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Tis the Season for Elections

By Zaid Duwayri, president@candlerpark.org

I'm writing this article a few days before Fall Fest, but you'll be reading it after we've concluded our 17th annual event. I hope you enjoyed it, and a full report of what went down will follow in the upcoming issue.

I hope you will join me in voting at the November 7th elections for important city and state government seats, including the mayor, city council and state representatives. As our neighborhoods continue to grow, we will experience an increased pressure on our infrastructure, schools, transportation, and city services. We want our neighborhoods to remain the highly desirable and welcoming places that they currently are, so it is important that we elect representatives that understand the pressure that our residents and businesses are facing and would help allocate resources to cope with it. We have had several of the representatives introduce themselves at our meetings over the past few months and share key platform topics with our residents. Please seek out information about the candidates on the ballot and vote on November 7th.

Now to the other election in November, CPNO's 2018 board elections. I had an exchange with a neighbor recently who complained that our organization (CPNO) continues to "represent the same small group of residents" and with another who said that "CPNO seems to care only about Fall Fest". I won't get into why both of these statements are false since all you have to do is revisit the Presidential Briefings over the past two years to learn more about what our organization has accomplished. More

PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

importantly, however, is that you can directly impact the priorities of CPNO by volunteering to help lead it.

The CPNO 2018 board elections are scheduled for the November membership meeting and the Nominating Committee is in the process of identifying qualified candidates. Our Organization's board meets once a month to review our priorities and determine how to best represent the needs of our neighborhood. Our expanded network of volunteers helps in making the load of serving this volunteer organization manageable.

Please consider joining the board of CPNO and help us maintain this trajectory of improvement. To learn more and express interest, please reach out to nominations@candlerpark.org.



The mission of the **Candler Park Neighborhood Organization** is to promote the common good and general welfare in the neighborhood known as Candler Park in the city of Atlanta.

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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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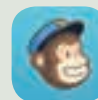
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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

- 4** CPNO Zoning Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church
- 9** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church
- 9-13** APS Fall Break
- 16** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 21** L5P Halloween Parade (4 – 6 pm)

L5P Halloween Festival (12 – 10 pm)
- 26** Atlanta Mayoral Candidate Forum, 7 – 9 pm, Inman Middle School
- 31** Halloween Trick or Treat Block Party, Page Ave

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.



L5P Halloween parade will delight (and fright) on October 21 at 4 pm.
Photo credit: Rob Geirsch

Welcome New Members and Thank You Contributors

CPNO welcomes new members

Stephen, Eileen, Isabel, and Cora Pruitt

Michael Daly

Caitlin and Ryan Greene

CPNO thanks members for their contributions:

Robert & Jane Fratesi

...and others who wished to remain anonymous

Welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 3
Final home Grady football game and Senior Night

NOV 4
Grady 70th Anniversary Open House and Party at Park Tavern

NOV 7
Election Day

NOV 18
Paidea Slither 5K, 9 am

NOV 20 – NOV 24
APS Thanksgiving Break

DEC 25 – JAN 5
APS Holiday Break

If you have a Candler Park event that you would like added to this list, email editor@candlerpark.org

Mulberry Fields Membership Drive Underway

By Stephanie Van Parys, Executive Director, Wylde Center

We hope that you will be one of the 40 families that will donate this fall (by 12/31) to support our Candler Park garden, Mulberry Fields. Your donation supports the beautiful oasis of nature that exists in your neighborhood complete with a children's play area, goats, chickens, flowers, vegetables, art, and so much more! Donations and memberships received from the 30307 zip code are reserved for the maintenance and growth at Mulberry Fields. Help us reach our goal of 40 new and renewing memberships from 30307. Your support goes a long way in keeping Mulberry Fields the green heartbeat of Candler Park. All gifts are tax-deductible. Donate today by 12/31 and tell us why you love Mulberry Fields! (wyldecenter.org/membership) Mulberry Fields is located down the alley at 1301 Iverson St NE, Atlanta, GA 30307



In September, twelve children signed up for our first Painting in the Garden class with Ms. Sylvia, owner of Decatur Art Classes. They painted their own versions of Mulberry Fields Garden with Ms. Sylvia. She worked with the young artists on how to engage with the garden and paint from the heart. Wylde Center is looking forward to offering more classes like this one at Mulberry Fields in 2018.

Shatterproof Rise Up Against Addiction 5k Run/Walk – Saturday, November 4th, 2017

By Genna Panagopoulos, Board Member for ATL Rise Up Against Addiction 5k Committee and Candler Park Resident

Today, the opioid and drug addiction epidemic is taking the lives of so many of our loved ones and is growing rapidly, especially amongst our youth. Shatterproof, a national nonprofit dedicated to ending the devastation caused by addiction, has launched a new national awareness platform: Shatterproof Rise Up Against Addiction 5K Run / Walk. This crisis is growing, and together, we can make a difference in the lives of many of our loved ones.

It's FREE to walk, and \$25 to run/race.

When: Saturday, November 4th, 2017 at 8am

Where: Piedmont Park at The Meadow
10th St NE & Charles Allen Dr.
Atlanta, GA USA

Please visit: <https://5katlanta.shatterproofgetinvolved.org/home> for more information on the organization, and event sign up.



Grady Rebrands, Deserts Oval “G” Logo

By Alex Langan and Charlie Toole, Grady High School Students

Editor’s Note: This article was published in the September 8, 2017 issue of The Southerner, the monthly student newspaper of Henry W. Grady High School. Del Ellerton, the teacher/advisor for The Southerner, granted permission to republish.

After an Atlanta Public Schools central office request for an examination of branding, Grady changed its athletics logo and mascot name.

The ovular “G” logo has represented Grady athletics since 1968 and appeared to be in direct violation of both Green Bay Packers and University of Georgia copyrights. As a result, Grady has changed its logo to the shielded “G” logo designed by Grady students.

“Because we were proactive and have now changed it, we avoided a cease and desist,” Grady art teacher John Brandhorst said of potential legal action. “If they sent us a cease and desist, we would’ve had to tear up the new gym floor, discard all shirts and totally get rid of all uses of the old logo.”

The logo, which was originally designed by the Packers in 1961, was first used by Grady in 1968 as a white ovular “G” with a cardinal background. It was then amended in 2005 by adding a knight mascot to the upper left corner as well as changing the color of the logo to cardinal with a silver or transparent background after some high schools across the country had their logos come under scrutiny by colleges.

This was still not enough to avoid possible copyright issues as the similarities were still evident.

“If when you first look at the logo, it bears enough similarity to another logo and makes you think of that logo, it is copyright infringement,” Brandhorst said.

The logo is owned by the Packers, but the University of Georgia was granted permission by Green Bay for use of the logo. Grady,

along with many other high schools across the country, have been using this logo without proper permission.

The shielded “G” has been used recently as the school logo for academics. In 2016, the logo was painted onto the stairs leading up to the courtyard between the two gyms. It is now the official logo for the school as a whole, although individual clubs and teams have permission to use their own logos.

“The new logo was designed in house and has already been used throughout the school,” Brandhorst said. “Some teams such as Robotics have their own logo, and they are free to keep using those.”

The mascot name which has been the Grey Knights since the creation of the school in 1947, has been changed to just the Knights in order to avoid association with the Confederate Army, whose military uniform displayed the color.

When the name of the mascot was under fire, the committee in charge of the rebrand has been considering a whole new mascot for Grady but were met with heavy opposition from alumni because the mascot has been synonymous with the school’s athletics for decades.

In order to keep things simple and not disrupt any relationship with alumni, the school settled on the minor change to the mascot’s name.

“Some different names were considered, like the redbird [hawk] that you see flying around,” Brandhorst said. “We decided to keep the Knight because alumni came forward and opposed a huge change.”



Old Logo



The new Grady logo designed by students.

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Surrounded by the Grady cheerleading team, Grady principal Betsy Bockman accepts \$50,000 donation from Atlanta Football Host Committee and College Football Playoff Foundation.

All In! Grady High School Receives \$50,000 Donation From Atlanta Football Host Committee and College Football Playoff Foundation

Source: APS website (<https://talkupaps.wordpress.com/2017/09/25/all-in-grady-high-school-receives-50000-donation-from-atlanta-football-host-committee-and-college-football-playoff-foundation/>)

The gymnasium at Henry W. Grady High School rocked with thunderous applause on Friday, Sept. 22, as students, teachers, and staff gathered to celebrate a \$50,000 donation from the College Football Playoff Foundation and the Atlanta Football Host Committee. In honor of hardworking students and teachers, the donation will be used for professional learning, enhancing the arts, and to support teachers in the classroom.

Announced during the “All In” Partnership Ceremony, the event was held to celebrate the Extra Yard for Teachers initiative and the Atlanta Football Host Committee, the organization tasked with helping plan and produce the 2018 College Football Playoff National Championship. Headliners for Friday’s event included: Grady Principal Dr. Betsy Bockman; Carl Adkins, executive director of the Atlanta Football Host Committee; Britton Banowsky, executive director of the College Football Playoff Foundation; and WSB-TV morning anchor Fred Blankenship.

Grady plans to spend the allocated funds in the following ways: \$10,000 for the creation of a high school arts symposium and expo; \$5000 to enhance the Engineering Career Pathway through buying materials and adequate storage; \$10,000 to

purchase a mobile sound system and an athlete board to highlight the accomplishments of the student-athletes; \$10,000 to purchase furniture and technology to create a professional development/learning environment that facilitates collaboration and innovation; and \$15,000 to purchase ergonomically correct furniture and desks to increase movement in special education resource rooms.

Dr. Bockman said she is extremely grateful to Extra Yard for Teachers for the donation.

“This generous donation comes at a much-needed time with the loss of all Title 1 funding,” Dr. Bockman said. “In addition to updating the gymnasium to highlight our student-athletes, professional learning, and launching a metro Atlanta Arts Symposium to showcase Grady and other area high school students who are interested in showing their work, we hope the donation for the arts will be the seed money to create an annual event to support fine arts for high school artists across the Atlanta region.”

Take Flight Inman Eagles! You Are Meant To Soar

By Kim Meyer on behalf of the Inman Middle School Foundation

Supporting our neighborhood schools is essential to strengthening our community!

At Inman Middle School, EVERY Eagle deserves the opportunity to take flight and soar. The Inman Middle School Foundation supports a vital mission: To provide the funding and support that will enable the Inman faculty and administration to make Inman the best middle school – public or private – in Georgia.

WHY IS SUPPORTING THE INMAN FOUNDATION SO IMPORTANT?

Despite a growing enrollment (Inman serves over 1,000 students) and diverse student body, Inman still faces unprecedented funding cuts. Inman is also one of a handful of schools within APS that does not receive Title 1 Funding (significant funds allocated to districts that qualify as “disadvantaged”). While we are fortunate to be in this position, this means we need everyone to fill the sizable gap between the budget we are allocated by APS and the resources we need to give every Eagle the opportunity to take flight and soar!

HOW ARE THE FOUNDATION FUNDS USED?

The Soaring Eagles Fund serves as a long-term funding source supporting strategic technology initiatives, teacher professional learning, and innovative curriculum enrichment resources. Last school year, the Foundation funded 145 Chromebooks, the Weatherbug meteorology station and science program, gifted certification training for 6 teachers, and a variety of teacher requests for technology and curriculum enrichment resources in the classroom. Also, this year the Foundation will be funding a team of highly experienced educators from the Educational Advisory Foundation, who will partner with Inman teachers to

provide the intensive one-on-one or small group math instruction for students who need help mastering areas they found difficult. This has the additional benefits of decreasing class sizes and allowing teachers to continue with the rest of the class at their own appropriate pace while the students being helped are getting back on track.



A WORD FROM INMAN'S PRINCIPAL, DR. KEVIN MAXWELL

”I continue to be inspired by the collective commitment of Inman Middle School stakeholders to ensure that every student is engaged in challenging and meaningful learning. There is a real understanding that academic excellence is only attained when students have access to exceptional teachers and state of the art resources.

The Inman Foundation plays a critical role in providing these resources. Inman Middle School is a special place that is thoughtful, caring, and student focused. Our highly skilled teachers stay current on research, and Foundation funding permits them to keep their skills up-to-date and to acquire the best choices of curricular materials and technological enhancements, which are often not covered by APS. This ensures that our students are involved in integrated learning activities that support both academic and emotional security and growth.

Continuing to build on this tradition of excellence is only possible through the generosity of the Inman Foundation. Your donations provide critical support that enables our students to have optimal educational experiences and reach their fullest potential. Your support enhances our school, community, state, and nation. Walt Disney once said, ‘Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children.’ Thank you for providing the resources to help every student at Inman achieve his or her highest aspirations.”

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR EAGLES SOAR?

Every donation counts, no matter the amount. ANYONE can donate – friends, families of future Eagles, relatives, alumni, and businesses! Dr. Maxwell and his team have some exciting plans to continue bringing innovative technology and curriculum enrichment into every classroom at Inman! The Soaring Eagles Fund will be an essential source to achieve these objectives. Visit our website today – www.inmanfoundation.org – to learn more and support Inman Middle School.

Your gifts will ensure that our Inman Eagles take flight and soar! Thank you in advance. ...Your Inman Middle School Foundation



Inman students using Chromebooks purchased by the Inman Foundation.

A Trick-or-Treat Tradition on Page Ave NE

By Dave Aynes and Russell Miller, Candler Park Residents

A trick-or-treat tradition on Page Ave has been building momentum ever since around 2005. It was around that year that Rob Giersch freaked us all out when he lit a pumpkin on fire and others started vying for best Halloween house on the street. With all the new families moving here, Halloween on Page Ave, like Mary Lin student population.....just grew...and grew....and grew. By 2012, Page Ave was getting blocked off from end to end, and spiders, ghosts, and zombies covered nearly every home. On Saturday 10/31/2015, some estimates are that as many as 2500 people were on the street! Everyone ran out of candy and no fewer than 4 pumpkins were TORCHED!

As word has spread, Page Ave has become the “go to” street for many families in Candler Park, Lake Claire, and surrounding neighborhoods who want a safe environment for their children

on this special night. In order to make Halloween on Page Ave safe, a handful of neighbors have been getting a street closure permit and have hired off duty APD officers for traffic control. Historically, the officers (and the candy) have been entirely funded by neighbors on an ad hoc basis, and the budget for the officers this year is approximately \$1,000 (permit cost plus 5 officers X \$45 X 4 hours) plus countless dollars for candy (in 2016, 1000 pieces didn't cover the demand!). As a result of the growth, Page Ave has been granted a \$250 block party grant from the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization to offset some of the cost of hosting this great neighborhood event.

We look forward to scaring you....we mean seeing you....this Halloween!



Photo Credit: Rob Geirsch



Carrie Shevlin has been key to the success of the Page Ave Halloween over the past ten years plus.

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Planning a Safer, Cleaner, and More Joyous Findley Plaza (Yet Still Eclectic)

By Walter Brown, Little Five Points Community Improvement District (CID) Vice Chair and Candler Park Resident

Have you spent time in Little Five Points lately? What was your experience? The answer to that question is complex but generally gravitates toward a negative impression and longing for something better. Most of us accept that Little Five Points is a unique place, and we love (mostly) the eclectic, creative spirit that has always differentiated L5P from any other place in Atlanta or even the Southeast.

The good news is that several new organizations have emerged over the last few years whose central focus is improving Little Five Points. These include the Little Five Points Community Improvement District (CID), the Little Five Alive (Friends of Little Five Points) non-profit, and the Little Five Arts Alive project managed by the Horizon Theatre. Combined with the existing L5P Business Association and in coordination with several community leaders, we have already had a positive impact on L5P through Findley Plaza activation and events – but it's just not enough without some significant changes to the physical space.

It's been nearly 25 years since Findley Plaza was last updated. As you may

have noticed, the current location, spacing, condition, and use of the tree islands leaves much to be desired. In addition, there is a strong desire on the part of the broader community to have a space that can be flexibly deployed to attract a variety of active uses including cultural events, sidewalk dining, markets, and musical performances. The current layout does not allow for full utilization of the plaza in more creative ways, and we now have an opportunity to re-think and re-design this critical space.

Fortunately, the City of Atlanta, as directed by Kwanza Hall, has allocated \$450,000 to the Little Five Points Community Improvement District (L5PCID) to work with the Business Association and surrounding community to create a concept plan for Findley Plaza that can be built as soon as 2018. Here are some of the important elements featured in the newest plans:

- Large Tree Wells to permit very large trees and shade over time
- Tree Furniture Zone along streets to buffer visual/noise pollution

- Wide Sidewalks and space along businesses to display merchandise and dining tables
- Space for Bike parking and safe, dignified, access for MARTA busses
- Drop Off area for Ride Sharing and Taxis
- Large central programmable space for cultural and dining use (twice current size)
- Widened sidewalk in front of Corner Tavern for increased safety
- Improved Trash Collection and Lighting
- All new paving and granite curbing
- Paver system for Central Plaza that may also mitigate storm water

Perhaps the most important reason to redevelop the Plaza is to create a safer, cleaner and more joyous place for all users of Little Five Points to enjoy. Again, we love the eclectic clutter to a point, but also want our own children to feel safe walking through or being in the Plaza at all times of the day and into the evening. The status quo is not acceptable.

To better understand what the community would like to see in a new Findley Plaza, both Little Five Alive and the CID have been interacting with the community at festivals, neighborhood meetings, and community outreach sessions over that last six months. Feedback has been very encouraging, and the current plan is very close to the concept the city is likely to build out for us. Please see the most recent concept designs and imagery we are working with the City to build.

We know we will need to raise additional private or grant funding to support the extra ingredients we would all like to see in a new Plaza design including specialty lighting, security cameras, staging and power, specialty paving and landscape materials not covered by city funding. Fortunately, Don Bender has agreed to take on the task of raising non-profit contributions from businesses owners, community leaders, and residents wishing to invest in a more beautiful and functional plan for Little Five Points. A future article will describe how you can become involved in the fundraising effort to follow.

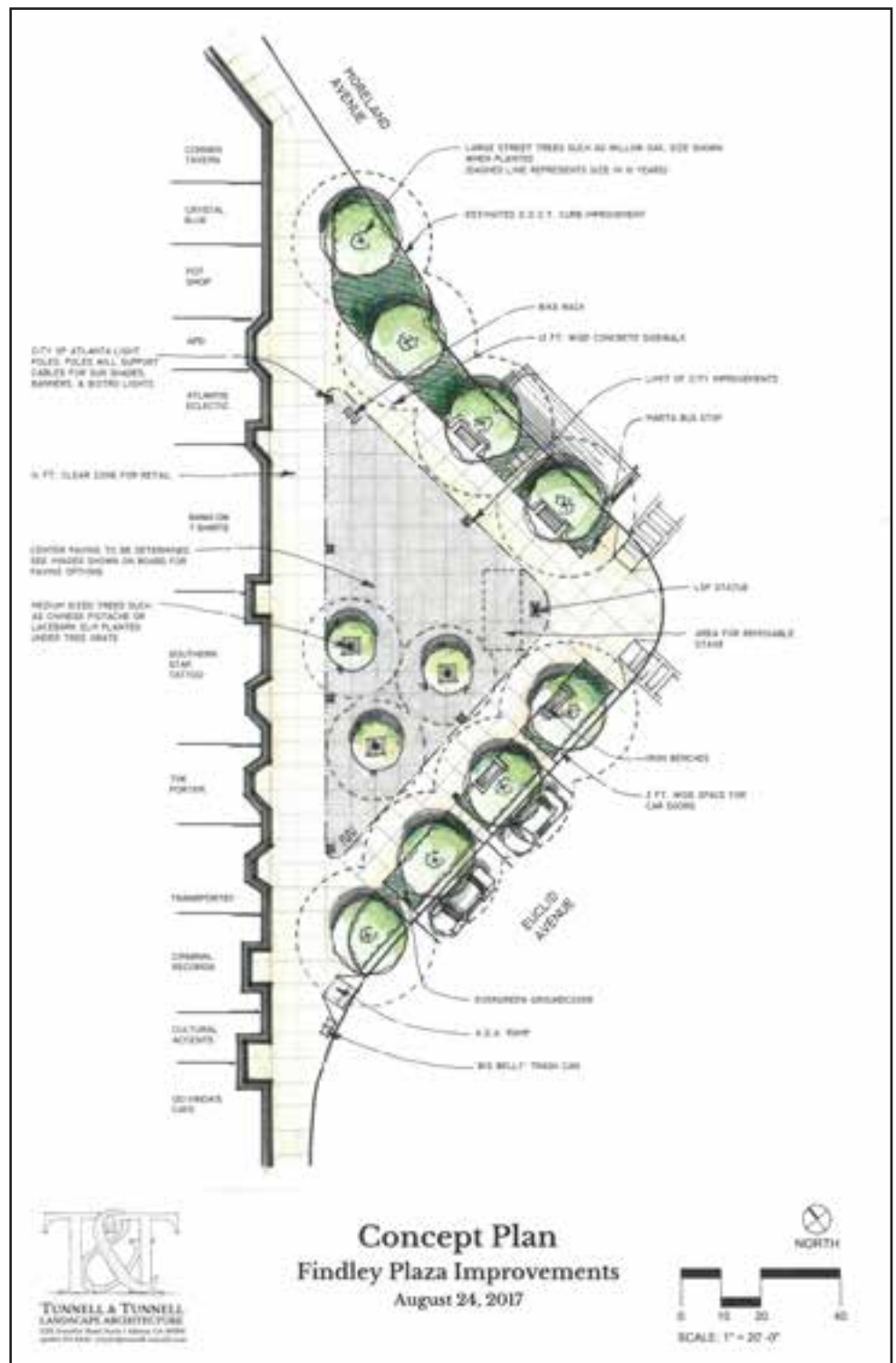
In addition, no amount of physical investment will take the place of better management of the Plaza and of Little Five Points in general. The CID is working concurrently on a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Atlanta to take over management of the public spaces in Little Five Points so that neighborhood expectations of security, cleanliness, and activation can be counted on and become less chaotic. The CID is committed to improving the business environment of the shop owners (many who are neighbors themselves) while offering the City of Atlanta a truly unique arts driven environment that we can all be proud to claim as our own.

Critical issues we must deal with include rampant illegal vending, chronic homelessness, public urination, drug sales, trash, and aggressive behavior that threatens to further complicate a retail environment facing competition

from internet sales and the growing distractions offered by so many newer intown retail districts. A separate CID task force is working diligently and humanely on homeless overpopulation and quality of life crime.

The L5PCID Findley Plaza team includes: Walter Brown - CID Vice Chair, Carly Berg - CPNO rep, Don Bender - fundraiser, Scott Pendegrast - L5P Business Association, John Izard -

fundraiser and homeless task force, Will McDonald - local resident and design assistant, Elizabeth Broderick - IPNA rep. For further updates, please continue to visit the L5PCID website (<http://l5pcid.com/>) and feel free to call me at 678-793-0457 and give us your thoughts.

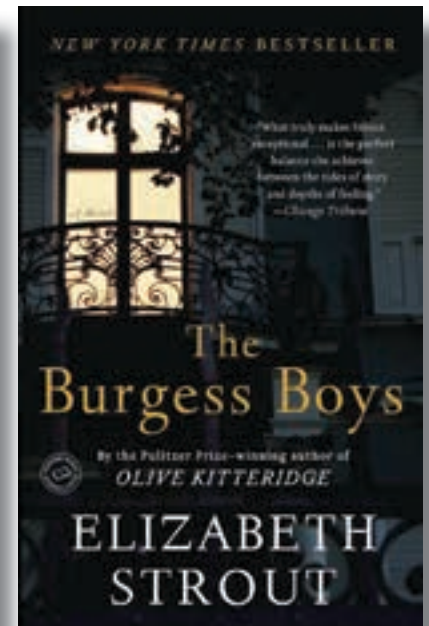
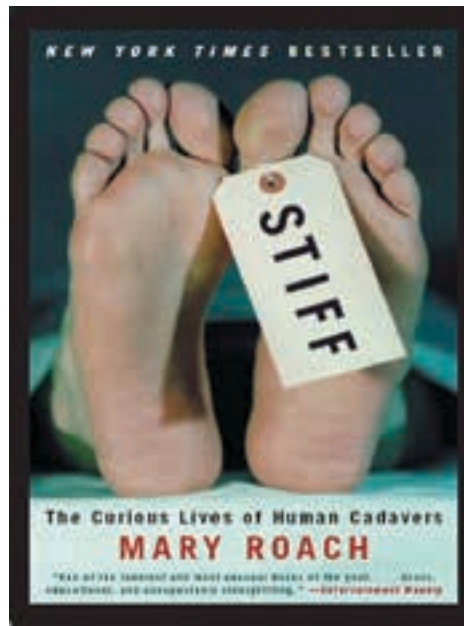


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CP Book Club meets monthly at Wondershop Community Clubhouse at 1392 McLendon Avenue. We start about 7:30 p.m., and members are welcome to bring a beverage or snack. A small donation of \$2-\$5 is requested. All books are nominated and chosen by members. We try to choose books that are easily found in libraries or from used book purveyors.

Please come join us October 16th to discuss our pick of the month, The Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Stout. Next up, on November 20th we will discuss the darkly hilarious novel, Stiff by Mary Roach. For more information, contact Aimee Nash: aiminee@yahoo.com.



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Q & A With Some of the Candidates Running for Atlanta Public School (APS) Board of Education (BOE), District 3 & At-Large

By Annsley Klehr, Lake Claire Neighbors Education Chair

Editor's Note: This information was compiled by the author who included information on candidates who replied to her inquiry. It is not comprehensive of all candidates running for APS Board of Education.

Q: Who are these BOE district 3 and at-large candidates?

■ **Adzua Agyapon (district 3)** is an educator, teacher leader, and former elected official, and has experience and insight into the students in Atlanta Public Schools. Adzua is currently the kindergarten grade level chair at KIPP STRIVE Primary, where she coaches and leads a team of 8 teachers. Born in NYC and lived in public housing, she worked hard, and eventually attended and graduated from Yale University. She wants to ensure that all students receive a quality education, affording them the breadth of opportunities that she had.

■ **Lewis Cartee (district 3)** has served in multiple community leadership roles in the past 11 years within East Atlanta, the larger NPU and the Jackson Cluster. He is currently fulfilling his second stint as President of the East Atlanta Community Association (EACA) while also chairing the Education Committee. His previous roles in the organization have included terms as Vice President, Communications Chair and Parents Network Chair. Along with currently presiding over NPU-W's Education Committee as well as the Burgess-Peterson Academy Governance Team, he has had many opportunities to listen to the concerns of neighbors. As a committed community member and APS parent currently involved in the Charter System governance platform, his roles have already given him the opportunity to participate in the larger discussion around equity and academic success for all children with the goal of producing a thoughtful approach to the challenges that face our communities.

■ **Rashida M. Winfrey (district 3)** is an APS parent, APS graduate and APS Leader. As an Atlanta native, she attended Inman Middle School (where her daughter goes now), and graduated from North Fulton High School. After graduation, she headed to Athens to study finance at the University of Georgia, earning a BS and an MBA in Finance. Winfrey is currently completing post-graduate coursework in Finance at the University of Chicago. After 20 years of banking, she owned and operated a financial management company called Mosaic Advisors, and then went on to head-up Southeast M&A/Private Equity Forum. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Atlanta Center for Puppetry Arts and previously served on non-profits such as Grady Hospital, Park Pride and Cool Girls – a program that serves girls in 8 Title I schools in Fulton and DeKalb counties. She is also a 2014 graduate of Leadership Atlanta.

■ **Michelle Olympiadis (district 3)** is a first generation



American from an immigrant family that emigrated from Greece to Atlanta in 1956. She has lived in Morningside since 1995 and has been a parent in APS since 2007. She has three children, all of whom attend schools in the Grady Cluster: Grady High School, Inman Middle School, and Morningside Elementary. She has been involved in APS since her oldest was in Kindergarten. She recently completed her term as president of the Morningside Elementary School PTA, and is also an appointee of the

Georgia Department of Education's Student Success Stakeholder Committee, as well as the Grady High School Cluster Advisory.

■ **John Wright (at-large seat 7)**, a native Atlantan, is a graduate of MLK Jr. Middle School and Benjamin E. Mays High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and credits the fine caliber of teachers and staff at Mays High School for preparing him to lead a fruitful and productive life. John is one of the founding families of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School and a parent of a 12th & 9th grader at Maynard Jackson High School. He helped establish the Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School Athletic Boosters in 2014 and now serves on its board. In his professional life, he works for AECOM, and currently manages the \$618M E-SPLOST program for the DeKalb County School District. He is running for office to make sure every child in Atlanta has that same opportunity.

■ **Antoine Trammell (district 3)** MD, MPH is from Nashville, Tennessee and moved to Georgia for medical training at Mercer University (Macon, GA). While at Mercer, he was an Internal Medicine chief resident and completed a research fellowship studying cardiac arrest outcomes. After completing the research fellowship, he accepted a faculty position in the school of medicine at Emory University where he currently practices academic medicine. Antoine also has background in public health and focus in outcomes research that includes the role of policy-making, education, and environmental factors.

In his personal life, Antoine is a husband and proud parent of three (ages one, seven, and 12). His older children attend Atlanta Public Schools in the Grady Cluster. When not engaging his professional passions, Antoine enjoys time with his family, playing music, and exploring Atlanta's unique culinary diversity with his wife as part of their dinner club.

■ **Kandis Wood Jackson (at-large seat 7)** is a native Atlantan committed to achieving educational equity for each and every student in the Atlanta Public Schools (APS). At a young age, a

strong family, excellent teachers, and influential mentors instilled in her a love of learning and a deep appreciation for education. She is a graduate of Duke University and Harvard Law School and a former APS teacher. She and her husband, Adam, live in Midtown, along with their dog Duke.

■ **Cynthia Briscoe Brown (at-large seat 8)** was elected to her first term in Seat 8 At Large on the Atlanta Board of Education, a citywide post, in 2013 and is currently serving now. She is a graduate of Davidson College and Vanderbilt Law School, and uses her 31 years of experience as an attorney to help Atlanta's students, teachers and families. Cynthia serves or has served on the Boards of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc, WABE/WPBA, the Atlanta Partnership for Arts in Learning, the Committee for Teaching About the United Nations/Atlanta, the Alliance Francaise d'Atlanta, and the PTAs at all her children's schools, creating partnerships and opportunities for students and teachers across the city to improve their skills and enrich their lives. As a volunteer with Young Audiences of Atlanta, Cynthia helped develop the smART stART program, using arts experiences to improve reading skills in low-income APS kindergarten students. During the three terms she served as co-President of North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools (NAPPS), Cynthia emphasized positive community engagement, reaching out to cluster organizations and community groups across the city to identify common goals and provide a consistent voice for children throughout Atlanta.

Cynthia and her husband, James F. (Jim) Brown, Jr., are both Atlanta natives and practicing attorneys. They are active in music and service ministries at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. They have two children, both of whom attended APS schools K-12.

■ **Charlie (Charles) Stadlander (at-large seat 8)** is an Atlanta business owner and former metro-Atlanta public school teacher. After graduating from the University of Missouri in 2006, Charlie moved to Atlanta to teach in the public school system.

During his teaching career, Charlie taught 3rd Grade, as well as 9th & 10th Grade English Literature. While serving as a public school teacher, Charlie also attended Georgia State University where he earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Charlie is proud to have served in numerous educational leadership roles including: Bullying Awareness Coordinator, Faculty Sponsor of H.O.P.E. (Hispanic Organization Promoting Education), and Debate Team Coach. After completing his 5th year of teaching, Charlie went back to school full-time and obtained a Doctorate in Jurisprudence in Health Law and Policy from Loyola University New Orleans. Charlie continued his studies by completing post-doctoral studies and obtaining a graduate certification in Health Law and Policy at Loyola University Chicago. Charlie has been a committed and passionate advocate for equality and accountability in public education.

■ **Nathaniel (Nate) Borrell Dyer (at-large seat 7)** has advocated, mentored, and taught children as if they were his own. His passion is children, which he attributes to his mother's tireless dedication as a teacher for 33 years. Professionally, Nate has worked in Corporate America as a Senior Art Director for Bank of America; as an entrepreneur, with organizations such as The Carter Center, National CASA and the African-American Outreach Initiative; as a community activist, creating a youth

organization called KIDS FIRST!, which provides free breakfasts, lunches, and enrichment during the summer months for children up to age 18. Through this initiative, Nate has been able to employ and manage a team 25 teens and adults. He also teaches art and creative writing to children of all ages. He considers himself a fine artist, musician, and poet.

Q: Why have they chosen to run?

■ **Adzua Agyapon** recognizes that District 3 contains a diverse mix of schools with an even more diverse set of challenges ranging from school closures and under enrollment to annexations and overcrowding. She believes that she is whom our district needs as an experienced educator and leader who knows first hand how policies made in the boardroom affect our children in the classroom

■ **Lewis Cartee** believes we need to create greater collaboration between the City of Atlanta and APS, focusing on quality of life and creating safe and productive learning environments. Cartee supports strengthening our early learning programs to improve school readiness while offering robust opportunities for vocational training for high school students. He thinks we need to continue to elevate the voice of leadership in our schools while also striving to work toward insisting on increased transparency through program audits. Lastly, he envisions a school district that through this transparency increases trust and effective two-way communication that ultimately produces a school district that is approachable, accessible, and equitable for all in order to create an Atlanta that truly is...one city for all students.

■ **Rashida M. Winfrey** would like to bridge the gaps of education by having Parent Power, giving equal weight to all voices; create more Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency on the board due to her finance background; helping to better Student Outcomes by equitably educating and graduating world-class citizens. Rashida is passionate about bringing financial literacy to students, so much so that she has initiated financial programs throughout Atlanta including programs at the Andrew & Walter Young Family YMCA, Word of Faith Cathedral, Atlanta Metropolitan College and the City of Atlanta. Earlier this year she established "Take A Child to the Bank Day", a program that connects students, local governments and banks for financial education in Atlanta.

■ **Michelle Olympiadis** loves being a parent and being involved in her children's lives and in their schools! When her oldest child with special needs entered Kindergarten, the Special Education Lead Teacher at the time told her in her first IEP, "Your son is not smart enough to attend Morningside. Morningside is a school for high achievers and we do not have the supports needed for him." As she began learning about the challenges facing not only her son and the school system, she found her passion and her voice for advocacy. She advocated for systemic changes needed to create a sustainable district able to meet each child developmentally where he or she is, regardless of background, to reach the child's highest potential. With all of her positions in education, she has developed a broad network of strong relationships with APS and school administrators. These relationships, coupled with her extensive knowledge of the complex policies and regulations governing APS schools at

all levels, have enabled her to work effectively to achieve the best outcome for students.

■ **John Wright** believes the most important function of a school board is to work collaboratively and govern in a manner that puts the needs of students first. He wants the Atlanta community to know that he can be trusted with this precious responsibility. John listens to parents, teachers, administrators and stakeholders. He will also be a candid voice of truth. Together, he will celebrate with all those involved in APS both large and small goals. He believes that the number one job of APS is to make certain every family in Atlanta, wherever they live or how much money they have, has a right to have a school they can send their children to without doubt or reservation. His campaign is about creating an honest and open dialogue about our public schools.

■ **Antoine Trammell** is committed to maintain our city's bright and prosperous future with our children's education. Antoine firmly believes that quality education for our children yields academic excellence and cultural competency that is necessary for a diverse community to continue thriving and have a secure future. Antoine is invested in the well-being of Atlanta. Professionally, he serves Atlanta everyday as a physician, advocate, and researcher. Throughout his career, he has been an advocate for health and education that includes engaging policy-makers on national and local levels. Antoine has also worked with the American Heart Association to improve CPR education in Georgia schools. A significant portion of medical practice involves education and examination rooms become classrooms. Running for the board of education therefore presents an opportunity to further serve our city by impacting an earlier stage of education. As a physician and candidate for the board of education, Antoine knows the societal impacts of inadequate policy. He brings a passion for people and experience with data evaluation, policy formulation, and outcomes assessment to the benefit our children.

■ **Kandis Wood Jackson's** education background helps her to understand the value of a quality education. Her experiences in the classroom as both a student and a teacher form her belief that various social, political, and economic factors can often undermine the community-wide goal of providing quality public education to every student. This is unacceptable to Kandis, because she believes equal access to quality education is a fundamental human right. She is running for the Atlanta School Board because she is ready to leverage her passion, experience, skills, and unique background to give every student equal access to high-quality education – no matter their neighborhood.

■ **Cynthia Briscoe Brown** "All children are gifted. They just open their presents in different ways." She believes it is the job of the educators – whether parent, teacher, volunteer, coach, or other caring adult – to equip every child with the tools they need to open their presents. Focusing on the needs and gifts of each child means the community must be equitable with all its resources. She believes societal ills that hinder children from learning and thriving must be addressed by building a school system and community, which embrace and celebrate diversity of every kind. Children must be taught to think critically, communicate effectively, and contribute responsibly to their community.

In the past four years, as a BOE representative, along with her colleagues, they have: returned APS' focus to our children; redirected tens of millions of dollars into our classrooms; emphasized flexibility, autonomy, and local control of schools; and restored the reputation of APS as a system which works for kids. As a community, she wants everyone to come together to move APS forward to provide every child, every day, with everything they need to be successful in school and in life.

■ **Charlie Stadlander** believes we have a moral obligation to provide a world-class Atlanta education system, while ensuring that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely. Only then, will we be able to provide the high quality of education and welcoming learning environment that all students deserve:

- A. Rising property taxes, which continue to fund failing schools is an unsustainable model. He feels we owe it to parents, students, teachers, and taxpayers to end this cycle.
 - B. The Atlanta Public Schools' budget is bloated. Too much money is being diverted from students and teachers in order to fund high paying Central Office staff.
 - C. Students must be in a safe and welcoming environment for learning to take place.
- Bullying against racial minorities, LGBT persons, the economically disadvantaged, or any other group must be dealt with swiftly.
- D. Results and financial accountability are the keys to success in any organization. He will bring a fair and decisive approach to holding those in leadership positions accountable for the quality and cost of the education our children receive.
 - E. A high quality education system is paramount in combating poverty, attracting new businesses, reducing crime, and improving the quality of life for society as a whole. He feels that we must stand up and demand that APS provide the highest quality of education possible, while spending taxpayer dollars wisely.
 - F. Students and parents across APS have unique and tough challenges. As a teacher, Charlie learned that recognizing and empathizing with these individual circumstances was key to overcoming obstacles in the classroom and at home.

■ **Nathaniel (Nate) Borrell Dyer** understands that the position is not about himself, but how he can improve the lives of our children and their education. He believes in our children and all the potential they possess. He believes this to be his life's calling, and he is committed and up to the task in providing an equitable, world-class education to all of Atlanta's children.

Q: What is their favorite local dive in Atlanta?

■ **Adzua Agyapon's** favorite local dive is Mezcalitos, because it's close to home and their pomegranate margaritas are delicious!

■ **Lewis Cartee's** favorite dive is Tomatillos.

■ **Rashida M. Winfrey's** favorite dive is Fox Brothers, as it lures her out of bed often. She says, "The brisket is worth getting up to obey the craving EVERY time!"

■ Michelle Olympiadis's favorite dive, though hard to choose as an Atlantan with many, finally settled on the Best Greek Dive in the city, Nick's To Go.

■ John Wright's favorite local dives are Fat Matt's Rib Shack and The Republic.

■ Antoine Trammell had many a spot, but the one that sticks out is Ghion Cultural Hall (Ethiopian). Antoine has shared many a meal with friends and family there, the most memorable of which was his pre-wedding dinner a few years ago. He and his wife kicked-off their wedding weekend with their friends and family from all over the world.

■ Kandis Wood Jackson's favorite local dive in Atlanta is the Nook on Piedmont Park

■ Cynthia Briscoe Brown's local spot that she regards with great fondness is the Flying Biscuit. It was a special place that her dad used to take his grandchildren for brunch.

■ Charlie Stadtlander's favorite dive is Tomatillos in East Atlanta owned by former State Representative Margaret Kaiser. He says, "Fantastic Mexican food and great atmosphere!"

■ Nathaniel (Nate) Borrell Dyer does not have a favorite dive, but he loves dancing! He says, "See you on the dance floor!"

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CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for September

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

External Affairs Officer-Lindy Kerr

The monthly NPU-N meeting occurred on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

Notable Zoning votes:

1. V-17-163 passed: Applicant requested variance to reduce the half-depth front yard setback for a new single family home that will be built at 1280 McLendon.

Notices:

1. MARTA: There has been an uptick in bike thefts and car break-ins at Marta stations. Please be mindful of how you lock your bike and keep your car clean of any bags, change or valuables.
2. Invest Atlanta: \$6 million has been allocated to purchase vacant lots throughout the city for the creation of pocket-parks. There are several lots located in NPU-N. For more information contact Tsedey Betru at TBetru@investatlanta.com
3. Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness: It is still mosquito season. Contact the DeKalb County Board of Health at 404-508-7871 with complaints or concerns.

Other:

1. Briarcliff Landmark District: application N-17-240 (D-17-240). The Atlanta Urban Design Commission approved the designation on June 14 of this year. The district is bound by Ponce de Leon, North Highland, and Cleburne Ter, and includes the buildings housing the Plaza Theater and the Majestic Diner. Current owners pursued designation and discussed planned improvements they intend to make, more pedestrian-friendly use of surface parking (a pop-up may be part of the lot), and updates to restore Art Deco style of the buildings.

Zoning-Bill Morris

The Zoning Committee meeting was held on September 6 with two members in attendance. Since there wasn't a quorum for the meeting, voting was held electronically. The agenda included one variance application V-17-224 (465 Candler St.), zoning ordinances amendment z-17-72 & 73 which address affordable housing needs within the Beltline Overlay District as well as a new Westside Workforce Housing Overlay district and Council ordinance 10-O-1022 which provides an approval process for Murals on Private Property.

V-17-224, 465 Candler St.: Application is for a variance to reduce the north side yard setback from 7ft to 3 ft in order to construct a partial second story addition above the footprint of an existing single family. The proposed addition would cover the rear third of the home. The applicant provided complete checklist materials and neighbor support letters from 10 adjacent neighbors. The committee voted electronically in favor of the application with the provision that the applicant provide additional support letters for the neighbors at 456 and 470 Candler St. and 460 Sterling St. or mail receipts showing these neighbors received notice of the variance.

Z-17-72, 73: These amendments establish requirements for the provision of affordable housing for new developments of rental property within the Beltline Overlay District and within a new Westside Workforce Housing Overlay District encompassing the neighborhoods of English Avenue, Vine City, Ashview Heights and Atlanta University Center targeting household at or below 80% and 60% of area median income (AMI). Developers of 10 or more units will have the option of providing 15% of new units at 80% of the AMI or 10% of the units at 60% of the AMI. There are also a number of incentives for developers under the new requirements. The committee voted to support these ordinances (3 –support, 0 opposed, 1 abstain).

City Council Ordinance 10-O-1022 - amendment of City Code Chapter 46 to establish requirements for approval of murals on private property under the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs. Currently non-commercial public art is addressed under Section 16-28.025 of the zoning code. Intent of the legislation is to effectively balance legitimate efforts of property owner to display murals with public safety needs and aesthetic interest of the City. The legislation creates the opportunity for neighboring residents and businesses to meet with mural's artist, sponsor and/or property owner where the mural will be located prior to installation. The goal is to develop collaboration between artist and neighborhood and create neighborhood pride regarding the art. The committee vote was support- 1, opposed – 2, abstain – 1.

Freedom Park Conservancy-Carol Gregory

Freedom Park Conservancy board met on Sept. 12. The FPC Park Improvement Committee (PIC) will have a Bird and Butterfly Garden work day on Sept. 7 and Park work day on Sept. 14. Volunteers are needed. Details will be on the Freedom Park webpage. www.freedompark.org Enjoy the Freedom Park webpage also. Carol Gregory carolagreg@gmail.com





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September 18 CPNO Members Meeting – draft minutes

These draft minutes are presented for review. They may be amended before being considered for official adoption at the October 16 CPNO Members Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Russell Miller, Vice President. New members introduced themselves and were welcomed. Thank you to MoJo Pizza for tonight's dinner.

The motion to adopt the agenda passed. The motion to approve the August minutes passed.

Guest Speaker:

Lt. Gruen, APD, reported an increase in car break-ins and six burglaries.

Announcements:

- Hungarian Festival, Agnes Scott College, Sunday September 24th 11 am to 5 pm
- Findley Plaza Design Update- Walter Brown presented a Concept Design of Findley Plaza and answered questions.
- Website Design- Roger Bakeman announced and demonstrated the updated CPNO website.
- FallFest 2017- Chris Fitzgerald, Treasurer for FallFest, requested volunteers especially for the Tour of Homes.

Treasurer's Report:

Rohini Kukreja, Treasurer, reported last month's expenses as \$1,000 to Inman Middle School per budget and Website Design and Host Fee. A full report is available upon request.

Discussion/Vote:

Zoning-Bill Morris, Zoning Officer

Motion that "Candler Park Neighborhood supports V-17-224 for a variance to allow a 3ft. side yard setback for the construction of a second story addition at 465 Candler Street with conditions that the applicant appear at the September NPU meeting and that the project is constructed in accordance with the site plan and application filed with the City" passed.

Motion to support Z-17-72&73 (Affordable Housing in the Beltline Overlay) passed.

Motion to oppose City Council Ordinance 10-O-1022 amendment to Chapter 46 of the City Code passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary • September 18, 2017

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