Next for Master Plan: May 22 Draft proposals
Which ideas have ‘broad-based support’ anyhow?
By Ken Edelstein, MP Steering Committee

Candler Parkers took a two big steps last week along the road toward a neighborhood master plan.

First, many of us attended one of three interactive “charrette” sessions with planners to refine a handful of the most complex proposals. Then, on Saturday, May 4, about 70 residents, guided by the planning team, worked through exercises designed to tease out details on a larger set of ideas. (Photo, right, by Aaron Fortner)

Now comes the hard work of putting together a document that accurately reflects residents’ desires — and that also has broad enough support to gain CPNO approval.

“There really is no science behind it,” said Aaron Fortner, who leads the team of planners working with the neighborhood. “We’ll be putting everything forward to the (CP Master Plan) Steering Committee, and collectively we’ll be deciding what should move forward, what should come out, or what should keep being tweaked to keep seeing if we can get somewhere.”

A handful of ideas seem to face very little — in some cases, no — opposition (although not everyone necessarily agrees on all the details). Among them:

• Slowing traffic at various intersections, particularly along Oakdale Avenue
• Establishing a location for a farmers’ market
• Updating the park’s pool and poolhouse
• Installing a sidewalk or path on the east side (Candler Park) side of Candler Park Drive
• Repairing and adding sidewalks and curbs

Other proposals appear to be popular but face varying degrees of opposition. Among them:

• Reducing festival sizes and commercialism
• Replacing Marta’s Candler Park surface lot with a small deck surrounded by townhouses
• Replacing DeKalb Avenue’s reversible “suicide lane” with a path, on-street parking, turning lanes and/or other more pedestrian friendly features
• A dog park

Those are just samplings of the ideas and feedback. My own proposal to build a nuclear power plant in the Fellini’s parking lot hasn’t garnered much support, incidentally.

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But if you want to offer your input on any issue, please do so at candlerparkmasterplan.com/feedback.html. Better yet: If you weren’t able to attend Saturday’s meeting, you’ll still be able to participate in the exercises from that meeting, which Fortner plans to have uploaded at candlerparkmasterplan.com by Monday, May 13.

A key challenge facing planners, the Steering Committee, and the neighborhood will be to decide which ideas deserve to go into the plan despite opposition. “The goal of the plan is to document the community conversations that occur throughout the process and to delineate strategies for implementing those recommendations that have broad-based support,” Fortner said.

But what qualifies as “broad-based support”? And how do we determine whether any particular proposal has such support? In theory, those answers will be provided by remaining steps in the process. With help from the committee, Fortner and the planning team will spend the next couple of weeks honing residents’ ideas and feedback into a set of draft proposals. Those will be presented at a Draft Master Plan Forum, 7 p.m., May 22, at Epworth Church.

From that round of feedback, the planners will assemble an actual draft plan, which will be made available for online comment and for discussion at a CPNO monthly meeting (tentatively, the June meeting). A refined draft plan should then be ready for consideration by CPNO in late summer. And, finally, if approved by CPNO, it would go to the Neighborhood Planning Unit and on to City Council for official adoption.

It’s important to remember that having a Master Plan by no means guarantees that its proposals will come to fruition. But it does provide a roadmap for future decisions within the community, and it’s likely to influence city officials. It also puts the neighborhood in a better position to get funding for such improvements as traffic calming, streetscapes and park facilities.
In last month’s article, I examined how CPNO raised money. This month, I look at how CPNO spends its funds, in particular grants and donations. To analyze CPNO grants and donations, I relied on CPNO bookkeeping documents as well as a report circulated earlier this year, compiled by Dave Aynes, former CPNO treasurer. The report documents the details of fundraising votes by CPNO from 2010 to 2012.

CPNO grants and donations have steadily increased over the years. In 2007, CPNO donated $2,249, by 2009 the amount was $9,705. (Note in 2007 and 2008 some of CPNO’s resources were being devoted to a pressing legal matter.) From 2010- 2012, CPNO’s grants and donations increased further, averaging roughly $21,000 annually. The remainder of this article will focus on this three-year period, relying on information from David Aynes’ report.

The table below was created from the funding votes report from 2010-2012. To organize the information, I created the five categories in the table. I did not include items in the report I deemed were due to reoccurring CPNO operations and expenses, such as child-care, or the cost of fundraising, such as money paid to Zulu racing for the Sweetwater 420 5K road race.

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From 2010 to 2012, CPNO gave grants and donations totaling $52,869. The largest share of these funds was for CPNO events, totaling $17,231 over three years. Movie night received the largest share of this funding, accounting for $13,000. Other events include the Easter Egg hunt and various smaller social gatherings.

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Park improvements and infrastructure was the next largest category, receiving $15,674 over three years. The largest grant in this category was $10,000 to Iverson Park improvements. Additionally, $2,500 was donated to Olmstead Park, and $2,000 to stump removal and cleanup on Oakdale and McClendon roads.

In the category of grants to organizations outside Candler Park, CPNO donated $7,100 over three years. The largest of these grants was for $4,000 to first E existentialist church for new handicap ramp. First E is where we have our monthly membership meeting. CPNO also donated to $1,500 Inman Middle school technology fund and $1,000 to the Grady High school Robotics club. I created a separate category for Clifton men’s shelter, as they help CPNO and Friends of Candler Park with many events. CPNO donated $7,764 over three years to Clifton men’s shelter. The largest of these grants was $5,000 for the shower renovation.

Finally, CPNO donated $5,100 for public safety. CPNO donated $5,000 to the Atlanta Police department Mini-precinct in Little Five Points.

As can be seen from the table, 73% CPNO’s grants and donations from 2010-2012 went to CPNO’s own events, neighborhood park and infrastructure improvement, and public safety. Only 13% of CPNO grants and donations went to outside organizations. (This does not include the Clifton men’s shelter.) Total grants and donations from 2010-2012 accounted for approximately 40% of net revenue over the same three year period.

It has been suggested that CPNO develop a more comprehensive policy on grants and donations. I humbly submit that this table and the allocation shares of total funds might be a good place to start the discussion. But that discussion should wait until after our fund raising brain storming session and social event the evening of June 26 at Manuels Tavern. See you there.
Let Us Plant Together: The Urban Gardeners of Candler Park
By Scott Jacobs

Gardeners of Candler Park, unite. Whether you garden vegetables or flowers, organic or traditional, experienced or just beginning with your first seedling, this group can help us all be better gardeners, enjoy our successes, learn from our failures, work collectively, share resources, and just have a good time with other gardeners. The group will be able to think about several kinds of activities, including:

-Companionship for gardening addicts: Meeting to exchange gardening methods and information
-Touring gardens in the neighborhood
-Trading seeds and seedlings (those of us who germinate always have too many seeds and seedlings)
-Showing novice gardeners some techniques and advice such as fertilizing, pest control, and trouble shooting
-Working with researchers to pilot new plant varieties in Atlanta
-Organizing relations with local food banks to deliver excess produce
-Selling produce as part of charity events
-Organizing with local restaurants “Eat Local” nights where meals are prepared with local produce
-Supporting local gardens at rest homes and schools with knowledge and seedlings
-Discussing technologies such as rain water retention and raised beds
-Keeping rodents out of gardens

The first kickoff event will be held in June 2013. If you are interested in having more information, please send an email to gardenersofcandler@yahoo.com, Scott Jacobs, who can also be reached at 404 222 2402.
Candler Park Approves CDP Policies
By Lauren Welsh, CPNO NPU-N Representative

Candler Park Neighborhood Organization has approved and submitted 15 new policies to be placed in the City of Atlanta’s Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). The CDP is meant to be a guide for the future growth and development of neighborhoods in the City of Atlanta as it relates to transportation, housing, parks, economic development and more. The plan is updated every three to five years, and Candler Park has not participated in this process in the recent past, so we had no policies.

After attending several community-wide meetings to learn more the CDP process and soliciting input from Candler Park residents through neighborhood meetings and via email, CPNO has drafted and approved 15 new policies to be added to the full list of NPU-N policies. These policies were voted on at the March CPNO membership meeting.

Thanks to the following individuals who provided their input and insight by either attending meetings or contacting me directly about what they envision for Candler Park’s future: Paige Parvin, Eric Dusenbury, Vicky Wuesthoff, Kathy Evans, Alonzo Church, Kirk Marchisen, Steven Goff, Walter Brown, Walt Weimar, Trey Long, Dave Aynes, Cherie King and Randy Pimsler.

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Events in Candler Park...Let Your Voice Be Heard!
By Donna Palmer

For a while now, there has been a lot of neighborhood discussion and debate around festivals in Candler Park—their size, challenges, and benefits to the neighborhood. So, last fall a committee was formed and after a few meetings we decided to put together a survey. Committee members and CPNO members were solicited for their input and these suggestions were then compiled into an 14-question survey that is now available: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CPNO_Festival_Survey.

Our goal is not to advocate for any particular viewpoint but to gather data from all who live and work in Candler Park. Please take a few moments to complete the survey. The information we gather can then be used to as a guide to the future of our neighborhood and the park.

Editor’s Note: Please visit www.candlerpark.org to see an article about the 2013 SweetWater 420 Festival by Steve Cardwell, CPNO President, posted April 23.
Approved CDP Policies for Candler Park, from page 6

1. Preserve the single-family residential character of the Candler Park neighborhood
2. Promote the rezoning of non-residential properties fronting on DeKalb Avenue from Moreland Avenue to Clifton to Neighborhood Commercial or a quality of life zoning district in order to encourage destination oriented and pedestrian friendly activity through mixed use development.
3. Support funding for a study of the impact of a road diet on DeKalb Avenue turning the reversible lane into a left turn lane.
4. Support greater density around the Candler Park MARTA Station
5. Maintain and improve existing green space in Candler, Iverson and Freedom Parks.
6. Support the current RG-2 zoning and low density residential land use for properties located at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Goldsboro Road.
7. Support the continued naturalization of the creek in Candler Park.
8. Support the continued construction of walking/bike trails with emphasis on connecting Candler Park Neighborhood with the BeltLine.
9. Support the continued development of NC-1 properties that would promote pedestrian safety.
10. Support traffic calming measures that create safe bicycle lanes.
12. Support funding for the rehabilitation of Atlanta Fire Station #12 on DeKalb Avenue.
15. Support the recommendations of the Ponce de Leon Moreland Avenue North LCI study as approved by the City.

Candler Park Neighborhood Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2013
Submitted by Bonnie Palter, CPNO Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Steve Cardwell, President, at 7:05pm. Thank you to Uncle Maddio’s for providing refreshments.

Visitors:
-Officers Nolan Stuingburg and Nkosi Kalonji representing the Atlanta Police Department reported a slight increase in crime especially car break-ins. The Clean Car Campaign is still effect.
-Brenda Mohammed, School Board Representative, was present.
-Courtney English, School Board Representative, was present. The Task force is finalizing their recommendations regarding the Grady Cluster and the location of the sixth grade academy.
-Kwanza Hall, City Councilman, was present.

The motion to accept the agenda passed. Amy Stout requested that a section entitled Old Business and a section entitled New Business be added to the agenda.
Announcements:

Master Plan Update- Jimmy Bligh, Chair of the Steering Committee, reported on the Kickoff Meeting. He announced the dates for the charrette as April 30, May 1, and May 2 in the Mary Lin Elementary Gymnasium. On Saturday May 4th there will be a presentation of the charrette results at the Frazer Center. A question about Focus Groups was raised by Amy Stout. The Focus Groups are not open to the public. They are designed to focus on certain neighborhood groups, for example, religious groups, MARTA, Police and Fire Department, and Business Owners.

-Sweetwater 420 5K- Russell Miller asked for volunteers for the day of the race.

-Sweetwater 420 Festival- Steve Cardwell reported that the parking permits would be handed out by Happy Ending Production Company. Questions were raised as to why permits were not already distributed. Steve could not answer other than they were at the printers.

-Iverson Block Party-May 5th at Mulberry Fields

-Candler Street Block Party- May 18th

-Elmira Block Party- no one present to speak for the block

-Church in the Park- Edie Kelman announced that on May 19th the Antioch East Baptist Church was holding “A Fellowship in the Park-Sharing a Partnership in History”. The neighborhood is invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share. There will also be a volleyball challenge between Antioch and the First E. Members of Cpno were invited to sign up.

-Storage Space- CPNO has had a free 10x10 storage space at City Storage. The company no longer wants to provide the space for free. CPNO must start to pay May 1st.

-A motion to approve the March Minutes with the addition of “Safety Officer-no report” passed.

New Business: The amendment to the bylaws written by Greg Leutscher was not discussed in the Board meeting because there was a miscommunication between the Vice President and the President.

Old Business: Amy Stout requested to know what decision has been made in regards to the NPU alternate representative. The Board has not made a decision. Ms. Stout proposed a change in the bylaws making the NPU representative an elected position. No action was taken.

Officer and Chair Reports:

-Membership- Lexa King reminded members to renew their membership. Neighbors can not vote at a monthly meeting unless they are registered.

-Treasurer- Peter Bluestone reported there was $121,000 on hand. He reviewed upcoming expenses (see handout). He announced the ‘Brain Storming for Revenue’ meeting will be June 26th at Manuel’s.

-Safety- no report; chair not present.

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-Environment- Eric Rubenstein announced that CPNO won $1000, second place, for the Publix Marathon Cheering Section competition. The task force has been given permission by the City of Atlanta and Golf America to remove the privet and the Bradford pear trees from the area around the beaver pond.

-Special Projects- no report; chair not present
- Vice President- no report; Dave Radlmann not present due to illness
- Communications- Kate Sandhaus had no report.
- Zoning- Mischa Uppelschoten had no report.

Requests for Funding-Information only:
- Fall Festival- no one from the committee was present
- Master Plan Operations- The Steering Committee has had unplanned expenses. Request for $1500.
- General Liability Insurance- Dave Radlmann, Vice President, has been investigating policies. A premium will cost $3300/year. To this point CPNO has been paying for liability insurance by the event. It has been suggested that the neighborhood organizations might be able to get a ‘group’ rate if they banded together.

Request for Funding-Vote:
- Epworth Methodist Church requested $4000 for the construction of a new ramp. A motion was made to grant Epworth Methodist Church $4000 for the construction of a ramp (No vote). A motion to amend a grant of $4000 for the construction of a ramp contingent on their raising matching funds passed.
- Storage Space- A motion to approve $189 for the storage space for the month of May passed.

Events/Applications:
- Tour de Fat- Matt Garbett, producer, explained and answered questions about the festival. A pre-festival questionnaire was submitted (see attached document). The main sponsor of the festival is New Belgium Brewing. Atlanta Bicycle Coalition is a partner. The festival was moved to Candler Park by the City of Atlanta due to new rules regarding the use of city parks. (A park may not have the same type activity within 60 days.) This festival will not be returning to Candler Park next year. A motion to support the permit application for the Tour de Fat May 11th passed.
- Midsummer Music and Food Festival- Josh Antenucci, Rival Entertainment, explained and answered questions about the festival.

The pre-festival questionnaire was submitted (see attached document). The main sponsor of the festival is 790AM. A motion to support the permit application of the Midsummer Music and Food Festival June 14 and 15 passed.

- 299 Moreland Avenue- A motion to support the special exception variance application for 299 Moreland Avenue failed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.
Public Reports

Seargeant Bruce and Officer Nicholas (COPS Unit) reported that crime has been down in Zone 6. Officer Nicholas also talked about the newly updated Community Liaison Unit meant to address non-emergencies. Their role is to create a better relationship between police and citizens, so residents should feel comfortable calling about any safety and quality of life issues. Phone number is 404-546-5650. Officer Layman has been the officer many have seen on bicycle around Little 5 Points, but he has been deployed to Afghanistan. APD is looking for a replacement.

MARTA crime system-wide is up 7% since last year. The most common crimes are that electronic devices are being snatched on trains as individuals are sitting near doors.

The Fire Department was recently awarded a safer grant from the federal government that will employ 75 new firefighters throughout the city. The Atlanta Citizen Fire Academy is meant for citizens who are interested in learning more about fighting fire, extinguisher use, fire drills, etc. Interested individuals should contact Mary McDaniel at 404-472-5680. The City of Atlanta also now has a tool called a flashover simulator that replicates flashovers in a safe environment so firefighters can learn how to be safe in these situations.

The City of Atlanta Department of Parks now has a Facebook page. Camp Best Friends is open for registration starting on March 28. There is an Urban Forestry Festival on April 2, and the Jazz Festival will be coming back to town in May.

There were no representatives present from Watershed or Code Compliance.

The community prosecutor from Zone 5, Sharla Jackson, introduced the new Zone 6 community prosecutor, Paul Arena-Camarillo. The community prosecutor meets with officers and deals with repeat offenders, vacant properties and court programs. He can be reached at 404-612-3256 or paul.arena-camarillo@fultoncountyga.gov.

There was no APAB representative present, but it was announced that APAB was promoting a Citizen Leadership Seminar on Saturday, March 26.

Chief Judge Cynthia Wright and Judge Michael Johnson from Fulton County Superior Court introduced themselves and talked about their work. It’s the largest court in the state with 20 judges and only accounts for 7% of the budget.

There was a reminder that the Atlanta Urban Design Commission is still soliciting nominations for design. Anyone can nominate, and complete nominations are due by April 11 at 1 PM.

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More information can be found at http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbanodesign.aspx or by calling Denise Potts at 404-330-6201.

Liquor License Review
-- A liquor license/change of ownership was denied for Jorge L. Pacheco for Park’s Edge at 913 Bernina Avenue due to resident complaints and concern about illegal/disruptive activity including valet parking, live music and tenting off the parking lot for large events.
-- A liquor license was supported for Paul Burke for HD10 at 664 North Highland Avenue.
-- A liquor license was supported for Robert McDonald at One Eared Stag at 1027-1029 Edgewood Avenue.

Land Use and Zoning Matters:
-- The NPU Board voted unanimously to support a variance at 1233 McLendon Avenue to allow a 7 ft. gate in the required side yard, to allow a 6 ft. 3 in. privacy fence in a portion of the required rear yard and to allow a 6 ft. 9 in. privacy fence along the west side yard property line.
-- The NPU Board voted unanimously to support, with conditions upon site plans and elevation, a variance at 591 Linwood Avenue, NE to reduce the required south side yard setback from 7 ft. to 2 ft. to make a second story addition to a single family dwelling.
-- The NPU Board voted unanimously to support a variance at 534 Oakdale Road to reduce the required north side yard setback from 7 ft. to 4 ft. to allow for an addition with deck to an existing single family dwelling (as per CON-10-029).
-- The NPU Board voted unanimously to support a variance at 506 Sterling Street, NE to reduce the north side yard setback from the required 7 ft. to 5 ft. and the south side yard setback from the required 7 ft. to 3 ft. to allow an addition to a single family dwelling.
-- The NPU Board deferred a variance at 2074 McLendon Avenue, NE to reduced the required front yard setback from 35 ft. to 32 ft. and reduce the required west side yard setback from 7 ft. to 4 ft. in order to make a second story addition to a single family dwelling.

Upcoming Special Events/Outdoor Festivals
-- The Power Walk
-- Midsummer Music Festival.

Join or Renew Online in 2013
It’s a great way to get involved and keep up with what’s happening in Candler Park. Membership allows you to fully participate by voting in CPNO monthly meetings, receive e-mails with important news, and keep apprised of upcoming meetings.

Already a Member? Renew for 2013 by going to http://www.candlerpark.org/renew (yes, the bylaws require each member to renew)

To Join: Go to www.candlerpark.org and click “Membership”

Support CPNO with a PayPal donation today!
No computer? CPNO will still accept the paper application below, but its primary method of communication will be e-mail and The Messenger.

- Lexa King, CPNO Membership Secretary

CPNO Membership Application

Name: __________________________
Address: __________________________
City: __________ State: _______ ZIP: __________
Home phone: __________ Mobile phone: __________
Email: __________________________

Minor Children (names and ages) __________________________ __________________________

Any information NOT to be published in CPNO neighborhood directory? __________________________

Business applicants list name, address and phone of designated agent:
Name of business: __________________________
Address of business: __________________________

Optional Contribution

Supporting CPNO with a PayPal donation today? If you wish to make a donation to help CPNO continue serving the neighborhood, please take this opportunity to make a contribution.

Please indicate either: New Enrollment ______ or Renewal ______
I elect to contribute __________________________

Membership Involvement and Interests

___ New neighbor welcome ___ Newsletter/Messenger
___ Historic Preservation ___ Candler Park/Environment
___ 5K/Road Races ___ Land Use/Zoning
___ Tour of Homes ___ Flyer Distribution
___ Fall Fest ___ Parent/child groups
___ Social events Other (specify) __________

If sending by mail, please address to:
CPNO Membership
P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107
Zone 6 Crime Reports
Compiled by David Bruce


1600 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny – 3/26 Tues Day. Victim plugged in her I phone near a public restroom and then went to sit down at her table. A customer told her that her phone was gone. The phone tracker showed were it was at Boulevard and Old Wheat St. An officer located the cell phone and made an arrest.

351 Moreland Ave – Larceny – 3/29 Fri Unk. Worker at place had her wallet, cash, insurance card, credit cards and SS card taken from a drawer near the service station overnight.


400 block Candler Park Dr – Larceny – Week 14 Unk. Apartment. Items were taken from an unsecured basement. Taken: White bicycle, bike lock, blue bicycle, black bag, black topeak rail, orange bicycle, cat eye lights, black bike computer, black park tool kit and silver bike pump.

1200 block Druid Pl – Larceny from auto – 4/7 Sun Morn. Vehicle parked on the street and window broken out. Taken: Suitcase and desktop computer.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 4/9 Thurs Morn. Parking lot. Driver door had been tampered with. Taken: SS card, purse, wallet and $10.

1400 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto – 4/12 Fri Eve. Parked on street. Taken: I phone charger, Smith and Wesson .45 and 2 ammo clips. Victim said when he returned he noticed his vehicle unlocked.

1400 block McLendon Ave – Larceny – 4/13 Sat Eve. Victim said he was playing basketball in the park with a young black male about 12 to 14 years old wearing a green tee shirt, brown shorts a yellow sneakers. He called himself JP but his friends called him Jeremy. Victim said his car keys were on the ground on the court. When the suspect quit playing he was near the keys and then saw him running away and his friends were telling him to run as well. Taken: Car keys.