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Being Thankful in a Difficult Year

By Matt Kirk, president@candlerpark.org

2020 has clearly been a difficult year for almost all of us. Many have lost a job, a loved one, a business, or a support group, and all of us lost our sense of normalcy. The Thanksgiving celebrations nationwide and in our neighborhood will be certainly different this year. As travel and gatherings are tremendously limited, many more of us will be staying here in Candler Park with our families or seeing if we can figure out how to serve Thanksgiving dinner outside and socially distanced. I hope that through all the turbulence, you can find something real and identifiable for which you are thankful.

As I addressed in earlier briefings, neighbors have been helping neighbors, families have spent more time together, and, thanks in part to truly unbeatable weather, we have seen more of each other on the sidewalks, though our smiles may have been behind a mask. Americans nationwide and right in Candler Park, Freedom Park, and Little 5 Points stood up for something they believe in through the BLM protests and other demonstrations. By the time this is printed, citizens will have used their most powerful tool for change by voting.

While most of the activities and plans for CPNO were cancelled or otherwise delayed for 2020, the work has continued. I’m thankful so many of you have participated in our Zoom neighborhood meeting. CPNO’s achievement of 501(c)(3) status is a major positive development, and we appreciate all the donations. I’m thankful for all the hard work of Emily Taff and the Zoning Committee, as well as the help from the City Planning, and Councilman Farokhi and his office, on the duplex zoning changes with Z-20-42. That change will be real and measurable maintaining quality of life, neighborhood character, and affordability for our neighbors.

Most recently, I’m thankful for Matt Hanson and others who applied their time and talents to develop, market, and distribute the LOVE Candler Park merchandise. Not only is the merchandise stylish, it was a creative and evergreen fundraising opportunity when, like most charities this year, we’ve taken a major financial hit. I also heap praise on the excellent work with Halloween House Decorating Contest (pictures forthcoming in the December Messenger). Hopefully, this contest will become a new annual event for CPNO to raise spirits and encourage neighbors young and old to be excited about the holiday and walk around our streets to appreciate the spooky/fun decorating efforts of all our neighbors.

While most of this year we hope to soon forget, let’s try to be thankful for what we still have and remember the efforts of many to make Candler Park and this country a better place.

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

Committee meetings take place at The Neighborhood 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 6 and a complete list of CPNO meetings at www.candlerpark.org.

MEMBERSHIP

CPNO membership is free to Candler Park residents, property owners and businesses. Membership must be renewed annually.

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Donate Your Unneeded Stuff for the Land Trust Yard Sale!

By Stephen Wing, Land Trust secretary

Greetings from the Lake Claire Community Land Trust! We hope you all are happy and well. As you probably know, LCCLT has been unable to have the fundraising parties we have enjoyed in the past due to Covid-19. Other fundraising is needed for the maintenance and upkeep of the Land Trust. Thank you all in advance for helping to fund our lovely piece of heaven in the city!

Bringing Back the Land Trust Yard Sale!
Sat. Nov. 14 and Sun. Nov. 15, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
290 & 300 Arizona Ave.

Reviving a tradition that goes back to the days when we were still paying off our mortgage, the Land Trust requests donations of lightly used items, which can be dropped off from Nov. 7-14. Call or text Elizabeth at 678-984-6452 to set up a time so items can be stored safely. Books can be dropped off two doors down at 300 Arizona without prior arrangement. It would be very helpful if you could price your items beforehand. If you have large items to sell, please feel free to sell online and donate the money to the LCCLT.

Z-20-69 Ordinance Proposes ban on Short Term Rentals

By Emily Taff, zoning@candlerpark.org

In September, an Atlanta City Councilmember Howard Shook introduced Ordinance Z-20-69, a proposal that would ban Short Term Rentals in “single family” residential area. This will appear on CPNO and NPU-N agendas for Review and Comment in October and a Vote in November.

As stated in a WABE story and interview with Councilmember Shook on September 14, this proposal comes after community members voiced some concerns that noise and large parties are disrupting their neighborhoods. Shook stated that there have been numerous dangerous and disruptive incidents in the city related to short term rental houses used as a Party Houses. He acknowledged that he expects this to be a discussion point for how to tackle such problems with Short Term Rentals in our city.

Learn more on WABE, “Atlanta City Council Member Proposes Ban on Short Term Rentals in Single-Family Neighborhoods” here: bit.ly/35eqtBL

FACT SHEET for Z-20-69:
Why: The 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, sets forth the intent of single family districts to provide for the protection of areas presently developed on large tracts of land; to provide for the development of recreational, religious, and educational facilities as basic elements of a balanced community; and to encourage growth in a manner compatible with existing development. Further, single family districts permit as principal uses Public school systems through the secondary level operated by the Atlanta Board of Education, having no dwelling or lodging facilities except for caretakers; single-family detached dwellings; and structures and uses required for the operation of MARTA, but not including uses involving storage, train yards, warehousing, switching or maintenance shops as the primary purposes for the quiet enjoyment of residents.

The sharing economy is an economic model defined as a peer-to-peer (P2P) based activity of acquiring, providing, or sharing access to goods and services that is often facilitated by a community-based on-line platform. One of the most common known sharing economies is (short term rental) STR. However, since the business type has been operating in the City of Atlanta there have been STR’s that have operated without incident and residents are unaware that homes are being used. However, there have been incidences that have disrupted the quiet enjoyment of single family neighborhoods. STR’s have been used as locations for loud and lascivious parties where patrons pay a fee to attend, indulge in alcohol and drugs and in some instances have resulted in violent behavior that has resulted in homicides.

What does the legislation propose: To protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public this legislation proposes to regulate the use of STR’s. 1. As proposed the legislation will define what a STR is to include rental of a residential dwelling unit or accessory building for periods of less than 31 consecutive days. 2. The use shall be prohibited in R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-2B, R-3, R-3A, R-4, R-4A, R-4B, R-5, and PD-H zoning districts.

Although usual meeting places are listed, COVID-19 pandemic may require meetings to be held by video to abide by social distancing protocols. In case of cancellations or changes, check CPNO’s Upcoming Events list at candlerpark.org and watch for membership email notices. All CPNO meetings are open to the public.
Welcome &
Thanks!

By Roger Bakeman,
membership@candlerpark.org

CPNO thanks all members
who have renewed for 2020!

CPNO welcomes new
members
who wished to remain anonymous

CPNO thanks members for
their donation:
Kevin and Ann Sullivan
...and others who wished to remain
anonymous

A New Candler Park
History Webpage

The history page on our web site has been
updated—https://candlerpark.org/history/.
Check it out. If you see any errors or have other
suggestions, please let me know by emailing
roger.bakeman.CPNO@gmail.com.

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A year ago October, the Early Edgewood-Candler Park BiRacial History Project appealed to our Candler Park neighbors for assistance to help bring the Hooper Street Historic Marker into being. We are so pleased to let you know that late this September the Legacy Marker was installed on Hooper Ave. in a quiet, leafy spot about 90-feet in from the corner of Oakdale Road. It becomes the fifth historic marker on our Walking Tour of African American sites in the Candler Park neighborhood. Find time to view the new marker and get a sense of the resilient Black family life that persevered with vitality on Hooper for 100 years.

Among the contributors to the interpretive panel’s vision and content are Antioch East Baptist Church members, Hooper residents and descendants from the Patterson, Green, Poytress, Crockett, Wise, Carey and Clark families. The mother of former Atlanta City Council President and Candler Park District Representative Caesar Mitchell, Mrs. Carnella Sloan Mitchell Robinson provided the compelling 1930s-1950s photos of Hooper residents that she generously shared from her mother’s inheritance album and Ms. Carnella’s early years living on Hooper.

This Legacy Marker has actually been an organic 10 years in the making, from early conversations with Michelle Hughes who lived with her family in the original Hooper home, built in 1900, to the open house event hosted by the Hooper home’s current residents, Matt Kirk and Brigid Barry. We are so grateful for support from the historic Hooper stakeholder families, and the marker site property owner, Katherine Cimino; graphic designer, Raja Schaar; panel fabricator, Fossil Industries; father-son installation team Warner Construction, Inc.; current Hooper residents and Candler Park neighbors, Antioch East Baptist Church, First Existentialist Congregation, Candler Park Neighborhood Organization; they are all so important to this Legacy Marker’s realization.

You may be interested to explore the History Project’s website & the Interactive Tour site hosted by the Freedom Park Conservancy and Emory Center for Digital Scholarship:
www.biracialhistoryproject.org
https://opentour.emory.edu/freedom-park/jane-s-walk-atl-candler-park-biracial-history-project

‘Hooper Street Stories’ Historic Legacy Marker Installed

By Edi/th Kelman, Project Manager,
Early Edgewood-Candler Park BiRacial History Project

□ Warner Construction Inc., father-son team installed the Hooper St. Legacy Marker with care and generosity.

□ Neighbor Roz Mance examines the Hooper St. Legacy Marker upon its completion.

□ Legacy Marker Site property owner, Kat Cimino, proudly points the way to the roadside exhibit.
The Grady High School varsity boys and girls teams brought home first place trophies in the 6AAAA Regionals meet on Saturday, October 24 and now move on to the State Meet on November 7. It has been a season of innovative training in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic as the team abides by safety protocols of temperature checks, symptom awareness, precautionary COVID testing and always running with a mask ready for the donning if proper distancing from others can’t be maintained. Congratulations to the team for adapting and excelling in these circumstances! And many thanks to their coach Jeff Cramer for his leadership, support and planning so that the team could compete safely.

Coach Cramer provided the following overview of the regional championship in an email to the cross country team and parents:

Another beautiful morning in the otherwise quirky year of 2020. As we rode the bus to Clinton Nature Preserve for the region championship, the dark skies opened up and a steady rain began to fall. We passed out numbers and chips on the bus, and just as we got everyone pinned and twist tied, the rain stopped, the clouds parted, the sky brightened and we marched off the bus to set up our camp and prepare to test the other six schools in the region.

The varsity boys met the challenge, finishing in the top three individual spots and scoring 31 points, to easily win their race. North Springs, Maynard Jackson and Chapel Hill all had strong teams. The top four schools advance to state and our region should be well represented. Most of the boys ran best times for the year.

The varsity girls were equally aggressive, putting 5 girls in the top 10 in the race. They scored 30 points. Their average time of 20:45 for the first 5 is one of the best Grady has seen. The same four schools will advance to state, and Grady will get the center starting position reserved for the region champions in both the boys and girls races.

We now have two weeks to prepare for state and an attempt to reach the podium at the awards ceremony. Each team was ranked in the top 10 prior to region, so we would like to meet that goal when we run against all the other regional qualifiers on November 7th.

We didn’t know if we would even be able to compete this year, and here we are six races in, with a chance to make a big impact at state.

Attention Howard Middle School 8th grade students, you can express your interest in Grady cross country by emailing Coach Cramer at jcramer60@gmail.com. Lists of prospective team members are created in the spring, and team training begins in June with Candler Park often being the meeting spot for group runs. No prior running experience is required.
My favorite holiday is here! Thanksgiving! I have fond memories of childhood and more that revolve around this special day. As a child, we went to Aunt Angie’s house. She lived about 15 miles away in a household that included my Grandpa Peters, Uncle Al, cousins Dan (10 years my elder), twins Bobby and Bunny (5 years older) and Michael, the “surprise” child 10 years my junior. Usually Aunt Adele and Uncle Harry with sons Jerry and Dick were also guests.

Aunt Angie ran a very warm, welcoming house. When my parents went to special parties or dances, I usually stayed there for the weekend instead of having a sitter. Auntie allowed me to do all sorts of things Mom had no patience for. Saturday was baking day and I was encouraged to bake pies and all manner of things alongside her, My grandfather ate these treats with abandon.

Although we were the part of the family with fine china and crystal, it was Aunt Angie’s house where we gathered to celebrate holidays. It was a community creation. We brought fresh fruit cup, wine and champagne, salad and some vegetables. Aunt Angie made the turkey and trimmings, which is part of the reason my mother lived 87 years without ever preparing a turkey.

We lived outside of Buffalo, NY. My job, as one of the youngest, was to monitor the weather. Dozens of times that day I would run to the side window in the living room, part the sheers, and scan the sky for snowflakes. If they were coming down fast and furious, it was time to scoop up our belongings, load up the car and head home before driving became too dangerous. Fortunately, that was a rarity.

I’ll never forget the warmth and love generated and demonstrated on those days. Not exactly Norman Rockwell, but pretty darn close, including the children’s table. The memories of those times bring tears of gratitude to this day. I’m so sorry for those who missed this idyllic childhood.

The last time I remember Thanksgiving in that house was the year my former husband spent in Viet Nam and I was living in my parent’s home. I remember the Grace that year including, “And may we all be here again next year, plus one.”

As an adult with children of my own, my parents living in Florida, the holidays were celebrated at my house (the reason my mom could continue not preparing a turkey). My parents are both gone now, and my kids are living elsewhere with children of their own. Usually, I spend it in Savannah with my own grandchildren.

Things have changed, especially this year. But one thing has not changed, and I suspect it never will. This is the one day every year devoted to giving thanks. It may include watching a parade on TV. Or the Dog Show. Or football games. Or eating oneself into a stupor. But the main raison d’etre is gratitude. For everything. Whether we are grateful or not for most things depends on the context we grant them.

What are the things you will put on your gratitude list? I’d like to share some of mine with you. Perhaps they will prompt your own list. My front porch. My home. Indoor heat and air conditioning. Toilets and running water. My health and the medications that keep it in place, including contact lenses, anti-inflammatories, inhalers, and various pills, sprays and creams. My doctors. My health insurance. My sight, smell, taste, touch. Most of my body parts working reasonably well. My friends, neighbors and relatives. My spiritual community. Access to a variety of grocery stores. A comfortable bed. My education. Books. TV. Electricity and all of the creature comforts it brings. The ability to pay my bills. All of the travel I have been privileged to do.

You get the idea. Here’s my challenge to you. Create your list. Write it down. Add to it daily. Create a Gratitude Journal. Include things from the past, the present and the future. Think of what you would like to have on there that you can’t yet claim. Then make a plan to have, do or be it. Plan to learn something new. Then be grateful for playing an instrument, speaking another language or practicing a new skill. Did you know that seniors can take college classes FREE at some colleges? Do you want an additional degree? The time will pass whether you do it or not. If one of the things you would like is more friends, join us for our weekly Candler Park Forever Zoom calls. Email me at safety@candlerpark.org with your request.

I love the practice of gratitude. I adore Thanksgiving. May yours be fulfilling, joyful and memorable in delightful ways.
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Get Your CP LOVE Merchandise Now

By Matt Hanson, fundraising@candlerpark.org

So the Candler Park LOVE merchandise fundraiser is off to a spectacular start! The shirts, hats, hoodies and yard signs all came out great, and it has been fun to see some of the hats and hoodies “out in the wild” during dog walks around the neighborhood the last few weeks!

We also had a very successful Pop Up at Dr. Bombay’s recently. It was great to set up our COVID compliant merch table in the heart of the neighborhood. In the 4 hours we were open for business, we had over 30 customers and collected over $650 to support CPNO. In fact, we are starting to run out of some sizes, so if you are interested in getting your hands on some Candler Park LOVE merchandise, don’t wait until next month!

I should also note that all purchases are considered donations in exchange for the merchandise. Because CPNO is a non-profit, donations made will carry tax incentives come next spring.

While we need to sell a little more merchandise for it to make sense to do a second order, we have had a lot of great suggestions for additional items. If we do another round of ordering, we will most certainly include kids’ sizes as well!

If you haven’t already, please check out our sale at: https://candler-park-neighborhood-organization.myshopify.com/collections/all

Or course, if you have any questions, suggestions, or difficulties fulfilling your order, please don’t hesitate to email me at fundraising@candlerpark.org

Photos courtesy of Christina Hodgen
While gyms and workout boutiques still don’t feel safe for many of us, it’s still crucial to keep up physical activity and fitness routines. Just because we can’t check-in to the gym, doesn’t mean we cannot check-in to our bodies. Here’s a few ways to stay active even during these difficult times.

**Find an outdoor workout class or Zoom class**

Many gyms and workout classes are hosting outdoor classes in parks or Zoom classes to give their customers a safe (and fun) way to practice. Check in with your favorite gyms, studios, and instructors on social media to see if any are hosting socially distanced sessions in parks near you. We are lucky enough to have a few workout instructors local to Candler Park.

**Get your YouTube on**

YouTube isn’t just for beauty tutorials and how-to-make-slime videos. It’s a treasure trove of workout classes, and you can find all of them for free anytime. Whether you’re into pilates, yoga, kickboxing, or any other style of fitness, you can find an instructor you’re into on YouTube and start practicing at home.

**Get some home equipment**

Home gyms have never been hotter. From exercise bikes to treadmills, fitness equipment is flying off the shelves. If you’ve always considered investing in one of your own, now is the time (especially ahead of cooling temperatures when running outside might prove too harsh).

**Start your own backyard gym**

If you have a workout buddy or two, why not start your own accountability group? Invite a few friends over to watch a YouTube fitness class together or Zoom class, or to just do a routine you know and love. Be each other’s accountability buddies, and then maybe celebrate afterwards with a light, healthy (socially distanced) brunch!

**Explore the outdoors**

There’s never been a better time to become an outdoorsy person. With your risk of COVID transmission remarkably lower outdoors, it’s a fantastic idea to head to the hills for hikes, bike rides, lake swims, or more. Check the websites for your local parks to see how they’re handling social distancing rules.

Gail Turner-Cooper is a certified health coach and the founder of Align Health Coaching based in Atlanta. You can learn more about her and Align Health at www.alignhealthcoaching.com.
CPNO Officer and Committee Report for October


Master Planning

We ask that neighborhood residents participate in engagements sessions. SWA will be sharing the feedback received to date along with some big ideas and themes generated for the park so far during and after engagement sessions. Participation in these session is vital to the shaping of the vision for the park!

Register and/or find Master Plan Information Here: https://www.freedompark.org/calendar/

Freedom Park neighborhoods, including CPNO, are putting together white papers to share the neighborhood’s top priorities for the park with the SWA master planning team. Please be sure to send your thoughts on a master plan of Freedom Park to your neighborhood representatives before November 6th.

External Affairs Officer-Amy Stout

There was one item on the agenda for the September 2020, NPU-N meeting that was specific for Candler Park, and there was one citywide item of potential relevance.

Under Board of Zoning Adjustment applications, a variance to reduce the front yard and half-depth front yard setbacks for 1285 Druid Place (to allow construction of a second story addition) was added to the fast track and approved without discussion by a vote of 6-0-1, consistent with the prior vote of approval by the CPNO membership and the CPNO zoning committee.

Under Text Amendments – Zoning Ordinance, the board voted unanimously to support Ordinance Z-20-07. This legislation would require a special use permit in order to construct a new single-family residence on a landlocked parcel for properties zoned R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-4A. The NPU-N board had previously voted to support an earlier version of this same legislation that only included properties zoned R-1, R-2, and R-3.

Education-Dana Fowle

The Atlanta Public Schools superintendent, Dr. Herring, said children will not be going back to face-to-face (F2F) education for the remainder of this year. They will re-evaluate the pandemic conditions in the new year.

Just prior to this decision, Dr. Herring said that K-5 would return Oct. 26 and older students a short time later, providing COVID-19 cases numbers declined. They did not, according to her data review.

This is a highly controversial decision. A group concentrated in the North Atlanta cluster began a Facebook page to urge APS to return to F2F education. They even placed a billboard announcement encouraging the superintendent to open the schools. The group has 1,600 members. There are more than 50,000 APS students.

Decatur City Schools made the same decision to delay F2F classes. Many schools in the metro have returned to the classroom either fully or in hybrid models.

Zoning officer – Emily Taff

Z-20-69 was on the agenda as a Review and Comment only this month, CPNO will vote on this Ordinance in NOVEMBER. The Ordinance, proposed by Councilmember Howard Shook, bans Short Term Rentals (STRs) in single-family (or two-family) neighborhoods (R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-2B, R-3, R-3A, R-4, R-4A, R-4B, R-5, and PD-H zoning districts). According to Shook the purpose of the ban is to prevent the use of STRs as Party Houses. There have been several instances in the city of severely disruptive, dangerous and even fatal house parties on these rented properties.

The Zoning Committee questioned the wisdom of banning all STRs in order to prevent these Party Houses and agreed that the legislation appears to be a conversation starter and may lead to an alternate solution if one is not already in place.

Note: in Fall 2019, CPNO and NPU-N voted to support Z-19-76 which prohibited the use of residential property as a Party House, this legislation went to City Council on October 19, 2020 and was adopted. This may affect the ultimate outcome of the above proposed ban on Short Term Rentals.

October 19 CPNO Members Meeting (Virtual) – Draft Minutes

These minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the November members meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Matt Kirk, President. The motion to adopt the agenda passed. The motion to approve the September minutes passed.

Guest Speakers:

• Sgt. Michael Bernieri, Zone 6-Night Watch, represented the Atlanta Police. Sgt. Bernieri spoke and answered questions regarding the issue of ‘street racing’. Only State Troopers can pursue violators. He can be reached by calling the precinct or by email mabernieri@atlga.gov.

• Nancy Boyd, Freedom Park Conservancy, announced the installation of a “Chimney Swift Tower” at the corner of Oakdale Road and North Avenue. She was requesting a letter of support from CPNO.

• Edi Kelman, BI Racial History Project, announced the installation of a new history marker on Hooper Ave.

• Little 5 Point Alliance Halloween Photography Exhibit is up and ready for viewing. There will also be a raffle.

Old Business:

The new Candler Park merchandise sales have raised $1,000 thus far at Dr. Bombay’s pop-up shop. Next pop-up, weather permitting, will be at Sean’s Market, corner of Oakdale Road and McLendon Avenue, October 31st.

The Halloween House Decorating Contest has 22 houses registered. There will be six categories- witchiest, silliest, spookiest, best overall, best use of technology, etc. Entries will have a ‘Ghost’ sign designating it as an official entry.

New Business:

Treasurer Report: There was very little activity the past month. The P&L was displayed.

Zoning: Emily Taff, Zoning Officer, presented the new proposed zoning ordinance, Z-20-69, for discussion. The ordinance is designed to ban all short term rentals in the City of Atlanta. A short term rental is defined as “less than 31 days”. The Neighborhood will vote next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary

October 19, 2020
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Storybook charm from the street and surprisingly large inside, this renovated home is on a gem of a quiet street with a path to the Lake Claire Park at the street’s end. Includes a covered porch, open floor plan, living room with built-ins, dining room, kitchen that opens to the den, and a screened deck overlooking the fenced back yard. The owner’s suite includes a bonus room, bath with separate tub and shower, dual vanities, and a custom closet. Steps to Fernbank Gardens, walkable to neighborhood restaurants, and in the popular Mary Lin school district.