

AUDUBON FOREST
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes
July 2026

Date: July 20, 2026

Location: Hoosier United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA

Presiding: Don Carter, President

I. CALL TO ORDER AND SIGN-IN

President Don Carter called the July monthly meeting to order on Monday, July 20, 2026, and welcomed attendees. A sign-in sheet was circulated as members arrived.

II. ATTENDEES

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| • Don Carter,
President | • Daniel Whitner | • Michael Martin |
| • Stacey Boyd,
Secretary | • Mario Wiley | • Janice Martin |
| • Frank Robinson, Vice
President | • James F. Densler | • Andy Balk |
| • [James Gordon,
Treasurer — absent] | • Mable Densler | • Leonard Smith |
| • [Bria Brown, Asst.
Secretary — absent] | • Tammy Borders | • Emily Semien |
| | • Eric Borders | • Sonjia Young |
| | • Joanne Huntley | • Walter Young |
| | • Walt Huntley | |

Guest speakers: State Representative Mikayla McQueen (House District 61) and State Senator Rashaun Kemp (Senate District 38) — see Section IV.

III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (JUNE 15, 2026)

Secretary Stacey Boyd presented a condensed summary of the June 15 meeting minutes for review. A motion to approve the minutes was moved and seconded. No objections or changes noted.

IV. GUEST SPEAKERS: STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND STATE SENATOR

Rep. Mikayla McQueen (House District 61), an Atlanta native and former K-12 math teacher, shared her priorities of education, Black women's health and safety, and senior services. She's reintroducing the SAFE Act for safer law-enforcement encounters with people who have neurological conditions, is pushing menstrual health data privacy legislation, and discussed the state of Georgia's film tax credit.

Sen. Rashaun Kemp (Senate District 38), a former educator now in his first term, highlighted Georgia's literacy crisis and a new law improving reading instruction, plus funding for a reading coach in every elementary school. He also spoke on low per-resident state spending, hospital closures tied to non-expanded Medicaid, senior property tax relief, and recent auto insurance reform.

Member Q&A covered several topics — highlights below:

- School funding and enrollment declines, and Georgia's lack of a weighted funding formula for low-income students.
- Expanding technical and vocational education access.
- Auto insurance reform — passed, but impact on rates still unknown.
- Data center transparency bills on water and energy use failed to pass.
- How bills move through committee, and encouragement to contact committee chairs directly.
- Georgia's elections are secure and audited; hand-marked paper ballots are coming for a future presidential cycle.
- New law (SB 69) removes party affiliation from DA/solicitor ballots in five counties.
- The federal SAVE Act on voter ID currently lacks votes to pass the U.S. Senate.
- Proposed limits on investor ownership of homes; reinstating a consumer utility advocate.
- Both legislators offered constituent services help and encouraged civic engagement and get-out-the-vote efforts.

Frank Robinson asked whether adding legislative resource links to the newsletter would violate AFNA bylaws. President Carter confirmed no bylaw prohibits it but stressed nonpartisan balance. Frank Robinson volunteered to source nonpartisan voter resource links for the newsletter.

President Carter thanked Rep. McQueen and Sen. Kemp for their time and invited them to return closer to the election season.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer James Gordon was not present.
- President Carter reported having spoken with the Treasurer regarding the Peach State transfer; the individual handling it was out of town.
- A few minor items remain to be resolved, including language clarifying which officers (chair and vice chair) are authorized signers.
- President Carter will follow up with James, and the matter should be resolved by the next meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc / Infrastructure Committee

- Frank Robinson proposed using the group chat to coordinate voter registration efforts as the committee's primary activity.

- Frank Robinson will update the AFNA website with a link to Georgia Secretary of State voter information (how to vote, register, and obtain registration forms) as a nonpartisan resource.
- Traffic signal update (Mays and Peyton Road): a service request was submitted to Atlanta DOT regarding the signal, which is currently suspended on wires across the intersection with no estimated repair date. An email was also sent to the ATLDOT commissioner requesting the signal be relocated to a pole-mounted position to raise clearance for delivery trucks. No response received yet; a follow-up through the Mayor's office is planned, with an update expected next meeting.

Communications Committee

Secretary/Communications Chair Stacey Boyd reported on research into text messaging platforms, presenting three options:

- Twilio — approximately \$30–\$60/year depending on volume.
- TextMagic — approximately \$60–\$120/year; likely more functionality than needed.
- Google Voice — free, but raises privacy concerns and may flag/limit bulk messages to the ~125-person distribution list if used frequently.

It was noted that a simple group text is not practical for the full distribution list due to reply-all issues, and that a dedicated broadcast-style service or app (such as WhatsApp or Telegram, which allow one-way broadcast messaging) would be preferable to two-way group texts.

Motion: Mario Wiley called for a vote to move forward on selecting a communications platform, noting the group has been stalled on this decision. Don Carter entertained a motion; Dan Whitner moved, motion seconded.

Result: The group agreed the \$30–\$35/year option (Twilio) appears most reasonable. Stacey Boyd will prepare a detailed budget proposal outlining what the cost covers, to be formally voted on next month.

Christmas Party Planning

Mario Wiley presented two proposed dates for the annual Christmas party: Saturday, December 5 or Saturday, December 12.

Motion: Dan Whitner moved to hold the event on December 12; motion seconded. No objections.

Result: December 12 was approved as the event date. Venue and budget will be finalized at the next meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Amendment (Officer Residency/Relocation)

Bylaws Amendment — Officer Residency/Relocation: A draft exists but hasn't been reviewed yet. Will revisit in August.

Don Carter noted a personal home offer that may lessen urgency, though the issue remains live.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Dan Whitner announced that the City's Director of Watershed Management has requested to speak at a future meeting, potentially next month, regarding maintenance of the creek running behind neighborhood properties. The body agreed this would be welcome.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Dan Whitner moved to adjourn; motion seconded.

Time Adjourned: 8:19 PM

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

- Clarify authorized signers (chair and vice chair) in minute language and finalize Peach State bank transfer (Treasurer)
- Prepare detailed communications platform budget proposal (Twilio) for formal vote at next meeting (Secretary)
- Update AFNA website with Georgia Secretary of State voter information link (Frank Robinson)
- Follow up through the Mayor's office on the Mays/Peyton Road traffic signal relocation; provide update next meeting (Infrastructure Committee)
- Finalize venue and budget for the December 12 Christmas Party (Mario Wiley)
- Review and bring back the bylaws residency amendment next month (Bylaws Committee/Assistant Secretary)
- Add nonpartisan voter resource links to the newsletter (Frank Robinson)
- Confirm the City's Watershed Management Director for a future meeting presentation (Dan Whitner)

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacey Boyd, Secretary