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President's Report

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A great time was had by all in attendance at the Berkeley Park Cookout, June 6 th . I would like to especially thank the White family for once again allowing us the use of their property, chef Ron Horgan for the grilling, DJ Barry Sermons for the music, and Amy Hoover for the overall coordination. Please show your support to the local businesses who also contributed to the event and their continued support for Berkeley Park: Six Feet Under, FLIP Burger Boutique, Mama Niki's, Central City Tavern, and Publix.

Finally, I would like to welcome our new BPNA members and welcome them to the neighborhood. I hope to see you all at the next meeting on June 21 st at the Senior Citizens Center.

On the agenda for the June meeting:

Parking exception, case #V-10-076, 1415 Howell Mill Road, NW: The applicant, CSA Marand, Inc., is seeking a special exception from zoning regulations to reduce the required on-site parking spaces from the required 37 on-site spaces to 24 on-site parking spaces to allow for the conversion of an existing business (Russell Image Processing) to a medical office with an addition (pending lot approval from the Office of Planning). The proposed addition will be the addition of a second story to the existing building.

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 21, 2010
Senior Center

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**1705 Commerce Dr.
7:00 pm**

Fun at the Berkeley Park cook out on June 6!

NPU-D Report

by Jim Martin

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The May 25 th NPU-D meeting was another quiet one. The only business items on our agenda were some city ordinances primarily dealing with new or increased fees and a resolution of support for a grant application for the renovation of the Hampton Oaks apartments in Bolton. We were still able to drag the meeting out past 9:00 with extended discussions on several different topics, principally the recently ended state legislative session (we had two state representatives in attendance) and a potential site plan amendment for Vinings on the Chattahoochee, which is a large planned housing development in Whittier Mill Village. Although I received notice of this amendment application, which would be approved by an administrative process, I was later told that this was sent in error and that this has not yet been applied for. Many of the folks living in or near this development have concerns about this change and complaints about ongoing problems with the developer.

One bit of good news that was presented at the meeting was the announcement by Assistant Fire Chief Lovelace that the new fire station in Atlantic Station, Station 11, will be staffed with new hiring in the fire department rather than shutting down other fire stations to free up personnel. Thus, in the short term at least, Station 23 appears to be safe.

Shortly before the meeting, I received noticed from the Beltline planners that planning for our area, Beltline Subarea 8, has been suspended indefinitely awaiting the outcome of an environmental impact study that will recommend the preferred transit route. Since they have not yet decided whether this will follow the CSX line behind Forrest St or the Norfolk Southern line through the White Provisions District, planning for other aspects of the project in our area seemed somewhat pointless.

After the meeting I sent an update of our "Top-20" list to the Mayor's office of constituent services, which Mayor Reed had requested when he attended our March NPU-D meeting. At his request, I expanded the list from only code and zoning enforcement issues to a more general list of things that the mayor's office can do for NPU-D. I limited the list to things that we reasonably expect them to do. [That list is linked here.](#)

**Next NPU-D meeting:
Tuesday, June 22, 2010
7:30 pm Agape Center,
2351 Bolton Road, NW**

ALL NPU RESIDENTS WELCOME

Top 20 List

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Things that the mayor's office of constituent services can help NPU-D with:

1. Code and zoning enforcement

1.1 *Unresolved issues from the original Top-20 list. Note: Some of the issues on that list, which are not completely resolved but have shown noticeable progress, are not included here. It is possible that these could return to the list if they are neglected.*

1.1.1 Techatoriums (#15): These are large student-occupied rooming houses masquerading as duplexes. They exist in several locations around the Berkeley Park and Underwood Hills neighborhoods. They are concentrated in the block defined by Bellemeade, Leona, Holmes, and Tallulah where they cause the greatest degradation in quality of life for their neighbors whose primary complaints are noise, trash, crime, parking problems and aesthetics. These structures do not conform to current zoning (R4A), which forbids both duplexes and rooming houses, nor do they conform to previous zoning in the area (R5), which permits duplexes and prohibits rooming houses. In addition to the use there are several problems with the nature of the construction of these rooming houses, which were built between the mid 1980s and the early 1990s. These problems include excessive height, excessive impervious surface, shared driveways, parking in the front and side yards.

Investigations by the offices of code and zoning enforcement revealed that these sites were developed according to the originally approved site plans although those plans were, in several instances, approved in error. Presumably, an erroneous approval does not legitimize these code violations, and enforcement is still an option if the city is willing to undertake it.

Investigations by the offices of code and zoning enforcement were unable to document the rooming house use of these sites despite the fact that several of them had "rooms for rent" and "student housing" signs in the yards. It is unclear what form of documentation the city requires to pursue enforcement on these matters. We have had some luck on similar sites by working with the Fulton County DA's office. In that case they were able to pursue the lack of a business license as another mode of enforcement.

1.1.2 1868 LaDawn and 2184 Dunseath (adjoining properties #17 and #19): The situation here has not changed appreciably. There are junk cars, trash and debris in the yard.

1.1.3 1956 Hollywood Rd (#3): This property was cleaned up after the initial citation, but is now falling back into disrepair.

1.1.4 2045 Main St (#4): There was some cleanup in the yard, but the structure has not been repaired or demolished.

1.1.5 1972 Grandview (#5): The rebuilding project here remains abandoned.

1.2 Problems that have arisen, grown, or been reported since the original Top-20 list

1.2.1 931 Bowen St: This is the north corner of Old Chattahoochee(segment that intersects Howell Mill) and Bowen St. It is a body shop / junk yard that may be operating without a proper business license (rumor). They have considerable debris (car parts etc) piled in the public right of way and on the site. They have been observed illegally disposing of chemicals and oil (i.e. pouring them into storm drains).

1.2.2 1818 LaDawn: Apparently abandoned school bus in side yard

1.2.3 1412 Carol Dr.: This house has peeling paint, a collapsing roof, and piles of debris in yard and on porch. Also, there is an apparently illegal commercial use (materials storage) of the structure.

1.2.4 1751 Marietta Rd: This house is being used illegally as a rooming house.

1.2.5 2554 Edwards: The yard is full of debris. The roof of the house is apparently leaking and there is a considerable amount of mold inside.

1.2.6 2127 Bolton: The yard is full of debris

1.2.7 2124 Spink: This property is severely fire damaged and needs to be demolished.

1.2.8 2425 Lowe: This house is severely fire damaged and needs to be demolished.

1.3 General issues of enforcement

1.3.1 Excessive front-yard and side yard paving and other illegal (un-permitted) paving: Code Enforcement appears to have taken the position that pavement, once it is on the ground, is automatically permissible (instantly grandfathered) regardless of when or how it was installed. This is problematic and encourages illegal behavior, most notably un-permitted paving on the weekends when there is no code enforcement. A few (by no means the only) examples:

1.3.1.1 770 Verner St (paved residential front yard)

1.3.1.2 1924 Carol St (paved residential front yard)

1.3.1.3 16?? Howell Mill - parcel # 17015200050260 (illegally paved lot) – This is the southern portion of the parking lot for the Social House restaurant. It was completely paved over without permits or storm water detention by the property owner (not the current restaurant owner / tenant) over a weekend in 2005.

1.3.2 Overgrowth: This is a code issue that tends to recur. There needs to be some sort of expedited reporting and citation process for this. In addition to resolving ongoing problems, it might generate revenue for the city in the form of fines and inspection fees.

2. Communications with the Department of Public Works

2.1 Re-designation (abandonment?) of Appletree St (a "paper street"): This is a right-of-way that adjoins Underwood Hills Park. It is unimproved (not even a dirt road). It is entirely inside of a CoA stream buffer. And it has no connection to any other public right-of-way or private drive. Thus it is not a road, cannot

be a road, and should not be a road. What it should be is part of the adjoining park. The neighbors and the Parks department agree with this, however DPW is unwilling to turn this land over to Parks without a cash payment. This is ridiculous since the city would be buying land from itself, public works has no specific need for either the land or its cash value, and Parks has no budget for this purpose (i.e. subsidizing DPW). This seems to be a problem that can be easily solved by mediation, legislation, or executive decree.

2.2 Dedication acceptance of Kroger Driveway (Bellemeade east of Howell Mill): When the Kroger mall was rezoned for its current use (~25 years ago) a condition was attached to that zoning that the access from Bellemeade Avenue (through a parcel with residential zoning at that time) be dedicated as a public street. This condition was agreed to by the owner/developer and the city and was motivated by a variety of reasonable concerns on the part of the neighbors. Unfortunately, the city did not enforce this condition and this parcel is currently zoned C1C with the "C" indicating the somewhat absurd condition that it is not to be zoned C1. A simple solution is available for this problem as the current owners were (as of about 2 years ago) willing to fulfill the condition by dedicating the existing driveway as a public street. The sticking point here is DPW, which insisted that the driveway first be completely reconstructed to the standards that it would have been if DPW had been doing its job 25 years ago. When the current owners quite reasonably refused to do this, the DPW position was that the situation should remain exactly as it is (i.e. that the current problem should be perpetuated with no enforcement action and no remediation). The only reason offered for this obstructionism was that the city would be taking on "liability" if it accepted the proposed dedication. Any liability associated with this is clearly miniscule (the road way is only 200 feet long and speeds on it do not exceed 20 MPH) in comparison to either the status quo or an extensive reconstruction. This position is also entirely inconsistent with the DPW position regarding item 2.1. Neighbors of this site have been betrayed by the city's lack of enforcement and intransigence in this matter. The current zoning/designation has been the proximate cause of numerous problems and annoyances over the past 25 years. It appears to be a problem that could easily be solved by either legislation or executive decree at no cost to the city.

2.3 Use and future plans for facility on Northside Drive (the "Lidell Sanitary Substation"): This facility at on Northside Drive adjoining the CSX rail line is in a strategically important location for the city. The rail line is proposed to be the Beltline right-of-way, the southern boundary of the land includes a potential road link (the Trabert St extension) to relieve traffic on Howell Mill Rd, the western boundary of the site adjoins the waterworks facility (which has been proposed as public green space) and the Northside Drive frontage is adjacent to a low point which is important for storm water drainage in the area. Clearly, a portion of the site also serves important DPW functions involving equipment storage and solid waste collection. Unfortunately, DPW representatives do not appear to have engaged with either the community or the Beltline planners to plan for the future use of this site. It is not possible to plan for the future of this area without understanding the plans, needs, and desires of DPW with regard to this site.

2.4 Light synchronization and signalized access to Howell Mill Rd. between Collier Rd and Huff: When the Walmart shopping center was developed at the intersection of Howell Mill Rd and I-75, the developers (Selig Enterprises) agreed to pay for a system of traffic-light synchronization along Howell Mill Rd from Chattahoochee to Collier in order to mitigate the effects of increased traffic associated with that development. Unfortunately this system appears to have never been implemented due to a breakdown in communications between DPW and the developer. If DPW were to reengage in these discussions, it should be possible to improve traffic along Howell Mill Rd at no cost to the city. This is particularly important now that another developer has also proposed to sponsor light synchronization on exactly the same section of road in return for expanded access to it. Clearly this is a ploy that developers can use to

get what they want without cost or consequence because they can be confident that DPW will drop the ball rather than follow through.

3. Communications with the Office of Watershed management

3.1 Current use of and future plans for the East pond at the reservoir and adjacent land : The east pond of the waterworks facility appears not to have been used as a part of the drinking water system for more than a decade. The reasons for its disuse and plans for its future uses(s) are a mystery to neighbors living nearby. There is rumored to be a soil-contamination problem. There is a considerable amount of green space surrounding this pond that is fenced off and unavailable for public use. The reason for this, according to DWM representatives, is “homeland security”. This appears to be their way of saying that they do not wish to engage the public in any discussions, as the site was similarly fenced when the pond was in use, long before there was any public concern over domestic terrorism (i.e. pre 9/11). It is difficult to imagine any threat to public safety that would be created by permitting access to the land surrounding this pond, and none has ever been described. DWM's unwillingness to discuss the future of this area is particularly problematic now because Beltline planners are engaged in their sub-area-8 planning process. This area includes the entire waterworks site, but no DWM representatives have participated in the planning meetings. Planners who are involved in this process have been speculating about DWM's plans and desires as well as what they might or might not find acceptable. This is ridiculous, since they are also city employees. Someone from DWM needs to become involved in this process and engage the public regarding the future of this site.

3.2 Plans for future land acquisition around the waterworks facilities: The recent stagnation in commercial redevelopment has placed several parcels near the waterworks site on the market. Most notable among these is the former Georgia Steel site that adjoins the west pond. It is unclear why DWM is not pursuing the acquisition of these parcels under the currently favorable market conditions. When the local real estate market was grossly inflated 4 years ago, DWM purchased less strategic land adjoining the disused eastern pond for a price that was extremely high, even by the inflated standards of that time. If this was indicative of DWM's priorities, then they should be acting now. If this was not representative of their priorities, then an investigation should be launched into the misuse of public funds four years ago. Not knowing DWM's plans or desires in this regard is particularly problematic for NPU-D as we have been asked to review zoning and land-use changes for land that we believe should be acquired by DWM rather than privately developed.

3.3 Status of unresolved storm-water issues (the corner of Buchanan and Verner, in particular): Storm water issues in several areas have been reported to DWM over the years. Although it is clear that budgets are currently very tight and funds may not be available to resolve these for years to come, DWM has been unwilling to communicate how these projects fit into its future plans and priorities. One example of this is the point at the intersection of Buchanan and Verner Streets where storm water from a city street is discharging directly onto private property and causing erosion problems. This matter was acknowledged and “escalated” by DWM in March 2008, but no meaningful definition of “escalation” has ever been provided and it is unclear what the city will ever do about this ongoing problem.

4. Communications with the City's Planning Bureau

4.1 Corrections to errors in the CDP : As a result of the Northside Drive corridor study several errors were incorporated into the CDP. In particular, the future-land-use designation of single family homes in an area where the city has committed to preserve this use was changed. The process basically was that a

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draft plan was presented to the community by the city planners and the community rejected this use change. The lead planner (Bill Dunkley) pledged to delete that recommendation from the final plan and the community agreed to endorse the plan based on his assurance. Unfortunately, the unaltered draft plan was then submitted to city council along with assurances of community support for it and subsequently adopted into the CDP. Now, the Planning Bureau seems to be contending that this recent and erroneous change cannot be corrected, although there are procedures by which minor CDP changes can easily be made. Apparently, this correction would require the planning bureau to forward a recommendation to the council (i.e. admit a mistake) and they refuse to do that. Instead they have prevented the matter from coming before council.

4.2 Tree preservation : When sites are rezoned for new development, there are frequently opportunities to preserve mature trees on the sites. NPU-D has reached mutual agreement with developers on this and attached tree-preservation conditions (designated tree-save areas) to its recommendation for the site's new zoning. Planning staff has subsequently deleted these conditions (despite the agreement) in its recommendation to ZRB, based on the contention the tree protection is the purview of the Arborist's Office. Unfortunately, the Arborists interpret any zoning-permissible development as adequate justification for tree removal and this has created a Catch-22 situation, where planning staff is effectively permitting tree destruction against the desires of the community. The solution to this seems fairly simple: either planning staff should be instructed that these conditions are appropriate, or the Arborist's office should be charged with maintaining and enforcing these conditions.

Secretary's Report

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Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association May 17, 2010

9 neighbors in attendance.

A big thank you to West Egg Café for bringing the food! Be sure to check 'em out in their new location within the White Provision complex. In addition, they've been open for dinner since the end of March – open until 10 PM. (<http://www.westeggcafe.com>)

A parking variance will be coming up for review in June. The location is 1415 Howell Mill Road, the former Russell Imaging building that is being reconfigured as an ophthalmologist's office. He'll be seeking BPNA's approval at our June meeting

Prior going before the NPU-D later in the month. Jim Martin is compiling a list of code violations for mayor's office of constituent services. Anyone who has anything to add to the list can email Jim at jim.martin@me.gatech.edu.

Melody Harclerode is exploring how Berkeley Park could join The Adopt-A-Highway program. There has been some concern that the cloverleaf exit at 75/Northside is being used as a staging area for DOT's

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interstate repaving project. Joining the program is seen as one possible way to grow our influence regarding the ongoing maintenance of this area.

Neighborhood cook-out set for Sunday, June 6, on Antone Street. Y'all come!

City Council News

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City Council District 8 My First 100 Days on City Council

By Yolanda Adrean

Dear Neighbors,

The most frequent question I now get is **“what is it really like down there?”** First I must tell you that I find service as a Council Member fascinating, rewarding, challenging and more than full time. My colleagues have been welcoming, supportive and hard at work with me to address the challenges we all spoke about during our campaigns.

No one week is typical but we do have a series of standing meetings that form a framework to address the myriad of resolutions, ordinances, communications and reports that come through City Hall every week. I serve on three committees, Finance and Executive (FEC), Public Safety (PS) and Utilities. Each committee meets twice a month and in addition there are briefings prior to each meeting. Commissioners, staff and the Mayor's cabinet leaders frequently come to each of these meetings to provide support and answer questions. Meetings last anywhere from an hour to several hours.

My priorities are to serve you in the most cost effective way during this economic downturn. I am working very closely with my colleagues to ensure that your tax dollars are working for you by:

- Keeping you safe by adding more police and eliminating brownouts at the fire stations
- Making as many improvements as we can in the infrastructure without increasing your property taxes.
- Caring for greenspace including new Beltline park space

The budget challenges are the most time consuming and impact many of the decisions we face as well as the level of service to citizens. Doing less with more is going to be a theme for the near future.

Revenues are simply not keeping pace with the growth of government expenses in the area of pension, health care, fuel, maintenance and investments needed in infrastructure. Additionally, weakness in the

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tax digest due to foreclosures and lagging sales tax revenues will result in flat or slightly declining revenue in fiscal year 2011. The major initiatives to address this imbalance are as follows:

Pension Task Force : The Mayor has appointed a task force to study options to reduce pension costs. One of every five tax dollars goes to pension. It is simply unsustainable. Making changes will be difficult because of state law that controls changes to plans. We cannot simply change existing “dials” such as vesting and multipliers on our plan. We are only able to improve benefits, not take them away. So the choices become, ending our plan for everyone, coming up with a new plan, or coming up with a new plan for non-vested employees or some combination of those alternatives. Since City employees do not participate in Social Security, those who are currently in our plan, depend on future payments for retirement. Clearly a comprehensive look is needed.

For this year's budget, the Mayor is proposing that non-vested employees have longer vesting periods and lower multipliers.

Proposed lease/purchase of the jail : Our charter does not require that we provide detention services. It is a County function. One of the proposals we are considering, is to sell our city detention center to Fulton County through a lease purchase. We would then lease bed space for our detainees from Fulton County and would be relieved of the cost of operations. Such a plan could save the city about nine or ten million per year. This agreement is actively being pursued and agreement could be reached before the end of our fiscal year.

Sale of City Hall East : City Hall East is a former Sears building and is one of the single largest buildings in the Southeast. Located on Ponce de Leon, this facility formerly housed Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation and Cultural Affairs. These departments have been relocated and we are actively negotiating for the sale of City Hall. Though this is a one-time transaction, disposition of this asset will relieve the City of ongoing maintenance of an unused asset.

Sales Tax or Special Use Taxes : As part of our legislative package to the State, we requested up to one penny as a special use tax to fund our back log of infrastructure projects that amount to \$750 million dollars. Atlanta Public Schools have used this mechanism over the last 11 years to fund capital improvements of all of its schools and will have raised nearly \$1.2 billion when the tax expires in 2012. Our belief is that a similar tax would provide the City with resources to improve its roads, bridges, traffic signals, sidewalks and aging fleets for fire and police.

This initiative was not acted upon during this session but perhaps the transportation bill will be the ticket to getting our roads and other transportation needs funded.

The challenge we face is that 560,000 taxpayers are funding infrastructure used by a day time population of over 1,000,000. Federal stimulus dollars stopped at the Capital and provided minimal relief to the City. In fact, the state received \$3 Billion in stimulus money and of that a mere \$100 million went to the city and was used for a bridge, the airport and to fund 50 policemen.

So what about all the sales tax you already pay? The state takes the first four pennies and one each goes to Marta, the Sewer and the Schools and the remaining penny is shared with Fulton County (we get .42 of a penny).

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Any good news? It looks like we will finish fiscal year 2010 with a decrease in expected expenses and revenue on target resulting in some savings that may provide relief to us in fiscal year 2011. Additionally we are on target to add to the general fund reserves. The finance team is providing timely data on a monthly basis so we can closely track our results.

Investments in District 8 : With a combination of remaining Quality of Life Bonds and Park Opportunity Bonds, as well as money Council Member Clair Muller left unspent at the end of her term we have been able to either complete or begin several projects:

- Tanyard Creek Path, which is part of the Beltline, is now open and it connects several neighborhoods from Ardmore Park to Collier Hills.
- Chastain Tennis Center is under construction.
- The new Green lot which is a combination of parking and green space for passive play, is now open at Chastain.
- Sidewalks are being installed in the Margaret Mitchell neighborhood to connect with the new Brandon Elementary Annex on Margaret Mitchell Drive.
- Most of Mt. Paran Road is scheduled for repaving in the late summer or early fall.

Most frequent complaints and emails : Our District prizes the beautiful tree canopy that makes our neighborhoods unique among American cities. While the tree ordinance is one of the better in our country, its enforcement leaves much to be desired and penalties for illegal cutting of trees are not steep enough to achieve the desired goal of protecting trees. The Trees Next Door program is working hard to come up with suggestions to improve the tree ordinance. You can learn about this organization by joining its Facebook page or logging on to www.treenextdoor.org.

Water bills! Unfortunately some of you are still subject to estimated bills which leave you overcharged and out of patience. I do not blame you. Commissioner Hunter tells us he is committed to customer service and if that is not your experience, please do not hesitate to ask my council aide, Priyam, to help. She can be reached in my office at 404 330-6051.

Potholes are becoming worse and worse as the underlying structures of our roads deteriorate. Until we have capital to permanently address road quality, please report all potholes immediately for attention. Normally they can be filled within the week. Ask Katie, my senior council aid, for help by phone (404 330-6051) or email at yadrean@atlantaga.gov .

How to contact me : I welcome your concerns. My staff and I want to hear from you so do not hesitate to call 404 330-6051 or email me at yadrean@atlantaga.gov. Look for calendar updates, pictures and neighborhood news and updates on my website and my Facebook Fan page.

We will also be adding polls to see what you think, especially as the budget conversation unfolds. The Mayor delivers his budget on Wednesday April 28th. I will let you know when public hearings are scheduled and in the mean time, tune in live on Channel 26 on the first and third Wednesdays at 1:00 PM to see your finance committee at work.

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Yours in service,
Yolanda

Announcements

Obituary

Dalio Monaco died on December 28, 2009 at his home in Snellville. He was 84. Dalio resided for many years in a small home at 720 Antone St., and his colorful yard art was a fixture of the neighborhood. Before moving out of his home in 2006, Dalio walked his dogs daily on the streets of Berkeley Park.

Dalio was born in Steubenville, OH, February 13, 1925, a son of the late Antonio and Margherita D'Aversa Monaco. He is also preceded in death by 4 brothers, Pasquale, Mario, George and Dino Monaco and by 5 sisters, Rose, Frances, Helen, Doris and Edna Monaco. He is survived by a niece, Margaret Monaco of Steubenville.

He had been a self-employed laborer and was a WWII veteran of the US Navy. He was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Steubenville, Ohio, with full military honors by the Ohio Valley Veterans Memorial Squad.

About Us

About the Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association

Berkeley Park was originally a farm owned by John Whitley. It was developed in 1921 and until 1995 was a part of Underwood Hills neighborhood . That year, Berkeley Park residents formed their own organization and called it the Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7 pm in the Senior Center at the corner of Commerce Drive and Bellemeade Ave. All are welcome!!

In order to vote on issues at meetings, you must be a dues-paying member of the association. Dues are \$20 per person (\$5 for seniors) and \$50 per business. [Click here](#) to fill out the form and pay online.

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Effective January 1, 2009, membership in the BPNA is \$20 per person (up to 3 adults per address are eligible to become members), and \$10 for seniors. To join the association, attend a monthly meeting and pay dues to the treasurer, [Nina-Daniela McCormack](#), or the president, [Michael Wagoner](#). If you cannot attend a meeting but wish to join, or for more information, email us at info@berkeleypark.org.

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