

10th Ward Block Watch Minutes 10/11/16

Community Land Trust

CLT presentation from Ed Nusser of LC, design presentation from Rothschild Doyno. Slides will be available online.

Questions and answers:

What is the person who buys this home actually buying?

- Home buyer buys the house, Trust owns the land and leases it to the resident through a 99-year lease that renews automatically.
- The land maintenance becomes the homeowner's responsibility.
- Resident is responsible for property maintenance and taxes (because property is resale restricted it probably shouldn't be taxed at the market assessment, LC is working with local taxing bodies on this issue).

How did LC come to own this property?

- 800 McCandless was purchased from an investor.
- Other 3 properties acquired through city process for community organizations which started in late 2011.

Will there be any more CLT homes?

- Possibly up to 25-35 in the next 3 years.

Any discussion/consideration of the initiative that started 25 years ago to thin out the alley housing? Creates more viability and livability. And there is no parking in alleys.

- Residents are welcome to park on 52nd and McCandless where there is ample parking available.
- In the 2013 10th Ward Community Plan, people wanted to reestablish alley housing.
- People have said they are okay with not having a car and living here.

This might set a precedent for people to build houses in the alleys, and encourage greed.

- This is actually a neighborhood stabilization initiative because it is creating housing that is affordable.

How do people gain equity from this?

- Yes, they can, because they do build credit and equity by getting some of the appreciation.
- A lot depends on what loan product the buyer secures, the price point for the unit, and household size.

Application process?

- Intake form that checks the income guidelines/eligibility

- CLT 101 sessions – see flyer or contact LC for details about attending one
- Full application
- Prioritize supporting households already tied to neighborhood: with kids in local school, working locally, living there now but being displaced
- Lottery if there are more than 7 households who meet the income requirement and need priorities

Public Safety Report

Officer Davis couldn't make it but usually does come, Dave covered the reports.

Report – there was an auto theft, 3 overdoses in the 10th ward in recent weeks that resulted in deaths.

Police are carrying Narcan now which has been very effective in saving lives, but these individuals were deceased on arrival.

Police think this is a bad batch of heroin, so please report drug activity in the neighborhood to Officer Davis or to Lawrenceville United. For emergencies or in-the-moment activity, call 911.

PWSA October Update

Councilwoman Gross asks: did PWSA contact anyone?

They are backlogged for the promised test kits but they now have 3 labs working on the lead testing.

PWSA was supposed to look at lines in this neighborhood when they already had the ground open to allow people to replace lead pipes.

They have found a lot more copper pipes than they expected to in the city.

Question: Will they reconnect a lead line?

- Because it's public money, PWSA can only fix the part from water in middle of the street to property line, but yes they will reconnect your lead pipes.

Events

Lawrenceville food pantry temporarily moved from St. Augustine's to St. Mary's Lyceum due to development on that site.

Community garden volunteer days: Saturdays 10am for the next month

Community garden vandalism has died down.

Tree park workday yesterday, not getting a lot of trash thrown there.

Tree species: Pawpaw, Serviceberry, Asian plum, hazelnut, American plum, black elderberry

Duncan park workdays 4th Mondays at 5:30

Parents would like to keep basketball court up there, LU applied for art mural project grant to have kids and teachers at Sunnyside decorate the court.

PEP Rally program has big action coming up on Monday 6pm – Parents want a better system to manage class sizes. Sign the petition online.

Question: Who can sign the petition?

- It is a district-wide campaign, so everyone can sign it

9th ward block watch 6:30 10/18 at St. Mary's will have presentation on bikes and public safety
Doughboy Square Development Community Meeting – 10/27

Annual Halloween party be will combined with Farmer's market 10/29, 12-4 PM
Next 10th ward block watch 11/8 6:30