

CLIFTONDALE COMMUNITY CLUB, INC.

April 14, 2008

Draft Minutes

The Cliftondale Community Club, Inc. met April 14, 2008 at the Cliftondale Community Center. About 41 members and guests were present.

President Ben Dye opened the meeting and Vice President Teiola Porch provided the invocation.

Corporal T. Blackmon of the Fulton County Police Department summarized crime statistics for the community over the past month: 2 natural deaths; 1 homicide (a husband fatally shot his wife and wounded her brother; the husband was arrested); 16 burglaries; 10 thefts from vehicles; 6 reports of shots fired; 12 open-door reports (usually security system false alarms); and 3 motor vehicle thefts. There was no particular geographical concentration of burglaries, but several of the thefts from vehicles occurred in Heron Creek subdivision.

Treasurer Greg Wachslar summarized the Club's financial activity: beginning balance, \$2,991.79; deposits, \$.38 (interest); payouts, \$30.00 (to the Georgia Secretary of State for the Club's incorporation); and ending balance, \$2,962.17.

Mr. Dye opened a discussion of increasing the Club's annual dues, now \$15 for a family membership, to either \$20 or \$25. Among the reasons for doing so are bringing our dues more in line with those of other South Fulton community associations; building up the treasury for a large expenditure at some point, such as legal fees; and perhaps sponsoring a \$500 college scholarship for a Cliftondale graduate. After discussion, the scholarship issue was tabled for later consideration. There were requests for more detail on the Club's expenditures to provide an objective basis for the increase in dues. A motion was made for a show of hands on a \$5 increase in dues, which showed 12 votes; and for a \$10 increase, which showed 14 votes and carried.

Mr. Dye reported on the two community workshops on preventing foreclosure held at the Clubhouse on April 10 and 12. Tonya Randolph, one

of the sponsors, was present to hand out related literature for distribution to homeowner associations.

Stanley Knowles provided an update on the South Fulton Community Rodeo and Festival, to be held at 3203 Demooney Road on May 10. He said that the recent storms had damaged the bleachers and arena, resulting in the decision to change the event's format from two days to one and to eliminate admission. The free community event will feature selected rodeo events, vendor booths, pony rides, food, etc. The Clifftondale Community Club will receive a free booth to publicize the club and solicit memberships.

Mr. Dye reported on the outcome of the County's proposal to amend the Land Use Plan and Clifftondale Overlay for the Cascade-Palmetto and Highway 92 intersection. Despite the Club's and Cedar Grove's objections, on April 2 the Board of Commissioners voted to pass the measure. As a result, the (built) square footage for the total intersection will be increased from 41,600 square feet to 200,000 square feet and the Cedar Grove Overlay will be applied to the two Clifftondale corners.

He turned to the Sandtown Community Association's proposal to move the northern boundary of the Clifftondale Overlay District southward from Camp Creek Parkway to Camp Creek (the creek). The result would be to cut nearly 3,800 acres out of Clifftondale and place them in the Sandtown Overlay District. The two community associations held two meetings without reaching agreement, and the County has offered a 90-day deferral to work out a resolution. The County will sponsor meetings between the zoning staff and the two associations.

The floor was opened for discussion. Former State Senator Donzella James stated that the boundary was originally set in 1998 during her term of office, at the Parkway, not the creek. Several responses were suggested and discussed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Gayle Lesser,
Secretary