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# A new logo for the same great neighborhood

By Zaid Duwayri

To say that we were thrilled to see the new Candler Park logo is an egregious understatement. The creation of this logo and the process that facilitated it was one that took several months and many volunteer hours by a dedicated and experienced team of neighbors –led by Kelly Jackson of Elmira Pl. - who were determined to seek a new logo that builds on the characteristics of this great neighborhood.

We had two main reasons for seeking an updated logo: The first was a need for a fresh graphic that would rejuvenate the brand of Candler Park, and the second was a need for a logo that lends itself well to the different media on which it is displayed, including merchandise.

As all of you (yeah, right) would remember from my column in the February issue of the Messenger, I alerted our membership to a cool little project that is collecting stories of Candler Park from our neighbors, old and new. Although that project is still continuing, with the goal of collecting as many as we could, the stories that were submitted fed into the creative process that was developing our logo.

Before I continue further, our sincere gratitude goes to Judy Bender who designed an enduring logo that was part of our identity for decades. There was so much history and brand identity captured in our previous logo that we felt that the new logo needs to be an evolution of it. We also wanted to capture elements

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of our history and the fact that we are surrounded by nature.

We're very lucky to be living in a neighborhood full of creative minds and passionate volunteers. We chose to work with our neighbor and designer, Sam Eckersley, because we felt that he understood our goals and resorted to our streets and parks for inspiration. We will talk to Sam in a future issue of the Messenger and listen to how he went about the design process. In short, we are very thankful to Sam for all the volunteer hours he put into designing our logo, exploring application ideas and going through the cycles of review and approval. We hope this logo will last a long, long time.

The membership voted to adopt the logo in our May membership meeting and our new logo is now proudly featured on the front page of this issue. We continue to work with Sam and the design team to find vendors who will help us print our logo on merchandise, carve it on wooden discs and form it from metal. There were many great concepts presented by Sam to the membership and you should start seeing those featured on our website soon.

I've already received MANY requests for new banners, discs, and stickers, which all will be coming soon! Thank you for your patience as we finish out what we started.

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## MEETINGS

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](http://www.candlerpark.org).

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

Sign up at [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org) or complete the membership form in this issue of the Messenger.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### June

**13** CPNO Board Meeting,  
7 pm, Epworth Church

**16** Candler Park  
Conservancy  
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*In case of cancellations or changes, check CPNO's online Events at [candlerpark.org](http://candlerpark.org). For meetings at Epworth, knock on door at street level to get in. All CPNO meetings are open to the public.*

## A hearty welcome to new CPNO members!

*By Roger Bakeman - Membership Secretary*

- The Halaschek Family
- Wendy Fu
- Caroline Clonger
- Amy and Van Jensen
- Walt Lowthian
- Carmen Emory
- Dan May
- Tiffany Zimniak
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- Jackie Baker
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- Jeff and Johna Rogovin (moved from Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin)
- Colin and Nicole Regan
- Kayla Rumpfeldt
- Ksenia Bocharova & Chris Ibarra
- Erica Webb
- Senia & Clarence Wilkins
- Melissa Bonnington
- Jonathan and Molly Cowles
- Jennifer Lee
- Bryan Walls
- Lee and Jason Lindsey
- Joanna Hodges
- Michelle Stagg Berreth
- John Cheng & Paul Craythorne
- Matt Granger

With gratitude, we thank the following members who have made contributions to CPNO recently:

- Russel & Gigi Miller
- Candler Street Parker family
- Carrie and Chad Parker
- Mr. & Mrs. W. Jeffrey Beckham & Family
- The Farrel Family
- Walter Lowthian
- Jesse and Richard Bathrick
- Howard and Katharine Connell
- Jeanne Stahl
- Walter Brown
- Emily & Jason Payne
- Josephine Nord & Andrew Lorbe
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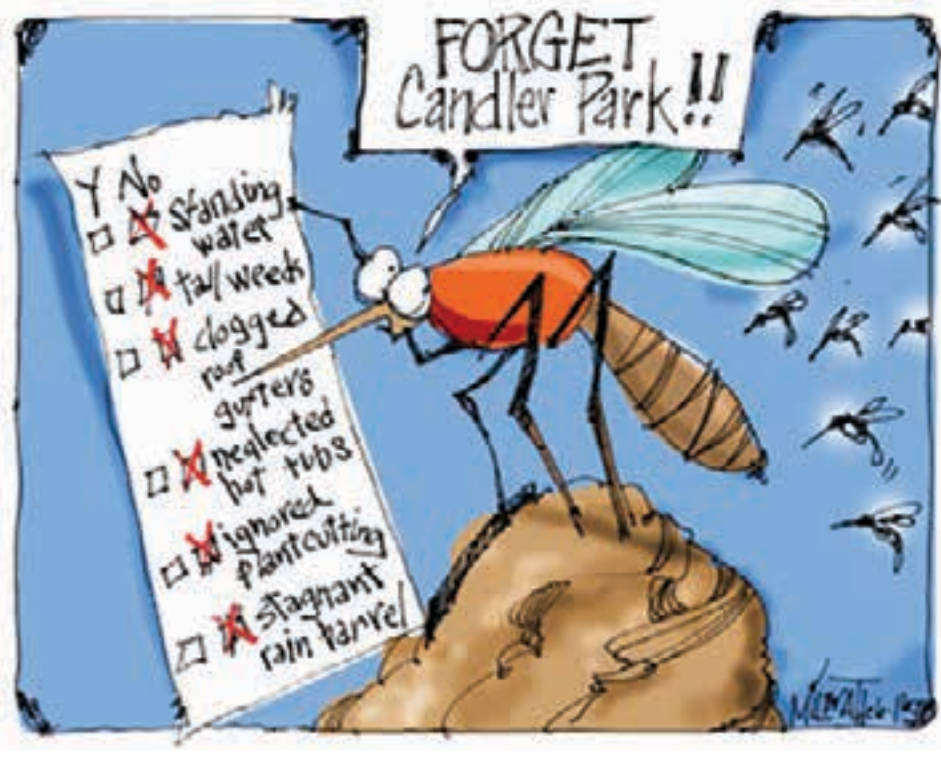
### Porch parties

Candler Park neighbors enjoyed the second Porch Party of the year at the Fitzgeralds' Candler Street home on Saturday, May 14th. The weather could not have been more perfect for a night

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spent outside catching up with old friends and making new ones. The kids enjoyed sidewalk chalk, backyard soccer and lots of silliness while the grown ups enjoyed more adult activities, like eating Silvia Medrano-Edelstein's Veggie Spring Rolls and drinking Roger Bakeman's Deep Eddy. Thanks to everyone who came and contributed to the offering.

*-Chris Fitzgerald*



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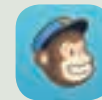
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# New Candler Park logo revealed and approved

By Susan Rose

At the CPNO membership meeting on May 16, a new, updated Candler Park logo was presented, discussed and approved by members. On behalf of the CPNO board, Lake Claire neighbor Sam Eckersley of Rogers Eckersley Design provided background, described the intent of the new design and unveiled the new logo that he created.

The updated logo is intended to generate neighborhood pride and to communicate to visitors what neighborhood they are visiting. Eckersley said the team wanted a new logo that would complement, not compete with, the original Candler Park logo that was designed over twenty years ago by Judy Bender.

Eckersley described three goals of the design process:

1. Embrace idea that Candler Park is surrounded by nature
2. Get community involvement
3. Reflect the history of the neighborhood.

To achieve these goals, Eckersley reviewed the logos of other neighborhoods, including Inman Park, Virginia Highlands, and Oakhurst. The team also looked at the logos of companies back in the 1920s and 1930s.

After showing the members the new logo in a black font color, Eckersley demonstrated the many options possible for different color choices and applications for house signage such as wrought iron or a wooden disc. He also showed photos of the logo on shirts, buttons, car decals and street toppers. Determining the cost and potential pricing of the various options will be the next step in the process.

Members at the meeting shared positive comments and feedback on the new logo. Ms. Bender said that she liked the logo and the way it paid tribute to the original design. A majority of members present at the meeting approved the new design.

CPNO volunteers who contributed to the months-long effort to bring the new design to fruition were Kelly Jackson, Lily Lieva, and Ryan Boblet for the design process and Roger Bakeman for gathering feedback from members.



The original Candler Park logo was designed by Judy Bender over 20 years ago



The new Candler Park logo was designed by neighbor Sam Eckersley of Rogers Eckersley Design

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# The process of appealing your property taxes

By Andy Goldstein, Property Tax Consultant

Now is the time of year when you can appeal the property value the Dekalb County uses to determine your property tax bill. Every property owner in the county receives an Annual Notice of Assessment which informs you of the taxable value of your property. When you receive this notice you have 45 days from the date on the notice in which to appeal. If you go to the Dekalb County Property Appraisal website and click "Forms," you will be provided with a 2016 Real Estate Appeal Form. It is also important to click on Current Events which will give you important information regarding temporary billing value for properties under appeal.

Appealing your property value can be a time consuming and often frustrating process because the county has a big advantage in the process, and you have to play by their rules. I strongly suggest that you exercise your right to appeal. The county uses a mass appraisal process in determining your value. This means that they are using all of the sales in your neighborhood to value the homes in your neighborhood. Because Candler Park is a diverse and complex neighborhood, it is a difficult area to mass appraise. This By appealing you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Even if you appeal and don't get your value reduced you can still lock in the value for the year you appealed plus the following two years. The county has been very aggressive in raising values, especially in town, so locking in the value for three years is a large benefit. You can only reap this benefit, however, by enduring the entire appeal process.

The appeal process goes like this:

1. Once your appeal is filed, it will be reviewed by the county staff appraiser assigned to your neighborhood. The name and number of the appraiser will be on your assessment notice.
2. Based on the review, the appraiser will either reduce the value or leave the value the same. If there is a reduction, you will receive a letter informing you of the reduction.
3. You have the option of accepting the new value or rejecting it. I suggest you reject the value and have the appeal certified to the Board of Equalization. You have 30 days in which to respond or else you lose your right to continue the appeal.
4. If the county does not make a change, your appeal will be certified to the Board of Equalization. I recommend continuing the appeal because you must go to the Board of Equalization in order to lock in the value. It is also possible to get your value lowered even more at the BOE.

The Board of Equalization is a citizens/taxpayers board whose job is to hear evidence presented by the property owner and by the county appraiser and to then determine the Fair Market Value of your property. If you don't like the decision, you can take your appeal to Superior Court.

The BOE hearing is an informal process, but it is important to be well prepared. When you receive the date for your hearing, be aware that it is a calendar call. Your hearing will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so be prepared to wait.

The appeal process can be very frustrating. While the county ultimately has the home field advantage, I suggest you exercise your right to appeal. You can't win if you don't play.



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# Porch parties in Candler Park

By Amanda Bolster

Thanks to everyone that has hosted and/or come out to our Porch Parties. If you haven't come, don't worry! They are every month through the summer and early fall. Join us to meet new friends, spend time with each other and generally have a good time.

Please bring a snack and a drink to share. And remember, while everyone likes an adult beverage (well, I do...), feel free to bring non-alcoholic drinks as well for kiddos, mixers, and those who would like to drink something more exciting than water. A tentative schedule of upcoming Porch Parties is as follows:

- June 11 will find us at Jim Tolmach and Sally Ferguson's amazing yard, 1369 Miller Avenue from 6pm-8pm. Bring your bug spray,

and a blanket to sit on. Be ready for frogs, tadpoles, maybe an appearance by the owls,, a wonderful swing and good friends. I'm looking to hook us up with some live music!

- July (date TBD) will likely be at Maria Nagy's delish Crepe Stand, Palacsinta! Maria will host us - bring on the Nutella! Stay tuned for details. I just need to make sure we can BYOB...
- August - More on this soon. Exact date/location still TBD.
- September - The Hughes on Hooper, which sounds like a band. Maybe we can just shut Hooper down and have a block party? Thanks for coming out, making new connections, and being fun neighbors



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# HealiUm: Offering creative therapy for the busy life

By Jim Peera



HealiUm offers creative ways for adults to destress from their busy lives

For many working adults, Wednesdays can tend to incite the 'hump day blues' and put a toll on the daily grind, "until the day ends with a dose of HealiUm in your soul!" says Corey Wagner, a Marketing Strategist in Decatur. Wagner is among the dozens of busy working professionals who makes his weekly pilgrimage after work to HealiUm Center; an interactive arts sanctuary in Candler Park to get some creative and spiritual uplifting. "The creative arts are amazing natural healing elixirs that exist within every one of us to activate and find benefit." says Jim Peera, HealiUm's Creator and Director.

HealiUm's motto: 'Uplifting you with the arts' is the true purpose of this interactive arts sanctuary that opened its doors over two years ago in Candler Park. The place is unlike any conventional art gallery or community center you will experience. For one, it



welcomes you with a sign that reads: "Warning: This is a Happy-Zone" and then engages your mind with thought-provoking art on its walls, infectious multi-cultural music and self-exploration of the soul; all infused into one beautiful experience that puts a smile on your face. Another unique aspect is the center's interactive component that allows ordinary people to connect in extraordinary ways with their inner creative. HealiUm is known for its 'Open Jam & Open Studio Wednesdays' weekly events, where dozens flock to experience uninhibited self-expression in music, visual art, poetry and dance. "We are all creative beings and art is a universal tool of communication." says Peera, emphasizing his non-competitive, judgment-free creative home that aims to bring people of all cultures, thinking and creed together.

On a recent visit the space was thriving with a diverse group of people from IT geeks to teachers. Most participants had no formal artistic training and came to simply unleash their mind,

have spontaneous fun and make new friends. "I am so thankful this place exists for adults to connect and just let go; it makes me feel happy, free and empowered." says another regular participant at HealiUm.



In a society consumed with the daily grind and being emotionally disconnected by cell phones and computers, HealiUm is a creative prescription to find balance, activate the inner spirit and connect with each other authentically. "I really feel renewed after I go to HealiUm, it's like a gym workout for my soul. It also provides what's missing today in our busy lives - freedom of self expression without pretense or ego" says Wagner.

For more information, visit: <http://www.healiumcenter.com>.



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# Exciting changes coming to Mulberry Fields

By Jesse Bathrick, Co-founder and Steward of Mulberry Fields

Dear Neighbors,

For sixteen years we have had the pleasure of shepherding Mulberry Fields Community Garden and green space from a seed of an idea in 1999 to the vibrant, much visited and loved community resource it is today. With the power of many volunteer hours from our neighbors and help from community partners, we have provided space, tools and help to grow healthy organic food for countless families. We have stewarded and protected our urban green oasis and provided a safe and flourishing space to gather and explore the natural environment.

Our dream has always been summed up in the motto, "Mulberry Fields Forever".

Mulberry Fields came about because of a group of neighbors that wanted to preserve a special green space for the enjoyment of the community. The property was once part of a dairy farm owned by the Talbot family. In the early 1990s, one of the remaining Talbot family members considered rezoning the property for multifamily and commercial redevelopment. Alarmed, a group of neighbors came together to buy the acre of land, and in 1999 Jesse and Richard Bathrick founded the community garden.

In 2007 we partnered with the Georgia Piedmont Land Trust to place the property in a protective conservation easement, prohibiting development and ensuring its existence as a garden and community green space into perpetuity.

In early 2015, a committed group of neighbors and community partners came together to form Friends of Mulberry Fields, with the initial focus on creating a long-term plan for the management of the garden. I'm proud of what the extremely dedicated group of volunteers has accomplished in the past 20 years. Now, it's time to move forward and we are thrilled that the Wylde Center has accepted our invitation to become managers of the garden and its programs.

The Decatur based Wylde Center, one of Atlanta's premier environmental organizations will take on the management of Mulberry Fields Community Garden and Green space as of July 1, 2016. The garden will be the fifth green space overseen

by the Wylde Center, whose staff and volunteers will manage all aspects of the community garden including maintenance, field trips, garden plot rentals and special events.

This is a big win for Candler Park. The Wylde center brings expertise and resources to further our mission and enhance your utilization of the garden. In many ways, things will stay the same. The garden will be open to all from dawn to dusk, chickens will cluck, goats baa, balls bounce and tomatoes grow. In other significant ways, we will have better organized and utilized green space, and access to helpful, knowledgeable Wylde Center staff.

On July 16th, we will hold our Annual Summer Benefit Party in the garden as a celebration of the new partnership between Mulberry Fields and The Wylde Center. Please save the date. Wylde Center has made a significant commitment to Candler Park, and we in turn need to commit to supporting the Wylde Center.

For more information, please visit [www.facebook.com/mulberryfields](http://www.facebook.com/mulberryfields) or [www.wyldecenter.org](http://www.wyldecenter.org) and keep a look out for details in next month's Messenger.

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# Candler Park crime reports, April 4- April 27

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Larceny from auto – 4/14 Thursday Evening. Parking lot. A man saw 2 B/Ms attempting to break into vehicles. He pulled out his handgun and ordered them to freeze. The 2 suspects got into a car to leave and the man shot into the front tire. The car continued to back out and he shot into the rear tire. The car continued in reverse out the parking lot and down DeKalb Ave. He lost sight of the car. Shortly after a witness saw the 2 suspects running down Mell Ave. They were both eventually caught. A 20 YO and 15YO, both arrested. The man who shot at the car was also arrested for discharging a firearm.

## 300 block Clifton Rd

Larceny from auto – 4/15 Friday Day. Street. Window shattered out. Backpack and MacBook Pro taken.

## 1600 block McLendon Ave

Larceny – 4/11 Monday Evening. Restaurant. Manager said 2 B/Ms stole 2 bottles of alcohol. The rear doors were unlocked. They drove off in a blue Nissan Murano. Manager said this is not the first time the men have stolen from here and drove off in the same vehicle.

## 1600 block DeKalb Ave

Larceny - 4/14 Thursday Morning. Construction site. 35 dry wall sheets, 3 boxes of screws and 2 boxes of nails were taken. The site is open from several sides so no force was necessary for entry.

## 200 block Elmira Pl

Larceny from auto – 4/22 Friday Day. Street. Victim believes rear hatchback might not have been latched properly. Suitcase, woman's and children's clothing and costume jewelry taken.

## 1200 block DeKalb Ave

Auto theft – 4/18 Monday Day. Parking lot. 2010 Gray Dodge R15. The vehicle was found abandoned on Candler St. Keys in vehicle.

4 robberies occurred in **Inman Park**.

2 on 1000 block Colquitt Ave, 4/10 Sunday Morning and 4/14 Thursday Morning. 1 on 900 block Edgewood Ave 4/16 Saturday Morning and 1 on 900 block Euclid Ave 4/16 Saturday Morning. All 4 involved handguns and people walking along the streets.

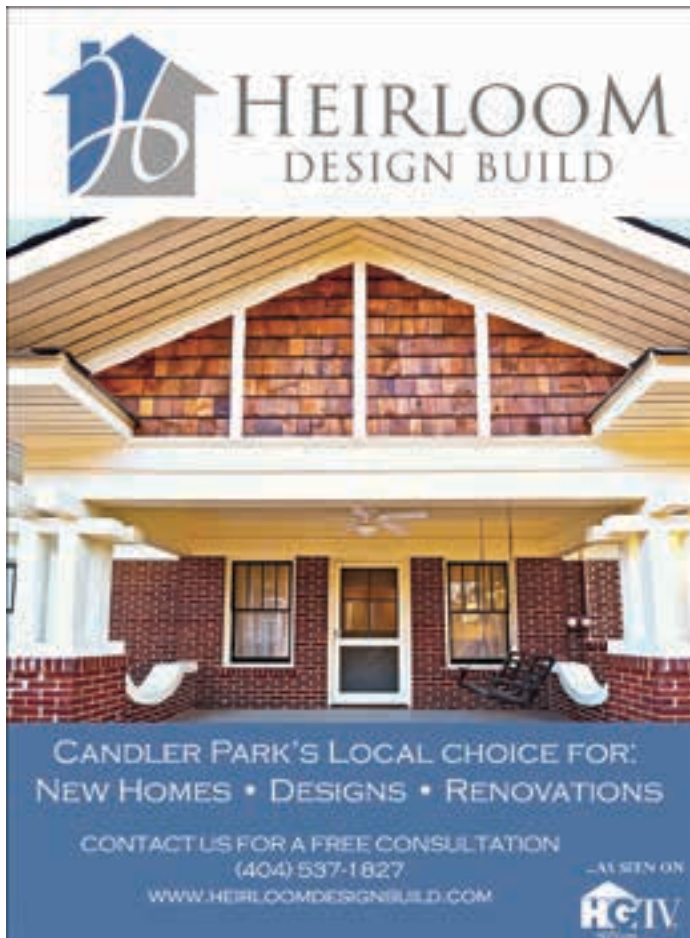
## 1600 block McLendon Ave

Larceny – 4/28 Thursday Evening. Restaurant. Victim said she left her credit card on the register. There was video surveillance. The suspect in video was sitting outside on the patio with 2 other males. When the officer arrived he was directed to where the suspect was and was arrested.

B/M 27 YO.

## 300 block Mell Ave

Auto theft – 4/27 Wednesday Morning. 2004 Black Ford F25. Vehicle recovered in the area of Collier St and Scott St NW. A 13 YO B/M was arrested.



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# CPNO officer and committee reports for June

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

## Freedom Park Conservancy-Carol Gregory

The Freedom Park Conservancy board met on May 10. Several reports were given. Master plan committee met with the parks department and cultural affairs. Cultural Affairs agreed to work with the board on any new art in Freedom Park.

Jessie Owens trees research was presented. Jessie Owens was honored in 1996 at the time of the Olympics by the planting of 50 plus Laurel Oaks in Freedom Park.

The trees can be found now along the park from the One Woman Rising sculpture to the Tree of Life Sculpture. The board discussed identifying the trees with a plaque but neighborhood interest is needed to move the idea forward.

The Freedom Park booth at the Inman Park Festival was well received and several visitors made donations. The board is considering participating in additional festivals in the future. Carol Gregory, Freedom Park Rep. carolagreg@gmail.com.

## Zoning Officer- Seth Eisenberg

The Zoning Committee met on May 4, 2016. There was one residential zoning application on the agenda for review - 425 Sterling Street, V-16-098.

The property owners' representatives, April and Joel, appeared to present the Application materials. April described the project as the renovation of an existing crawl space to create 695 sq. ft. of partial finished basement. The existing footprint of the house would not be changed, but a variance is needed to reduce the north side yard set back from 7 ft. to 2.9 ft.

The primary concern of the Zoning Committee was the possibility of renters occupying the finished space - which is a prohibited use given the R4 zoning of the property.

The Committee unanimously voted in favor of a motion to support the variance request with the conditions that (1) a signed letter be provided to the Zoning Committee by the property owners before the May 16 neighborhood meeting stating that the house after construction will remain a single family house; (2) the applicant appear at the NPU-N meeting before appearing before the BZA; (3) the project be built in accordance with the site plan filed with the Application on April 14, 2016; and (4) an affidavit signed by the neighbor at 422 Sterling or certified mailing receipt evidencing mailing of the application materials to 422 Sterling be provided to the Zoning committee before May 16.



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# May 16 CPNO Members Meeting — draft minutes

*These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the June 20 Members Meeting.*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Zaid Duwayri, President. New neighbors/members introduced themselves and were welcomed. Motion to adopt the printed agenda passed.

## Announcements

Thank you to Corner Tavern for providing the food for tonight. May 19th is the Horizon Theater night, a fundraising event for CPNO. Tickets are \$25.

Kayla Rumpfeldt was introduced as the new Messenger Editor. Sara Pawley showed updated photos of the work being done on the retention pond on Oakdale Road.

Kathie Gannon, DeKalb County Commissioner for our district, introduced herself and reminded us to vote May 24th.

Lexa King requested homes with chicken coops for the Festival's Tour of Homes.

Lauren Welsh, External Affairs Officer, is working with the City and Special Events to develop policies regarding festivals in our park.

## Visitors

Lt. Floyd, Evening Commander for Beat 608, reported that crime statistics for the last 28 days were the same as last year. The three main arteries of Candler Park (Mclendon, Oakdale and DeKalb) continue to have the most crime activity.

## Special Presentation

Sam Ekersley of Rogers Ekersley Design presented the proposed Candler Park logo. Motion to schedule the vote for next month did not pass. Motion (to vote tonight) to accept the proposed Candler Park logo passed.

## Treasurer Report

Chris Fitzgerald, Treasurer, reported \$43,123 cash on hand with no expenditures for the past month.

Andy Goldstein reviewed the appeals process for DeKalb County Property Taxes.

## Zoning:

Seth Eisenberg, Zoning Officer, led the discussion for the variance of 425 Sterling Street. Motion to approve the Variance 16-098 application with the stipulations that the owners appear before the NPU N Board before the BZA and build according to the site plan presented passed.

Motion to accept the April Minutes as corrected passed. Motion to accept the May Officer and Committee Report passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by  
Bonnie Palter, Secretary  
May 16, 2016



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