

CLIFTONDALE COMMUNITY CLUB, INC.

June 9, 2008

Draft Minutes

The Cliftondale Community Club, Inc. met June 8, 2008 at the Cliftondale Community Center. About 36 members and guests were present.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, past president Harold Reid chaired the meeting. Mr. Reid provided the invocation.

There were no corrections to the May Draft Minutes as posted on the Club's website.

Treasurer Greg Wachsler summarized the Club's May financial activity: beginning balance, \$3,041.53; deposits, \$15.56; payouts, \$50.00 (to Westlake High School); ending balance, \$3,007.09.

Corporal T. Blackmon of the Fulton County Police Department provided the monthly report on Cliftondale community crime statistics: 1 dead person (natural causes); 27 burglaries; 1 armed robbery; 2 aggravated assaults (domestic); 5 motor vehicle thefts, of which 3 were recovered; 8 thefts from vehicles; 7 open-door reports (usually security system false alarms); 3 suicides/attempted suicides. He reported 21 arrests: 3 wanted persons located; 1 for no vehicle insurance; 1 for animal at large; 1 for battery; 5 for aggravated assault; 3 for simple assault; 2 for theft by receiving stolen property (felony); 2 for suspended driver's license; 1 for no driver's license; 1 for terroristic threats/acts; and 1 for criminal damage to property.

Cpl. Blackmon noted that one reason crimes were up is that young people are out of school. There is a curfew for teens. In answer to a question, he said that unincorporated South Fulton did not have a gang problem. However, organized gangs do exist in Cascade-Atlanta, Union City, and Clayton County, and the activities of those gangs sometimes spill into our area.

Mr. Reid stressed the importance of neighbors watching out for each other. Cpl. Blackmon said to call 404-612-3001 for information about organizing a Neighborhood Watch program.

Mr. Reid reported on the June 4 Board of Commissioners meeting, when the Commissioners voted in Sandtown's favor regarding the adjustment of the Overlay District boundaries between Sandtown and Cliftdale. Only Commissioner Robb Pitts voted against the motion (that is, voted against Sandtown's claim). However, after the meeting representatives from the Sandtown Association told Mr. Reid that they have already started the process of changing their Overlay guidelines to correspond more closely with Cliftdale's. Their street buffers will be widened from 15 to 50 feet and their landscape strips from 15 to 40 feet, which will protect Cliftdale's "gateway" roads in the Camp Creek corridor.

In another vote, the Commissioners approved a developer's request to omit the sidewalk from the buffer along West Stubbs Road in his Butner-West Stubbs subdivision, a request supported by the Club.

The Commissioners provided a public hearing opportunity for the recently announced property tax increases, but no comments were offered.

Eugene Moore, who was a speaker at the Commissioner's meeting, said that he wanted to become involved in spreading the word about the Club and the many issues Cliftdale faces, especially by visiting homeowner associations in our area.

Bruce Moody emphasized that Cliftdale needs more "new faces," people who are willing to work to carry out their ideas. Participation must increase to carry out the Club's functions and activities.

Mr. Reid announced that the Club's new fiscal year begins in July. Membership dues are now \$25 per household per year.

Mr. Wachsler and Director Julie Wachsler presented gifts from the Club to Secretary Gayle Lesser, who has announced that she will not serve another term, and to Storm Mitchell, who has worked diligently for many years in zoning matters. Mrs. Lesser and Mr. Mitchell expressed their appreciation to the Club.

Mr. Mitchell provided the Nominating Committee's report. The slate of candidates is as follows: President: Ben Dye, to serve until January; Vice

President: Tommie Steagall, to succeed to the presidency in January;
Treasurer: Greg Wachslar. A candidate for Secretary has not been identified.
All Directors have agreed to serve again, and Mr. Moore will also stand as a
candidate for Director.

The floor was opened for nominations. Stanley Knowles was
nominated to succeed Mr. Steagall as Vice President in January. Gary Ford
of Hampton Oakes was nominated for Director. Since neither Mr. Knowles
nor Mr. Ford was present, they will be contacted regarding their willingness
to serve.

The Nominating Committee recommends holding the election by
sending mail or email ballots to members in good standing.

Several candidates for political office were guests in the audience.
Mr. Reid introduced candidates Donzella James, Lewis Pittman, Gerald
Wright, and Luana Hunt, and invited members to speak to them after the
meeting.

Sheralee Knowles thanked the Club for its sponsorship and volunteer
work for the May 10 South Fulton Community Rodeo and Festival at the
Southern K Ranch. She presented a large "Cliftondale Community
Association" banner, printed for the Club's booth, to the Club.

The meeting was adjourned.

Gayle Lesser
Secretary

