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BERKELEY PARK

**JUNE 2003**

**Next Meeting  
Monday**

**June 16, 2003**

**7:00 pm**

**Location - Senior**

**Citizen Center**

**NPU-D Meetings**

**Fourth Tuesday of  
every month**

**Meetings start at 7:30**

**Agape Center  
on Bolton Road**

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### Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association Vision Statement

To create an area of intown living that is safe, clean and has the direction and determination to take on tasks that are beneficial to the neighborhood and its residents.

**Meeting location - time 7:00 pm**

**Senior Citizen Services Center on Commerce Drive.**

Plenty of seating and parking available. Enter through the front door on Commerce Drive, someone will be in the lobby to direct you to the meeting room.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dwight Glover

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The negotiations have begun. Last Thursday the NCA negotiating committee met at the Selig offices to review the initial site plan for the Castlegate property. The plan is preliminary and I asked them to present a more advanced version to the BPNA after the NCA team has had a chance to provide feedback to Selig. The NCA team will meet on June 12 to develop our response. Selig is very close to closing a deal with Costco to be the anchor tenant. The basic concept is for Costco to be below ground and for there to be an upper level at the Howell Mill grade. The upper level will be a tree lined boulevard with small shops & restaurants and on-street parking, fountains, wide sidewalks, etc. They appear to be pretty flexible on the design and very open to our feedback. They will

be asking for some code variances so we will have some leverage in the negotiations.

We also had a follow-up meeting with Coro last Friday. Coro has changed the landscape design to incorporate much larger trees along Bellemeade. The new design calls for 6-8 inch wide, approximately 30 foot tall trees to replace the original 3 inch, 15 foot trees. They will not be able to build a lane on the other side of the trees due to DOT restrictions on the road. Please see Mike Cosky's article for details on a vote we are taking regarding the tree appeal.

I would encourage everyone to come to the next meeting on the 16th of June. I would like to give everyone an update on all the activities & get your feedback.

Dwight Glover

## V.P. LETTER

Mike Cosky

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My name is Mike Cosky and I'm an obsessor. I obsess over everything. At any given time you could ask the lovely Mrs. Cosky and she could tell you just what it is that I'm obsessing about that day. I obsess over money. I obsess over work (too much or the lack there of). I obsess over the house of perpetual renovation. I even obsess over restoring my car which is supposed to be a hobby and a means of relaxation. I've always been an obsessor. In fact, I can remember as a small child obsessing over

my favorite stuffed rabbit losing its fur and what I could do about it.

In light of my obsessive tendencies is it then wise for me to be involved in the neighborhood association? I mean really, with the Selig and the Coro developments as fuel, my obsessing motor has gone into overdrive.

One of the things I'm obsessing about today is the removal of the trees on Bellemeade and the appeal to stop their removal. One of the hardest things about

this job is having to make these decisions and making sure that the wishes of the neighborhood as a whole are represented.

Because of this we are asking for your help. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will be given some information and will be asked to vote on this issue. Please take the time to respond to this important question. By doing so you will relieve me from further obsessing over this so I can move on to the important task of obsessing about something else.

## TREASURER REPORT

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The Balance from the last bank statement received (4/30/03) was \$1,002.85. Two checks have been written to Key Concept Services (#1093 for \$35.27 and #1094 for \$115.43) and one deposit was made (\$10.00 dues from Artisan Pictureworks and \$5.00 dues from Philip Massey). Ledger balance is currently \$867.15.

## MEMBERSHIP

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No report this month.

## SECRETARY

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Minutes from May 2003 meeting

Dwight Glover read a thank you card from Mr. Massey for his birthday flowers.

Jeff Smythe of the Senior Center introduced to himself and encouraged those in attendance to visit the Senior Center during the day to get a feel for the kind of activities and services provided. Also wanted to let everyone know that space is available for rental.

Dwight - update on local developments. Dwight Glover, Linda Alcott, Brett Marsengill and Elizabeth Sears had recently met with city officials and developers to discuss plans and issues.

Selig has a contract on the Castlegate property and is in negotiations with Wendy's and Einstein's Bagels. The Selig plan currently calls for one big box with small retail and residential.

Mark Jones with Coro Realty presented their plan for the corner of Northside Drive and Bellemeade. The plan includes a 183 unit apartment building, a 4 story parking deck, a 13,500 sq ft retail unit, a 9,000 sq ft retail unit with additional retail below the apartments. There were two areas of traffic improvement - adding another lane on Bellemeade and adding a lane from the I-75 off ramp that would turn right into the development. There are no signed leases at this time, looking to find a local restaurant. The apartments will be a mix of 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms; primarily 1 bedrooms. Probably going for \$1.25 - \$1.30 sq ft (700 sq ft = \$875). The biggest part of the discussion was about the removal of trees on Bellemeade to make way for the

additional lane.

Castlegate Development - The NCA dedicated 25 minutes of meeting time to this topic at their last meeting.

Dwight suggested that the body come up with some items to discuss with Selig regarding their proposed development.

Land Use Committee Report - Brett Marsengill - the draft plan of the Berkeley Park Master Plan Survey is ready. The results will be presented in a future newsletter in a percentage format. The Coro property is in the permitting process. A vote was taken on whether or not to file an appeal. The motion was "If the BPNA has not received the traffic study information and further communication by May 27 an appeal will be filed with the city." The vote turned out as 20 in favor and 5 against filing an appeal.

Crime Watch Report - Corey Greika - Seven cruisers have been added to the area as well as a Neighborhood Traffic Coordinator.

Code & Zoning - Dwight (temp) - an open letter regarding code and zoning issues was sent out with the May newsletter.

Treasurer report - Elaine Evans - current account balance is \$1002.85

NPU-D - Bob Fehskens - new neighborhoods have been added to NPU-D.

Newsletter - Sharon Arnold - A motion to moderate the e-mail distribution list resulted in a vote of 29 for and 2 against.

Membership report - David Soofian - discussed the possibility of working with area businesses to create a Berkeley Park discount card.

## SENIORS

Tawn Chi

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Please say a prayer for senior, Mary Ann Howard of 789 Holmes Street. She was admitted to Piedmont Hospital with lung problems. Happy Birthday to Mary Ann who was born on June 9th.

We are planning a special appreciation luncheon in August for the seniors of Berkeley Park and need volunteers to help us put this together. We thank Laura Lunsford of Antone for her support. Please contact me if you're interested.

## NEWSLETTER

Sharon Arnold

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Last month newsletters were delivered to every household in Berkeley Park. I would like to thank everyone who helped deliver the newsletters last month. There was a pretty good response to my request for help.

I want to take this opportunity to lay the ground work for next January. I have been the Newsletter Committee Chair for the last 6 years also taking on development and maintenance of the Berkeley Park website (with some help recently). I have decided that I will not accept a nomination or motion to continue in the role of Newsletter Committee Chair. I will also relinquish maintenance of the website. Neither of these tasks is hard or very time consuming - it is just way past time for a

fresh approach. I am stating this now so someone has plenty of time to mull this over between now and the January elections.

## BEAUTIFICATION

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No report this month.

## NPU-D

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## CRIME WATCH

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Well, another quiet month for Berkeley Park in terms of crime, but that cannot be said for our surrounding neighborhoods. Hills Park and the Bolton Road neighborhoods have been getting pounded with crime activity, a lot of unsavory people hanging out in their neighborhood and stealing stuff when the time is right. They've had plants stolen from porches, cars broken into, and homes broken into. So the point is that you better believe that we have criminals lurking very close to our neighborhood, if not walking through it every day. Only with our vigilance and perseverance to keep an eye on our streets, keep our property looking respectable, and letting our neighbors know when we are going to be out of town will we keep those criminals at bay. Hills Park and Bolton Road are making a stronger effort at that as we speak. Let's not give the criminals a safe haven to revisit once they feel unwelcome in the other neighborhoods. Thanks, and keep enjoying your summer!

## LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

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No report this month.

## SPECIAL TOPICS

Reminder we're having a Play Day of fun for children on Saturday, June 14th from 10:AM to 12:PM at the United Methodist Church on the corner of Holmes St & Howell Mill Rd.

Please come and enjoy the fun and refreshments provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Any questions or if you'd like to volunteer to sponsor a Play Day, please call me.

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Florist Atlanta is moving! Their new Location as of July 4th will be 1750 Howell Mill Rd (across from Arby's).

Berkeley Park resident Elizabeth Sears has filed an appeal to stop the removal of several large trees along Bellemeade near Northside drive. Coro Enterprises wants to remove the trees to make way for a third lane that their traffic study says will be necessary to accomodate the extra traffic their development will bring. The third lane will be added in the center and will be a dedicated left turn lane from Bellemeade to northbound Northside Drive. This will push the west bound (up hill) lane of Bellemeade over to where the trees are.

One side of the argument is that Coro could do the development without removing the trees and without the third lane because according to the traffic engineer the city does not require the third lane.

The other side is that Coro has offered to replace the trees with larger trees than initially planned (6-8 inch caliper and approx. 30 feet tall). The third lane could also ease additional congestion at the intersection caused by the development

So here is the vote:

Go through with the appeal to save the trees and in doing so obtain an independant review of the situation by the city.

or

Withdraw the appeal and go with Coro's concessions

Please contact me ASAP by e-mail at mcosky@mindspring.com or by phone at 404/355-8050 (if no answer leave your vote on the machine).

Thank you for your help!



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