

CLIFTONDALE COMMUNITY CLUB, INC.

Draft Minutes

July 9, 2007

The Cliftondale Community Club, Inc. met July 9, 2007 at the Cliftondale Community Center. Approximately 52 members and guests were present.

President Harold Reid opened the meeting and provided the invocation.

The June minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer Greg Wachsler reported a beginning balance of \$2,621.34; no deposits; \$.52 in interest; and an ending balance of \$2,621.86.

Corporal T. M. Alexander provided a review of recent public safety news. He reported that the South Fulton precinct now has eight new officers and six more in training. He said that road blocks had been conducted in Cliftondale, in response to community complaints. The road blocks are “broad safety checks” for a valid driver’s license, current tag decal, and seat belt usage.

Summarizing the situation in Cliftondale, he said there had been a lot of calls regarding domestic violence, and responding to them cut into the officers’ patrol time. There have been a number of burglary calls, averaging almost one a day. He passed out a “Home Security Checklist” for the use of residents.

A variety of traffic and code enforcement questions were directed to Corporal Alexander.

In zoning news, Mr. Reid that the Community Zoning Board met on June 19, with three Cliftondale projects on the agenda.

- Demooney-West Stubbs Road. The CZB voted to deny Matt Ornstein’s application and request for variances.
- 3895 Old Fairburn Road: request to rezone property from AG-1 and R-1 to single family subdivision with 18 homes on 8,000-

10,000 square foot lots. The CZB voted to deny this project. The Fulton County zoning staff recommended 15,000 square foot lots with 50-foot buffers and moving the retention pond. The Club will support the recommendations, which might result in the loss of four lots.

- Day care center on Stonewall Tell Road: request to rezone AG-1 to R-6 for day care facility and boys' facility. The Club supports the project.

Mr Reid announced that two meetings with developers will be held on July 12. The first will be with the developer of the proposed Merk-Miles project, who wants to present a plan. The site is 570 acres and includes two former landfill sites. The second will be with the owner of Sydney's Pampered Peach day care center on Derrick Road, who has been operating under a grandfathered permit and wants to expand, which requires an R-6 residential zoning with a permit for a day care center.

Mr. Reid reminded the attendees that July is the Club's membership renewal month, with dues remaining at \$15 per family per year.

Elections of officers for the 2007-2008 year were held. The slate of nominees was:

President: Ben Dye

Vice President: Teiola Porch

Secretary: Gayle Lesser

Treasurer: Greg Wachsler

Directors: Julie Wachsler, Elbert Rowell, Jack Liles, and Harold Reid as immediate past president.

There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate was elected by a unanimous show of hands.

Mr. Reid then nominated Bruce Moody for Chair of the Education Committee, which was passed by a unanimous show of hands.

Mr. Moody thanked Mr. Reid and Joseph Simien for their years of service to the community.

Under new business, a suggestion was made to revise the Club's dues upwards, perhaps to \$20 or \$25 annually. Mr. Moody noted that a bigger treasury would be able to support legal action if needed, for example, for a developer's failure to adhere to the terms of an Agreement. An increase in dues would have to be for the next fiscal year (July 2008-June 2009).

A question was raised about the status of the City of South Fulton referendum. Mr. Reid said HB 725 was under review by the U.S. Department of Justice and the referendum would be on hold until the review is completed.

Mrs. Lesser called the Club's attention to the hearings on the future of Fulton County to be held by a Joint Legislative Committee. The Committee's composition is heavily weighted with northside residents of Fulton County and with Republicans.

A question was raised about Union City's hearings on planning for development along the South Fulton Parkway. Details of the hearing schedule will be distributed via email. A question was asked about whether Union City can still annex properties. The answer is theoretically no, as a result of HB 725, but College Park and the City of Atlanta are both disregarding the legislation and moving toward additional annexations. The appropriate entity to challenge such annexations would be Fulton County.

Mr. Moody announced that at the last Fulton County School Board meeting, a large turnout of 70-80 South Fulton citizens caused the Board to reconsider the recently announced northside-only meeting policy.

The meeting was adjourned.

Gayle Lesser, Secretary