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CPNO Committees - An opportunity for volunteerism in the neighborhood

By Zaid Duwayri

In my column last month, I mentioned the new bylaws that were adopted by our organization last September. The wise members of the bylaws committee revised several sections of our rules document to, among other motives, encourage wider participation of the membership in advancing the interests of our community. The new bylaws document expands the number and role of standing committees and allows these committees to have the autonomy needed to achieve their intended goals. I provide a short description of each of the committees below to help you identify opportunities to volunteer with our neighborhood organization.

The standing committees listed in our bylaws are the following:

(a) Fall Fest Committee - As one of our most active committees, it is charged with overseeing the organization and operation of our annual festival. Committee related activities tend to happen year-round, although it gets really active in the summer months leading up to the festival date. If you love our Fall Fest and would like to help organize the 2016 edition, please join this

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committee.

(b) Membership Committee - Chaired by the membership officer (Roger Bakeman), the committee is charged with expanding the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) membership within Candler Park. Members will work on ideas to hold social events and expand our membership base. If you like to meet and get to know more of your Candler Park neighbors, then this is a committee that could use your help!

(c) Zoning Committee - This is an established committee that is chaired by the zoning officer (Seth Eisenberg) and meets regularly to review and make recommendations to the organization on land use and zoning issues. The zoning committee influences decisions on whether the organization should support certain zoning applications. So if you would like to be part of the team that helps shape the future Candler Park, please join this team.

(d) Public Safety Committee - This committee was inspired by the great

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LAUGHTER IN THE PARK

By Deb Milbrath



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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 Epworth United Methodist 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 1 and a complete list of CPNO meetings at www.candlerpark.org.

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work that a group of neighbors did to establish the security patrol in 2015. This team will be headed by the public safety officer (Lindy Kerr) and will administer the Neighborhood Watch program and coordinate with the broader group of block captains. This committee will also organize social events to promote safety concepts among neighbors. Please consider joining this team if you would like to promote safety and security in our neighborhood.

(e) Fundraising Committee - This is a new committee that is chaired by the fundraising officer (Drew Jackson) and is tasked with coordinating the organization's fundraising activities. Members of this committee will propose and organize events, merchandise sales, and sponsorships to generate funds that will support CPNO's mission. If you have ideas that CPNO could adopt to help fund future neighborhood projects, then we definitely need your assistance on this committee.

(f) Education Committee - This very important committee is active in reviewing education issues that directly, and indirectly, impact our neighborhood. The education committee is responsible for informing the membership of education-related topics through active communications with Atlanta Public Schools and city officials as well as our elected representatives. Needless to say, if you are interested in the education matters that impact Candler Park and its residents, please volunteer to serve on this committee.

(g) Infrastructure Committee - This committee was established to build on the momentum that led to the creation of our neighborhood's master plan. The team will lead the effort to recommend the prioritization of the master plan projects and help in driving the execution of these projects through active interaction with the neighborhood and the city. If you are passionate about improving Candler Park and would like to influence and drive high-impact projects, then this is the committee for you, and we definitely need your help.

In addition to the standing committees mentioned above, we have the flexibility of forming special committees to address areas that are not covered by the standing committees. These can be created by the CPNO board as the needs arise.

I heard from several members that they're hesitant to join committees because of all the meetings that they would have to attend. Well, I'm happy to tell you all that committee members are not required to attend CPNO board meetings and that committee chairs can independently determine the cadence of their own committee meetings. So don't let meetings scare you away from helping us out.

I encourage you to participate in one or more of the committees above. Our neighborhood will greatly benefit from a wider participation of members and it will help our organization in taking on additional projects. Please feel free to reach out to me at president@candlerpark.org for more information about volunteering on these committees.

Thuonk yuou tu zee-a Svedeesh Cheff, Bork, Bork!

The Swedish Chef will be providing cuisine to share at the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization's members meeting on January 18. Come to sample this spectacular Muppet's culinary creations. Just one word of warning, sometimes his publicity schedule gets double-booked (that's what happens when you let animals organize your schedule), so there may need to be a last-minute substitution.

If you know of a local food purveyor who wishes to partner with CPNO as a cash-free meeting sponsor, email Chris Fitzgerald at chrisfitzgerald@gmail.com.



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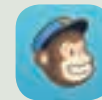
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JANUARY

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7 pm, Epworth Church
- 18** CPNO Members
Meeting, 7 pm, 1st
Exist. Church
- 27** Candler Park
Conservancy Meeting,
9 am, 1st Exist. Church

*In case of cancellations or changes,
check calendar at candlerpark.org. For
meetings at Epworth, knock on door at
street level to get in. All CPNO meetings
are open to the public.*



Young ones gather for Candler Park Movie Night. Credit: Rob Giersch

CPNO votes to fund Movie Night for 2016

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) voted to help fund Movie Night for 2016 to the tune of \$2,500. Movie Night, organized by Mark Clement, has been going strong for 10 years. It has been successful in getting people to Candler Park during spring and fall evenings to watch movies, eat, play and have a great time. Movie Night is free to attend, but that doesn't mean it doesn't cost to produce. In addition to paying for the films, money is also needed to set up the screen, the sound and to pay the city of Atlanta for the use of the bathrooms in the park. The money from CPNO represents a little more than a third of the cost of putting on Movie Night. Sponsors fill in the rest. In 2015, sponsors included Kroger, Candler Park Market, Fox Bros. Bar-B-Q, Front Page News and Tijuana Garage, Epworth at Candler Park, Uncle Maddio's Pizza, Wall Crawlers, Bond Credit Union, Rival Entertainment, Atlanta City Council Member Kwanza Hall, as well as real estate professionals Cynthia Baer, John Morgan, Anna K Intown and the Lee and Darlene Real Estate Team. Last year's films included "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory", "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Jungle Book" along with others. Look for this year's

lineup in the coming months in these pages.

BRIEFS

Reminder: Renew your CPNO membership today

CPNO membership resets every year, so remember to renew in January for 2016 if you want to be able to vote at CPNO meetings and just generally be considered one of the cool people in the neighborhood. To renew visit, <http://candlerpark.org/register>.

CPNO welcomes new members!

- Amanda Bolster
- Jeb & Kathy Cashin
- Cassie Leymarie

Become a member or renew by visiting, <http://candlerpark.org/register>.

*-Roger Bakeman
Membership Secretary*



Events In Your Hood

Here are some of the events happening in Candler Park during the month of January.

Frank Hamilton Folk School at Epworth United Methodist Church

January 5, 7 p.m. - 8:20 p.m. - First Session of the 6-week class for banjo, fiddle, guitar and voice. They continue every week.

Healium

Every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m., Open Studio

Every Wednesday, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., Open Jam

If you know of spaces in Candler Park that aren't listed that host events, just send a nice friendly note to the editor and he'll try to include it next month.

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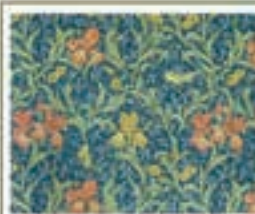
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People in Your Neighborhood: Diirga Brough

By David Terraso

Diirga Brough is a man of many talents who has lived in Candler Park since 1975. I have no idea how he'd feel about the term "renaissance man," but in my opinion it fits him to a T. He grew up in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and moved to Atlanta to attend the Atlanta School of Art, which is now incorporated into the Savannah College of Art and Design. He owns the building at McClendon and Oakdale that houses the Marie Marie Salon and Indie Craft Experience. He also runs Gravity Graphics Signs and teaches under the names Laughing Dragon Tai Chi, Laughing Dragon Swords and Laughing Dragon Summer Camp.

DT How did you end up coming to Candler Park?

AG One of my claims to fame was I was the first paid employee of Sevananda Natural Foods. We brought Sevananda to the neighborhood in 1975. We had a store at Emory and it was time to leave, so I came through this neighborhood and said, "I bet the rent is cheap here."

DT Tell us about your artwork.

AG As a freelance artist I get to experiment. I've painted signs for forty years. I will always paint signs.

I'm one of the last hand-letterers. The Gilded Angel and Candler Park Flowers are two of my favorites.

Another quirky thing I do is paint Christmas windows; Zesto's is one. I decorate on the outside for Christmas and then they scrape it off after Christmas. I have about a dozen clients. I do it because I love it.

I also do signs for the Neon Company. He'll bring something to me and say, "I want this to look old." So I make them look old and handmade.

DT How did you become interested in signs?

AG From my dad, he was a graphics design professor at the University of Alabama and I watched him paint signs and he taught me the basics.

DT You also teach Tai Chi?

AG Teaching and practicing Tai Chi is a deep personal artistic experience for me. I teach private classes. That gives me a learning environment that is unique to each individual. I like to say, "Breathing is the most important thing I teach."

DT Tell us about the swords.

AG Part of classical Tai Chi is sword. I designed a padded sword, so we could fight full speed. I spent a number of years developing them and I have a friend who makes them for me.

When my son was five-ish, I watched him and his friends go crazy with the swords and I thought this is really cool. So I started doing a sword fighting program with kids. I used to do it after school. So I have this whole generation of kids who've done sword fighting with me. It's free-style sword fighting. If they want to be a Jedi, they get to be a Jedi. If they want to clobber, they get to clobber. Whatever they want to do, I cater to it because there is no one thing. It's a lot of fun. It's very universal; kids of all ages love it. I just put the sword in their hands and say "GO".

DT And you have a camp?

AG I was with Circus Camp for many years, I hung out with all the circus talent and picked up a lot of skills.

About ten years ago I put that together with sword fighting and



Diirga Brough is a Candler Parker with many talents including sword mastery, art and Tai Chi. Credit: David Terraso



His hand painted signs, like his latest here, can be seen throughout Candler Park and Little Five Points. Credit: David Terraso

started Laughing Dragon Summer Camp.

I run camp for one month in June. Right now I've had the same group of kids for three years. It's great,

I only want eight kids, not 24.

DT You've lived in Candler Park for a long time, so I'm guessing you're a fan?

AG I think we're the luckiest people because there's no place like this. There's friendliness, walkability, we're a great community. When I go to our neighborhood meetings and events I feel proud.

If anyone wants to get in touch with me about any of my services, please do at Diirga@LDswords.com.



The city is currently searching for a vendor to manage the Candler Park Golf Course.
Credit: David Terraso

What's in store for Candler Park Golf Course?

By David Terraso

According to the city, American Golf has managed and operated the city's five public golf courses for the past 30 years. With that contract about to expire in April 2016, Atlanta has issued a request for proposal (RFP) to find a company to run three of those courses, Browns Mill, North Fulton and Tup Homes. A second RFP is set to be issued for the management of Candler Park Golf Course and Bobby Jones Golf Course.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Amy Phuong said she felt that splitting the contracts for managing the courses would allow the city to make some improvements to them.

"For Candler Park, in particular, we thought there was a great opportunity to manage it based on our observations and we thought it was best to split the golf courses as such," explained Phuong.

In terms of generating revenue, the city's top courses are North Fulton and Bobby Jones, while the nine-hole Candler Park course has a history of not being as lucrative. The course came into being when Coca-Cola founder Asa Candler donated the 55 acres that became Candler Park to the city in 1922. The story goes he hired landscape architect Helen Smith to

design the course for his daughter because the Druid Hills golf club wouldn't allow women to play.

In order to discuss the RFP process for the neighborhood's course, Phuong met with three representatives from Candler Park last month: Zaid Duwayri, current president of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO); Ken Edelstein, president of CPNO in 2015 and member of the Candler Park Conservancy; and Stacy Funderburke, chair of the Candler Park Conservancy.

"I think this is an ideal opportunity for the conservancy to play a role in improving our community," said Edelstein, who was speaking as an individual rather than CPNO or the conservancy. "The conservancy could set up a taskforce or committee that includes other organizations or neighbors to help improve this community asset."

The course has a few characteristics that make it unusual among Atlanta's golfing grounds. First wetlands that run through it are home to beavers, a resource that many in the neighborhood have been committed to protecting. Second, it's the city's only nine-hole public course.

"We want the new company to understand the interaction of the course

and the wetlands," said Funderburke. "It is unusual to have a natural habitat and a restored stream in the middle of a public city golf course, so we want to make sure the company that takes this on respects that and understands the unique aspects of the course."

The new RFP provides an opportunity for both the neighborhood and the conservancy to have a seat at the table about residents and players vision for the course.

"We can start the dialogue on the future vision of the golf course and surrounding area - and work in coordination with the conservancy to get a consensus on what we feel is a good future state of the course," said Duwayri.

One important question for those groups to ask is who do they want the course to be maintained in the future? Do they want to improve it beyond the status quo, he added.

Last year the current vendor, American Golf, was accused by some friends of the park for using heavy equipment in the wetlands.

"That's an obvious role for the conservancy to play to make sure the folks running it are not only doing a good job maintaining the course, but also respect the wetlands and other parts of the park," said Funderburke.

Edelstein said for him it's important that we use this opportunity for the community (both Candler Park and the surrounding neighborhoods) to ensure that the city does two things. The first is to do no harm to the existing resource, which includes the wetlands, beavers and the course itself. The second is to partner with the community in an open, inclusive and creative process to improve the course, he said.

"The conservancy wants to stay at the table during the conversation about who will run the golf course," added Funderburke. "We want to have conversations with the city while they are evaluating the RFP"

"I think we're always looking to improve upon what we're doing," said Phuong. "We think this is a great opportunity to ensure that the management and accountability at Candler and our other assets across the city are being maintained. What's great about an expiring contract is it gives us that opportunity."

Citizens urge city to let PARK Atlanta's meter expire

By David Terraso

At Inman Middle School on December 10th, the city of Atlanta held its second town hall about whether the city should renew its contract with PARK Atlanta. The company polices parking meters around the city, including in neighboring Little 5 Points. Nearly 100 citizens showed up. Since getting the seven-year contract on November 1, 2009, PARK Atlanta has made its presence known with what some say are overly aggressive enforcement tactics. At the meeting, which lasted for a little more than an hour-and-a-half, every citizen who spoke had at least one complaint about the company. In fact, one citizen asked those assembled to raise their hands if they were in favor of the city renewing the contract with the company. Not a single hand was raised.

The meeting was presided over by a number of city officials, including city council members Felicia Moore, Kwanza Hall, Andre Dickens, Alex Wan, Mary Norwood and CT Martin, as well as Commissioner of Public Works Rudy Moore.

The first meeting on the topic was held on December 2, 2015 at City Hall, and the third meeting will be held on January 14, 2016 at City Hall.

Here are a few of the comments from the public meeting.

"Here on North Highland ... a young lady in a wheelchair could not reach to put the coins in, and the PARK Atlanta person came and, rather than help her, gave her a ticket. And there were several of us there, kind of making a noise about it, and we insisted that the PARK Atlanta person call their supervisor. That supervisor said give her that ticket," said one citizen.

"People avoid the businesses here on North Highland. They say, no, I don't want to go there because I'll get a ticket. It's bad business for the small businesses here," another citizen chimed in.

"Let the city run it. I have full confidence that they can do it. It's bad business because it's bad manners," said a citizen.

The owner of a business on North Highland had this to say, "Since PARK Atlanta has been out there ... we have seen nothing but rudeness out of whoever is staffing the meters. The meters are broken and people are still getting tickets.



PARK Atlanta runs the parking meters in Little Five Points, Virginia-Highlands and the rest of the city. Credit: David Terraso

For instance this week, a meter has been broken all week. I've still seen people get tickets. It affects our business, hugely. When we had the coin meters before ... we didn't have these issues. Now people are angry. They are just really mad.

"There's nothing I can do as a business owner expect show them where the meters are, ask them if they paid the meter. There is one meter down the street and if there are visitors in the area they don't know where that meter box is."

"The meters are a problem. The people who are policing them are a huge problem. I've seen people be 30 seconds late and they're running out to put money in the meter and the meter maid is at their car and the meter maid gives them a ticket. You know they're not coming back. I'd like to see a different system," said another.

"I object, personally, that we have contracted out to a for-profit company the job of enforcing the laws of the city," one resident testified.

Another agreed, "We've handed this off to people we can't control. Citizens can't adjust it. We can't adjust the need for parking by hours. We can't adjust it

by demand. We can't adjust it based on experience. It's out of our hands and it's out of your hands [he said to the city officials]. And that's a real, real shame and it produces a lot of cynicism that's really unfortunate.

"Mr. Mendoza can run this program. I know he can, he's done other more difficult things. And it may not be quite as efficiently run, but if there are challenges and changes that need to be made, we can negotiate it with ya'll, with council and citizens," he continued.

One citizen said a concern of his was the poor PARK Atlanta signage and the unreliable app to pay the meter.

"I find that PARK Atlanta seems to be really predatory in its practices. There are two things. One is that the signage is often unclear. You'll read a sign and think, 'I can park here,' only to get a ticket. And then you'll come back to find that other people aren't getting a ticket. You'll ask the neighbor, 'What do you think of this?' and he'll tell you one thing and another neighbor will tell you another. It's a problem when you have a law that people can't understand," one said.

"One of my attorney friends told me today that she has paid four times and gotten four tickets when she's paid using that PARK Mobile app, or whatever it's called," he added.

One Virginia-Highland business manager said, "With the exception of one year, every year the PARK Atlanta metering system has been in we have lost sales. We did a survey as part of our strategic planning for our business last year and we asked an open-ended question, 'What is the one thing we can do to improve?' and 94 percent of our respondents cited some form of parking, parking meters or parking tickets."

At the end of the meeting several council members addressed the audience. Council member Wan said, "We are hearing you and we are looking for ways to make this something that works for not just the city, but for our commuters as well."

Council member Dickens closed by saying that he wants to have customer satisfaction be codified in the next contract.

Reflections and Observations

Lexa King

Don't you just love this recent time of year? The months between Halloween and New Year's Day are some of my favorites. The activities of decorating, baking, cooking, entertaining and partying tend to distract us from the shortening days and dropping temperatures.

The season is kicked off by the Little Five Points Halloween Parade. Whole streets of neighbors are committed to outdoing each other with orange lights, blow-up black cats, skeletons, ghosts and goblins. Page Avenue has built a reputation such that carloads of kids come from areas near and far to "Trick or Treat" for bags of candy and goodies.

November is when we pay the price for all of the majestic trees that line our streets. Copious amounts of leaves are raked, bagged and removed while we plant our pansies, place our pumpkins and move the potted plants indoors. Those of us who are late with the efforts of our winter gardens put out seedlings for assorted greens and plant the seeds of various root vegetables like radishes, beets, carrots and turnips. All of this activity culminates with a Thanksgiving feast shared with a mixture of family, friends and neighbors.

December is filled with a collage of celebratory events. Hannakuh, Solstice and Christmas all seem to encourage bling or lights of sorts. If you have never experienced the Solstice at Mulberry Fields, I'm sorry. What better time to light a flame in the belly of the Chick-a-billy metal sculpture than the shortest day of the year? It happens somewhere around the 21st of the month and is usually accompanied by shared food and flowing wine and beer. It's an opportunity to meet with the neighbors we love and to appreciate the community garden unique to us before hunkering down for the desolate months of January and February.

Perhaps my favorite tradition, though, is sitting down with my calendar and reviewing the year as it comes to a close. What was accomplished? What was learned? Where did I fall short? What will I carry into the coming year? A time for reflection and creation. I saw a quote the other day, "With each sunrise we are given a chance for a new beginning." It's true.



The Chick-a-billy metal sculpture at Mulberry Fields spews fire. Credit Lexa King.



Halloween is a favorite time of year with the Little Five Points Halloween Parade and the amazing decorations on Page Avenue. Credit Lexa King.

Even one step further, we can begin newly any moment of any day. But do we take advantage of that? Are we that creative? Or

are we lulled into a sense of routine as we develop the ruts that become our lives?

Taking stock of a year of activity requires that I review the four pillars of my personal world: health, work, relationships and spiritual development. Some of these areas are predictable each year. My intention is always to eat better and to move more. Several years ago I gave up meat, for the most part. Cutting back on sugar is the next logical step. At a party the other night I found a couple of people who are doing yoga and senior exercising regularly. Partnering with them and having accountability partners may be the key to getting my rear, and the rest of my body, in action in 2016.

Work at this point of life is fabulous. I do what I want, as much as I want, with whom I want. That is the gift of being self-employed. Depending on where you are in your life, that may be what you want to create for your advanced years. If you have the luxury of starting your business while being employed with a regular paycheck, all the better! Maybe I'll do just a little more this coming year. You know, I want more of a nest egg for when I'm actually old.

Relationships can be a challenge, but they are also the juice of life. In 2015 I vowed to be more accepting, less judgmental. When I was able to be successful, I found it quite rewarding. Still more ground to take. Loving surely is the key to receiving more love.

Spiritual development covers a lot of ground. I receive a lot of benefit from attending church regularly and taking classes there. One of the areas I intend to expand is that of meditation. Just getting still in today's society is a huge challenge. But there is information and answers are available to us, I believe, if we become quiet enough to listen. We have such a wealth of areas which can compliment contemplative rituals. Our parks, including the sculpture installations, can provide a perfect setting for reflection and inspiration.

It's hard to believe we are already 15 years into this current century. Wasn't it just months ago that we were worried about Y2K?

We're fortunate to live in such a thriving, exciting and nurturing area. The recreation and resources at our fingertips are astonishing. Enjoy 2016 and remember, every day is the chance for a new beginning!

Candler Park crime reports, November 11 - November 28

Crime reports are provided by Atlanta Police Department Zone 6 and compiled by CPNO member David Bruce.

1200 block DeKalb Ave

Larceny from auto – 11/9 Monday Day. Parking lot. Video shows suspect vehicle, possibly a gray/silver 2 door Hyundai, at 11:05 back into the driver's side door. Then at 11:07 it backs into the passenger side door. HP laptop, insulin kit, camera bag, laptop bag, lens and \$10 in coins taken.

1200 block Druid Pl

Larceny from auto – 11/20 Friday Morning. Street. Window broken. Lenovo laptop and computer backpack taken.

1600 block Marlbrook Dr

Larceny from auto – 11/23 Monday Day. Street. Window busted out. Acer laptop taken.

300 block Candler Park Dr

Larceny from auto 11/27 Friday Morning. Street. Window broken. Purse, credit and debit cards, DL and cash taken.

300 block Mell Ave

Larceny – 11/22 Sunday Day. Victim said she placed her iPhone down in the common area and went to workout. When she returned it was missing.



400 block Moreland Ave

Larceny – 11/25 Wednesday Day. Business. Suspects were trying on boots and then ran out with the boots and got into a vehicle and left. An employee got a picture of the car tag and there are video cameras in store. Suspect 1: B/F, long red hair. Suspect 2: B/F long black hair. Vehicle: 2016 Gray Chevy Malibu. 2 pairs of boots taken.

1500 block DeKalb Ave

Auto theft – 11/28 Sat Eve. Parking lot. Victim said she left her keys on a shelf of a desk in the restaurant. When she returned to the desk the items were gone and so was her car. A witness said he saw 3 young black teenage males walk in and out of the business and get into the car. 2 of the suspects had short braids. Taken along with the car was an iPhone 6, debit card and house keys.



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CPNO officer and committee reports for December

These reports were submitted by officer and committee chairs prior to the December Members Meeting

Zoning Officer-Seth Eisenberg

The December Zoning Committee Meeting took place on December 2, 2015. There was one residential application presented at the meeting.

The Applicant for 1195 Mclendon Avenue (V-15-376) seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required front yard setback from 35 feet to 24 feet and 6 inches for an attic build out above an existing porch of an existing single family dwelling. The Applicant demonstrated to the Committee that all proposed work is inside the existing attic space and will not require any change to the existing roofline. The Committee expressed concern that the Applicant appeared with only two signatures from neighbors in support of the Application, the rest of the neighbors being notified by certified mail due to the holidays. The Applicant and the Committee agreed that the Applicant would work to obtain more signatures prior to the neighborhood meeting. The Zoning Committee voted unanimously to support a motion in favor of V-15-376, 1195 Mclendon Avenue with the conditions that (1) the Applicant appear before the NPU-N and present the application prior to appearing before the BZA; and (2) the project be built according to the Site Plan filed with the City of Atlanta Office of Planning.

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Name designated agent: _____
 Name of business: _____
 Address of business: _____

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Please circle: **New Enrollment** **Renewal**
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December 14 CPNO Members Meeting — draft minutes

These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the January 18 Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Ken Edelstein, President. Motion to adopt the agenda as printed passed.

Guest Speaker:

There was no officer present to represent the APD.

Announcements:

- Thank you to Brewhouse Café for tonight's food.
- Thank you to Chris Fitzgerald for obtaining food each month from a neighborhood restaurant.
- Thank you to Maria for providing baked goods for the meeting. Maria donated 25 gift cards which were distributed to members who attended tonight's meeting.
- Peter Bluestone announced that Seth Eisenberg will be the person to solicit the 'Volunteer Bar Tender' each month.

Treasurer's Report:

Peter Bluestone, Treasurer

Cash on Hand is \$45,000. FallFest 2015 had revenues of approximately \$13,000. 2016 Budget will be presented in January. Vote will be in February.

General Discussion:

Movie Night 2016-Friends of Candler Park submitted a grant

application for \$2500. There is a credit of \$385 for one movie not shown. The breakdown of expenses is as follows: \$825 for using the Pool House Bathrooms and Electricity; \$2,000 for movie rights to be paid directly to Swank for the 5 movies. Motion to support the grant request for up to \$2500 for Movie Night 2016. Motion to substitute \$2700 for \$2500 passed. Motion to fund the grant of up to \$2700 for Movie Night 2016 passed. Reimbursement for ZAPApplication- Motion to reimburse Kelly Jackson \$500 passed. (ZAPApplication is a marketing tool for traveling artists.)

Zoning:

Seth Eisenberg, Zoning Officer

Motion to support the Variance (V-15-376) as printed in the December Officer Report passed.

Motion to approve the November Minutes as printed in The Messenger passed.

Motion to adopt the December Officer Report passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary
December 14, 2015

Lentil Soup with Fresh Herbs

Ingredients:

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| 1 T. olive oil | 5 roma tomatoes, seeded and diced |
| 1 onion, diced | 7 c. vegetable broth |
| 1 carrot, peeled and diced | 2 c. lentils |
| 5 garlic cloves, minced | 2 bay leaves |
| 1 T. fresh tarragon, chopped | 2 c. kale, torn into bite sized pieces |
| 1 T. fresh oregano, chopped | (or other leafy green of your choice) |
| 1 tsp. fresh thyme, chopped | 1 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1 tsp. sweet paprika | Fresh ground pepper |

Preparation:

Preheat a large pot over medium heat and add oil. Sauté the onion and carrots for about 8-10 minutes or until onions have browned. Add the garlic, tarragon, thyme, oregano and paprika. Sauté for 2 more minutes. Add the tomatoes and cook for 5 minutes.

Add the vegetable broth, lentils, bay leaves, salt, and pepper and bring to a boil. Once the soup is boiling, reduce the heat to a simmer and cook, covered, for about 45 minutes, or until the lentils are tender. Discard bay leaves. Stir in kale until it wilts.

Recipe of the Month

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