at the Peyton Rd and Peyton Place. She will send out an email update with photos.

Jackye announced that the Kroger Fuel Station hearing is in July. She encouraged everyone to review the announcements on the meeting agenda, which were as follows:

- NPU-I Meeting 3rd Wednesdays at Adamsville Recreation Center
- Southwest Community Group Meeting June 1st at Peyton Forest Elementary @ 7pm
- Executive Board Meeting on August 10, 2015
- Chalet/Peyton Woods Community Association Meeting resumes on September 14, 2015
- Garbage pick-up for May is Thursday, May 28th

Finance report – Delois Thomas: Opening Balance \$806.18. Dues collected \$480, Current balance \$1005.58. (Debits \$98.58 for newsletter, \$54 Birthday gift for Mrs. Miriam McCrary, P.O. Box Renewal \$92.00, Hospitality \$36.02) Rev. Crawford motioned that the financial report be accepted and it was seconded and approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately.

Submitted by Secretary – Betty N. Kennebrew