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Plans for Investing and Celebrating

By Zaid Duwayri, president@candlerpark.org

Remember Fall Fest of 2017? What a great community event it was! Indeed, the feedback we received from neighbors, visitors and vendors alike was that this is a truly great neighborhood festival. Yes, we grew our footprint beyond what it was in the past, but the event remained true to its purpose, which is a celebration of what makes our great neighborhood what it is: a welcoming, hospitable and green little spot in the city. Moreover, our festival was a very successful fundraising event for our organization. The funds raised surpassed any of our past festivals and events. Many thanks go to the experienced Fall Fest committee - chaired by Ken Edelstein - that worked hard since early 2017 to put on this successful event.

The success of the festival in 2016 allowed us to advance our sidewalk repair plans. Although we are still working with the city to complete phase 1 of the project, our Infrastructure Committee chair, Dana Fowle, has been working diligently to prepare for next phase of the repair project. The financial success of the festival in 2017 prompted the CPNO board to revert again to the neighborhood's Master Plan for our next initiative, which is, at its core, our way of giving back to Candler Park (the actual park).

At our October membership meeting, we presented a proposal from the CPNO board to award \$60,000 to the Candler Park Conservancy to advance the projects of improving the multipurpose field (aka Active Lawn) and the building of an adjacent amphitheater. These two projects were called out in the -recently completed Vision Plan published by the Conservancy. They are also two projects that have been discussed over many years within CPNO and are focused on the 2 primary spaces that support

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our annual festival. CPNO realizes that the conservancy was established to improve on Candler Park, and we would be entrusting the conservancy with using these funds to advance these two projects in the near future. We fully realize that the costs involved to complete these projects will exceed the allocated \$60,000 and, as such, we are wording our proposal so as the funds can be used to complete the design phase and invest the remainder in subsequent phases.

We have shared our proposal with the conservancy and they are in the process of studying it. Once we are in agreement, we will be presenting the motion to the membership for approval and that could be as soon as our November membership meeting, so please keep an eye out for our meeting announcements.

CPNO's November membership meeting (November 20th) is also designated as our Annual Meeting. This meeting has traditionally been our largest membership gathering of the year, where we get to celebrate our friends, neighbors and volunteers. We will have another great spread of potluck dishes and drinks at our regular meeting place at the First Existentialist Congregation (470 Candler Park Drive).

The annual meeting is also the event at which we will hold our CPNO board election for 2018. In this issue of The Messenger, you'll find the list of candidates who were presented by the Nominating Committee in our last membership meeting. Please come and meet our candidates and vote.

Come and bring a dish, two, or none at all.... We would love to see you!

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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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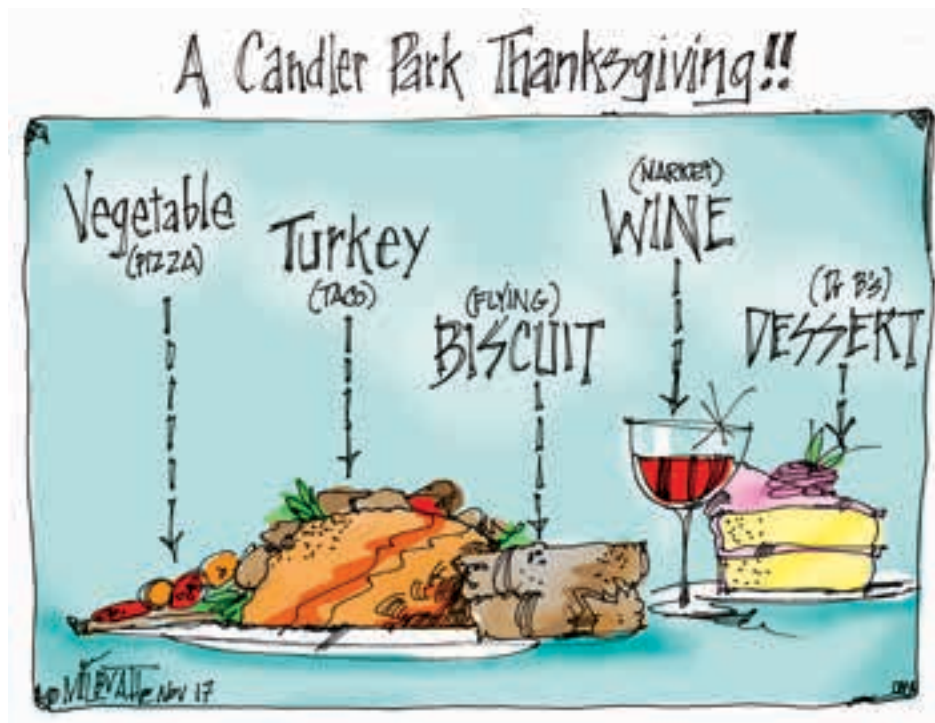
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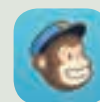
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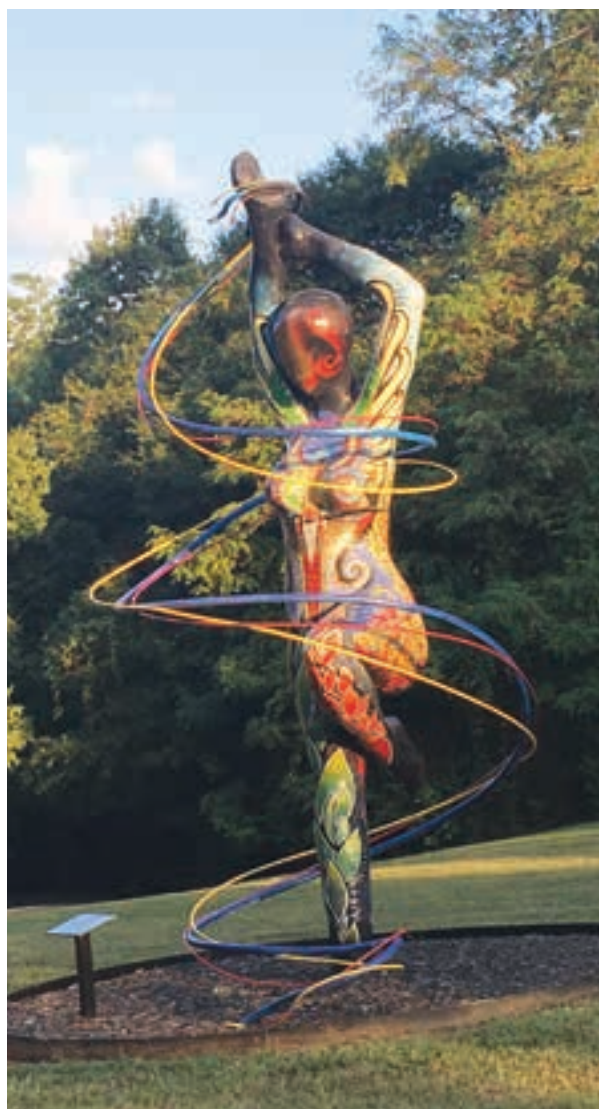
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- 1** CPNO Zoning Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church
- 3** Final home Grady football game and Senior Night
- 4** Grady 70th Anniversary Open House and Party at Park Tavern
- 7** Election Day
- 13** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church
- 18** Paideia Slither 5K, 9 am
- 20** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 20-24** APS Thanksgiving Break

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



About the Cover Photo

Source: Freedom Park Conservancy website, <http://www.freedompark.org/fpc/art/one-woman-rising/>

This photo shows one of the art installations in Freedom Park. Located just west of the intersection of North Avenue and Euclid, "One Woman Rising" was commissioned in 2013 by The Chelko Foundation to honor the participants in Eve Ensler's first global call to action to end violence against women and girls. Atlanta artist Phil Proctor and a team of painters led by World Champion bodypainters Scott Fray and Madelyn Greco created a work of art that has become an internationally recognized symbol of women's empowerment.

Annual Membership Meeting and Board Elections!

By Susan Rose, editor@candlerpark.org

The next CPNO members meeting on November 20th is the Annual Membership meeting featuring a potluck dinner to celebrate the year. Watch for email reminders and social media posts to learn more about the event and how you can contribute to the feast!

In addition, an important agenda item for the meeting is electing the CPNO Board for 2018. Chaired by Jay Sandhaus, the nominating committee recruited the following slate of nominees. Serving on the committee with Jay were Seth Eisenberg, Dolly Evans, and Roger Bakeman. Thanks to this team for their time and service!

CPNO Board Nominees for 2018

President -- Dana Fowle
Treasurer -- Rohini Kukreja
Secretary -- Bonnie Palter
Membership Officer -- Jennifer Wilds
Fundraising Officer -- Chris Fitzgerald
Zoning Officer -- Bill Morris
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Addressing Homelessness in Our Community

By Karen Taber, Little Five Points CID Homeless Task Force Chairperson • K2taber@comcast.net

Since my Inman Park Advocator article in February regarding the large homeless encampment discovered and removed from behind a vacant house on Alta Avenue, there has been slow, but steady progress made over the last nine months concerning this multi-faceted and complex issue.

In March, I was appointed the Little Five Points CID (Community Improvement District) Homeless Task Force Chairperson. Through tremendous support from the CID, I have been able to build a broad coalition to strategize humane efforts to confront unsustainable chronic homelessness in our vicinity. Countless hours have been devoted to meetings and extensive communication is ongoing with

Homeless Outreach Teams -- HOPE Atlanta, Intown Collaborative Ministries, Partners for Home, the Street Medicine Mobile Unit, Tapestry Church, Little Five Points Business Association, Atlanta Police Department, GDOT, City of Atlanta Parks Department, and CSX.

It is estimated that there are currently eight to ten chronic homeless individuals living in the Little Five Points vicinity. Most suffer from severe drug and alcohol addiction with underlying mental illness. Our collective goal is to convince these individuals to accept alternative shelter and wrap around services made possible by a recent \$25 million dollar bond passed by the City Council and a matching grant by United Way to end homelessness in our city. Over the course of the next three years, the funding will be used to provide 364 new emergency shelters, place 500 persistently homeless people in permanent supportive housing, provide permanent housing for 300 homeless families and perform housing interventions for 250 young homeless people.

Outreach teams have been in regular contact with some of these individuals with little success. Drug-addicted homeless people are the most difficult group to develop trust with and to convince accepting services is the best choice. In the meantime, these homeless encampments are continuing to cause an array of public health and safety issues stemming from large amounts of hazardous trash, including food waste, drug needles and human waste. (A serious Hepatitis A outbreak is happening in San Diego from chronic homeless encampments). Discarded empty Amazon and UPS packages have been found in these areas, as well as contents from suspected car break-ins and from residential properties, suggesting that criminal behavior is occurring.

The Moreland Avenue grassy GDOT swaths remain the most challenging area for persistent garbage ridden encampments. Permanent "No Trespassing" and "No Littering" signs have been promised for months and clarification on what law enforcement will do when violations occur remains unanswered. A massive cleanup was performed on October 2nd. The required manpower



consisted of twelve GDOT workers in protective gear and required heavy machinery, including two sanitation trucks. Ironically, a "Welcome to Little Five Points" sign stands alongside this trash ridden entrance into our community that deserves better and can do better!

If further resistance to outreach teams continues, law enforcement will be summoned by the CID to begin the "pre-arrest diversion court" process, a specific alternative for repetitive homeless related offenses. According to outreach teams, mandatory detox in confinement is often the only solution to begin wrap around services.

Transient "train hoppers" pose a different homeless challenge to the area. These groups seem to find Little Five hospitable to their chosen life style, as well as easy access to drugs.

Continued pressure by law enforcement for illegal "urban camping" type violations might very well be decreasing the numbers we have seen in the past. Persistent attempts this summer to set up tents in the Freedom Park area have been thwarted by nearby residents calling 911. There were also two very serious attacks involving train hopper dogs last spring, one in Findley Plaza and the other along DeKalb Avenue. The CID is also putting pressure on CSX to secure the easy access off the tracks into our vicinity.

On more successful fronts, the APD Narcotics Unit was involved with a recent arrest of a suspected drug dealer in the parking lot of Starbucks. If the flow of heroin and meth can be halted in the vicinity, the number of drug addicted homeless in the area will surely decrease. A CID homeless sub committee, headed by Candler Park residents Matthew Brooks and Kate Sandhaus, has been formed to advocate for improving the utilization of the Little Five Points police mini-precinct. The CID has been working diligently on plans to redevelop Findley Plaza into a cleaner, greener and more welcoming space for art events and al fresco dining experiences, while maintaining the valued cultural diversity and eclectic vibe of Little Five Points. Community input has been invaluable. The CID has also been working with L5PBA to implement more efficient trash removal, which will keep public trash receptacles from overflowing.

What can you do? Consider "best practices" recommended by experienced outreach teams:

- Do not give homeless money or food. If this sounds harsh or inhumane, enabling provides zero incentive to accept available services. If you feel compelled, consider a donation to a homeless shelter or drug rehabilitation center.
- Call 911 to report illegal behaviors, such as aggressive panhandling or homeless encampments on public or private land.

The City of Atlanta needs and wants to know where homelessness is occurring, so that sufficient resources can be allocated and outreach teams can be summoned.

Flamingos Invade Candler Park

In case you missed it, Balance Design Studio in Candler Park Village created a flamboyant window display in October to celebrate the 47th annual Atlanta Pride Festival in Piedmont Park. As owner Stephanie Andrews wrote on the studio's Design Pulp blog (<http://designpulp.net/>):

"What better way for us to show our love and support of the LGBTQ community than a colorful, festive declaration in our studio windows?

The inspiration for this display came from a conversation with my close friend (and talented artist) Rusty Walton. Furthermore, my daughter educated me on the multiple definitions of flamboyance.

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(noun)
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We heartily embrace the vision of Atlanta Pride: a world where persons of widely diverse gender and sexual identities are united, visible, and equal.

Love is love. Enough said."

Located in Candler Park Village, Balance Design Studio offers interior design expertise for homes and businesses.



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A Guide To Using The City's ATL311 Hotline

By Dana Fowle, CPNO Infrastructure Committee Chair

Atlanta's ATL311 city services number is designed to make reaching out to city departments and services easier than it used to be. With one call or a click, residents reach a customer service center where their concerns or requests are directed to the right department.

"When we launched ATL311 in 2014, I charged my team with delivering a customer service center which would make the City of Atlanta more accountable, responsive and efficient," Mayor Kasim Reed told The Messenger.

But three years into the program, too many neighbors are still unclear about how to use the 311 hotline number and its companion website ATL311.com.

If you have to reach the city about a downed tree, dangerous pothole, or missed garbage collection, use the ATL311 system. Do you want to establish a new water line, dispute a city bill, get a special events permit or pay a parking ticket? ATL311 processes all of this and more.

The website will also let you upload supporting documentation or a photograph of that pothole or downed tree to better make your point, and it allows you to track your request.

The service's executive director, Rocky Atkins, said, "The ATL311 team works in close collaboration with Watershed, Public Works and other departments to ensure we are resolving problems quickly and getting it right the first time."

City residents can dial 311 on smartphones or landlines. If you are calling from outside the area, use 404-546-0311. Telephones are manned Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Or, visit ATL311.com.

You can also reach the 311 system through social media:

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It's important to use the 311 system to report concerns, place service orders or to request information. Each request is logged into a city database, and that information helps the city to track trends and prioritize future funding.

For emergencies, you must still dial 911.

Winning Against City Hall

By Lexa King, safety@candlerpark.org

Round 1 with the City is over. A decisive victory. After 8 months of interactions and visits from 3 City Council Representatives, 2 City Solicitors, a Code Enforcement Supervisor, 2 local TV channel reporters, landscape architects, concerned neighbors, various city officeholders and candidates and a generous neighborhood resident who agreed to be my legal representative. They were all welcomed on my porch, which had not seen such heavy traffic in the 33 years I have spent on Euclid Avenue.

For those who are unaware, I was cited in December 2016 and again in early 2017 by the City of Atlanta Code Enforcement. I was accused of "excessive vegetation" in my front yard. In June I received some clarity around the charges and learned that the culprits were my 30+ year old 8 - 10 foot Azaleas along the western border of my property. The City gave me a run for my money. With every meeting, I expected the end result would be to have the other party look into my eyes and proclaim, "Oh, goodness! This is such a travesty. Clearly there is no problem here. We'll dismiss the charges." That never happened.

I consider myself a fairly strong person with a healthy streak of stubbornness. Nobody has ever accused me of giving up easily. With that in mind, I want to share that there were times that I felt discouraged. My thoughts would wander to: Maybe I should just agree to cut them back. Maybe I should compromise. Maybe I shouldn't risk the possibility of up to 60 days in jail and/or up to a \$1000 fine. At times I felt the full force of intimidation that the system is setup to convey. At those times, as in some of my previous challenges, I had to restore in my mind the reason I had entered into battle. This was about the neighborhood I love. It was about us having the freedom of self expression that is present in our yards and gardens. It was about having the right to determine my definition of beauty and not allowing a local government structure to dictate to me what it should be. At times like that it was critical to hear the voices of encouragement that surrounded me. Scott Jacobs, Lauren Welsh, Tony Gal and many others. They represented the community I was fighting for. My heart goes out to people facing similar legal issues without that support.

My case was to go to trial a Monday morning early in August. My attorney contacted me the preceding Friday afternoon and said that the head City Solicitor had dismissed the charges. The case was dropped. Round 1 was complete.

Round 2 began last week. I attended a working session of City Council led by Mary Norwood. She is attempting to pass some improved verbiage of Code Enforcement. This would be welcome by both residents and Enforcement Officers. Vague and unclear codes leave officers having to make unnecessary judgment calls and residents unclear about the actual issues behind the citations.

Furthermore, these Officers are in dire need of training. There is no need for them to become Master Gardeners, but simple distinctions between invasive, prohibited vegetation and native plants which provide habitat for wildlife and contribute to the beauty and healthy ecology of the area should be known.

Lastly, I envision a shift in the focus of Code Enforcement. Our society, as a whole, has become too focused on punishment. We can't wait to catch someone doing something wrong so that we can shame and punish them. What if, instead, we first reach out to a potential offender and find out if they have a problem managing their environment? What if we engage groups, whether it be churches, garden clubs, boys and girls clubs, neighborhood organization, or even juvenile court, who are at the ready to dispatch small groups to assist the residents? Extending a helping hand, particularly to seniors who are aging in place, rather than pointing a condemning finger, can make all of the difference in the world to the citizens and the helpers.

My next door neighbor received a citation the week after my dismissal. I asked him the other day what had happened with that. He said he called to get clarification and was told that all of the citations in our area have been dismissed. I was thrilled. The battle has been won, but the war is not yet over. We deserve to be surrounded by a beautiful environment. The changes and improvements mentioned I believe to be steps in the right direction.

When this process began, I looked at the Officer and asked, "Are you sure you want to do this?" She didn't know what I meant.

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Freedom Park Charts Course For The Next 25 Years

By Steven Cushing, President, Freedom Park Conservancy • steve.cushing@freedompark.org

For the neighborhoods and residences east of downtown Atlanta, and for my family in particular, Freedom Park is the treasured legacy of civic activism. In 1992, Laura and I purchased a craftsman bungalow a few blocks from a ragged strip of land aimlessly rolling down hill toward its dead end at Moreland Ave. With an eye on preparing the city for the 1996 Olympics that overgrown grassy spit of land was soon transformed into the eastern terminus of the Presidential Parkway and part of the two hundred acre Freedom Park. It traces the path of one section of the de-feated Stone Mountain Freeway; from the Martin Luther King Jr. Na-tional Historic Site, past the Carter Center, to a narrow spur of land near Jackson Hill Baptist church in Candler Park.

As the years flowed by, we raised two 'in-town' girls and restored the bungalow. At every opportunity we strolled, jogged, walked, and ex-plored Freedom Park. The jogging stroller turned into a tricycle, a tag-along and then bicycles. The girls learned to ride bikes, fly kites and catch raindrops on their tongue in the meadow. This unique linear park took us to school at Mary Lin and to the MLK Center on quiet curving paths, showed us unique art installations and connected us to six other neighborhoods. It's hard now to imagine that the Carter Center sits at the nexus of what was to have been a monstrous cloverleaf interstate junc-tion!

Recently there has been a renewed interest in the incredible story of how CAUTION, and citizens from Eastside neighborhoods of Atlanta, rallied to do what was considered impossible — stop Georgia DOT, big busi-ness and special interests from bulldozing even more homes and grab-bing green space to build an interstate connector between Stone Moun-tain and I-75/85.

Last February, at an Inman Park gallery, a pop-up exhibit entitled "Pro-test, Pickets & Parkways" displayed posters, photographs and newspaper articles chronicling the road fight. Last August, a 25-year anniversary gathering was held at Dellwood Park on Ponce de Leon Ave, a celebra-tion of the legal

settlement which ended the 10-year battle to "Stop The Road".

On that sunny afternoon in Dellwood Park, I had the honor of addressing those gathered on behalf of the current Freedom Park Board of Direc-tors. My youngest daughter, now a senior at Agnes Scott, and Laura were volunteers that day. On behalf of the conservancy, and my family, I expressed the gratitude of all those who now live in the vibrant neigh-borhoods that have flourished over the intervening years. We also made a commitment to build on the gift they bequeathed to all of Atlanta.

With the metropolitan population expected to double over the next twenty years, it is clear that Freedom Park will be greatly impacted by in-town development. In 2007, the City Council passed a resolution naming Freedom Park as Atlanta's Arts Park. To realize its full poten-tial, Freedom Park cannot go into the next 25 years without a vision for its future. As an integral and vital component of a transforming urban area, a master plan for the park is needed, and a professionally run con-servancy to oversee it.

This year, the Freedom Park Conservancy (FPC) has begun delivering on that commitment. The FPC has received two significant grants; one for design services from Perkins + Will, and a private grant to hire an executive director. Utilizing pro bono hours donated by Brodbeck Board & Brass, the FPC is finalizing a strategic plan that will create a board capable of managing a significant annual budget, embarking on a capital campaign, and creating an RFP to bring a new master plan to market.

We all envision a park that is an asset to the city, a safe and beautiful space that is an inspiration for the next generation of 'rain catchers'. We look forward to the challenge and to working closely with the neighbor-hoods during the master planning process anticipated to kick off in 2018.



Tree of Life and Kan Sculptures by Yvonne Domenge and located east of Oakdale Rd at North Ave. Source: Freedom Park Conservancy web site



Homage to King by Xavier Medina-Campeny and located on Free-dom Parkway at Boulevard. Source: Freedom Park Conservancy web site



Thanks, Candler Park!

By Ken Edelstein, Fall Fest Chair

Congratulations on a stupendous Fall Fest.

We set lots of records this year: More booths. More food vendors. More people (we think). And 153 volunteers.

The 17th annual edition also was our first to clear \$60,000. That means CPNO gets to give more support to other nonprofits and community projects.

Most of the feedback I heard was along these lines: “Y’all have the nicest community” (from vendors), and “I like this new layout” (from locals). It helped that we had excellent weather. And if you didn’t ride that Ferris wheel — well, I just hope you get another chance at it.

So many people put creative energy and serious skills into throwing Fall Fest 2017. Great artists and musicians. Generous sponsors. All those volunteers. I’d especially like to thank our amazing Fall Fest Committee: Corey Anderson, Natalie Anderson, Ryan Boblett, Rachel Bowser, Mark Clement, Sam Eckersley, Sam Eisenberg, Chris Fitzgerald, Holly Goldberg, Lee Lindsey, Lexa King, Gigi Miller, Russell Miller, Martin Morley, Marcie Morse and Martin Steib. Let’s do it again!



Counterclockwise from top left:

Instagram photo contest sign (photo by Jason Lindsey). 5k in Freedom Park (Allen Craig). Yogis bowing to the giant wheel (Lee Lindsey). Ferris eye’s view of Circus Camp performance in Kidlandia (Ken Edelstein). The Reptile Guy (Edelstein). Crowded food court (Edelstein). Grassy amphitheater (Lee Lindsey). Beverly “Guitar” Watkins, Gurufish and Tribute (stage photos by Will Goicochea). Upward and downward views from the Ferris wheel (Lee Lindsey).





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By Claire Carothers, on behalf of CPLC Patrol Board

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The History of Findley Plaza

By Emily Taff, Candler Park Resident

After reading about plans to revamp Findley Plaza (by Walter Brown in the October issue of *The Messenger*), I got to thinking about the history of this spit of land we consider the center of Little Five today. Until the early 1980s, Findley Plaza was no more than a triangular median caught in the off-center connection of a sixth spoke (McLendon Ave) to the five-point junction of Seminole, Moreland and Euclid Avenues that give Little Five Points its name.

By the 1970s roads had widened and traffic dominated the area, which had once been a vibrant and extensive commercial shopping district. However, even as a commercial district, Little Five Points was relatively young. In the 1880s, the area was mostly made up of large estates, with a private school on Moreland and a stone church, the Church of the Epiphany, which stood at today's Findley Plaza. Our own Kelly Jordan wrote about the area in 1977:

In 1898, all of Little Five Points east of Moreland (DeKalb County) became part of the City of Edgewood, which encompassed all of Candler Park. The rest of the Little Five Points area lacked any running water, gas, or sewers which prevented most development. ...in 1908, all that is Little Five Points went to the City of Atlanta, represented by its councilman Judge John Candler. Almost immediately, streets were paved, sidewalks laid, water and sewer pipes installed. These improvements, coupled with the expanded street car lines on Euclid, McLendon, and Moreland, generated an immediate boom as the old estates were subdivided for suburban homes.

The rattling of passing streetcars, it is said, caused the priest [at the Church of the Epiphany] to pause in his sermons. The new streetcar lines also shifted the focus of development away from the railroad, and demand for commercial service around Little Five Points increased. An image of the Church of the Epiphany from 1914 shows residences still lining Euclid by the church (Criminal Records, etc. today) but this was about to change. In the 1920s, the city's first zoning ordinance designated Little Five Points as a commercial area precipitating the development of the one-story commercial buildings that still stand today. A 1928 map shows that not only were the homes on Euclid gone but the quaint stone church was replaced by, you guessed it, a gas station.*

The commercial district thrived for decades but gradually deteriorated as demands of the automobile increased in the mid-20th century. Streets were widened and the gas station was eventually squeezed off the triangular island. In the 1960s, the impending highway just north of Little Five Points brought further deterioration as property values all around plummeted. Meanwhile, intown neighborhoods like Inman Park and Candler Park were seeing a grassroots revival. Resident activists vigorously protested the highway and dedicated themselves to community preservation and revitalization.**

In 1976, a redesign concept was put out for the Little Five Points Business District which included the closing off of Seminole and Euclid on both sides of Moreland. It was received with mixed feelings throughout the community



Findley Plaza in its first rendition, early 1980s, photo undated. (AJC Photographs, GSU Special Collections)



A look at the Moreland and McLendon intersection in 1980. (AJC Photographs, GSU Special Collections)

but a portion of the plan finally came to fruition and in 1984 Findley Plaza and Davis Plaza at the end of Seminole were dedicated. In a nod to the importance of the local community, Findley Plaza was named for the Findley family who had operated Findley Hardware at 451-453 Moreland Ave. They had done business on Moreland for over 50 years and were active members in the business community throughout decades of change.

Interestingly, the design of Findley Plaza on the 1976

plan looks remarkably similar to the proposals mentioned recently: an open center, a decorative bit of pavement, and trees at the edges. In their quest for a design in Findley Plaza, the committee may not have to look far!

** The church congregation relocated up Seminole, and it is believed to be the same Church of the Epiphany that is today at East Lake and Ponce de Leon Ave.*

*** Community organizations including BOND and CPNO were organized at this time.*



Church of the Epiphany in 1914, looking north, Euclid Avenue in background. (Atlanta History Center Album)

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Citizen Scientists Make A Difference For The Birds

From Atlanta Audubon Society Press Release

Whether you're a hard-core birder or just a casual backyard bird watcher, you can help support bird populations and contribute valuable data to scientific research by taking part in one or more citizen science programs.

Citizen Science is the practice of public participation and collaboration in scientific research to increase scientific knowledge. There are a myriad of ways for regular citizens to participate, and the information collected provides valuable information that is used by biologists and others to study wildlife populations and trends around the world.

"People of all ages and mobility can participate in citizen science," says Nikki Belmonte, Atlanta Audubon Executive Director. "Observations from a bird feeder or a favorite tree in a park is as valuable as day-long surveys in specific habitats. Knowing information about birds is important to understanding how we, as people, are affecting the natural world that supports us."

Following are a sampling of bird-related Citizen Science Programs in which individuals may participate:

eBird: A real-time, online checklist program, eBird connects users with an online database to keep track of the birds seen, maintain personal bird lists, explore dynamic maps and graphs, share sightings with other birders, and contribute to science and conservation. www.ebird.com

Great Backyard Bird Count: This four-day count supported by more than 160,000 participants of all ages and locations each February helps to create an annual snapshot of the distribution and abundance of birds. The 2018 event will take place from February 16 to 18. <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/get-started/>

Christmas Bird Count: Founded in 1900 by the National Audubon Society, the Christmas Bird Count is the longest-running citizen science survey in the world. Christmas bird counts take place in a pre-set area on one day between the dates of December 14 and January 5. Several take place in Atlanta and all skill levels are welcome. <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/citizen-science>

NestWatch: NestWatch is a monitoring program focused on understanding the reproductive biology of birds. As an official chapter of NestWatch, Atlanta Audubon provides workshops on this program as well as expertise on local nesting ecology. <https://nestwatch.org/>

Hummingbirds at Home: This program is designed to collect data on how hummingbirds interact with nectar sources so that we can begin to understand how hummingbirds may be impacted



by changing flowering patterns and climate change. <http://www.audubon.org/content/hummingbirds-home>

Project Feederwatch:

Run by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Project Feederwatch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas and other locales in North America. Participants count the birds at their feeders two consecutive days every two weeks for one winter. <https://feederwatch.org>

Nest Boxes for Nuthatches: The Brown-headed Nuthatch is steadily declining in Georgia. Help curb this trends by installing a nest box and monitoring nest activity. <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/brown-headed-nuthatch>

Project Safe Flight Atlanta, D-bird Atlanta, and Lights Out Atlanta:

Project Safe Flight Atlanta is a conservation effort to further understand the issue of bird/building collisions in the metro Atlanta area. The goal of this project is to determine what species are colliding with buildings, how many birds are affected, and what can be done to make Atlanta a more bird safe region. D-bird ATL is a webpage that allows users to submit data about birds that have collided with one's home. Lights Out Atlanta is a voluntary program encouraging building owners and residential homeowners to turn off or reduce lighting from midnight to dawn during the peak bird migration periods. The goal of all three programs is to create a safe path through Atlanta for migrating birds and to make the City in the Trees a Bird Friendly Community. www.atlantaaudubon.org/project-safe-flight, www.d-bird.org/atl, and <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/lights-out-atlanta>.

Breeding Bird Surveys: Conducted by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Breeding Bird Survey is an international monitoring program in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Participants commit to at least one day per year to count birds by sight or sound on a car-driven route. <https://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs/>

Neighborhood Nestwatch: The Fernbank Museum of Natural History has teamed up with the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center to study the impacts of urbanization on birds. <https://neighborhoodnestwatch.weebly.com/>

Atlanta Audubon Society is committed to building places where birds and people thrive.

Mulberry Fields Helps the Atlanta Zoo

By Mary Jane Leach, Mulberry Fields Site Coordinator, Wylde Center

Mulberry Fields gardeners and friends held their Fall Workday on Saturday October 21st. Besides preparing the garden for winter and new raised bed frames, volunteers trimmed shrubs around the Chickabilly sculpture, cleared a space for a new storage shed, and harvested bamboo canes. Doug Brandenburg had a great idea to contact Zoo Atlanta to pick up the bamboo leaves for the pandas and elephants, and they said yes! The weather was beautiful and it was a fun day.

Mulberry Fields is managed by Wylde Center, an environmental education organization based in Decatur with three gardens in Atlanta and two in Decatur. We are asking 30307 residents to support Wylde Center this fall. Funds raised in 30307 directly support your neighborhood treasure, Mulberry Fields located down the alley at 1301 Iverson Street.



Harvesting bamboo to feed the pandas at the Atlanta Zoo



Trimming shrubs to frame the Chickabilly.



Mulberry Fields community gardeners.

CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for October

These reports were submitted by officer and committee chairs prior to the October Members meeting.

External Affairs Officer-Lindy Kerr

The monthly NPU-N meeting occurred on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

Notable Zoning votes:

1. V-17-224 - 465 Candler Street NE: Variance to reduce a side yard setback to construct a second story to a single family dwelling was approved. The CPNO Zoning committee and the membership previously approved this variance.

Reports from City Department Representatives:

1. APD: Overall, crime was down marginally in the last 28 day period. However, there was a slight uptick in burglaries during this period. At least one burglary suspect was caught that police believe was part of a crew. Hopefully, the arrest will lead to a downturn in burglaries this month.
2. Public Works: The city will be installing parking meters around the business district in Inman Park. Exact locations at TBD but will include portions of North Highland and Elizabeth Streets.
3. Planner's Report: The city has released unveiled a new website for the Atlanta zoning ordinance overhaul. Visit www.zoningATL.com for the latest updates. Visit www.Atlcitydesign.com for more information about city planning/design for Atlanta's future growth.

Other:

1. Review and Comment on Z-17-73 - inclusionary zoning within the Beltline Overlay District: To provide certain terms, requirements, procedures and incentives to improve housing opportunities for working individuals/households who want to live near the Beltline. Voting will occur at the October NPU meeting.
2. Review and comment on 17-O-1275 - amendments to the Atlanta Housing Code pertaining to vegetation, tree protection, buildings and maintenance: To include English Ivy, Kudzu and Wisteria in the definition of invasive weeds and clarify what amount of growth on trees (in excess of 4-6 inches on trunk) or on property (in excess of 12 inches on at least 10% of the property tract or 35% of pervious surfaces, whichever is greater) constitutes a violation. Voting will occur at the October NPU meeting.

Zoning - Bill Morris

The October Zoning Committee meeting was held on October 4, 2017. There were two zoning variance applications and preliminary discussion with the owner of the Shell Convenience store on Moreland Ave regarding a future variance related to an alcohol license for this location.

The applicant for V-17-264, 420 Euclid Terrace is requesting a variance to reduce the north side yard setback yard setback from 7 ft to 3 ft, south side setback from 7ft to 5 ft and front yard setback from 35ft to 13 ft and allow impervious lot coverage of 53% in order to construct a second story addition a single family home and a rear carriage house. The applicant demonstrated compliance

with checklist materials and obtained support signatures from the neighbors contacted prior to the meeting. In discussing the project, the committee expressed several concerns related to the construction of the new carriage house mainly in regard to size and setback related issues. After discussion with the committee, the applicant agreed to shift the footprint of the carriage house to align with the setback of the existing house from a 3 ft north side yard setback to 5.9 ft. The applicant also agreed to update the site plan filed with the City and to contact the resident at 1215 Euclid to obtain their support for the variances. The committee voted unanimously to support the application for 420 Euclid Terrace.

The applicant for V-17-269, 1189 Euclid Avenue, is requesting variance V-17-269 to reduce east side yard setback from 20ft to 3ft, reduce rear yard setback from 20ft to 12ft and reduce open space from 3733sqft to 2436sqft in order to convert an existing retail space to five units of residential use by adding a second floor addition within existing footprint of building - currently Charis Books. The applicant provided complete checklist materials and the committee generally supported of the application. However, because the applicant had been unable to contact the Candler Park neighbors most directly impacted by the project, the committee voted unanimously to defer the application pending the applicant obtaining the neighbor support signatures or provision of proof of written notice to those neighbors.

The Committee met with a representative and the owner of the Shell station on Moreland Ave. to discuss a possible variance application to allow this convenience store to sell beer and wine. Currently, the location is prohibited from selling alcohol because it is within 1500 feet of another package store at the corner of Moreland and Euclid Ave. requiring a variance before obtaining a license. The application has not yet been filed with the City. Committee members were generally supportive or neutral in regard to such a request should it be made but indicated that the Inman Park neighborhood and L5P would be in the lead for an application at that location.

Membership - Roger Bakeman

Membership for 2017 is now at an even 500, the highest it has been, except for our peak year of 2013 with 513 members.

Freedom Park Conservancy - Carol Gregory

Congratulations to CPNO for a top-notch fall festival. Freedom Park is grateful for the booth and the chance to meet many folks. The board members that staffed the booth were busy and many folks signed on to learn more about the park. Freedom is Your Park was well received by everyone and our t-shirts will be seen more and more around town. The park also had a successful work day in the Bird and Butterfly Garden with the Pack 586 scouts who have agreed to return in Nov. Kudzu removal was also accomplished on the south side of Freedom Pkwy near the Ponce intersection with Trees Atlanta. Be sure and follow us @freedomparkconservancy and at freedompark.org. Carol Gregory carolagreg@gmail.com

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October 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 November 20 CPNO Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Zaid Duwayri, President. New residents were introduced and welcomed. Motion to adopt the agenda as ‘screened’ passed.

Guest Speaker:

Sgt. Hines, APD night watch. Overall crime is down 7% in Zone 6.

Announcements:

- Thank you to Kroger’s @ Edgewood District for tonight’s dinner.
- Website- The new website is easier to use and maintain. Thanks to Roger Bakeman for his work with local website designers.
- Nominating Committee- Jay Sandhaus, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the slate of Nominees for the 2018 Board of Directors: President- Dana Fowle, Treasurer- Rohini Kukreja, Secretary- Bonnie Palter, Membership- Jennifer Wilds, Fundraising Officer- Chris Fitzgerald, Zoning- Bill Morris, Public Safety- Lexa King, Communications- Roger Bakeman, External Affairs – Lindy Kerr. The Nominating Committee included Seth Eisenberg, Dolly Evans, Roger Bakeman who were thanked for their contribution in forming the slate.
- Ken Edelstein, Chair for FallFest, gave an overall report about FallFest. A net of \$63,826 was realized. Mr. Edelstein asked for suggestions or comments from the members present. It was suggested that the Ferris wheel become the ‘symbol’/brand for FallFest and the same footprint be maintained in the future.

General Discussion/Votes:

- Infrastructure/Sidewalks- Zaid Duwayri reported that the sidewalk repair for the three main streets of the neighborhood came in under budget. Therefore, there will be a Phase 2. Dana Fowle of the Infrastructure Committee explained how to use the ‘311’ number to get sidewalk repairs and other things done by the City. She also states that there will be a need for volunteers to get Phase 2 completed.
- NPU- Lindy Kerr, External Affairs Officer, presented the three main actions that will be taken at the next NPU meeting. They are 1) Excessive Vegetation Ordinance; 2) Murals on private property; 3) Display rules for artwork on the Beltline.
- Zoning - Bill Morris, Chair, reported that the Committee unanimously approved the variance application for 420 Euclid Terrace. The motion “to approve V -17-264 with condition the project is built in accordance with amended site plan with

5.6ft. North side yard setback and applicant will appear at the October 28th NPU N meeting” passed.

- Two proposed motions for November:
 - 1) Appropriate \$60,000 to Candler Park Conservancy for the conceptual design of two projects- Active Field and Amphitheater
 - 2) Appropriate \$5,000 to Freedom Park Conservancy

Motion to approve the September Membership Meeting Minutes passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by

Bonnie Palter, Secretary

October 16, 2017

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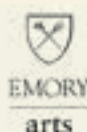
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