

AUDUBON FOREST
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes
June 2026

Date: June 15, 2026

Location: Hoosier United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA

Presiding: Don Carter, President

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Don Carter called the June monthly meeting to order at 7:04 PM on Monday, June 15, 2026. A sign-in sheet was circulated among attendees.

II. ATTENDEES

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| • Don Carter, President | • Richard Dent |
| • Stacey Boyd, Secretary | • James Densler |
| • Bria Brown, Asst. Secretary | • Mable Densler |
| • James Gordon, Treasurer | • Judy Coleman |
| • Mario Wiley | • [TBD – missing sign-in sheet] |
| • Daniel Whitner | |
| • Walt Huntley | |
| • Joanne Huntley | |

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (MAY 18, 2026)

- The Secretary reviewed the minutes from the May 18 meeting; minutes are also posted at AudubonForest.org.
- Motion to approve the May 18 minutes as presented: Made and seconded.
- Outcome: Approved unanimously.

IV. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Reminder shared regarding upcoming resident events and community involvement opportunities (see Announcements).

V. TREASURER'S REPORT/OFFICER UPDATES

Treasurer's Report (James Gordon):

- Beginning balance: \$15,484.00
- No additional memberships received since last report

- One disbursement: GoDaddy annual domain/hosting fee — \$71.57
- Ending balance: \$15,412.52 (matches checking account)
- Note: GoDaddy currently has the Association's debit card on file — to be addressed as part of the bank transition
- Note: Landscaping/sign renovation payment (\$1,075) has cleared but had not yet posted at time of this report; balance does not yet reflect that debit

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Bank Account Transfer (Peach State Credit Union)

- Status: Still pending final completion
- Frank Robinson confirmed as an authorized signer; signer paperwork still in process
- Approved March 16 and April 20 minutes have been sent to the Treasurer to help finalize account setup
- Goal: Announce completed transition at next meeting

Community Sign Renovation — Completed

- Mario Wiley reported the renovation work is complete: 5 yards of black mulch installed, 6 knockout rose bushes planted, landscape liner installed to reduce weed growth, and dead tree/debris removed
- Remaining item: installation of a "No Dumping/Littering" sign, expected by end of week
- Total project cost: \$1,075 (contractor paid in full)
- A misunderstanding with an adjacent property owner regarding mulch spread onto her property was resolved amicably
- Ongoing maintenance (including watering of new plantings) will be a volunteer/community effort; touch-up painting nearby identified as a possible future volunteer project

Ad Hoc Committees

- Infrastructure Committee (Chair: Eric Borders) and Political Action Committee (Chair: Frank Robinson) — chairs not present; no updates given this meeting
- Discussion: consider renaming the "Political Action Committee" to avoid confusion with a political action committee/Super PAC; naming to be revisited

Bylaws — Residency Requirement Amendment

- Draft amendment proposed: allow a President (or other officer) to complete their current term if they relocate outside AFNA boundaries, at the officer's discretion and subject to membership approval
- Discussion noted current bylaws provision that officers serve until a successor is elected, and that voting membership/officer eligibility requires residency within AFNA boundaries
- Decision: Tabled again to next meeting for further review and vote; amendment language to be finalized and circulated by email prior to the vote

General Bylaws Revision

- Bylaws committee continues its review, incorporating the prior bylaws and member suggestions into a working draft; no vote taken this meeting

Willis Mill Road Cemetery Research

- Update provided on historical research into the cemetery on Willis Mill Road; Fulton County records show a P.O. Box with no identifiable current owner and no taxes paid on record
- History Committee is planning to publish an article on the cemetery's history at some point in the future
- Broader citywide issue noted: when churches relocate, associated cemeteries are often left without a responsible party, and are not registered with the Secretary of State; Invest Atlanta and the Mayor's office are looking into the issue
- Thanks extended to the Joanne Huntley for leading this research for her ongoing work

Member Communications

- Official Association communications are distributed via email; the body discussed whether to add a supplemental one-way group text/app (e.g., GroupMe) but agreed email remains the standard channel for now
- Members experiencing bounced or missing emails were asked to confirm their correct address with the Secretary to update the distribution list

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Member Presentation: Neighborhood Reinvestment Initiative & Blight Remediation (Mrs. Eunice Glover)

- The Mayor's Neighborhood Reinvestment Initiative targets affordable housing, blight remediation, grocery store retention, trails/transit, infrastructure improvements, new business attraction, and public space improvements
- Neighborhoods already served include East Campbellton Road, West Hamilton Road, Thomasville Heights, Downtown, English Avenue, Vine City, Grove Park, Bankhead, and West Highland/West Holloway; Audubon Forest is expected to be included going forward
- The Blight Program began in 2024 focused on vacant land; much of the land was found to be owned by out-of-state/out-of-city owners and became subject to tax escalation
- In 2026 the program expanded to include occupied, blighted properties in addition to vacant land
- Residents can report blight via ATL 311
- Recommendation: the Association should roll out a neighborhood-wide process/notice about the program rather than targeting individual residents directly, and encourage neighbor-to-neighbor outreach as a first step before city involvement
- Funding for remediation of vacant blighted land draws on Tax Allocation District (TAD) dollars pooled citywide through Invest Atlanta, not limited to a resident's specific TAD district
- No known litigation regarding the program at this time; Ms. Glover will confirm and follow up

- Mrs. Glover will email additional information on the initiative and the blight-reporting process to the Association

Flamingo Road Paving & Drainage

- Resurfacing is complete; striping and white curbing have been installed at the top portion of Flamingo Road to direct stormwater to storm drains
- Any follow-up concerns should be addressed resident to the Infrastructure Committee (Eric Borders) and Atlanta DOT

Cascade Road Corridor Concerns

- Residents on connecting through-streets (Willis Mill, Benjamin Mays, and others) raised concerns about flooding, speeding, and curb damage from truck traffic tied to the I-285/Cascade Road/MLK Jr. Drive project area
- New bicycle lane markings on recent construction are unclear/missing in places, resulting in cyclists riding in the vehicle travel lane rather than the new combined sidewalk/bike trail; roughly 32 cyclists were recently observed on Willis Mill Road, likely en route to the Lionel Hampton Trail
- A meeting with the city and bicycle advocacy representatives is planned to address lane markings before the corridor extends further toward West End/Beecher Street

Beltline Update

- The southside "U" portion of the Beltline connecting to the neighborhood's section is now complete, allowing travel through to other connected sections; expected to support property values and continued business growth in the West End

Building at Former Restaurant Site ("Spice House")

- A member asked about the status of the fire-damaged building, now painted white; reports indicate ongoing electrical/renovation work, but no official update is available at this time

VIII. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION POINTS

- Encouragement for residents to attend upcoming community events (see Announcements)
- Continued interest in strengthening neighborhood infrastructure follow-up and communication with the City of Atlanta

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FIFA World Cup Watch Party: Friday, June 19, beginning at 3:00 PM in the parking lot near The Point, continuing into the evening with an outdoor screen and sound stage; open to surrounding neighborhoods
- A neighborhood church's 44th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, beginning around midday, featuring food trucks and a men's health event

- Holiday/Christmas Party planning is beginning; Mario and Mrs. Wiley to lead planning and welcome member input; historically funded through a combination of discounted nonprofit venue rates, Association funds (approx. \$300–\$500), and member contributions; venue options under consideration include the community center used last year or the Promise Center

X. ADJOURNMENT

Time Adjourned: 8:10 PM

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

- Finalize Peach State bank account transfer and signer setup (Treasurer/Vice President)
- Install remaining "No Dumping" sign at renovated area (Mario Wiley)
- Finalize and circulate bylaws residency amendment for vote at next meeting (Bylaws Committee)
- Continue bylaws revision review (Bylaws Committee)
- Follow up on Willis Mill Road cemetery ownership research and prepare article
- Confirm/update member email addresses in distribution list (Secretary)
- Research text communication channels and present options at July meeting (Secretary)
- Distribute Ms. Glover's Neighborhood Reinvestment Initiative / blight remediation information (Ms. Glover)
- Coordinate with city and bicycle advocacy group on Cascade Road corridor bike lane markings
- Begin Christmas Party planning and venue confirmation (Mario & Mrs. Wiley)

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacey Boyd, Secretary

June 20, 2026