

## April 14, 2020 Downtown Atlanta

**Board:** Robyn Jackson, Kelly Parry, Deb Day, Deirdre Greenfield, Pam Revie-Pettersen, David Kirlew, Jim Hackler, John Fischer, DeJon Tebought

Welcome: Hello and welcome to the April 2020 monthly meeting of the ADNA. As have our neighbors in Castleberry Hill and Old Fourth Ward, we've had to get creative on just how to get information out to our residents during the current situation.

We won't go into everything COVID-19 - you already have that information - but we will say that we fully support the social distancing and shelter-in-place policies that are in effect.

In this agenda you'll find links to information, opportunities, programs and ways to support local businesses. Please think about your favorite restaurant, theater company, shop and if you can - reach out and buy dinner or drinks or a gift card. Anything you can do to support them.

We know that soon we'll be back on schedule - our First Friday Happy Hours and our monthly meetings. Just so you know too, that if there are any issues in the neighborhood that need the Board's attention - we have been discussing them via email and if there's a vote required we process that via email as well.

Lastly, but certainly not least, thank you to *everyone* that donated to our First Friday for First Responders! We received \$580, so with ADNA matching funds, we were able to provide meals for Zone 5 Precinct and Fire Station No. 1. Thank you!

Thank you for joining us and please stay safe. Hopefully we'll see you, in person, in May.

Robyn, John, Kelly, Pam, Deb, Deirdre, DeJon, David and Jim Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association Board

- I. Mission Statement: Our mission is to represent and serve the residents of Downtown Atlanta. See the five pillars of our mission statement listed below.
  - Outreach to the community to showcase the unique and historic architecture of the neighborhood; (i.e. loft tour, scavenger hunt, walking tours, etc)
  - Outreach to the community to enhance safety awareness; (monthly meetings, weekly eblasts, building relationships with APD, City Council, GSU)–
  - 3. Outreach to the community to improve quality of life for the neighborhood's residents and businesses; (license review, monthly meetings, and just about every battle we take on)
  - 4. Outreach to reduce the environmental impacts on the community through tree plantings, neighborhood clean-ups, recycling, and other long-term efforts; (monthly clean-ups, trashcan purchases, etc)
  - 5. Outreach to publicize and promote educational opportunities for residents in the community. (need to work on, but there used to be the 1st Thursdays gallery walks. We have a growing relationship with GSU; we need to partner with Centennial Elementary for projects; and to a lesser extent we promote the Aquarium, World of Coke, VSA, and other places with our happy hours and holiday parties)

#### II. Announcements from Public Officials

- DISTRICT 2: Councilman Amir Farokhi's Office:
  - CVD-19 Town Halls District2 Atlanta
- DISTRICT 4: Councilperson Cleta Winslow's Office
  - "Although Atlanta City Hall is currently closed to the public due to the coronavirus, my staff and I are still working from remote locations. You are welcome to call me on my cell phone at 404.216.1701 or email me at <a href="mailto:cwinslow@atlantaga.gov">cwinslow@atlantaga.gov</a>. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please stay safe and let's pray for the World during this difficult time."
  - o <u>District 4 April 10 Update</u>

### III. Support our neighborhood!

 Theatrical Outfit: Stay connected with <u>TO Online</u>! Support our Downtown theatre with a donation or purchase of a gift card! Enjoy TO's virtual content via <u>social media</u>.

- C4 Atlanta (offices in South Downtown): C4 has created the <u>Atlanta Artist Lost Gig Relief Fund</u>. Please help C4 support artists who have recently lost major work.
- Woodruff Park digital history tour: follow along on social media!
- Downtown restaurants (and some neighbors!) open for pick up and/or delivery. Please be sure to confirm with restaurants as offerings change daily.
  - o Reuben's Deli
  - NaanStop
  - The Pantry Order fresh veggies/meat from local farms
  - Buenos Dias
  - o McCormick and Schmicks selling half price bottles of wine
  - o Refuge Coffee
  - Bone Lick BBQ
  - o Elliott Street Deli & Pub
  - Agave selling fresh meat/meal kits
     .... What have we missed? Let us know at communications@atlantadna.org or by tagging us on social media!

# IV. Neighborhood News

- Explore Downtown without leaving home (AJC)
- Temporary hospital coming to Downtown:
  - Georgia World Congress Center to be transformed into temporary hospital (WSBTV)
  - Georgia to convert Atlanta convention center to temporary hospital (AJC)
- COVID-19 + Homelessness:
  - Hotel used for temporary shelter (AJC)

#### V. ADNA Announcements

- ADNA will conduct all programming virtually until further notice.
- Please continue checking atlantadna.org and ADNA social media for information/updates.
- Please direct questions to <a href="mailto:president@atlantadna.org">president@atlantadna.org</a>.