

Summary of and Presentation Materials from HBNA Security Camera Town Hall

On August 16th, the Security Camera Sub-committee of the Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association held a Town Hall meeting to present their efforts and answer questions regarding installing cameras and license plate readers at entrances to the neighborhood. The Town Hall was attended by 55 neighbors, Chief Yandura and Cpl Snively from the City of Brookhaven, Jonathan Bozeman of Georgia Power (the selected provider) and many board members.

The purpose of the meeting was to relay the information found and the plan created by the sub-committee and get feedback from the neighborhood to determine if the sub-committee should proceed with the purpose of a final plan being presented at the annual HBNA meeting in November. The support for proceeding was nearly unanimous from those attending, and the sub-committee will proceed with the intent of delivering the final plan at the November meeting for a vote.

There are some remaining hurdles which may change the proposal made at the Town Hall meeting, but the current proposal is as follows:

- Install two cameras, catching both inbound and outbound traffic to the neighborhood, at every entrance to the neighborhood.
- Install two license plate readers (LPRs) at the five busiest entrances to the neighborhood:
 - Brookhaven Drive
 - Carter Drive
 - Club Drive
 - Mabry Road
 - Winall Down Road
- The current cost per household is estimated to be under \$195 per year.
 - This is a separate cost from:
 - HBNA's annual dues of \$100, paying for landscaping, maintenance, etc.
 - Historic Brookhaven Security Association's dues of \$325, which funds the security patrols.

The HBNA Board recommends this plan for several reasons:

- Statistics show crime goes to where the cameras are not. The Cities of Atlanta and Brookhaven are rapidly expanding their coverage, leaving Historic Brookhaven vulnerable.
- The cameras and "blue lights" on top act as a deterrent and help solve crimes after the fact.
- The LPRs are used real time by the police, who get notified of stolen cars, license tags, etc.

Some of the remaining hurdles, which may affect the plan and pricing, are:

- Whether the cameras can be installed on existing utility poles or do new metal poles need to be installed.
- Determine how many neighbors will participate and whether we have the funding to proceed.

Please review the PDF of the presentation for additional information. If you have any questions or information for the Security Camera sub-committee, please email Co-Chairs Blake Dexter and Haig Kazazian at videocameras@historicbrookhaven.org.