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Mobilizing the masses and more security lessons

By Russell Miller

Recent high profile crimes in and around Candler Park have created a lot of anxiety for our neighborhood. In response, groups focusing on safety are mobilizing on multiple fronts. Neighbors in the Iverson area have re-doubled their efforts to strengthen their part of Candler Park Neighborhood Watch, CPNO is engaging with the new Little Five Points Community Improvement District to work for solutions to some of that area’s “quality-of-life: issue, and a dedicated group of volunteers is working to make the Candler Park/Lake Claire security patrol a reality.

A recent poll on the neighborhood social media site Nextdoor quickly accumulated 150 votes from neighbors who said they’d subscribe to a safety patrol if it was established.

Another example of our neighborhood’s recent actions to combat crime was residents’ solid attendance on March 21 at the Atlanta Police Department’s Citywide Neighborhood Watch Safety Training Course. Eight Candler Parkers attended the event which was the largest the Crime Prevention Unit had ever hosted. Topics covered were preventing home burglary, situational awareness, and activities that a Neighborhood Watch can do to make our streets less attractive to criminals.

See Safety, p. 5

Safety Briefing

Laughter in the Park

By Deb Milbrath

The mission of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is to promote the common good and general welfare in the neighborhood known as Candler Park in the city of Atlanta.

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Meetings

CPNO Members Meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive.

Committee meetings take place at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave., unless otherwise announced (enter from the street level door and ring the bell if you’re late).

All are welcome. Only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by Membership Officer by the first day of the month of meeting.

Find specific meeting information on page 1 and a complete list of CPNO meetings at www.candlerpark.org.

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While mobilizing the masses can effect sweeping changes, it's important that we take daily responsibility for the safety of our families and neighbors to effect lasting change.

Among the points that APD trainers shared:

- Create barriers that can keep home burglars at bay. Most barriers will be obvious, like installing heavy duty deadbolts, kick plates with three-inch screws or longer, and an alarm system (along with posting the alarm systems’ signs in your front and back yard). Some barriers are more subtle: Trim back bushes where a burglar could hide and wait for a resident to leave. Make sure your motion control floodlights are pointed at your door.

- Situational awareness is the key to avoiding the types of robberies that occur throughout the city. This means trusting your intuition and not putting yourself in places where you become an easy target (e.g. a poorly lit parking garage). Feel like a car coming towards you or behind you as you walk alone in the neighborhood is moving too slow? Quickly and with confidence walk up a neighbor’s front walk and ring the doorbell. Again, common sense, but so often we don’t trust our gut, and it can cost more than just our phones and wallets.

- Finally, neighborhood watch activities can yield real results in reducing crime. Everyone plays a role in an effective neighborhood watch, not just block captains and leaders. There are plenty of activities that individuals can engage in to improve our safety: if you see something say something, (always) cleaning up trash (trash begets trash), offer to cut an elderly neighbor’s grass that is overgrown, and clean up graffiti near your house. A clean neighborhood shows criminals that we are looking out for one another, and that’s ultimately what neighborhood watch is all about, not catching criminals, but rather doing what we can to make sure they know they aren’t welcome.

Speaking of clean, I’ve got another tip for you: Remember to CLEAN OUT YOUR CAR every time you get out of it. Lock valuables in a trunk or take them inside. Larcenies from cars account for more than 50 percent of our crime. Let’s stop giving criminals a reason to come to our neighborhood.

Candler Park Neighborhood Watch still needs block captain volunteers for many streets so if you’re interested in becoming the unelected mayor of your block or street, or in helping to make Candler Park safer in any other way, contact me safety@candlerpark.org.

Russell Miller is the CPNO safety officer.

Thank you, Mojo Pizza N’ Pub!

Did you know that Mojo Pizza N’ Pub just remodeled its dining room the heart of Oakhurst? Well, now you do: Come see what’s new at Mojo.

Of course, you may also be happy to know that the well-loved pizzeria brings its fare April 20 to our very own Members Meeting. That’s right: Mojo is CPNO’s next food sponsor.

Do you know of another local restaurant or caterer who wishes to partner with CPNO as a cash-free meeting sponsor? Email Chris Fitzgerald at chrisfitzgerald@gmail.com.
CPNO endorses 4-stop at Oakdale McLendon

CPNO members overwhelmingly approved a motion March 20 urging the city to make permanent a four-way stop at McLendon Avenue and Oakdale Road. That was only about 45 days into a 60-day Department of Public Works study on replacing the traffic signal there with a stop sign. But on Nextdoor and in public meetings, opinions of the change have been overwhelmingly positive.

BRIEFS

The motion, by Randy Pimsler, authorizes CPNO to communicate its support of the intersection modifications to DPW, to consider improvements to the intersection’s crosswalks, and to more clearly indicate the new no parking zone on the east side of Oakdale, from McLendon to Miller, via yellow curb paint.

Traffic problems at the intersection were a core impetus for the Candler Park Master Plan.

— Jay Sandhaus

In praise of silent renewals

Membership in CPNO is for the calendar year. And, yes, this is a reminder to renew for 2015 if you haven’t already done so.

Since we started keeping records in 2010, more than 1,000 people have joined (some as couples), but members don’t always renew. As a result, our membership at the end of 2014 was about 450 (almost 40 percent of whom had joined in 2014). Of those, about a third came to one or more meeting.

People who take leadership roles in groups like CPNO tend to think members who count are the active ones — those who come to meetings, who they see. But I’d like to recognize those we don’t see, the two-thirds of members who never attend a meeting. I imagine many of them reading the Messenger, well aware of events and supportive; it’s just that attending meetings isn’t why they joined. Still, they contribute mass and stability to the iceberg that is CPNO; they’re an important part of what keeps us afloat.

So I encourage you all to renew — whether you plan to attend a meeting or not.

Speaking of which, CPNO is happy to welcome March’s new members:

• Scott and Amanda Jones
• Nicole and Todd Cibrowski

Not a member yet? Join today! It’s easy, and it’s free. Simply go to www.candlerpark.org/register and fill out the quick form.

— Roger Bakeman
Membership Secretary
Bylaws review: Here’s how you can have input
By Jay Sandhaus

CPNO’s special Bylaws Review Committee has been tasked over the next four months with recommending updates to the organization’s bylaws.

We want to gather input as broadly as possible, and then make sure ideas are discussed and vetted thoroughly before bringing them to the floor for a vote. So we’ve put a process in place to help that happen.

The bylaws themselves require a two-step process for any changes. First, the board must take up the proposed amendment. If board members support it with a majority vote, the amendment is sent to the membership for discussion and a vote at the next monthly meeting. Two-thirds of members present at that meeting must vote “yes” for the amendment to take effect.

We hope our committee’s process will yield ideas that are broadly supported. That way, they’ll reflect the wishes of the membership and each stand a good chance of successfully passing these votes. Toward that end, here’s the process we’re committed to following:

1. Collect input: We’ve published a survey at candlerpark.org/bylawsupdate and let members know about it through announcements at the Members Meeting, publishing it in the Messenger and candlerpark.org, and broadcasting it via e-mail blasts. We’ve also proactively e-mailed key participants, including past board members, and long-time and active residents, asking for their input. Finally, the committee is thoroughly reviewing the existing bylaws for consistency with how the organization currently operates and is researching best practices of similar organizations.

2. Describe changes: We’ll take all the input and prepare a set of potential changes. Each change will include a note explaining why the change is being proposed. Where there are multiple potential approaches to a single area, we’ll present them as a set of alternatives. We’ll make it easy to see what might change and why.

3. Present to the board: We’ll review all the potential changes with the board, collect feedback, and adjust as necessary.

4. Public discussion: We’ll hold a special public meeting for discussing potential changes. This will give us a forum for a longer, more substantive discussion of changes before bringing them to a Members’ Meeting for a vote. If necessary, we’ll hold multiple meetings.

5. Non-binding votes of support: If there are proposed changes that don’t have clear consensus, we’ll ask the organization to take a non-binding vote of support on each issue to gauge sentiment. This will help us identify areas that might require separate binding votes at the end of the update process.

6. Amendment: Proposed updates will be published at candlerpark.org, and members will be notified by email and in the Messenger of an upcoming vote to amend the bylaws. The board will vote; if the board recommends the changes to the organization, there will be a formal debate and vote at a membership meeting.

By following this process, there will be multiple opportunities along the way for members to meaningfully participate in updating our bylaws. If you have an idea on how to improve our bylaws, or feedback on the process above, please e-mail me at jaysandhaus@gmail.com or reach out to any member of the committee.

Fest budget faces April vote

This may be the earliest Fall Fest budget yet: Our proposed 2015 spending plan faces a vote at April’s CPNO Meeting.

The reason? A larger team has gotten a jump on planning to increase our chances at a fun and financially successful event. That means spending some money a bit earlier than usual. For example, permit fees already are due so that we can lock in our best weekend — Oct. 3-4.

The proposal is a conservative one. Although we’ve reorganized some of the categories, overall it closely tracks the 2013 and 2014 budget. Because it’s so early, though, we may need to propose revisions in a few months.

Like all CPNO spending greater than $500, the Fall Fest budget required a discussion before the vote. So I presented a detailed version at our March meeting. We expect to vote on the budget April 20.

Please send any suggestions or feedback to me at president@candlerpark.org.

— Ken Edelstein
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Hey, wait a second: Why’s my water bill so high?

By Zaid Dulwayri

Whether you’re new to Atlanta or are a new homeowner within the city limits, odds are you were surprised by your first Atlanta Watershed water and sewer bill. The first question likely to have popped in your head was: "Is it me or is everyone else paying this much?"

As you would expect, your cost is attributed to the combination of usage and water rates in the city. Let’s start by talking about rates.

Water in Atlanta is expensive — and this is not just me talking. Several studies and pricing surveys conducted over the past few years continue to show that Atlanta has one of the highest water rates in the among major metropolitan areas. Atlanta’s prices are higher than those of New York City, Los Angeles and Boston and very close to those of Seattle and San Diego. That’s pretty high!

The Atlanta Department of Watershed Management’s website states that the rate increases over the past decade were instituted to help pay for the federally mandated overhaul of the city’s aging and deteriorated sewer systems — a $4 billion project.

Water rates in Atlanta are tiered, which means that higher consumption leads to higher rates. We pay one rate for the first three CCF (100 cubic feet, or about 749 gallons of water), a higher rate for the next three, and the highest rate for everything else. The sewer portion of the bill is directly related to the water portion. Senior citizens receive a discount on their bill.

Now to the part of the water bill that you can directly control: consumption. Consumption can be intended, as in your everyday water usage, or unintended, as in a leak. You could read a whole lot online about how to conserve in your water usage, but since the intent of this article is to address the possible reasons behind a surprise in the water bill, I’ll move to the unintended consumption part, leaks.

Your water meter measures every little drop of water that passes from the city’s main water pipe into your property. According to Atlanta Watershed, the average household in Atlanta consumes 8 CCF (6,000 gallons). Based on my personal experience, a family of 4 should expect to consume 6 to 7 CCF, if all your consumption happens inside of your house. If you consider your usage to be average and you’re hit with an unexpected spike in measured water usage, you should suspect a leak.

See Water, p. 10
Leaks are tricky and could cause considerable damage to your property, and your wallet. They range from the apparent, like a leaky bathroom faucet, to the discreet, like a cracked underground pipe. Of course, you should attempt to fix all apparent leaks as soon as possible, but you’re likely to unknowingly sit on the discreet ones until you get that ridiculously high water bill.

Verifying that you have a leak is not very difficult. If you are able, and you know how to access your water meter – typically near the sidewalk in front of your property – then you should be able to read it. You’ll see dials that look like clock hands. You’ll also see a little red triangle that rotates when water flows through the meter. If water isn’t being used at your property (faucets, showers, toilets, appliances) then the triangle shouldn’t be moving. If it is moving, then you have a leak. Call a plumber!

The cost of repair will depend on the extent of the damage causing the leak. If the damage is on the property side of the meter, it’s the responsibility of the property owner. For example, if tree roots in your front yard damaged the pipe that runs from the meter to your house, you’ll have to pay to repair the damage, as well as for the wasted water. That’s what happened to us last year.

It’s not all doom and gloom though. The city does have a process for appeals and adjustments. The information is on the Atlanta Watershed website (links below) and it allows for residents to file for an adjustment of charges that were due to an “invisible” leak. The city does specifically say that toilet leaks are not eligible for adjustments as they’re considered ones that you could detect and repair. The appeals process takes a few months and a bunch of followup calls, and you should be ready to show a plumber’s invoice to indicate that the repair was complete.

Depending on when the meter is actually read by the city, you could be sitting on a leak for weeks. Pay attention to signs in your yard or in your house for a possible leak. DamP interior walls or wet and muddy parts of the yard are typical indicators.

Finally, the city has partnered with a company called Service Lines Warranties of America, or SLWA, to offer service line warranties. For around $5 a month, you could insure your external water line and get it repaired with minimal out of pocket. You should review the terms and conditions before subscribing, but it could be a worthwhile investment as the typical repair bill for repairing your main water line costs close to a $1,000 or more.

If you’re not on Candler Park’s Nextdoor, please join to seek your neighbors’ opinions and recommendations. Also, check these links for more information: Atlanta Department of Watershed Management: http://www.atlantawatershed.org/; Service Line Warranties of America: http://www.slwofa.com/; Circle of Blue: http://www.circleofblue.org/; Candler Park’s Nextdoor - http://candlerpark.nextdoor.com/.

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400 block Sterling Street – Larceny from auto – 2/18 Wednesday morning., Street. Window busted out. Ice scraper taken.

400 block Sterling Street – Auto theft – 2/17 Tuesday day. Victim said this is the second time this vehicle was stolen from in front of their home. 1997 Black Jeep Cherokee with Georgia tags taken.

600 block Clifton Road – Burglary – 2/26 Thursday day. Shed and basement doors were left unlocked. Hiwatt lead amplifier, Milwaukee sawzall, 2x2 Yamaha inverter, Makita 10” chop saw, Skill 7” circular saw, Fender solid state amplifier, new Gold Tone banjo and Fender mandolin were taken.

1400 block Benning Place – Larceny from auto – 2/22 Saturday day. Victim said that a month ago his vehicle was missing a hubcap and he replaced it. Now he noticed another hubcap missing. He said his neighbor across the street was also missing a hubcap.

500 block Terrace Avenue – Larceny from auto – 2/24 Tuesday day. Window busted in. Chanel sunglasses and $20 cash taken.


1500 block McLendon Avenue – Larceny from auto – 2/28 Friday day. Parking lot. Window busted out. Diaper bag and antique angel pin taken.

300 block Glendale Avenue – Auto theft – 2/24 Monday day. Parking lot. Impounded by Buckhead Towing from Wade Avenue for being illegally parked. Vehicle was never placed as stolen because it was recovered before it could be placed on stolen list. Silver Mitsubishi Galant 2007 Georgia tag.

1200 block McLendon Avenue – Burglary – 3/4 Wednesday morning. The hinge that secured the door of the garage wood shop was pulled out. Dewalt reciprocating saw. 2 Dremel 4000 wood finishing tools, Cobalt drill, Milwaukee circular saw and Makita disc grinder taken.

300 block Elmira Place – Larceny from auto – 3/2 Monday morning. Door left unlocked. $20 cash, credit card and NC state employee credit union credit card taken.

1600 block Clifton Street – Larceny from auto – 3/2 Monday evening. Street. Window busted out. I-pad tablet, IBM Thinkpad, Gucci laptop bag and purse, wallet, credit cards, debit card and $40 cash taken.

400 block Sterling St – Larceny from auto – 3/2 Monday day. No sign of forced entry. $15 cash and I-pad taken.


400 block Moreland Avenue – Homicide – 3/14 Saturday morning. Parking lot. Two victims were discovered unresponsive in the rear lot of the restaurant with gunshot wounds to the torso. Staff reported hearing shots and found victim #1. Officers canvassed the scene and discovered victim #2 about 30 yards away.

1400 block Miller Avenue – Robbery – 3/9 Monday evening. Street. Victim said he was walking EB on Miller when an older silver model minivan drove WB towards him. He said 2 B/Ms between 5’ 8” and 6’, one with a dark colored hoodie suddenly jumped out of the minivan and demanded his phone and wallet while a 3rd B/M was driving the van. One of the suspects had a gun and the other punched him in twice in the face before he fell to the ground. Set of keys, wallet with credit cards and ID taken.


1600 block McLendon Avenue – Larceny from auto – Thursday evening. Parking lot. Two vehicles with windows broken. Victim said he saw a black Chevy Impala in the lot with 3 B/Ms. 2 were around the vehicle and one was sitting in the car while it was still running. Computer and laptop taken. Suspects: one with brides and one with a short hair cut, all 3 wearing black clothing.

300 block Ferguson Street – Larceny from auto – 3/14 Saturday day. Street. Window damaged. Lenovo laptop taken.


400 block Moreland Avenue – Larceny – 3/14 Saturday evening. Store. Victim said she left her black purse hanging on a door inside the building. Video shows a B/M walk into the store through the rear door, take the purse and exit. Purse was recovered at the bottom of the stairs in a dumpster and returned to the owner.

300 block Elmira Place – Auto theft – 3/8 Saturday ddy. Attempt only on street. 1998 white Jeep Cherokee with GA tag. Door lock was damaged and ignition switch was removed from steering column. tag taken.
March 16 CPNO Members Meeting — draft minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Ken Edelstein, President. Welcome was extended to new members. Motion to amend the agenda by moving the Bylaw Committee announcement/discussion to announcement section passed. Motion to adopt the amended agenda passed.

Visitors
- Candler Park Soccerfest- Craig Fanti reviewed the history of the festival. This year’s festival will be held in Candler Park on June 12 and 13. There will be large screen(s) to watch the US Women’s team play in the World Cup. The festival is free and includes a 5k as well as soccer activities all day.
- Lt. Floyd, Atlanta Police Department, addressed the recent homicides in Little Five Points

Announcements
- Jay Sandhaus, Bylaw Committee Chair, explained the committee process and invited anyone who wanted to provide input to fill out the survey which may be found on the website. All suggestions will be reviewed by the committee and then passed onto the Board for their consideration. There will be a Special Meeting in which only Bylaw changes will be discussed (date to be determined). The suggested bylaw changes will be presented for membership vote.
- Thank you to Brewhouse Café for providing food at tonight’s meeting.
- Thank you to Candler Park Market for donating the candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, March 28th. Egg stuffing for adults only will be March 22 at 1435 Benning Place.
- Thank you to Jay Sandhaus, Bonnie Palter, Kate Cantrell, and Scott Lenhart for serving on the Bylaws Committee.
- Publix Marathon Cheering Section will gather at McLendon and Candler Park Drive at 7am March 22nd.
- Thank you to Jennifer Wildes for volunteering as this month’s ‘bartender’.
- Bond Referendum vote is tomorrow, March 17th. Voting is expected to be light. It is not clear what projects will be funded although DeKalb Avenue improvements are on a high spot on the list.
- Anna Foote, Aide to Stacy Abrams, was present to answer any questions.
- Joshua Antenucci announced the dates for the Candler Park Music and Food Festival (formerly Midtown Music and Food Festival) as May 29th and 30th. Festival is free; $10 wristband for alcohol. Motion to support the Festival passed.
- Zaid Duwayri, Communication Officer, announced that the new website is up and running. He invites feedback to be sent to communications@candlerpark.org.
- BiRacial History Project Grant Challenge- Edi Kelman announced that an anonymous donor will match up to $500 if donations are received from the neighborhood.
- Russell Miller, Public Safety Officer, announced that the new website is up and running. He invites feedback to be sent to communications@candlerpark.org.
- The motion to support approval of the Variance Application No. 15-V-040 for 377 Glendale Avenue with the condition that the construction project be built specific to the site plan filed with the City dated February 24, 2015.

Zoning
- Seth Eisenberg, Zoning Officer
  The motion to support approval of the Variance Application No. 15-V-040 for 377 Glendale Avenue with the condition that the construction project be built specific to the site plan filed with the City dated February 24, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by
Bonnie Palter,
Recording Secretary
January, 19 2015

The March NPU meeting took place after the Messenger deadline. So you’ll find the NPU representative’s report at candlerpark.org instead.
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CPNO officer & committee reports for March

These reports were submitted by officer and committee chairs prior to the March 16 Members Meeting.

Master Plan Coordinating Committee-Randy Pimsler
The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Master Plan Coordinating Committee met on the second of March. In attendance were Scott Pendergrast, Clifton Mack, Eric Dusenbury and Randy Pimsler.

Eric and Randy discussed with the group, some suggested plans for advertising the bond infrastructure vote, early voting for which takes place through the fifteenth of the month and then the final vote occurs on March 17th. The group is hesitant to post a message on Next Door but did opt for a blast on the website. The e-mail blast has been up since the fourth of the month and we will attempt to refresh that information prior to the actual vote. The group also discussed signage perhaps at the corner of McLendon and Clifton and Oakdale and McLendon.

The committee wishes to remind all residents to plan to vote on or before March 17th, in support of the Infrastructure Bond Referendum.

Most of the feedback has been positive, as of this time. Also discussed were further improvements at this intersection. At this time, as the sixty day trial heads towards completion, the group is hopeful that a brief discussion of the modifications at this intersection will take place at the general meeting in March. Following that discussion, the committee will meet with the Department of Public Works and exchange findings and follow up with regards to this particular intersection.

Zoning matters were discussed in the committee meeting and the initial focus will be on Clifton McLendon, Neighborhood Commercial district with the hope that the zoning committee will help with the heavier lifting for zoning changes along Dekalb Avenue. Contact will be made with Seth Eisenberg and others on the zoning committee, in this regard.

Eric and Randy have attended several meetings with the L5PBA and IPNA working on the proposed improvements along the Moreland Corridor. A meeting is now set with the DOT, in the coming weeks to review design issues and concerns. The committee will report the outcome of that meeting in upcoming notes.

A great deal of time was spent reviewing the plans related to the sidewalks in the neighborhood. Cliff and Eric are working on a summary of projects that will be submitted to Kwanza Hall in an effort to improve the sidewalks in several key areas - Oakdale, McLendon and Euclid / Fairview. Cost figures have now been assembled for our ask of council person Hall and a meeting is forthcoming.

Eric noted that he has made contact with Melissa Pressman in Lake Claire in an effort to coordinate both neighborhood efforts along Clifton, related to safety along this street.

Zoning Officer Report: Seth Eisenberg
The March Zoning Committee monthly meeting was held on March 4, 2015. The Committee considered the variance request of 377 Glendale Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30307, Variance Application No. V-15-040. The Applicant sought a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the north side yard set back from 7 ft. to 4 ft. The Applicant also sought to increase the maximum lot coverage from 50% to 55% to allow for an addition to a single story residence. The property is zoned R-4, and the Applicant demonstrated that the width and square footage of the property are significantly less than the 70 ft. width and 9000 sq. ft. contemplated by the Zoning code. Additionally, the Applicant made clear that the existing non-conformity is not being expanded but rather the addition is within the setback.

The Zoning committee voted unanimously to support the variance application conditioned upon the Applicant providing certified mail receipts showing the application materials were mailed to adjacent neighbors and that the project be built specific to the site plan dated February 24, 2015.

Freedom Park-Carol Gregory
The Freedom Park Conservancy Board is in partnership with the Dept. of Cultural Affairs on a Bloomberg grant. as recently noted in the AJC. Award winners should be told soon. City of Atlanta Selected as a Finalist in the Running to Receive Up to $1 Million from Bloomberg Philanthropies for Public Art that Addresses Civic Topics

The City of Atlanta submitted a proposal to activate Freedom Park, a 200-acre public park located in the heart of Atlanta’s civil rights district, through interactive installations of art. A series of colorful glass arches designed by artist Xenobia Bailey would be installed throughout the park along with calls to action that invite viewers to initiate conversations about freedom. Four local artists will be invited to develop art projects that highlight Atlanta’s legacy of advancing freedom, encouraging interaction among viewers, and promoting dialogue about contemporary civil rights issues.

The Board is working on a map of the park to be distributed first at the Inman Park Festival. It should be available after that at neighborhood meetings.

Treasurer-Peter Bluestone
The treasurers report will be presented at the meeting please see handouts of P&L and Balance Sheet.
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