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MEETING MAY 8

Dr. Michael Lane, the President of the Atlanta Coalition on the Transportation Crisis, and John Myer, attorney in the case against I-485, will be guest speakers at the May 8th meeting of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association.

The Atlanta Coalition on the Transportation Crisis is a coalition of civic groups and individuals and has been very active in the fight to stop expressways and tollways that destroy urban neighborhoods. Dr. Lane will speak about what the Coalition is doing in regard to I-485.

Also presented at the May 8th meeting will be

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reports on zoning violations in the area and the progress of the Home Improvements Committee.

The meeting will be held at 8 P.M. at the Highland Presbyterian Church, 957 N. Highland Avenue, NE.

Everyone in the area is invited to attend.

FIRST BIRTHDAY

The Association is planning a number of parties in the neighborhood, including a giant First Birthday Party, to be held during June. The parties will provide an opportunity for people in the area to get together and will also be used to raise funds for the Association.

We will notify everyone of the times and places of the parties and hope everyone can attend.

Working Together

At the April 12th meeting of our neighbors, the Morningside-Lenox Park Association, representatives from our Association presented Morningside with \$500 to help fight the proposed I-485.

Our Association, as well as the B.O.N.D. organization to the south of us, have now joined with Morningside in fighting the road.

Home Improvement

The Home Improvements Committee of the Association has now compiled information on competent repairmen and craftsmen and this information is available to dues-paying members from Marvin Neill who is the acting Chairman of the Committee.

Another service for dues-paying members is group buying of interior and exterior paints at a discount. Members should contact Mr. Neill before May 15th if they are interested in buying paint. His number is 876-2848 at home and 939-5452 at his office.

Additional Home Improvement Questionnaires and further information will be available at the May 8th meeting of the Association.

GARAGE SALE

Plans are now being considered for a neighborhood garage sale and art fair to be held in July. If you have unwanted or unneeded items you would like to sell or donate or if you have arts or crafts to sell please call Herb Morgan, at 872-7586.

AID FROM TECH

Five Georgia Tech students in City Planning have been assisting the Civic Association in solving zoning and planning problems in our neighborhood.

The students, working in a Masters program under Prof. Malcolm Little, have been working closely with our Neighborhood Development Committee and our Zoning Enforcement Committee.

From data gathered by the students has come the news that owner-occupancy has been rising in the area--a very healthy sign for the neighborhood.

These students have provided an invaluable service to our neighborhood and we express our sincere thanks to them.

BANNERS

The Association is considering buying banners that could be displayed on homes being restored or renovated in the Virginia-Highland neighborhood.

The banners would probably use a symbol like the one designed for the Virginia-Highland Bungalow Tour of Homes, held last December.

If you have any comments or suggestions please bring them up at the May 8th meeting or contact any member of the Steering Committee.

1973 TOUR

The 1973 Virginia-Highland Bungalow Tour of Homes has been set for November 3 and 4, 1973. This year's Tour will feature ten or more homes and will be accentuated by the beautiful fall colors of our neighborhood.

If you have suggestions for homes to be on the Tour or if you are interested in being on the Tour Committee, call Chuck Cartwright, 875-0600.

VIRGINIA PARK 485

Official groundbreaking for our new park, Virginia Park 485, will be held within the next month. The ceremony, to which all area residents will be invited, will be announced as soon as the Association gets final word on when the Parks Department can begin the clearing and grading of the land.

The park, located on the cleared highway land on Virginia Avenue, is sponsored by our Association and was designed by students at the Atlanta School of Art.

The Association is responsible for obtaining the necessary funds to add equipment and recreation facilities. Any donations for this purpose would be greatly appreciated.

Zoning

Six persons are now needed to serve on the Zoning Enforcement Committee. If you are interested in zoning and in keeping the neighborhood a pleasant residential area please call Rita Tekippe, who is in charge of the Zoning Enforcement Committee.

The Committee is going to begin firm action to remove flagrant zoning violations and will need the cooperation of area residents.

Common zoning violations to look for include such things as converting homes to boarding houses, paving front yards for parking, or using residential property for commercial use.

For information or to report violations, call Rita Tekippe, 872-3246.

HOUSING CODES

The Association is forming a committee to investigate the enforcement of Housing Codes in the Virginia-Highland area. Many persons have complained about the way violations are determined and the way the Housing Appeal Board operates.

It is hoped that the committee can provide recommendations to the City to help improve the system.

For information on this committee, please call any member of the Steering Committee.