

Diversity (37 comments)

I am in favor of naturally occurring diversity by age, race, socioeconomic status, etc. I'm not in favor of building low income housing in the midst, other than exists in apartment complexes on periphery and elsewhere.

Lack of racial diversity

It's lack of economic and racial diversity as well as few public transportation options.

The trend away from a diverse mix of residents to one that is mostly affluent Caucasian.

It is becoming unaffordable to live to Ansley Park. Which creates less diversity from a broader range of income.

High home prices are driving property taxes above an acceptable threshold

taxes

Bigger houses with fewer occupants (kids) leading to less energy and vibrancy

Diverse and realistically affordable housing.

I would like to see more diversity. This is becoming a neighborhood only rich people.

"Keep Buckhead North of 85"

loss of smaller homes

And the increase in tearing down homes to build cookie-cutter McMansions, we are losing our lovely diversity that was why I moved here 40 years ago.

I love Ansley but would love to see Atlantans with with lower incomes enjoy it as well. It's a beautiful neighborhood and with some creativity we can maintain it's character while making it more inclusive.

and I'm concerned that if housing prices keep going up, there will only be rich people here. Not as diverse as when we moved her in 1986.

Affordability. I would LOVE to stay in Ansley, but while WFH and wanting kids, I will need to buy something bigger than my 2 bedroom condo which I probably cannot afford.

How to encourage diversity & maintain the superb nature of the community

misguided rezoning that only benefits spec builders and doesn't result in Atlanta having affordable housing in appropriate locations

The thing that drives me most nuts is outsiders saying that we should be happy because our property values are going up. That's only to our advantage if we want to sell and leave Ansley. In the short-term, all it means is higher taxes.

It is important to support (or at least not thwart) the diversity of incomes and residents and affordability as much as possible.

Many of us support finding solutions to the issues facing Atlanta. Let not take an approach "as long it is not in my backyard."

I'm concerned that a possible outcome of these discussions will be a NIMBY set of rules and regs. I'm concerned if there is elitism underlying these discussions. my antenna goes up around words like "neighborhood character" and "quiet" and "preserving" our neighborhood for "us."

There seems to be negative reaction to the Mayor's initiatives around density. the fact is, the City of Atlanta is projected to undergo fast population growth. We sorely need density, affordability. and i feel strongly that i want to live in a neighborhood that better reflects the diversity of our City. i would like to be part of that solution and not part of it's obstruction. We moved here from a historic district and it was very conservative, as well. We intentionally sought out Ansley Park because we perceived it as different, especially more progressive. I have seen what neighbors express with their yard signs. But I hope this will carry over into these discussions.

If you love restrictive zoning, I encourage you to research its history. It will help you to understand how terrible it is, and how its modern proponents are perpetuating the degradation of our built environment and the undermining of healthy growth in our cities and towns.

That we overreact to the needs of the city particularly around affordable housing and density. I believe that we are a progressive neighborhood and should look for solutions to some of the intractable issues around income inequality and segregation in Atlanta.

This whole process seems like an attempt at either a) making it harder for people to build new houses in Ansley, or b) counter-act the city's attempt to make all parts of the city have affordable housing. It would be helpful if you were simply more honest about the end goals. If you want to make it more difficult to build new houses, just come out and say that. If you want to make sure no middle income or lower income people can afford to live in Ansley, have the courage to say that too. The fact is that this effort will cause both of these outcomes. At least be honest about it.

Ansley Park has long been more than simply a single-family home neighborhood. We have apartments, condos, townhouses, garage apartments, etc., and this should continue. The current mix is about right. We should encourage garage apartments, cottage houses and the like.

Some older community volunteers and committee members should step aside to make room for younger more tolerant folks who are more inclusive.

I see the leadership of the neighborhood embracing overtly exclusionary ideals. If they care to examine the history of those ideals, they will find they are deeply rooted in fear and racism. "Maintaining neighborhood character" is code for "preventing diverse people from moving to the neighborhood." To make the neighborhood as great as it can be, owners need more flexibility with regard to what they can do with their property rather than less. More ADUs, more apartments, and more neighborhood commercial will improve the neighborhood rather than hurt it. The proper way for the city to govern density, parking, etc is via properly-assessed impact and usage fees, not zoning.

The elimination of sf zoning will allow ADUs. An important way to allow affordability and diversity in this great hood. It will not eliminate sf homes. That's just the facts.

Tearing down historic homes and changing the affordability of housing which changes the demographics of our community.

It's becoming buckhead and new residents expect it to be like a gated community. Next door reveals racist and classics attitudes that are deplorable.

With many of the smaller homes being demolitshed and huge homes being built, we are losing the diversity in the neighborhood. When I moved here in the early 90s, we were attracted to the older homes, the old trees, the diversity of people who lived here that valued those same things. A teacher could afford to live here. People bought the old homes because they loved old homes. People were friendly and sitting on your front porch you could talk to those walking by. That has severely decreased as many of the new homes have garages and you get the same dynamic as in the suburbs where people disappear into their garage never to be seen again!!

i would like to see more diversity/affordability

I would like to see investment in an antiracist culture in Ansley.

I wish population diversity were a reason to live in Ansley. The extreme whiteness of this neighborhood is, to our minds, its biggest drawback and the one thing that makes us consider moving as it doesn't reflect the lives we lead beyond this neighborhood.