



22 September 2020
730pm – 830pm

AGENDA BPNA Membership ZOOM Meeting

Meeting called by **Board**
Attendees: **Total Attendees = 30**

- 7:30pm – 7:35pm **Welcome**
Call to Order | Maria
*Approve last meeting minutes | Maria
Review tonight's agenda | Maria
- 7:35pm – 7:40pm **Unfinished Business**
BPNA Membership/Committees | Shelby
- 7:40pm – 8:25pm **New Business**
Website/Newsletter | Shelby
Plaques | Shelby
Park Projects | Shelby
unCitgo/KwikStop | Maria
**SPECIAL GUEST: Lt. K. D. Howard, DKPD, Criminal Investigations Div., Special Investigations Section
- 8:25pm – 8:30pm **Adjournment**
Action Items | Maria

Additional Instructions:

*Refer to the Meeting Minutes posted on <https://belvederepark.org>.

** Send your questions for Lt. Howard PRIOR TO THE MEETING via email BPneighborhoodinfo@gmail.com or text Maria @ 678.933.4393.

Last Meetings Minutes: Approved

- Firstly, thank you all for investing your time in our community.
- Reaching Offline neighbors: Signs, flyers, volunteers to go door-to-door
- Agenda is posted on BP websites for attendees and residents to read and review.
- Due to limited time we will stick to agenda items. Minimal time for discussion due to the large amount of catch-up information to get to
- Speakers tonight: Lt. Officer Howard + Vice Sergeant Oak

*Note: Chat available for questions and concerns that arise during the meeting



Committees and Membership updates:

- BP Membership page and the rest of the site is fully functional!
- A big thanks to our neighbor in White Oak for all your efforts!

*Note: Membership link in chat, on website, and in follow-up email. Dues are \$20 dollars a year/ \$5 a quarter (every three months). Dues are used to fund neighborhood events, operational cost, and initiatives, such as, murals and other potential projects, maintaining of accounts

Website:

- [Security patrol](#)
- [Events](#) (clean ups, meetings, etc.)
- [Neighborhood history](#)
- [Meeting minutes](#)
- Newsletter sign-up (One each month and will contain calendar/news/reminders)
- Electronic payment options via PayPal now on the website
- Additional neighborhood resources

Plaques:

- Amazing new neighborhood plaques are in!
- They're in the shape of an owl head silhouette, this honors our identity and brand from the local owl population
- Custom designed and made by Neighbor Diem, Thank you Diem!
- On sale now at the website, pictures online
- \$60 Individually
- \$100 (\$60+\$40) One for you and one for you to gift a neighbor
 - Hang on house
 - House numbers not included
 - Trying to increase neighborhood identity and will be ready in 2 weeks for wagon-delivery to your home
- All funds raised (that aren't in operational cost) go to the neighborhood to secure future opportunities and projects

Friends of Shoal Creek Park – Victoria:

- We have started a new group: Friends of Shoal Creek Park ([Off White Oak Dr.](#)) and is open to community members who want to help out our beloved neighborhood park
- We are working with Park Pride (organization for local parks, is a catalyst to form volunteering, planning assistance, and grant programs)
- Reason that we reopened Friends of Shoal Creek is due to the needed improvements and needing to secure park funding. In order to secure funding and grants we need to establish a project for the park
- There is a group on ND: Friends of Shoal Creek Park - this is a preliminary committee to finalize and implement the final project
- Budget and sponsors also need to be set-up asap
 - Fundraising is necessary in order to support the community match requirement
- [Poll](#) - We want to find out what the community prioritizes and develop fundraising initiatives. The attached poll will be sent out to decide what we want to work on in our park - be on the lookout and please share the poll among neighbors / knocking on door volunteers / reach out to non-social media neighbors to ensure we are capturing as many neighborly opinions as possible and what we want improved and revitalized - thank you all in advance for your support!

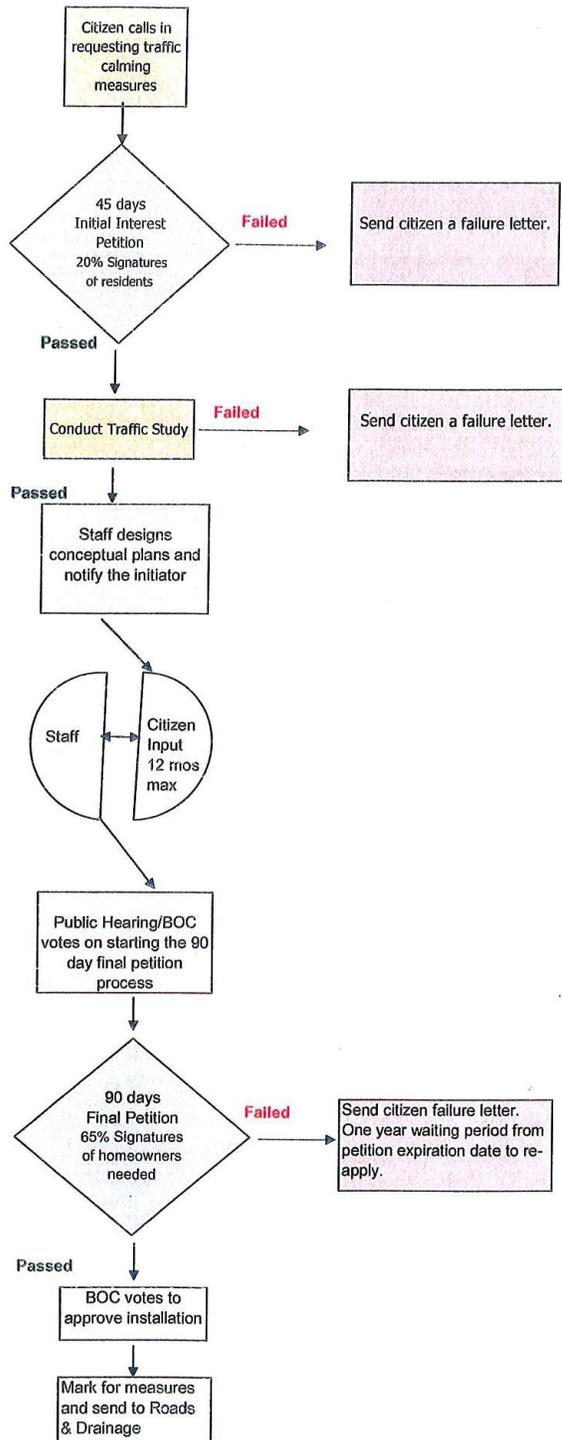


Guest Speakers- Lt. Kelley Howard & Vice Sergeant Dan Oak:

- Very familiar with the area and the ongoing issues, BP has their full support
 - Arrests are ongoing and they are here for guidance
 - They are addressing the issues we have laid out
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1. What can we do as a community to help DKPD?
 - i. Communicate - any info is helpful, be willing to meet, provide clothing, vehicle, tags, homes with high traffic, phone number, meet with officer, to ensure we are all on the same page. Lots of anonymous calls and not enough info to do much with it.
 - ii. Calling 911, doesn't have to be an emergency - treat it as a 24-hour service. This will help officers know more about the situation and please be ready to provide as much detail as possible on the call
 - iii. Working with multiple precincts and there are many motivated parties involved
 - iv. Please continue to work with us, precinct commanders, uniformed officer, if you don't want to meet please set up a phone call or zoom meeting
 - v. Include the DA in our questions and concerns
 2. What is the best way a citizen can get a list of all arrests, citations and calls made over a specific time period, maybe 1 or 2 years, regarding the Citgo and/or KwikStop?
 - i. Put in an open records request (info forthcoming) crime stats on an individual Name DOB, time frame MDY, Street Names and Number and they can provide all the information that you need
 3. What strategic plan do you have for curbing crime?
 - i. Calling 911 doesn't always end up with an arrest being possible, difficult to prove a crime like prostitution has occurred due to inability to prove money was exchanged for service
 - i. *Please note: Limited resources and officers it is difficult for repeat arrests. Currently Covid-19 makes it difficult to do much after an arrest is made.
 - ii. Including the DA in these conversations - multiple repeat offenders makes it difficult since they are allowed to continue once the citation is written
 - iii. Focus on the business that allow this. Make sure they are aware and understand they are responsible and start getting them to care



4. There seems to be excessive speeding down Carter from Memorial, and many run the stop sign at Carter and Fairlee. Can the police help stop the speeders at this intersection?





5. How can we help to resolve the crime at the former Citgo?
 - i. Ensured we are at the top of the list and DKPD are doing their best.
6. Where can we check alcohol licenses?
 - i. Permits and inspections to target questions towards licensing concerns and issues. Can be found on the Dekalb website and will be sent by Lt. Howard.
 - ii. Serving different than selling, they would look it up and check it out
7. How accurate is crime stat info: moved to a new system so will confirm and send over after the meeting?
 - i. Precinct public information officer is the best place to find information on recent break-ins and the speeding issues in the area (Officer Tyson is another resource for these areas and can fill out a form to increase patrol and get further resources)