

Crestline NA Minutes  
April 24, 2025  
6pm Fellowship Hall  
Hope Community Church

Call to order by Secretary Marion Barnett, who stated that President Todd Russell was not able to attend this meeting because of a prior commitment. She explained that our Neighborhood Association does not currently have a Vice President to preside over meetings when the president is unavailable, due to the city freezing elections because of pending litigation involving a different neighborhood. The NA got written permission from the city for her to preside over the meeting.

Roll Call- Attendees were asked to please sign in on the sheets being circulated. Marion noted that the sign-in sheets now indicate that the meetings are being video recorded by Hallie Gibbs the NA Audio/Visual committee chair.  
32 Members were present.

A motion was made to accept the Agenda by Barbara White. It was seconded by Aileen Hunt. All were in favor.

A motion was made to accept the Minutes of the last meeting by Terry Thraikill. It was seconded by Barbara White. All were in favor.

City Council:

India Bailey was present and gave us an update about the repair work planned for storm water drainage issues on Hagood Street and Dunston Avenue. They now have the \$250,000 allocated for the work. They will be installing approx. 800 ft. of 18" storm water pipe, three curb inlets and two junction boxes. The work will be on Hagood St. to Dunstan Avenue to Kingsbury Avenue and back around to 652 Hagood St. The work is not expected to take very long.

She said that the preconstruction meeting has happened and work generally starts shortly thereafter and noted that there is traffic plan that will be in place to divert traffic during the construction period.

Apryl Marie Fogel asked India if there was anything notable that happened in the city budget planning meetings for the next fiscal year, held earlier in the week, and India indicated that there was more money for street paving in the budget.

Josh Goodwin addressed India, expressing his concern for a proposed walking trail. He described the opposition to the project and the ongoing efforts of those who have created and signed a petition asking the city to reconsider the current plan.

India indicated that the city has been informed that someone has hired legal council, so what that means for us is that when you sue the city, my hands are tied. She stated that, "Every single question, every issue, every concern now has to be directed to the office of the city attorney."

Ben Sears spoke first, expressing concern about the city's position that India couldn't speak when there hadn't been a lawsuit filed then expressing bigger concerns about the trail.

Kat Lawson spoke primarily about safety concerns, citing the current vagrant problem, the need for a security system, and people trespassing on her property.

Karen Mobley spoke, emphasizing the lack of responsiveness from Hunter's office and then citing property rights concerns and proximity to home and safety.

Doug Carmichael was concerned that Councilman Williams was not at the meeting. India indicated he had a work conflict on his schedule. Carmichael expressed frustration that this wasn't a priority. He spoke about the environmental impact of the trail and suggested that the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) should be more involved.

JC Bailey spoke for a long time, suggesting that the trail look less like Jemison and more like the Irondale Furnace 4-ft rock trail.

A cameraman and newscaster from NBC 13 were at the meeting, recording citizen concerns about the proposed walking trail.

#### Police:

Officer Walker from the East Precinct Police Department gave a brief update.

He provided the non-emergency phone number for reporting non-urgent crimes 205-328-9311. He mentioned that each precinct has a desk officer that residents can call if they have information they would like to share with the police department.

He also said that residents can call the desk officer and ask for extra patrols for their address or street, and that the request would be noted on the patrol report.

Karen Mobley reported that she called the police department to notify them that someone was in an unoccupied home and that she did not see an officer respond. Ofc. Walker took down her information.

#### CRR:

Flora Johnson introduced herself and asked if the NA had finished their new signs. Hallie Gibbs said that Todd Russell was still reviewing designs.

Flora asked if anyone had any questions about projects or project suggestions? It was suggested that the NA do a movie in the hidden park.

Barbara White explained that the last movie in the park was coordinated by Joey Kiker and was a result of him donating the movie and Saws donating food.

Flora left business cards for anyone who would like to contact her.

#### Report:

Marion Barnett gave a report on the Citizens Police Academy course hosted by the Birmingham Police Department, which she attended with Florence Renfroe and Irene Lynn. She reported that they heard from police captains from each precinct and learned about the 911 dispatch process among other topics they presented. They discovered that BPD is the largest police department in the state.

#### Old Business:

Marion Barnett noted there have been no additional details given by the property owners of the church on Hagood.

Apryl Marie Fogel asked to be recognized to say that many of those in attendance were there because of the proposed development that the community opposed and welcomed those in attendance to be heard on their trail concerns. She encouraged everyone to attend future meetings and explained that to be an officer in the neighborhood association, you need to have attended four meetings in the previous 12 months. Someone asked how to get on the

neighborhood email list, and Marion said that if you sign in to tonight's meeting and include an email address, you will be added.

**New Business:**

Josh Goodwin asked if those in attendance could vote to oppose the current plan for the Shades Creek Walking Trail. Apryl Marie Fogel asked if there was specific language for use in the meeting minutes, and Josh read the final paragraph of the petition.

There was discussion on the correct process using Robert's Rules of Order as prescribed in the Citizen Participation Plan. Barbara White stated that in the past there have been same day resolutions presented.

Flora Johnson said that a vote could be taken, but that the neighborhood association could also call a special meeting.

David Bolus stated that we need to be clear on what we're asking.

It was decided that the language would simply be a vote on a "Resolution to Preserve the Natural Beauty of Our Shades Creek Greenspace. Stop the development of the trail as currently planned."

Doug Carmichael made a motion to vote on the resolution. Hunter Carmichael seconded the motion.

A vote was taken with 30 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 abstentions.

There being no further business, Marion asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Aileen Hunt and seconded by Barbara White. All were in favor. Adjournment was at 7:30pm.

Note: Our meeting has been recorded and can be found on YouTube. Copy this into your browser to see the video: [CNA Meeting 4/24/25 – YouTube](#)

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