Ghent Neighborhood League  
Meeting minutes  
April 19, 2018 at The Williams School

6:35pm call to order and introductions

Board members present: Michael Spencer, Karen Reynes, JR Montalvo, Nat McCormick, Larry Brett, Emily Birknes, George Kello, Tyler Sherwin, Paige Rose (absent: Catherine Ware Kilduff, Ben Crumpler, Dan Ross-Li)

Approval of March 2018 minutes – done

Safety report – Officer Perez
- 2 commercial robberies on Colonial Avenue – both during 1st week of April
- carjacking on Botetourt
- stolen autos have been a problem. Make sure to check your car for a “standard key” that owners sometimes leave in glove compartments
- curfew for children UNDER 18 years old must be in house after 11:00pm, if without an adult
- Chief of Police city-wide initiative: CRO stops daily at public, religious and private schools
- Speed enforcement in place throughout Ghent
- Member inquired about suspicious door-to-door monetary solicitations for a sports team. NOTE: permit needed for door-to-door solicitations

Guest speaker – Kyle Spencer, Deputy Resilience Officer in City Manager’s Office, and Katie White, Resiliency Fellow 6:55pm – 7:35pm
- What can residents and citizen do around resilience and flooding? What do we do with heavy rain events?
- “Retain Your Rain” app – calculate run-off from roof in terms of bath tubs (not gallons); go through decision tree to find best solution
- nfkresilientcity.org/retainyourrain

President’s Report – Michael Spencer
- Recent community meeting about Maury High School priorities
- Can existing physical school accommodate current and future priorities?
- Consultant has been obtained; primary consultant out of Ohio.
• Member suggested GNL sends letter to city, requesting that consultant thoroughly prices out cost for renovating building
• Next meeting Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:00pm at Maury High School

Treasurer’s Report – none

Membership Report – JR Montalvo (in absentia) about 150 active members

Project Review – Nat McCormick
• 528 Redgate – total renovation of neglected house. Roof material to be slate.
• 540 Pembroke – minor improvement includes concrete driver to impervious pavers
• 442 Mowbray Arch – replacement of wood transom
• 517 Pembroke – additional brick wall to side garden
• Planning Commission Projects
  o New overlay of historic district APPROVED
  o Extended hours of Little Dog Diner APPROVED

Next GNL Project Review meeting Wednesday, May 2

Community Improvement – Paige Rose
• 426 Mowbray Arch – currently on market to be sold
• Upcoming celebrations: July 4th – Bike Parade, Neighborhood Clean Up – TBD

Neighborhood Watch – no report

GBA – Karen Reynes
• Saturday, June 2 – neighborhood clean up
• Friday, May 18 – Bike to Work Day 7:00am – 9:00am. GNL and GBA co-hosting a table on 20th and Llewellyn
• Bike racks – two weeks out
• Banners – forthcoming
• Historic Garden Tour – April 26th in Lochaven
• May 1st – VOTE

Dog Park – Kaylie
• Aeration and seeding in past week
• Park re-opens May 31st
• Councilwoman McClellan scheduling follow up meeting

Flood Mitigation Update – see guest speaker above

Tree Committee – George Kello
• Recent with Mr. Michael Nentwich from city and other committee members – need follow up with city before moving forward

Nominations Committee – Emily Birknes
• Ballots go out next week
• Thank you Williams School for printing ballots and bios
• Mailing labels and envelope stuffing to be completed by Fleet Printing

Meeting adjourned 8:12pm

Minutes submitted by
Emily Birknes