

The hex on our sidewalks

Damaged concrete tiles challenge pedestrians, planners, and homeowners

By David Rotenstein

Sidewalks: we’re lucky that we have them. Just ask people who live in nearby unincorporated DeKalb County and some of the region’s new cities. Author Jane Jacobs considered them essential to the urban fabric. Sidewalks move people, connect places, and they are key, wrote Jacobs to healthy neighborhoods and cities. Although Candler Park is connected by sidewalks as old as our neighborhood, they don’t always work well because many stretches have been damaged by vehicles and roots or have not been well maintained.

In neighborhood discussions leading up to the development of the Master Plan adopted last year by CPNO and approved by the Atlanta City Council, sidewalk repair was the leading item in neighborhood wish lists. According to the new Master Plan, “In much of the neighborhood, sidewalks are non-existent or in extremely poor condition. Broken sidewalks, gaps in the sidewalks and buckled pavement are common on many streets.”



A century ago, Atlanta built out its sidewalk infrastructure using hexagonal concrete tiles fabricated at local plants, including the Southern Concrete Tile factory on nearby Edgewood Ave. Pedestrians can go to almost any part of Candler Park and see hex tiles stamped with the company’s name. “In Atlanta, the person who thinks anything at all of the kind of sidewalk he walks on must be impressed by the large extent of walk made up of flat hexagonal concrete tile,” a cement industry trade journal in 1909 reported. “And the person who does not ordinarily think of such things also will soon become conscious of the fact that he is traveling over an easy and smooth pavement.”

As Candler Park residents and folks who live in other Atlanta intown neighborhoods know, many of our historic sidewalks are no longer smooth and not so easy to walk along. If you’re pushing a baby stroller or trying to navigate with a wheelchair, you’re oftentimes forced to walk in the street because many segments of our side-

walks are in disrepair.

Our sidewalks contribute to our neighborhood’s character and sense of place, yet they remain a vexing problem for residents and planners. One way to provide some visual continuity with the past has been to replace damaged sidewalk tiles with poured concrete that has been stamped or scored to resemble the historic pattern found throughout the city.

Last December I passed an Atlanta Department of Watershed Management crew finishing a section of sidewalk just poured where underground pipe work recently was completed. Curious about how they replace sidewalks with old hex tiles, I asked the **See Sidewalks, p. 4**

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Three slices of master plan progress

By Ken Edelstein, CPNO President

My neighbor's dream — for the city "to explore the feasibility of Candler Park park sledding" — wasn't the only Master Plan recommendation to slide forward in January.

Several of the neighborhood's more far-reaching ideas also are showing signs of life. And the timing is good, because members are one step away from appointing a three-person Master Plan Coordinating Committee to support the recommendations that we as a community rank as priorities.

I want to acquaint you with the people working on three ambitious projects that are making progress even before the Coordinating Committee's formation:

- As he probes the recommendation for a Candler Park Conservancy, CPNO Environment Officer John Skach is gathering information from existing conservancies and

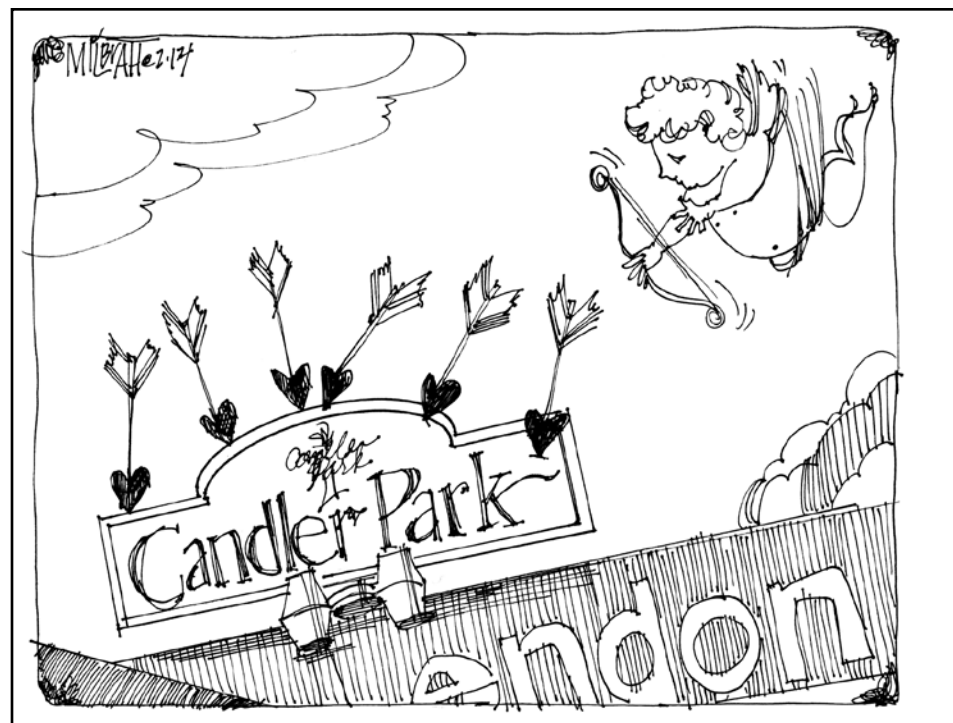
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other nonprofits. He's also assembling quite a posse of like-minded volunteers (I prefer to call them "groupies"). Among the questions to come up: Would it make sense to start as part of a larger organization and then to step up to a full-fledged conservancy? Which park improvement recommendations should precede work on the conservancy, and which should wait? How much money will it take to get a conservancy started? And are their neighbors who can help raise that money? If you're interested in helping, or have questions or suggestions, write John at environment@candlerpark.org.

- Safety Officer Russell Miller is figuring out what it will take to get a neighborhood watch up and run-

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Laughter in the park



by Deb Milbrath

President, continued

ning. Some neighbors expressed interest during the planning process in a security patrol, but a patrol would take a heap of money. The plan ended up recommending that the neighborhood “establish a neighborhood watch program and consider private patrols.” Russell points out that a neighborhood watch entails few costs: “The true expense is people’s time and gaining their neighbors’ ‘buy in.’ Getting volunteers to be block captains and [getting people to share information with each other] — those are the things that make a neighborhood watch work.” If you’re interested in helping to get our neighborhood watch up and going, contact Russell at safety@candlerpark.org.

- Sidewalk Committee Chair Clifton Mack has been laboring for a couple of years to get the city to repair our broken sidewalks. We’re all benefitting from the committee’s success in working with Parks & Recreation to repair and improve the McLendon sidewalk that fronts Candler Park. As anyone who’s twisted an ankle knows, however, there are many more broken stretches. If a bond issue for infrastructure improvements makes it onto city ballots later this year — and if it’s approved — sidewalk repair could be expedited. Those are two big “ifs,” though, and the city’s broken sidewalk backlog already is long. Owners typically must pay a large portion of the repair costs for sections that front their property. But Cliff’s on a citywide task force working on innovative ways to speed the work and supplement regular city

money. He’s also working with the city to identify sidewalks in need of repair. If you have questions or suggestions regarding the sidewalk assessment project, please email Cliff at mackclifton@comcast.net.

My point isn’t to declare these three projects as CPNO priorities (although I do suspect they’re among our most popular causes). With guidance from the Coordinating Committee, it’s the membership that will decide where we should concentrate our joint efforts.

In the meantime, however, I urge you to put some of your own momentum behind a recommendation you believe in. That may involve offering to help John, Russell or Cliff on their respective projects. Or it may involve researching another Master Plan recommendation, and starting a conversation with your neighbors (and with CPNO board members) about moving it from recommendation to reality.

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Do you have a news tip or want to contribute to the Messenger? Let me know about it at editor@candlerpark.org. Help us tell all of our neighborhood's stories.

MEETING & EVENTS

CPNO general meeting Feb. 17
7:00 pm (social period @ 6:30 pm)

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(open to all)

Feb. 10: CPNO Board Meeting
Feb. 17: CPNO Monthly Meeting
Mar. 5: CPNO Zoning Meeting

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crew about how it's done.

"Any time they come out and tear anything up, it's up to us to put it back together," explained Watershed worker Grady Broughton. "We put back what the neighborhood and stuff is used to."

Broughton and two coworkers showed me the metal patterns used to stamp the new sidewalks. One is a full hexagon and the other is a half hexagon. "It's a lot more extra work. You've got to try to match them," he said.

It takes more time, and is therefore more expensive, to try and recreate the old sidewalk pattern. Colin Heydt, a former chair of CPNO's Sidewalk Committee, commented on a brief sidewalk post at the CPNO website last year. "The scoring or imprinting of hex design onto good sidewalk is also a problem. It's more expensive," he wrote. "It makes the sidewalk less functional, by, e.g., catching high heels and wheels on wheelchairs and strollers, creating spaces for water and debris to sit, etc."

Heydt also dislikes the mixed aesthetic results of some sidewalk replacements. "I dislike the pretense (akin to my dislike of faux candles and candle wax on chandeliers) and the scoring is often very poorly done," wrote Heydt.

I reached out to colleagues in historic preservation and to the Atlanta Urban Design Commission. I didn't get any information from the local agency but preservation architects and architectural historians sent some useful suggestions.

"That is the coolest sidewalk," wrote Sharon Ferraro after reading the December CPNO website post. Ferraro is Kalamazoo, Michigan's, city historic preservation planner. Ferraro suggested a combination of solutions including in-kind replacement where the additional costs are borne



Damaged sidewalk along Euclid Terrace. Photo by David Rotenstein.

by homeowners or special tax assessments to spread the costs out. Another suggestion Ferraro made was to use the hex tiles only at corners, "where the change in texture contributes to the tactile bumps for the visually impaired."

Another colleague provided information about how St. Paul, Minn., preserves neighborhood character where the hexagonal sidewalk tiles occur. The city has a hex stamp that it rents to contractors working in historic neighborhoods where in-kind concrete tile replacement isn't possible. St. Paul also recommends using Bomanite stamped concrete forms in lieu of individual hexagonal tiles. St. Paul recommends new sidewalks using Bomanite (a decorative concrete manufacturer specializing in architectural concrete paving) forms be laid to match the color and texture of the original sidewalks.

Safe, navigable, and, yes, attractive sidewalks are essential to maintaining Candler Park's quality of life. They are a connection between people and places in our neighborhood as well as a distinctive connection to our past. Sidewalks may seem trivial, literally beneath our feet. Yet, urbanist Jacobs



Bomanite concrete panels. Credit: City of St. Paul, Minn. Dept. of Planning and Economic Development.

found them to be one of the many connected, "small, sensitively managed details" that make up a good and healthy neighborhood.

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Snow!



Candler Parker Kate Sandhaus captured these images of people enjoying last month's snow on the slopes of Candler Park.

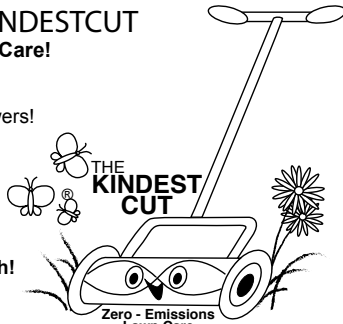
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Everything you wanted to know about NC-1

By Amy Stout

NC-1 is a zoning overlay, and as such allows for additional regulations to be applied to a given zoning category. NC stands for Neighborhood Commercial, and NC-1 was the first such zoning overlay of its type adopted in Atlanta. It applies to the Little Five Points district and overlays parts of the Candler Park and Inman Park neighborhoods. There are now at least nine other NC overlays in Atlanta, including those in effect for East Atlanta, Kirkwood, Amsterdam Street, and Atkins Park.

At the end of 2013, two pieces of legislation were introduced that would have changed the regulations that are currently in place for the NC-1 district of Little Five Points. Both of those pieces of legislation died at the end of the 2009-2013 City Council term, but both have been reintroduced for reconsideration now that the new City Council has been sworn in.

Ordinance 14-O-1018 would increase the allowable size for “commercial recreation establishments,” such as theaters and other places of assembly and primary uses, from 8,000 square feet currently to 20,000 square feet.

Ordinance 14-O-1019 would

- Set restrictions on the allowable locations for the district’s maximum of two allowed gasoline service stations,
- Define and prohibit drive-thru facilities, and
- Require notification of the NPU upon any application for a Special Administrative Permit within the district and allow 21 days for comment.

The NPU-N board voted in December to create a special committee to study these two proposed ordinances. The committee was to be composed of two representatives each from the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, the Inman Park Neighborhood

Association, and the Little Five Points Business Association. The committee would study the history behind the proposals, outline any concerns about the proposed changes, and make recommendations to the NPU and the neighborhood organizations regarding the next steps.

The committee (comprised of myself and Randy Pimsler (CPNO), Karen Goeckel and Rick Bizot (IPNA) and Bob Sandage and Richard Shapiro (L5PBA) along with the NPU-N Chair Jonathan Miller) met for the first time on January 14, 2014.

Regarding Ordinance 14-O-1019, it was noted that an incorrect version of the text of this proposed legislation was submitted and that Councilmember Kwanza Hall would be notified in order for him to substitute the correct language. In general, the group was supportive of the proposed changes. There was some discussion about whether “gasoline service station” was too narrow a term, and if automobile service stations might be preferable, in order to encompass potential biodiesel or alternative fuel stations that may become more prevalent in the future. There was also some discussion about improving the manner of notification of the NPU over the current registered mail system.

Regarding Ordinance 14-O-1018, the committee was more wary. After considerable discussion, the consensus from the group was that there was little support for the proposed change. Because the ordinance would greatly increase the allowable size of a broad use category, it is inconsistent with the intent of the NC district to protect the area from uses and building forms that are incompatible with the scale, character, and needs of the adjacent neighborhoods. Because such an increase in the maximum allowable size of a commercial recreation establishment could have a major impact and unintended consequences, including but not

limited to potential negative impacts on adjacent residential properties (because of noise, height of structures, outdoor activities, etc.), on existing infrastructure, and on existing businesses that rely heavily on the limited available parking, the committee agreed that the current ordinance should not be supported. Perhaps if the ordinance could be better tailored to avoid potential negative impacts and unintended consequences, and if the lack of parking in the area could also be addressed, then the provision of opportunities for new locations for other entertainment venues could be considered.

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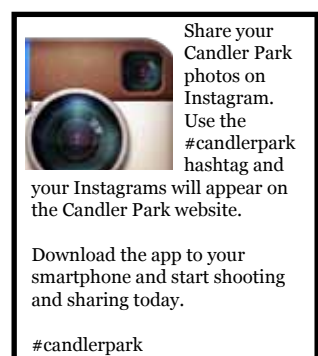
Trees Atlanta to plant

By Amy Stout

The non-profit Trees Atlanta will return to the Candler Park and Lake Claire neighborhoods on March 22, 2014 to plant new trees. As part of a contract with the City of Atlanta, Trees Atlanta installs trees along public rights-of-way and inside city parks all over Atlanta.

Volunteers are needed though, as this is going to be a BIG project. Can you please meet us at the pool house at 9 am that Saturday, and give a few hours of your time to help spruce up the neighborhood? Trees Atlanta will provide not only the trees, but also work gloves and shovels. Just outfit yourself in appropriate shoes (work boots recommended) and perhaps bring a bottle of water.

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Zone 6 crime reports

Complied by David Bruce

300 block Ferguson St. – Robbery – 12/3 Tues Eve. Victim said that while pulling into her driveway she noticed 2 B/M walking pass. She said she was walking to her front door and she was approached by the 2 males wearing dark hoodies. One was pointing a gun at her while the other grabbed her jacket and demanded her briefcase and car keys. She gave them her belongings. They then demanded she get inside the car while pointing gun at her or they would kill her. She refused and pulled away from them and moved towards her front door. They ran away towards the MARTA station. Taken: Briefcase, wallet, car keys, I Phone, 3 credit cards and GA DL.

400 block Moreland Ave. – Larceny from auto – 12/2 Mon Eve. Parking lot. Window broken. Laptop and I Pad taken.

1200 block DeKalb Ave. – Larceny from auto – 12/7 Sat Day. Parking lot. Window broken. Backpack taken.

1300 block Benning Pl. – Larceny – 12/7 Sat Eve. Residence. Victim said his 38 cal handgun was missing after his black female friend came from his room.

1500 block McLendon Ave. @ Candler Park – Robbery – 12/11 Wed Eve. Victim said while he was jogging he was approached by a B/M who grabbed him from behind and placed a handgun to his head. He said the suspect told him to “give me your stuff”. After the suspect took his stuff he told him to get out of here so he began to jog again. He said he saw the suspect walk towards a dark Charger. Suspects both B/Ms. One is unknown and the other, they had his name and birthdate. Wallet, ID and money taken. These 2 were also listed in an attempted robbery near Highland and Blue Ridge the same evening.

1200 block Euclid Ave. – Larceny from auto – 12/13 Fri Eve. Window broken. Parked on street. Bag with gear taken.

300 block Brooks Ave. – Larceny from auto – 12/13 Fri Eve. Window broken. Parked on street. Laptop with charger, low voltage push tool and tone generator taken.

1400 block McLendon Ave. – Auto theft – 12/14 Sat Day. Parked on street. Silver Jeep Liberty 2002 with GA tags.

Editor's note: The Atlanta Police Department has changed the way it provides crime summaries to citizens. We will be following up to determine if it will be possible to obtain the reporting depth we had in the past.

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Our post-industrial society as seen by Gen Y

By Margo Stockdale, Grady High School

With each new era comes a slew of groundbreaking innovations. The 1200s marked the first limitations of a king's "divine right," the 1880s saw the sparks that ignited an entire industrial revolution, rock 'n' roll is here to stay thanks to the 1950s, and, of course, perhaps the most paramount of any invention in recent history, the iPhone, debuted in 2007.

Humans have always been incredibly dependent on technology. Contemporary critics, however, claim that my generation, born between 1980 and 2000 and dubbed the millennials (Generation Y), are far more dependent -- even bridging on obsessed -- with state-of-the-art technological doodads. And that is just the tip of the iceberg. Supposedly, we are also lazy, naive and above all, entitled.

Sure, we deserve some of this criticism. We haven't had to deal with a lot of the hardships of our elders, such as waiting six months for a library book like "back in your day," but I'm tired of being told we are just the screwed up kids.

Most of us have so much to offer. Our fixation on technology has led to the development of innovative and creative career paths and our motivation (72 percent of millennials want to be their own boss according to a recent article in Forbes) has empowered us to create billion dollar companies, like Facebook. It's unfair to state that our fascination with technology is indicative of a doomed generation. We have been fortunate enough to grow up in a time where technology is easily accessible and where many older people don't really understand it, thus forcing us to explore these innovations ourselves. Technology has helped shape many of our identities, so insinuating that it serves only as a hindrance to us is slightly hurtful.

Allegations of millennial laziness are corroborated by claims that we are

Student Voices

taking longer to enter adulthood and finding a stable job, but recent college graduates have been thrust into a job market plagued by intense competition due to a sheer lack of positions. Despite these limitations, however, this group of 20-somethings is earning more than their parents did at the same age.

Television shows like Teen Mom have created an image of this generation that is far from flattering, despite declining teen pregnancy rates for the past 20 years according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Our familiarity with drugs and alcohol has been translated into a skewed stereotype that stigmatizes youth. Hard drug use has actually reached an all-time low, and, yes, we support the legalization of marijuana, but so does over half of the country according to a 2013 Gallup poll. The point is, I don't think the media or technology has in anyway created a penumbra of ignorance over this generation, I think it has done the opposite. Our exposure

has allowed us to understand many of the repercussions of potentially harmful decisions.

Our sense of entitlement, despite its negative connotation, may in fact be beneficial. We can thank our parents who have taught us at an early age to be honest and to speak what was on our mind. My parents taught me that while I should respect authority, there is nothing wrong with questioning it or viewing myself as equal to it.

I'm proud of my generation. We have an unprecedented sense of creativity and, perhaps for the first time, we aren't fearful of exploring it as a young person. I'm so thankful that technological advances have allowed me to share my opinions on international affairs, watch six seasons of a television show in two days, and, yes, even get a few likes on my selfie. Above all, I'm grateful that the previous generation has given us these opportunities. But, lighten up guys, because as 60 Minutes says, millennials are coming, whether you are ready for us or not.

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Return of the Survey Monkey

The CPNO Committee on Events in Candler Park was tasked with developing recommendations to present to City of Atlanta officials regarding special events in Candler Park. Our group conducted a survey to gather neighborhood input, the results of which guided the development of the following recommendations for your consideration.

Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GH6YBTP> to submit your feedback.

-- Submitted by Amy Stout

DRAFT Recommendations Regarding Events in Candler Park	
Issue	Possible Solutions
Event size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforce the Parks Department's recommendation to limit events in Candler Park to Class C or smaller (Less than 20,000 attendees)
Traffic and parking on neighborhood streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limiting festival size should lessen impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase MARTA train service Run shuttles from MARTA station Utilize Edgewood MARTA station parking lots
Sound levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforce decibel limits currently in effect at Chastain Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End amplified music at 9:30 pm

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Movie Night

By Mark Clement

This is the most important election of the year – if you love movie night. It is time to select titles for this year's Candler Park Movie Nights. We have a large list that we need to whittle down to seven or eight titles. After we get a good sample of movies people want to see, we plan to turn this information over to a smaller group to come up with a well-balanced movie night series.

As in previous years, our season will consist of a bank of movies in the spring and fall. Our dates this year will be consecutive Saturday nights from April 19 to

May 17th and August 9 through September 6th. To take the online survey, go to

www.FriendsofCandlerPark.org.

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Earth Day New beginning

Boyd Baker

Friends of Candler Park are pleased to announce a new addition to Earth Day weekend. Now that the Sweetwater 420 Festival has moved out of Candler Park, we have an opportunity to do something special. We would like to introduce a new Candler Park tradition: the Candler Park Earth Day with an inaugural event Saturday April 19. The Friends of Candler Park have partnered up with the Friends of Candler Park Golf Course and Atlanta's Contact Point to bring you the event.

Events include a 5K run starting at 8:30 AM and a shotgun start golf tournament at 10 AM. There will be live music from 5 to 7 PM. An environmentally themed movie ends the day. The movie and musical acts will be announced at a later date.

Send us your ideas for booths and other activities at candlerparkearthday@gmail.com. For the latest details go to www.FriendsofCandlerPark.org.

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Glenn Lopez and Ranger. Photo submitted by Oakdale Don.

Hug your pet: Ranger's tale

By Oakdale Don (Don Foos)

For nearly nine years Glen Lopez and his faithful golden retriever Ranger have been seen strolling the neighborhood streets. But it's not the average dog walk that you see around town. Glen rides in a power wheelchair with Ranger trotting right by his side. Together the two document the neighborhood with photos taken from the street.

Glen, a 23-year Candler Park resident, is probably best known as the photographer and producer of the 30307 calendar. He has photos every year in the Bond Community Credit Union's annual calendar, and he also designed this year's Inman Park Arts Festival logo.

Ranger, a trained service dog, can pick up a piece of paper accidentally dropped or phone from the floor and place it in Glen's lap when needed. He has made numerous road trips to North Carolina and beyond and has flown in cabin class with Glen as far as Colorado and New Mexico. Glen says, "He's always been my safety net, and there to watch my back, especially

on the streets. We've had an amazing journey together."

Ranger passed away in mid January, only three weeks after the first sign of a brain tumor. He would have been 10 in May. He leaves behind Glen, his trainers, and the many neighbors who loved him. So enjoy the moment, and give your pet an extra hug.

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Joy Carter, President of Atlanta Audubon Society, Foster, the accidental bird dog, and Michael Short, Foster's human, by beaver pond where Foster flushed the Virginia Rail. Photo by Meta Larsson.

Foster flushes feathered friends for fun

By Meta Larsson

Candler Park Golf Course, Sunday,
January 5

Three experienced birdwatchers, members of the Atlanta Audubon Society out for an annual bird-count, walked along the wetlands on the golf course early morning on the first Sunday in January. At first they spotted the usual suspects (over 50 species of birds have been identified on the golf course), sparrows (swamp and song), five mallards, a resident red-headed woodpecker, and a phoebe. But suddenly, along the edge of the second beaver pond, a small unusual looking brownish bird shot off across the water in a huff and disappeared right into the reeds.

Foster, who's not really a bird dog, but is a regular on the golf course, had come too close to where the bird was hiding, so the bird flew out to find a better hiding spot. The birders had been so startled and the bird so quick

that they weren't able to identify it at first, but they knew it was special. After much persistence and with the help of binoculars, one of the birders spotted movement in an opening of the grasses across the water, and then everyone got a good enough look to identify the bird as a Virginia Rail. The Virginia Rail can be hard to find because it's a very shy bird.

At the "count-down" party that night, where birders who had covered different intown territories named the species they'd seen during the day, the Virginia Rail got the most awes. And then quite a few: "And where did you say you saw the bird?" from Audubon members from around Atlanta.

The birders were participants in the longest running citizen science project in the world: the annual Christmas Bird Count, founded in 1900. For many years, the Atlanta bird count, took place in Marietta because some local birders didn't think there

were enough birds in Atlanta, but last year, the Atlanta Audubon Society's president, Joy Carter, decided it was time to start counting birds in town. This year 84 species and nearly 13,000 individual birds were counted, including the peregrine falcons living at Five Points and our very own Virginia Rail, who might be Candler Park's most secretive resident. Recently, other rare birds have been spotted on the golf course: an American bittern and a scaup.

The Atlanta Audubon Society, works on conservation, education and advocacy and offers bird-walks and field trips. On the fourth Sunday afternoon of most months, the group meets at Manuel's Tavern for a bird-related lecture-series, and food and drinks.

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In the zone: Zoning Officer report

By Seth Eisenberg, CPNO Zoning Officer

The Zoning Committee had its monthly meeting on January 8, 2014. No matters that required a vote were on the agenda. In attendance were the regular committee members, the NPU-N subcommittee members, and Dad's Garage representative, Amanda Rhein.

The purpose of this meeting was to provide feedback on Dad's Garage's potential interest in moving to 351 Moreland Ave. The lengthy discussion centered on the proposed location and the language of a previously proposed NC-1 Ordinance, 13-O-1399 (reintroduced by Councilmember Hall in 2014), which expands the potential use of Commercial Theater Establishments existing in the NC-1 district up to 20,000 sq. ft. (it is currently up to 8,000 sq. ft.)

The main issues discussed were as follows: (1) the potential negative impact expanding the land use in NC-1 to 20,000 sq. ft. would have on parking congestion and existing businesses in Little Five Points; (2) the potential loss of certain pre-existing conditions existing at the current 351 property and the impact of same on parking and space concerns; and (3) potential excessive noise related to the new theater establishment use at said property. After the NPU-N subcommittee's consideration of the legislation re-introduced by Kwanza Hall, the expectation is the Zoning committee will be prepared to vote on said legislation at a later meeting.

The February Zoning meeting was cancelled due to a lack of pending applications.

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Update from NPU-N

By Amy Stout, CPNO NPU-N Rep.

I attended the January monthly meeting of NPU-N on Thursday, January 23rd as the CPNO representative.

A representative from the Atlanta Police Department reminded us that all home alarm systems should be registered to be in compliance with recently enacted legislation. Go to www.crywolf.us.

The NPU-N board voted to support an application for a new alcohol license to allow the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at the Plaza Theatre.

The board voted to defer consideration of two ordinances related to the Neighborhood Commercial-1 zoning overlay regulations that apply to the Little Five Points business district in order to allow additional time for consideration at the neighborhood level and allow additional evaluation by the special NPU-N committee (composed of two representatives each from the CPNO, IPNA, and L5PBA) that the board voted to create at their December meeting for the purposes of making recommendations on these proposed ordinances. 14-O-1018 would increase the permitted size of commercial recreation establishments (such as theatres) from 8,000 to 20,000 sq ft. 14-O-1019 would clarify and strengthen restrictions regarding gasoline service stations, drive-through facilities, and notification of the NPU of applications for Special Administrative Permits. It was agreed that the special committee would begin drafting a summary of the key points that arose out of their discussions, collaborating via email.

The board voted 6-0-3 to approve an application for the rezoning of 19 parcels in Reynoldstown from R-5 (two-family residential) to MRC-3 (mixed residential and commercial). This assemblage, bordered by Seaboard Avenue, Brantley Street, Moreland Avenue, Wade Street, and the rear property lines of 13 parcels on Holiday Avenue and located across from



Elevation drawing, proposed Moreland Ave. rezoning, Reynoldstown. Exhibit by the Preston Partnership submitted to NPU-N.

the Edgewood Retail District, will be the future home of a single five-story building with 285 residential units and 15,000 sq ft of retail space on the ground floor.

Because there was no applicant present, we deferred consideration of 1) an application for multiple variances for 374 Clifton Rd NE and 2) a special event application for movie nights in Candler Park.

We were also notified of a proposed subdivision of a very large parcel (1900 DeKalb Avenue, the site of the Horizons School, the Lake Claire Pool, and several single-family residences) into six separate lots for the purposes of redeveloping the sites of the existing residences. This matter was presented for Review and Comment, and the Lake Claire Neighbors representative indicated that her organization supports the sub-division.

Next month we will hear an application to rezone a large parcel on Ponce De Leon Avenue (1085 Ponce, the site of Druid Hills Baptist Church) for the purposes of redevelopment into a mixed-use block. I welcome your input on these and related issues. Please contact me at NPURep@candlerpark.org.

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Treasurers Update

By Peter Bluestone, CPNO Treasurer

Submitted at the January, 2014 membership meeting. CPNO continues to be in good financial shape. Fall Fest accounting closed its books, we received the last outstanding sponsorship check from Sweetwater, \$5,000!

Fundraising activities: We discussed holding a spring race in place of the 420 5k. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact anyone on the board.

Major expenses: The city has approved our Master Plan, and we paid our consultant, Market and Main, the final payment of \$7,500.

Finally the annual proposed operating budget for 2014 of \$16,550 was introduced, per the bylaws in December, and passed at this meeting. We've got money in the bank lets get those Master Plan project ideas flowing! See you in February.

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Business from the January CPNO meeting

Candler Park Neighborhood Organization
Monthly Membership Meeting
January 20, 2014
[DRAFT]

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Ken Edelstein, President. Sgt. Margaret Reese, Atlanta Police Department, answered questions about crime in Candler Park (Beat 608). Welcome to new neighbors. Thank you to Candler Park Market for providing refreshments.

Motion to adopt the amended agenda passed.

Announcements:

- Peter Bluestone and Seth Eisenberg were appointed by the Board as alternate NPU-N Representatives.
- Michelle Allen, Michelle Baran, and Mark Clement were appointed by the Board as FallFest 2014 chairpersons.
- Neighbors are encouraged to fill out a second survey about Festivals.
- Kyle Williams is running for Georgia State Senator to replace Jason Carter. (kylewilliams2014.com)
- Neighbors were reminded to renew membership before the end of February.
- A trailer truck damaged trees, a historical marker, park bench, and a cement trash can on Candler Park Drive. As this is the second marker sustaining damage The BiRacial Project is considering insurance for the markers.
- Paul Cornwell, promoter of the Atlanta Pot Festival, has not been able to come to an agreement with Friends of Candler Park about April 19th movie night.

Motion to adopt the December minutes passed.

Officer and Chair Reports : There were no questions about the written reports.

Peter Bluestone presented the 2014

Operating Budget. Motion to approve the 2014 Operating Budget passed. Peter Bluestone presented three scenarios as a 'budget roadmap'.

Candler Park Master Plan Coordinating Committee:

- Motion to amend the document by adding: meetings will be publicly announced and open to members of CPNO and guests; after the word 'forward' and before the words 'and will constitute ...' passed.
- Motion to strike the phrase "amend them as it sees fit" from the sentence "The Board shall consider the Coordinating Committee's quarterly recommendations, amend them as it sees fit, and forward to the Membership for consideration at that month's meetings." failed.
- Motion to accept the amended document entitled "Motion to Create the Candler Park Master Plan Coordinating Committee" passed. (Attachment A)

Peter Bluestone introduced the possibility of a Spring 5K which would cost \$5000. The fixed costs could be offset by sponsorship(s) and runners registration fees.

Randy Pimsler is serving on a subcommittee of NPU-N as one of the Candler Park representatives. He explained a change of a NC-1 Ordinance which would increase commercial entertainment centers from 8,000 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft. Due to the impact on the Little Five Points Business District, the subcommittee has recommended to not support the ordinance

Amy Stout spoke about the tree planting scheduled in conjunction with Lake Claire for March 22, 2014. The City has the final decision about plantings on the right of way and in the Park. Planting maps will available next month. Free trees are available for your yard. Volunteers are needed.

Peter Bluestone, in response to

requests for Candler Park Banners, obtained a quote of \$15-20 per banner from Hughes Printing. He also solicited the help of someone to take over this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Submitted by
Bonnie Palter
Recording Secretary
January 22, 2014

ATTACHMENT A MOTION TO CREATE CANDLER PARK MASTER PLAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization hereby establishes a Special Committee, to be known as the Candler Park Master Plan Coordinating Committee, with the mission to coordinate and facilitate implementation of recommendations in the Candler Park Master Plan.

The Coordinating Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two additional members to be nominated by the Board and confirmed by the membership. One of the members will be designated as the implementation coordinator for transportation projects and for the city's upcoming Quality of Life bond list.

The Chairperson and other committee members shall endeavor to work with each other and with other CPNO members in as open and inclusive a fashion as is practically possible. In the case of resignations and replacements, new committee members shall be nominated by the Board and confirmed by the membership in the same fashion as the original members were appointed. The committee will meet at least once every month at a mutually agreed upon time to help move projects forward; meetings will be publicly

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announced and open to members of CPNO and guests; and will be constituted for a period ending after the Organization's first Membership Meeting in calendar year 2015, unless the CPNO or the Board deems it necessary to terminate the committee early or to renew the committee's charge. The Chairperson shall provide a written report to the board every month, and a verbal report, as well as renewed recommended Master Plan priorities, to the Board and the membership every three months.

The Coordinating Committee shall:

- Serve as CPNO's lead liaison and advocate to public officials, public agencies and other external parties and/or stakeholders regarding the Master Plan;
- Propose priorities to the Board in a form that it deems practical and wise;
- Work with individual CPNO officers, committees and other community members to interpret, refine and implement Master Plan recommendations that have been approved as priorities by the Membership;
- Seek maximum input from the community;
- Seek public and private funding opportunities for priorities in the board;
- Monitor city, state and regional conditions for opportunities, roadblocks, funding alternatives, and other matters that might affect the implementation of Master Plan priorities;
- Monitor the progress of the implementation of priorities as assigned to various groups and assist where reasonable.

The criteria the Coordinating Committee uses in coming up with its quarterly priorities shall include but not necessarily be limited to: level of perceived neighborhood consensus, urgency, breadth of impact, impact on other recommendations (e.g. must A happen before C?), low-hanging fruit, critical timing (for funding, process,

etc.), funding prospects, and whether or not the item has a strong advocate or "owner" within the Candler Park community. The coordinator for transportation and Quality of Life bond projects shall:

- Ensure that s/he and/or other CPNO representatives work closely with elected officials and other appropriate individuals and organizations to develop a list of Candler Park projects to be included on the City of Atlanta's upcoming Quality of Life bond project list.
- Serve, in similar fashion to certain board officers, as the advocate and implementer for Master Plan's transportation-related recommendations.

The Board shall consider the Coordinating Committee's quarterly recommendations, amend them as it sees fit, and forward them to the Membership for consideration at that month's meetings.

Nothing in the Coordinating Committee's duties shall be construed as limiting communication between organization members and public

officials or agencies, nor as supplanting the duties and prerogatives of the CPNO's officers or committees, nor as restricting anyone else in the community from advocating for Master Plan recommendations as they see fit. In the case of conflicts and questions regarding the Coordinating Committee's duties and responsibilities, committee members will seek guidance from the Board.

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- Lexa King, CPNO Membership Secretary

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