

AT&T says it will listen to neighbors on Epworth cell antennas

By Ken Edelstein

The senior AT&T Mobility official on the project to place cellphone antennas inside a new Epworth United Methodist Church steeple says the company doesn't want to force its way into any neighborhood.

"We are a company that understands the meaning of 'no,'" said David Walker, senior real estate manager for the cellphone giant.

Those may be comforting words to residents who've already mobilized against the antennas. But company officials still plan to meet with community members to answer questions, get feedback and make their case for the project.

This is a fast-developing story. So I encourage you to go to candlerpark.org or to like [facebook.com/candlerpark](https://www.facebook.com/candlerpark) to catch the latest — as well as to share information.

As of Feb. 28, Walker and other AT&T representatives were slated to discuss their plans with the Epworth and

Candler Park leaders on March 1. Soon afterward, they planned to meet with parents of the Epworth preschool, many of whom have complained that

the church should have shared the antenna plans with them earlier. Then, the AT&T representatives plan to attend a larger Candler Park meeting — perhaps the March 17 or April 21 CPNO meeting, or perhaps a forum sometime between.

AT&T's proposal is to replace the existing Epworth steeple with one that rises about 30 feet higher, to around 100 feet above street level.

The cladding around part the steeple would be made of a special material that allows radiofrequency, or RF, waves to communicate with cellphones from the antennas housed inside. Electronic equipment, which doesn't emit radio waves, would be placed behind a new brick wall adjacent to the church.

That's a fairly typical setup for a "collocation" project, which differs from a "cell tower" in that the antennas are enclosed in an

architectural structure. Both towers and collocation facilities are commonly referred to as "base stations."

News of the planned base station, which started to spread late on Feb. 24, sparked a flood of questions from Candler Parkers — particularly from parents of Epworth Day School students. Many expressed anger that they hadn't been told of the project while they were in the midst of re-enrolling their preschoolers. Some vowed not to return to Epworth if the antenna project moves forward.

The opponents are worried cellphone antennas could pose a health risk. At the same time, regulatory agencies and mainstream science groups argue that prevailing research finds little reason for health concerns.

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Simulation of extended Epworth steeple with antennas inside. Inset shows the existing view. Photo courtesy of RETEL Services.

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Realizing neighborhood improvements

By Ken Edelstein

CPNO's financial situation changed in a big way with the new year.

For the first time in six years, we won't be raising \$15,000-\$20,000 by holding a Sweetwater 420 5k; our partner for that event, 420 Fest, outgrew Candler Park and has moved downtown. At the same time, we have grand ambitions to implement dozens of Master Plan projects that would improve the neighborhood.

Too little money. Too much stuff we want to spend it on. Ain't that always the case?

The board grappled in December and January with our organization's new math. Through the leadership of Treasurer Peter Bluestein, we've outlined a basic game plan that I think makes sense. But implementing that plan successfully depends on the active support of members such as yourself.

Presidential Briefing

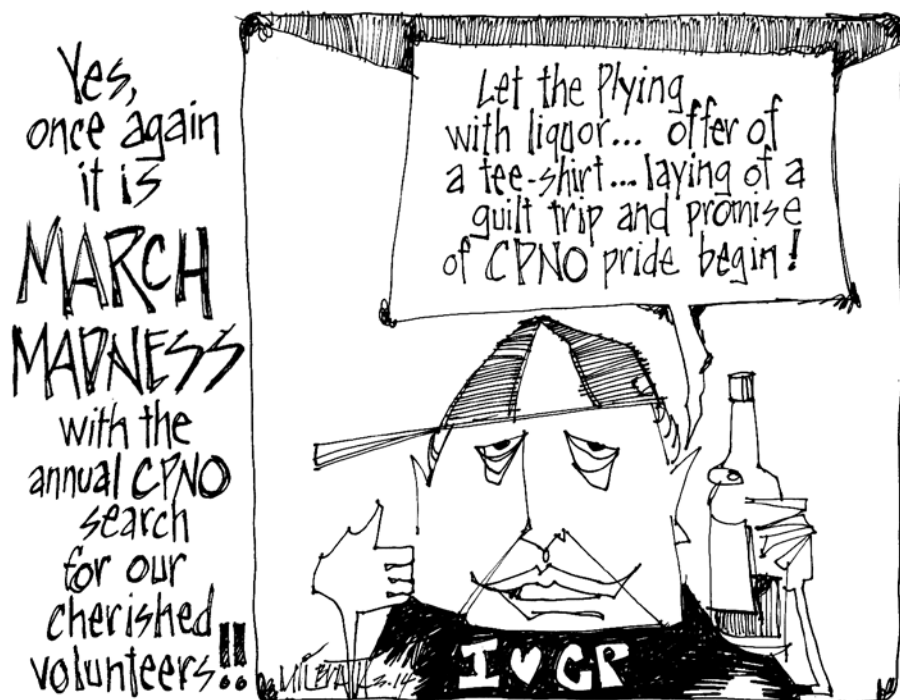
Whenever Peter talks or writes about the budget, he starts by saying: "CPNO continues to be in good financial shape." That's still true.

In January's neighborhood meeting, members approved an administrative and operating budget of just over \$16,000. This covers such basics as bookkeeping and insurance, and such meeting expenses as rent and childcare. It also puts us in a position to fund projects and programs to improve Candler Park's infrastructure and our quality of life.

Our remaining revenue streams (mainly Fall Fest) should cover our operating costs and bit more. We figure that the status quo will be enough to cover our annual sponsorship grant to Movie Night

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Laughter in the park



by Deb Milbrath

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and a few other small grants to neighborhood causes.

But our recently completed Master Plan has spurred greater ambitions. It's true that big ticket items — such as road and sidewalk improvements — are the responsibility of government agencies, and our new Master Plan Coordinating Committee will play a leadership role in ensuring that we get a fair share of the tax dollars needed to improve our infrastructure.

In some cases, however, even those big-ticket projects could use a boost from private funds. For example, perhaps CPNO could raise a little money to supplement the matching fees that homeowners must pay to the city to improve sidewalks in front of their homes.

Other community improvements may depend entirely on funds raised with the neighborhood's help. Take the efforts of Environment Chair John Skach. He's assembled quite a team of activists to improve the park itself and to found a conservancy to help the city manage park improvements. These were all projects that won enthusiastic votes of support from residents during the master planning process.

Where will we find the money to help with such projects? One ingredient is to find new routes to raise general funds. I'm grateful to our vice president, Lexa King, for volunteering

to serve as this year as our "fundraiser in chief." If you're interested in helping Lexa find new ways to help CPNO, please be sure to let her know via email at vicepresident@candlerpark.org.

At the very least, keep an eye open on candlerpark.org or on the Facebook page for fundraising events in which you can participate.

I'm a particularly big believer in an additional approach: the "eat what you kill" philosophy of fundraising. The people who work on park improvements, sidewalk repairs and other neighborhood projects have a vested interest in finding the money to make the completion of those projects possible.

Anyone who takes "ownership" of a Master Plan recommendation can really make things happen by also finding the money to pay for them. This may involve hunting up grants, organizing project-specific fundraising events, online crowdsourcing, or working with the Master Plan Coordinating Committee to tap public and foundation sources. If you're interested in helping, please feel free to contact me (email below) or Coordinating Committee Chair Randy Pimsler at masterplan@candlerpark.org.

CPNO President Ken Edelstein can be reached at president@candlerpark.org.

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MEETING & EVENTS

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

CPNO general meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive; committee meetings are at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave., 2nd Fl. (or as shown) All are welcome - only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by CPNO by the 1st of the month of meeting.

EVENTS CALENDAR

(open to all)

**Mar. 10: CPNO Board Meeting
Mar. 17: CPNO Monthly Meeting
Apr. 2: CPNO Zoning Meeting
Apr. 7: Master Plan Coordinating Comm.**

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Rooftop chickens add to Manuel's sustainability

By Grace Powers, Grady High School

If you pass through the intersection of North and North Highland avenues, you'll pass by Manuel's Tavern. Since last year, the landmark restaurant has had a new addition. Some may think it's a little house atop the building's roof or maybe a storage unit for extra space.

Actually, it's a chicken coop, a safe haven for 24 chickens that reside in a luxurious home on the establishment's roof. Manuel's Tavern owner Brian Maloof has loved his chickens since the first day they arrived at his doorstep in a box. Now the whole staff enjoys their company and the hardy eggs they produce.

Construction began on the coop at the beginning of April 2013. Gathering all of the recycled and reclaimed materials that make up 60 percent of the coop was a slow process. "It's not completely finished," Maloof said. "There are some details that need to be finished on it. I need to complete the painting, the gutters, the rain barrels, then we're going to decorate it."

The chickens have 550 square feet of space that is completely enclosed by chicken wire. The henhouse is small and cozy. It's finished in a light green shade and is outfitted with lopsided windowpanes. There's also a large dust bathing area where the chickens roll around in dust to clean their feathers.

Malooof's inspiration for the rooftop chicken coop began with an experience almost like an epiphany. Manuel's Tavern was having a hard time over the past few years. Malooof said he had meditated over what he needed to do to bolster his business and was surprised when the solution came: chickens.

Student Voices

He described his realization with a reference to a movie. He said he was like the main character in a scene in which



Manuel's owner Brian Maloof holds one of his chickens. Photo by Grace Powers.

everything he did and everywhere he went he was constantly reminded of chickens. He would turn on the radio and hear the traffic report from the Big Chicken in Marietta, or pick up a magazine to see a chicken on the front cover with the title, "Chickens, The New Thing in Food for 2014."

He was initially talked out of the idea by an experienced employee but returned later with a newfound fire. He threw caution to the wind and dove in with full force.

After Malooof began construction on the coop, a close friend heard of the chickens and excitedly appointed

herself as poultry manager. She and Malooof took egg grading classes and were certified by Georgia's Agricultural Department to sell, grade, and serve their rooftop eggs.

Malooof and his manager, Frank Waters, are primarily responsible for caring for the chickens. Every morning, Malooof checks on the chickens, feeds them, and makes sure their water is in good shape. The chickens start laying eggs around 10:30 a.m. and end around 4 p.m. Multiple times during the day, Malooof checks on them and brings them snacks and comforting words.

Manuel's Tavern houses two types of chickens: the Australian Australorp and the Speckled Sussex. These two breeds are popular because they are hardy, docile, and are the most productive egg layers. They also have great heat tolerance and high social skills.

The chickens receive a custom blend of food. The mixture of black oil sunflower seeds and crushed oyster shells – which hardens the eggs – is combined with organic starter food.

The rooftop chickens can't satisfy Manuel's demand for eggs. Although the chickens produce a lot of eggs each day, the tavern goes through more than 720 eggs a week and outside suppliers fill the gap. Diners, however, can ask for an organic egg upgrade for their meal. Malooof swears that the rooftop eggs have more of a flavor to them than regular eggs, and when scrambled, they are perfectly golden, unlike the standard ones which are more white.

Only one of Manuel's chickens has a

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name: Susan. She is the only Speckled Sussex that has a block white head instead of one with white freckles. Susan is named after a woman who has been working at Manuel's Tavern for 40 years and who has stark white hair. Susan (the chicken) is a very proud girl who will not let Maloof or anyone

else hold or pet her, no matter how much they chase her around the coop. And, according to Maloof, just like the chicken, Susan downstairs runs away from all the men chasing her.

The 24 chickens have caused great excitement and pride among the employees at Manuel's. Many of them boast about their eggs and chickens to other restaurants. The chickens also have been adding smiles to customers' faces.

"You can bring someone in who's in the foulest mood and put a chicken in their lap, and every single time they smile," Maloof said.

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Eggs laid by Manuel's chickens. Photo by Grace Powers.



Electric vehicle charging station (left) and LED parking lot lights, Manuel's Tavern. Photos by David Rotenstein.



Chickens weren't the only thing Manuel's owner Brian Maloof introduced to make his watering hole more sustainable and economical. Last year Maloof swapped out all of the establishment's existing light bulbs and installed energy efficient LEDs. Georgia Power also installed LED lights in Manuel's parking lot. The new lights reduce light pollution for neighboring homes and they have significantly cut Maloof's electricity bill.

About 18 months ago, Maloof also partnered with the EV Club of the South, which holds monthly meetings there, to install electric vehicle charging stations behind the tavern.

-- David Rotenstein



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“At this time, there is very little evidence to support this idea,” according to the American Cancer Society. An ACS factsheet on cellphone towers cites three key reasons that “argue against cell phone towers being able to cause cancer”:

- 1) “The energy of [radiofrequency] waves given off by cell phone towers is not enough to break chemical bonds in DNA molecules, which is how ... stronger forms of radiation may lead to cancer.”
- 2) It’s unlikely that the long RF wavelengths could “be concentrated enough to affect individual cells in the body.”
- 3) “Even if RF waves were somehow able to affect cells in the body at higher doses, the level of RF waves present at ground level is very low – well below the recommended limits. Levels of energy from RF waves near cell phone towers are not significantly different from the background levels of RF radiation in urban areas from other sources, such as radio and television broadcast stations.”

While some agencies warn of possible cancer risks from RF waves emitted by use cellphones themselves, the three agencies that typically classify cancer risks of various materials and environments — International Agency for Research on Cancer, the National Toxicology Program and the US Environmental Protection Agency — offer no such warnings for cellphone antennas.

The Federal Communications Commission, which regulates communication technologies, is blunt in its assessment: “There is no reason to believe that such towers could constitute a potential health hazard to nearby residents or students.”

Opponents note, however, that the science on health risks isn’t settled. Beth Krebs, a Lake Claire resident whose house is less than half a mile from the church, has cited links to two 2004 epidemiological assessments — one in Germany, the other in Israel — that found higher cancer rates for those living close to cell towers.

“I’m not going to back down because scientists are telling me I don’t understand,” said Beth Krebs, who

created a Yahoo Group (“Epworth Cell Phone Tower Forum”) to help organize opponents. “The studies we have today are inconclusive, and the impacts are felt over a long period of time ... so why take a risk when cell phone coverage in our neighborhood is perfectly fine?”

Some Candler Park residents apparently disagree with that last point. The first two commenters at the Candler Park Facebook page on one article I wrote about that project were celebrating.

“Bring it,” wrote Eric Rubenstein. “A T-Mobile antenna would be nice, while they’re up there.”

And then there’s the topic of property values: Both sides typically argue that home prices could be affected by base stations — except in the opposite direction. Supporters say the enhanced connectivity has become an important desire among potential buyers, while opponents say the health uncertainties and, in the case of actual towers, the unsightliness can lower values.

There are quite a few steps before AT&T would be able to “bring it,” however. The company and the church have signed a lease enabling the project to take place. But Carolyn Gould, project manager for RETEL Services, a company that navigates siting and regulatory issues for base stations, said that lease contains an option for AT&T to back out of the project.

If the parties did decide to move forward, however, the regulatory hurdles don’t appear to be enormous. Before construction starts, the project must complete a Federal Communications Commission registration process, which already is underway. That process includes a review by the state Historic Preservation Division to ascertain the impact on historic structures or districts.

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The extended tower also would require a Special Administrative Permit for zoning through the City of Atlanta. The application for that permit requires an opportunity for Neighborhood Planning Unit review and comment, which appears to be the most likely route for public input from Candler Park residents.

From there, the project would need a building permit to proceed, and construction could be completed in as little as two months, Gould said.

"We're almost ready to submit for zoning," Gould said, "but I think we're putting that on hold right now [because AT&T officials] want to solicit input."

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Mulch Madness returns

By Mark Clement

The Friends of Candler Park and Park Pride are proud to announce the return of MULCH MADNESS Monday, March 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. In addition to the usual crowd, we have the Cub Scouts from 586 to help.

Our scope of work will be mulching

most trees in Candler Park. Everyone is welcome so if you happen to be available, we would love to have you! We will have plenty of tools and gloves available. There will be free Work Day T-shirts while supplies last. For additional information and to sign up, visit www.FriendsofCandlerPark.org.

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News from the NPU-N

By Amy Stout, CPNO NPU-N Rep.

I attended the monthly meeting of NPU-N on Thursday, February 27th as the CPNO representative.

Ordinances: The board voted unanimously to oppose Ordinance 14-O-1018, legislation that would increase the permitted size of commercial recreation establishments (such as theatres) in the Neighborhood Commercial-1 zoning overlay that encompasses the Little Five Points business district from 8,000 to 20,000 sq ft. The board voted unanimously to defer consideration of Ordinance 14-O-1019, legislation submitted at the request of the Little Five Points Business Association intended to reiterate, clarify, and strengthen regulations in the L5P business district regarding gasoline service stations, drive-through facilities, and notification of the NPU of applications for Special Administrative Permits. As noted by the Chair and others, the correct text for this ordinance has not been officially introduced, the legislation has yet to have its first read at the City Council Zoning Committee or be assigned a ZRB hearing date, and 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 is engaged in ongoing discussions.

Rezoning: The board voted unanimously to support an application for rezoning a large property at 1085 Ponce de Leon in Poncey-Highland contingent on multiple conditions. Upon rezoning to Mixed Residential Commercial-2, the 1950's-era education building associated with the Druid Hills Baptist Church would be demolished, and the southern half of the block would be redeveloped to include a 4-5 story building with restaurants and retail on the ground floor on the western edge facing Highland, a 1-2 story building of live/work units on the southern side facing Blue Ridge, and

a 3-4 story office building on the east facing Seminole, along with a 400-car parking deck included in the center of the plot. The development will have four means of automobile ingress/egress, and a new four-way stop would be added at Seminole and Blue Ridge, and only right turns would be allowed off of and onto North Highland. The materials and design rules in place for the BeltLine overlay district would also be required for this project. New crosswalks would be striped, and the site is proposed to include a location of the upcoming bike share program. When I brought up concerns about asbestos assessment and abatement associated with the large demolition being planned, the city planner and various builders and architects present at the meeting assured us it was not possible to do a demolition without having testing done by an independent third party and having proper protective procedures for handling and disposal followed.

Variances: We deferred consideration of a variance for 374 Clifton Rd for the fifth month in a row. No applicant was present, and the application still requires evaluation by the CPNO. **Special Events:** The board voted unanimously to support the following applications for outdoor festivals:

- Spring Festival on Ponce in Olmstead Linear Parks: April 5-6
- Movie Nights in Candler Park: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17
- Great Atlanta Pot Festival in Candler Park: April 20
- Candler Park Music and Food Festival in Candler Park: May 30-31

Other: An application to subdivide 1640 Clifton Terrace into two new R-4 residential lots was on our agenda for review and comment. The applicant, future owner, and proposed developer Mercer Harris was present to answer questions. Again, I raised concerns about demolition and asbestos. Three Candler Park residents were present to express concerns about the new construction and how its design would or would not fit in the existing character of the neighborhood. This property is technically located in the Druid Hills neighborhood, and the Druid Hills representative on the NPU-N board indicated that their organization had similar concerns. The City Planner emphasized that subdivisions are an administrative procedure, and that if property fulfills all the necessary requirements (and it does), then the subdivision would be approved. We also voted to support an ordinance that would adopt the recent Krog-Lake-Elizabeth-North Highland Transportation Strategy, a master

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plan-like document commissioned by the Inman Park Neighborhood Association and funded by Councilmember Kwanza Hall, as a supplement to the Connect Atlanta Plan. The motion to support included provisions to indicate there should be ongoing input and assessment prior to implementations and there should be special consideration given to BeltLine-associated intersections.

I welcome your input on these and related issues. Please contact me at NPURep@candlerpark.org.

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Zone 6 crime reports

Complied by David Bruce

500 block Sterling St – Burglary – 1/20 Mon Day. Witness said she and her husband saw a B/M, slim build, 30s, with a mustache and wearing a blue cap and knapsack coming out of the driveway riding a blue bike. Gate damaged and a Dianchi Hybrid bike

taken from a storage room on victim's porch.

1300 block Euclid Ave – Auto theft – 1/20 Mon Morn. Silver Honda Accord 2004 found abandoned at 1500 block Memorial Dr. Damage to a door and window.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 2/8 Fri Eve. Parking lot. Door lock broken. Taken: Camera, laptop, headphones, book bag, suitcase, tablet and clothing.

1600 block Clifton Ter – Larceny – 2/14 Fri Eve. 2 items of yard art taken from the backyard during the day.

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The zoning report

By Seth Eisenberg, CPNO Zoning Chair

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

The Zoning committee had an online vote in order to recommend to the neighborhood whether or not to support certain NC-1 legislation pending before the City Council. The online vote results were as follows:

The Zoning committee voted to recommend approval of Ordinance 14-O-1019 when text has been properly amended to incorporate proposed language by Little Five Points Business Association.

The Zoning committee voted not to recommend approval of Ordinance 14-O-1018.

This legislation was ultimately discussed and voted upon at the Monthly Neighborhood meeting.

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Changes coming to historic landmark

By John Skach

If you run, walk or ride your bike down the Freedom Park trail to Shadyside Park, you may have noticed the fence around the base of the brick church just north of the intersection of Terrace Ave. and Clifton Terrace. The building, owned by the Georgia Baptist Convention, is proposed for demolition due to deterioration from roof leaks and other long-term problems. The brick structure was built in 1957 as the Jackson Hill Baptist Church and was grafted on to the adjacent house known as Pinebloom, which had been in use since 1941 as the studios for the Baptist Radio Hour.

Pinebloom was built in 1914 as one of the first and finest estate homes in the new garden suburb of Druid Hills. It was designed by Walter T. Downing, the architect of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Healy Building, and other landmark Atlanta homes.

The house was commissioned by Preston Arkwright, the first president of the Georgia Railway and Electric Company (eventually Georgia Power Company); and over the course of the 1920s became a hub of social activity. Built in the half-timbered English Medieval Revival style popular at the time, it has retained its historic features almost unchanged despite the addition of the church building.

The Pinebloom property once extended to Fairview Road and included the entire valley of Lullwater (Peavine) Creek. The grounds were heavily wooded and sloped gradually up to the house, where formal gardens transitioned to the front and rear lawns. This landscape remained until the Jackson Hill Baptist Church was built, when the western half of the site was reshaped for the church building and parking. Even though the work radically affected the estate's environment, portions of the gardens are still visible.

When the Georgia Department of

Transportation began assembling land for the East-West Expressway in the 1960s and 1970s, it subdivided the Pinebloom estate roughly parallel to the western wall of the church. The strip of land purchased by the GDOT was part of the 1980s citizen movement rejecting the planned Presidential Parkway. Eventually the land was leased to the city as part of the settlement that created Freedom Park.

Representatives of the Georgia Baptist Convention have expressed their desire to restore Pinebloom once the church building is demolished. Since the GDOT / COA / Freedom Park land encompasses a portion of the parking lot area, the demolition not only presents an opportunity to re-establish a landmark Druid Hills estate but could open the way to enhancing that por-



Pinebloom. Photo courtesy of the Historic American Building Survey (HABS).

tion of Freedom Park, better connecting the Olmsted linear park system with the historic landscape of the Candler Park Golf Course and Peavine Creek habitat.

Stay tuned for more updates on the Pinebloom project as it develops.

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Jackson Hill Baptist Church to be demolished. Photo by David Rotenstein.

The sidewalk beat

By Cliff Mack

The McLendon Ave. sidewalk project adjacent to Candler Park is complete except for planting Serviceberry trees on the park side of the walkway to replace those lost during construction. Most have been planted. Thanks should be given to Atlanta Parks and Recreation Commissioner George Dusenbury and Director of Parks Design Paul Taylor for efforts to move this project along to completion in record time.

Last December, engineers from the Department of Public Works did a follow-up assessment of McLendon Ave. sidewalks between Brooks and Moreland avenues. Also evaluated were sidewalks along Oakdale Rd. between McLendon and Dekalb avenues. The assessments noted street repair issues, drainage issues, incomplete watershed repairs and sidewalk damage and obstructions. Together with previous assessments by the

Candler Park Sidewalk Committee, DPW is preparing a cost estimate for repairs. (expected in early February). A second assessment will be done later and will include Oakdale Rd. between McLendon and North Ave. A third assessment will include Euclid Ave. The recent snow and ice created a backlog within DPW causing delays in getting assessment information and scheduling the additional assessments.

Georgia Tech. has not yet released their sidewalk assessment data collected last summer. It should, however, be available within the next two months. Once available, this information should significantly speed up the assessment process.

Regarding sidewalk repair, in response to recommendations made by Atlanta's Sidewalk Task Force, the DPW reported that several administrative changes would be implemented intended to streamline the process of sidewalk repair and inspection. Details of these changes were reviewed in a November meeting with DPW man-

agement. We are not yet certain how many of these changes have actually been implemented. DPW has been contacted for an update.

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McLendon Ave. sidewalk repair underway in August 2013. Photo by David Rotenstein.

New book by Candler Park author

By David Rotenstein

Titus Joseph, a Page Ave. resident since 1997, has written a new book. *Our Curious World of Mirror Images* was published in Dec. 2013 by Balboa Press. According to Joseph, the new philosophy book proposes a "new paradigm [that] serves as a lens to conceive how things come into being and illustrates a new model of the universe."

The book is available from Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

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Time to Renew!

Laura Hussey, Membership Secretary

CPNO memberships have expired for those who have not renewed since January 1, 2014. At year-end 2013, over 500 individuals were voting members of CPNO. As of March 1, 2014, only about 70 of those have renewed and will be eligible to vote in the March CPNO meeting. Only members of record on the first of the month are eligible to vote at that month's CPNO meeting.

CPNO membership is FREE and open to any person who is at least 18 years of age and who: (1) maintains his or her primary residence within the Candler Park neighborhood; (2) owns property within the Candler Park neighborhood; or (3) is the designated representative of any corporation, business, organization, institution or agency that maintains a place of business or owns real property within the Candler Park neighborhood.

Joining CPNO, or renewing membership, only takes a minute! There are three easy options – online at www.candlerpark.org; in person at a meeting; or by completing the membership form included in every Messenger and returning the completed form to any CPNO officer to give to the Membership secretary.

I'll keep you posted on CPNO membership statistics in future Messenger editions.

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Bring Back the Porch Party

Laura Hussey, Membership Secretary

Several long-time Candler Park residents have fondly reminisced to me about a Candler Park neighborhood tradition that has lapsed in recent years, the "Porch Party." With its many bungalows and their deep front porches, it is easy to imagine that the first porch party was an impromptu

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gathering of neighbors on a warm spring evening, with potluck food and drink, music, and good company.

With the advent of central air conditioning, our porches have become less of a necessity and with our busy lives, passing an evening on the porch chatting with neighbors has become less of a naturally-occurring way of life. Instead, it's become something that we have to make a conscious decision to embrace – and even schedule. And that is exactly what the neighbors who've approached me seem to want –



for us to embrace the unique opportunity all of our lovely porches represent to bring us together as neighbors!

Porch party weather is fast approaching, and a small group of volunteers is working to flesh out ideas for an organized Porch Party event, but we need neighbors with porches who would be willing to host a few neighbors on their porch! If you are interested in participating in bringing the Porch Party tradition back

to Candler Park, contact Laura Hussey at membership@candlerpark.org.

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Thank you!

CPNO would like to thank Cameli's Pizza Little 5 Points location for being the food sponsor for our February membership meeting.



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Horizon Theatre's new season

By David Rotenstein

The Horizon Theatre Company announced its 30th anniversary season in late February. The Inman Park playhouse kicked off the year with a return of last year's popular The Book Club Play.

The new plays announced include El-emen-o Pea (Mar. 14 - Apr. 13); Cowgirls (May 16 - June 29); Right On (July 18 - Aug. 31); and, Detroit (Sept. 19 - Oct. 19).

Elemeno Pea (pronounced L-M-N-O-P) was written by Molly Smith Metzler and is directed by Heidi Cline McKersley.

The comedy is set on Martha's Vineyard at the end of a summer tourist

season. The story turns on the collision of classes among the well-heeled visitors, their family and friends, and the people who work for them. It's a story about "the haves and the have nots," according to materials provided by Horizon.



The cast of Elemeno Pea. Photo courtesy of the Horizon Theatre Company.

"World's collide Horizon artistic director Lisa Adler describes the show as "a fast-paced ensemble comedy with heart and bite."

The Horizon Theatre Company is located at 1083 Austin Ave. Show-times and Ticketing in-

formation are available online at www.horizontheatre.com.

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The 'hood's business

Candler Park Neighborhood Organization General Membership Meeting
February 17, 2014
[DRAFT]

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Ken Edelstein, President. A welcome was extended to new neighbors and guests. Motion to adopt the agenda as amended passed.

Announcements:

- The Board of Directors appointed Mark Wolgemuth and Eric Rubenstein as alternate NPU-N Representatives. We now have the full compliment of alternates (4).
- Peter Bluestone announced that due to time and financial constraints as well as no one to take ownership of the race there will not be an Earth Day 5K.
- Members are encouraged to fill out the survey for Movie Night 2014.
- Members can sign up to volunteer for tree planting on March 22 using the Signup Genius in the tree planting article on the website.
- Mulch Madness is March 29, 9:00 am to Noon.
- The Great Atlanta Pot Festival is April 20, 2014 from Noon to 10 pm.
- Pastor Garrett introduced himself as the head of the church at the corner of Iverson and Candler Park Drive. He invited members to join in church sponsored programs.

Guests:

- Major Peek and Captain Ben Magee, assistant Zone 6 Commander, answered questions about crime in the neighborhood. The major problem continues to be car break-ins.
- Kathie Gannon, Dekalb County Commissioner, spoke about the 'blue print' for reforming Dekalb County government. More information on the blueprint can be found at her website kathiegannon.com.

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- Kwanza Hall, City Councilman, congratulated the neighborhood on the establishment of the Master Plan.
- Elena Parent, State Senate candidate District 42, spoke about her platform-transportation, education, and healthcare. She will be running for the seat which will be vacated by Jason Carter.

Motion to approve the January minutes passed.

Officer and Committee Reports:

FallFest 2014 will be September 27 and 28, 2014.

An ad hoc committee consisting of Ken Edelstein, Lexa King, and John Skach nominated Randy Pimsler, Joseph Hacker, and Eric Dusenbury to the Candler Park Master Plan Coordinating Committee. Motion to approve the appointment of Randy Pimsler, Chairperson, Joseph Hacker, Vice Chairperson, and Eric Dusenbury, Coordinator of Transportation as the Candler Park Master Plan Coordinating Committee passed.

Motion to support the Zoning Committee recommendation not to support Ordinance 14-O-1018 passed.

The Zoning Committee voted to recommend approval of Ordinance 14-O-1019 when text has been properly amended to incorporate proposed language by Little Five Points Business Association. Motion to support the Zoning Committee recommendation of Ordinance 14-O-1019 with appropriate language revisions as suggested by the Little Five Points Business Association passed.

Motion to extend the meeting 30 minutes and adjust the agenda for the discussion of Clifton Men's Sanctuary grant application and Candler Park Music and Food Festival passed.

Josh Antenucci, Rival Entertainment promoter, announced the Candler Park Music and Food Festival (formerly Mid-Summer Music and Food

Festival) would be the weekend of May 30 and 31. The format of the festival would be the same as in previous years. Motion to convey our support of Candler Park Music and Food Festival to the NPU-N passed.

Peter Bluestone presented the Board of Directors' rationale to grant \$1,000 of the requested \$5,000. Membership will vote on this grant application next month.

Motion to adopt the Bylaw amendment of Article V Section 1 passed. Motion to approve \$50 for the NPU-N rent passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by
Bonnie Palter
Recording Secretary
February 17, 2014

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Balancing the books

By Peter Bluestone, CPNO Treasurer

Our profit and loss (P&L) and balance sheets are provided to the membership in each monthly meeting and CPNO continues to be in good financial shape.

During the last CPNO meeting, fund-raising discussions included holding a spring race in place of the 420 5k previously held in conjunction with the Sweetwater festival that has relocated to Centennial Park. Several issues have made putting on such a race impractical at this time. First, we did not have sufficient volunteer commitment to manage putting on the race. Second, we faced a limited promotional time frame and multiple competing races on the same day. Given the fixed costs involved it seems prudent to wait until next year.

On the major expenses front, we introduced a grant request for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries in the amount of \$1,000. (The original grant request was for \$5,000.)

At the March meeting we will work to secure funding for new CPNO banners. This item was introduced in January. See you at the March meeting!

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- Lexa King, CPNO Membership Secretary

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