Minutes -- December, General Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization Inc. was held on Monday, December 12, 2005, in the fellowship hall of Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 with the President Bryan Sells in the chair and the Recording Secretary Amy Stout present. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. The proposed agenda was adopted. (Attachment 1.) There was no objection to the chair's request to suspend the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting, and there were no corrections to be made. Therefore the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

There were brief announcements by several officers. The Membership Secretary Amy Alford reported receipt of 32 applications for membership in the last month, bringing the total to 94. The Treasurer Alonzo Church announced the current account balance of $12,312.65. The Public Safety Officer David Bruce apologized for not providing a crime report for the month.

There was a report from the Zoning Officer Randy Pimsler. Mr. Pimsler announced that the members of the Zoning Committee had been chosen: James Johnson, John Rick, Amy Stout, Walt Weimar and himself as Chair. He indicated the committee will meet monthly on the third Wednesday of the month with the first meeting to be held December 21, 2005 at 7 pm upstairs at Epworth Church. The Zoning Officer also requested that other parties interested in serving on the Zoning Committee contact him.

There was a report from the Peavine Watershed Alliance Representative Gene Luckey. Mr. Luckey noted that improvements to Deepdene Park should commence in 2006. Approximately 40% of the funds necessary have been raised. In addition the Department of Transportation has pledged $1 million to the project that will include permeable walkways, water retention features, and granite arches.

There was a report from the NPU-N representative, Amy Stout. Ms. Stout reported that
1) The next meeting of NPU-N would be December 22, not December 15 as listed in The Messenger
2) NPU-N had postponed their vote on the infill housing ordinance until their December meeting and that at the November meeting she had learned two relevant things about the legislation that she wanted to share:
   a. that all the definitions and regulations laid out in the ordinance would apply to any tear down situation and
   b. that in the event of a loss due to a fire, if the loss was < 60%, then the owner would be allowed to rebuild the structure as it previously existed, but if the loss was >60%, then the owner would have to follow current rules and restrictions for the reconstruction
3) NPU-N had voted in favor of an amendment to the Comprehensive Development Plan of the City of Atlanta to make the "open space" land use designation incompatible with zoning classifications that allow uses, buildings, and structures that are inappropriate and
4) NPU-N had elected their new officers for 2006 and they would be: Anna Copello from Poncey-Highland as Chair, Virgil Murray from Reynoldstown as Vice-Chair, and Amy Stout from Candler Park as Secretary.

There was a Board of Directors' report from the Recording Secretary Amy Stout summarizing the December meeting. Ms. Stout reported that the Board had voted
1) to appoint Bert Bellinson and Mike Brandt as Chairman and Treasurer, respectively, of the Fall Festival charrette,
The Messenger

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New Committees Need Volunteers

Are you concerned with the safety of our neighborhood’s sidewalks and streets? How about the level of crime? If so, now is your chance to do something about it. At the December 12 CPNO meeting, members voted to create two new committees to address these issues, and both committees need volunteers.

The new committee on pedestrian and cyclist safety is charged with developing recommendations for improving pedestrian and cyclist safety in the neighborhood. If you want to see more crosswalks or bike lanes in the neighborhood, this committee is for you. The security patrol committee is charged with investigating the feasibility of establishing a private security patrol in the neighborhood and making recommendations as appropriate.

If you are interested in being on the committee or want to find out more about it, please email me at or call me at (404) 525-6151.

- Bryan Sells

Candler Park Workday

The next Candler Park Workday, sponsored by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and the Friends of Candler Park, is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please note the new time. This month we’ll be removing chinese privet from the park to increase safety and visibility along McLendon Avenue.

We need lots of volunteers. The young and old are welcome, and gloves are recommended. Please RSVP to if you are planning to attend.

-- Brian Sells

Notice Of Motion

In accordance with Article VI, Section 5(a)(2) of the CPNO Bylaws, notice is hereby given of intent to offer a main motion to authorize the purchase of a comprehensive business insurance policy on behalf of the CPNO in an amount not to exceed $2,700.

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath
2006 CPNO Membership

The New Year is here and you know what that means...it's time to renew or begin a membership in the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization! If you joined in 2005 and have not already paid your dues for 2006, they are due by the end of the January 16th CPNO meeting.

It's also time to thank you for your support this past year. The success of Candler Park stems from you – our property owners, business tenants, retail merchants, residents and all the CPNO volunteers. We need your continued commitment to the neighborhood to keep Candler Park vibrant!

If you are thinking about joining CPNO, now's the time! As our neighborhood and this area of Atlanta continue to grow and flourish, the demands on our organization increase and affect our ability to meet new challenges. Working together, and supporting each other, CPNO can continue to produce the positive results that you have seen.

Annual dues are $15 per adult over 18 years, $5 for adults over 65 years and are due by the end of the January regular CPNO meeting each year. Join soon! An additional $10 initiation fee is waived for everyone who joins before the February 2006 CPNO meeting. A financial hardship fund has been established to ensure that everyone is able to join, regardless of their financial situation. Contact the membership secretary to apply for funds to cover your annual dues.

Amy Alford, Membership Secretary
404-610-5220 / amy.alford@emory.edu

CPNO Membership Application

Name (as you wish it to appear): ____________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ___________ ZIP: ___________
Home phone: ___________ Mobile phone: ___________ Email: ___________
Minor Children (names and ages): ____________________________
Please indicate what, if any, of the above information you do NOT want published in the neighborhood directory:

* If business representative, please list the name, address, and phone number of the designated representative above.

Annual Dues

Annual dues are $15 for each adult 18 years or older, $5 for each adult age 65 or older. Make checks payable to Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO). We want to ensure that no one is unable to join due to financial hardship. If you are unable to contribute dues, please check the appropriate box below and/or contact the membership secretary to apply for funds to cover your dues.

Please indicate:

_____ New Enrollment (Include a one-time $10 initiation fee per adult, if after February 20, 2006)
_____ Membership Renewal
_____ I would like to apply for the financial hardship fund to cover my annual dues
_____ Business Representative Name of business: ____________________________
Address of business: ____________________________

Membership Involvement and Interests

Please check any below that you may be interested in helping with.

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

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2) to "authorize the treasurer of the fall
festival committee to make disburse-
ments from and deposits to a separate
bank account to be established at the
BOND Credit Union in the name of the
Candler Park Neighborhood Organization
and for the benefit of the fall festival
committee" and
3) to "recommend" resolutions # 2005-
002, 2005-003, 2005-004, and 2005-005,
the texts of which were available on the
table at the back of the room and the
substance of which would now be
discussed.

Julia Brooke proposed an amend-
ment to resolution 2005-002 to insert "his/
" in front of the words "her discretion". The
proposed amendment was ap-
proved, and the resolution was approved
as amended.
Resolution 2005-003 was approved
unanimously.

Julia Brooke proposed an amend-
ment to resolution 2005-004 to insert "IT
IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the
committee shall consult recommended
design standards (federal, state and
other appropriate jurisdictional guide-
lines)," before the words "IT IS FURTHER
RESOLVED that the committee shall have
no fewer than three members...." The
motion failed. Randy Pimsler requested
a count. The count was eight in favor of
the amendment and ten opposed. Julia
Brooke proposed another amendment to
resolution 2005-004 to insert "IT IS
FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee
shall consult with local pedestrian and
cyclist advocacy organizations" before
the words "IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED
that the committee shall have no fewer
than three members...." The motion
failed for lack of a second. The ques-
tion was called, and the resolution was
approved.
Resolution 2005-005 was approved.
Resolution 2005-001, a resolution
tabled at the November meeting, was
the next item on the agenda. Courtenay
Dusenbury proposed an amendment to
insert an additional bullet point under
the "CLIFTON ROAD, Consensus
Recommendations from Residents"
section to indicate that charrette
participants agreed to "pedestrian
medians at a minimum and the
inclusion of stop signs with the median
plan dependent on the results of a
traffic study establishing the viability of
stop signs." After discussion about
various statements made at the
charrette, about the possible conse-
quences of the proposed plan, and
about the possibility that the text
distributed at the meeting and posted in
the Messenger did not accurately reflect
the final amended version of the
resolution that was agreed upon at the
November meeting, Courtenay
Dusenbury made a motion to table the
resolution until next month. The motion
was carried.

There was no new business to
discuss.

There was an open forum in which
various members thanked the chair for
keeping the meeting on schedule,
asked about the possibility of disallow-
ing anonymous postings on the Candler
Park bulletin board, and expressed
appreciation for the hand-outs that had
been distributed at the meeting that
contained the agenda and the text to the
resolutions. The chair indicated that he
would like to have this information
distributed to members in advance of the
meeting in the future.

McLendon Ave with new plantings.
He indicated that the first meeting of the
group would be Tuesday, December 20,
2005 at 7 pm at Fellini's restaurant and
that all were invited to attend and
participate. Mr. Sells also announced
that anyone interested in serving on the
Zoning, Security, Fall Festival, Mem-
bership, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
Committee or any other committee was
welcome to participate. Mr. Sells made
an announcement on behalf of the
Special Events Officer Mark Clement that
there would be Christmas caroling on
December 21. Deneta Howland
announced that Donna Taylor had
organized a group of volunteers that
planted 25 new trees in Candler Park
and invited residents to go see the
results. Dr. Howland also announced
that Friends of Candler Park had
established the goal of producing a
Master Plan for the park and asked
members to visit their online survey to
provide feedback and suggestions to
their group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07
pm.
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- JANUARY 12th
  The Alienist  By Caleb Carr
- FEBRUARY 9th
  Madame Bovary
  By Gustave Flaubert
- MARCH 9th
  Money  By Martin Amis
- APRIL 13th
  A Prayer For Owen Meany
  By John Irving
- MAY 11th
  The Tender Bar
  By J. R. Moehringer

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Thank You To Memebers
Since our membership campaign began in November, 93 residents have joined CPNO. Wanna join CPNO? Membership applications can be found in this issue of the Messenger and on the CPNO website. Contact the membership secretary for more info: Amy Alford (amy.alford@emory.edu / 404-610-5220).

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**McLENDON AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) has obtained funds to begin a landscape improvement project for our bulbouts on McLendon Avenue. The CPNO has also secured the in-kind services of landscape architect Kieth Thieme of Urban Green to design the plan.

You are invited to a meeting on Monday, January 16th, at 6:30 pm, at Epworth United Methodist Church help plan and execute the design of our bulbouts. Your participation is needed regarding soil amendments, plant material, seasonal color——the list goes on. The CPNO general meeting will follow at 7:00 PM where there will be further discussion. A final vote is expected on the plan at the February 20th general meeting.

Many kind souls have been tending some of these little gardens and the CPNO thanks you for your work. Hopefully, all of the bulbouts can be cared for in a similar fashion. If you like flowers and gardening in small spaces, please consider joining neighbors on your street in the adoption of the nearest pair of bulbouts.

Join your neighbors in dressing-up McLendon Ave. To volunteer, please provide the information requested below in an e-mail to june@alaga.org or complete the form below & drop it in the mail slot at 1604 McLendon Ave.

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**McLENDON AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT/Sign me up**

**NAME**

**STREET ADDRESS**

**E-MAIL**

**PHONE**

I will volunteer to organize/support my bulbout location at:
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
LAND USE ISSUES

There are no land use issues scheduled to be heard and voted on at the January CPNO meeting.

NPU-N ISSUES

NPU-N meetings are held at 7PM, on the 4th Thursday of every month at L5Ps Community Center(Crm Euclid and Austin Ave.) Candler Park residents are welcome to attend. Contact Amy Stout at 404-371-0505 regarding any regularly scheduled voting or agenda matters.

At the November meeting of NPU-N...
The body voted to approve a variance to allow for a shared driveway between residences at 1565 and 1565 Clifton Terrace, in agreement with a previous approval by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization.

The group heard a presentation on a proposed ordinance to regulate infill housing. The new regulations would apply to any teardown, any expansion of an existing structure that increased square footage by more than 10%, and any reconstruction after a fire in which the loss exceeded 60%. The group chose to defer their vote on this matter until their December meeting.

The members voted in favor of an amendment to the Comprehensive Development Plan of the City of Atlanta which would provide the "open space" land use designation incompatible with zoning classifications that allow uses, buildings, and structures that are inappropriate.

The body elected the following officers for 2006: Anna Copello from Ponce-Highland as Chair, Virgil Murray from Reynoldstown as Vice-Chair and Amy Stout from Candler Park as Secretary.

At the December meeting of NPU-N...
The board learned that in January Steve Cover will become the new Commissioner of the City of Atlanta's Department of Planning and Community Development and that Alice Wakefield will become the new Director of the Bureau of Planning. Both were previously employed by Fulton County.

The group voted 4-2-1 to support Z-04-104, an ordinance by Mary Norwood et al. to regulate infill housing except for Section 17, Part 5 that requires landscaped screens be planted along all property lines of an infill lot.

CRIME REPORT

Reported 11/19-12/18, 2005, Zone 6 police records. Compiled by David Bruce.

300 block Mell Ave, 11/29, 7pm-10am 11/30, auto theft, 1969 Buick LeSabre.

500 block Page Ave, 11/29, 6am-9pm 11/30, Burglary. House was broken into through the dog door in the basement. Several items were taken.

400 block Callen Circle, 12/02, 9am, Fri., Burglary. The victim was asleep inside the house and was woken up by a noise and thought it was his roommate. Later, a B/M appeared in his doorway. The male said "It's ok, the police is looking for someone". The male then shut the door and left the house. The victim then went down stairs and found the first floor area was ransacked. The front window was left unlocked.

300 block Brooks Ave, 11/27, 1pm, Sun., Burglary. The victim stated that he left the rear door open and when he returned found items missing.

300 block Moreland Ave, 11/29, 6pm, Parking Lot auto broken into items taken.

400 block Callen Circle, 12/13, overnight, auto theft, 1992 Toyota Camry. The vehicle was parked on the street. It already had a broken vent window from being broken into.

1200 block Mclendon Ave, 12/15, Thur., Burglary. The victim stated that he had left the window unlocke. Items taken.

400 block Moreland Ave, 12/16, Fri. overnight, Burglary. Restaurant items taken.

1300 block Iverson St, 12/11, 7pm, Sun., Robbery. The victim stated that he was delivering items on Iverson St. when he got into his car and was approached by two black males who all asked for directions to the train station and then both pulled a pistol and advised the victim to get out of the vehicle. The victim stated he remembered both subjects standing on the sidewalk while he was making his deliveries. The victim was able to identify the arrestee.

1400 block Iverson St, 12/8, Thur., Burglary, forced entry, Items taken, ID prints lifted

500 block Oakdale Rd, 12/4, overnight, Yard items taken.

1400 block Euclid Ave, 12/5, 8pm, Mon., Attempted robbery. Victim stated that a black male attempted to rob him at the corner of North Ave and Euclid. Suspect approached him and demanded his cell phone and money. Victim stated that suspect pointed a black semi auto pistol at while he demanded the listed items. The victim kicked the suspect in the groin area and suspect fled on foot. The victim identified suspect via mug shots.

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