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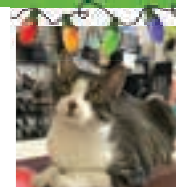
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# Thank You for the Past Two Years

By Zaid Duwayri, [president@candlerpark.org](mailto:president@candlerpark.org)

It's hard to imagine that this is my last Presidential Briefing column! I served as the president of CPNO for 2 years, and I can honestly say that it was a time well spent. It was a pleasure serving the neighborhood with a passionate and dedicated board that helped elevate the organization to the next level. It was a board focused on improving every aspect of our neighborhood that we could possibly influence. I'm glad to see that the majority of the board members will continue to serve the organization in 2018, which will provide the needed continuity.

Reflecting back on 2017.

1. I'm pleased with our Fall Fest performance. I'm particularly proud of our ability to strike a balance between developing a healthy source of revenue for the organization and maintaining a community "feel" to the festival. Fine-tuning of operations will continue, and the committee will always be receptive to new ideas for improvement.
2. We continued to grow the Candler Park brand through our communication media, logo sales and publicity associated with our annual fall festival. This was also evident in our membership figures, which grew to its largest number in years, even though we did not have a galvanizing issue to drive "temporary" membership spikes.
3. We gave back a record amount to the community. Our financial support for local projects, schools, non-profit entities and green spaces was enabled by our successful fundraising efforts mentioned above and helped us advance initiatives that have been discussed within CPNO for many years.
4. I'm glad to see that we finally moved the sidewalk repair project forward. Our ability to address the rough spots on our main streets made for safer strolls and jogs for residents and visitors and prepared us for a subsequent expansion of the repair project.

## PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

Finally, I do want to thank my fellow board officers for their support during my tenure on the board. My gratitude goes to

- Lindy Kerr for being our constant reliable representation at NPU and city meetings
- Lexa King for her passionate advocacy of safety and citizen rights
- Roger Bakeman for his dedication to streamlining the membership operations and for taking on the website redesign project
- Susan Rose for her professionalism and dedication to improving the quality of the Messenger
- Chris Fitzgerald for all her fundraising ideas and managing these projects from start to finish
- Rohini Kureja for being our trusted treasurer and pro-bono bookkeeper
- Bill Morris for tirelessly managing the zoning review process and preparing thorough reports
- Bonnie Palter for being the dependable and irreplaceable secretary of our organization
- Finally, a special thanks to a fellow outgoing board member, Russell Miller, for his years of service of our organization and the neighborhood at large, most recently as the communications officer.

I'll be looking for the opportunity to serve this neighborhood again in the near future.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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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Find a complete list of CPNO committee chairs, representatives and other contacts at [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org).

## MEETINGS

CPNO Members Meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive.

Committee meetings take place at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave., unless otherwise announced (enter from the street level door and ring the bell if you're late).

All are welcome. Only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by Membership Officer by the first day of the month of meeting.


Find specific meeting information on page 1 and a complete list of CPNO meetings at [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org).

## MEMBERSHIP


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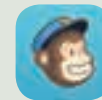
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### DECEMBER

- 6** CPNO Zoning Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church
- 11** CPNO Board Meeting, 7 pm, The Neighborhood Church
- 18** CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, 1st Existentialist Church
- 25** APS Holiday Break begins and ends on Jan 5

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



## Welcome New Members and Thank You Contributors

*By Roger Bakeman, [membership@candlerpark.org](mailto:membership@candlerpark.org)*

### CPNO welcomes new members:

Kati Koelle,  
Greg Sawicki,  
Elodie, and Sonja

### CPNO thanks members for their contributions:

Robert & Jane Fratesi  
...and others who wished to remain anonymous

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## Join the Candler Park Professional Networking Group

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# Keeping Your Student in the Game – For Life

By Susan Rose, [editor@candlerpark.org](mailto:editor@candlerpark.org)

Do you have a student athlete who wants to maximize performance and avoid injury? You and your student athlete are invited to a community meeting hosted by the Grady Athletic Booster Club (ABC): “Keeping Your Student in the Game – For Life.”

Guest speakers will include registered dietitian, Molly Paulson, MS, RDN, LDN; Grady Athletic Trainer Latoya Franklin, M. Ed, ATC; and APS Director of Sports Medicine Steven Kane, M.D.

Topics covered will include information on adolescent nutrition, conditioning and injury prevention, assessment and treatment.

The Candler Park community is invited to join the Grady ABC for this special presentation on January 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Grady Black Box Theater at Henry W. Grady High School.



Did you know that Grady's Royal Elegance Auxiliary of Grady High School is the ONLY dance team in the state of Georgia that has been invited to and is performing halftime for the 2017 Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida?



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Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 am and warm up those muscles for the annual Inman Frosty 5K which benefits the school! Race begins at Inman Middle School in Virginia-Highland neighborhood and runs mostly on Atlanta's spectacular BELTLINE. It's a quick race with lots of flat - and a little hill - good for all ages.

Cost is just \$25 if you sign up before 12/8. Festive frosty T-shirts are guaranteed for those who register in advance but there will be DAY OF registration at the school.

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# Exciting New Initiatives Are Empowering Inman Middle School Students

*By Kim Meyer on behalf of Inman Middle School Foundation*

At Inman Middle School, EVERY Eagle deserves the opportunity to take flight and soar. The Inman Middle School Foundation focuses on supporting the Systems & Resources and Talent Management elements of Inman's Strategic Plan in furtherance of its mission to provide a stable, long-term funding source for the people, programs and technology that will help to make Inman the best middle school—public or private—in Georgia. By investing in instructional technology and teacher training, the Foundation is significantly enhancing the educational experience for students across all grade levels.

## 1:1 INITIATIVE

The Foundation is focused on creating an innovative and engaging learning environment by funding the latest in instructional equipment and technology for Inman teachers. The centerpiece of this effort is the Foundation's transformative "1:1 Initiative" to provide every Inman student with a dedicated, state-of-the-art Chromebook laptop in the classroom. This initiative will:

- Revolutionize the Inman educational experience and enable teachers across all grade levels to interact with their students in new and engaging ways while delivering real-time, differentiated instruction based on individual student needs and abilities.
- Provide Inman educators with a world of new curriculum possibilities through the integration of cutting-edge instructional platforms such as Google Classroom.
- Significantly reduce the need for expensive (and heavy!) textbooks.

To date, the Foundation has purchased more than 180 Chromebooks but we still have a long way to go. Achieving our goal of providing every Inman student with a dedicated Chromebook will require significant financial support from our Inman community. Importantly, every dollar raised has an immediate impact by enabling the purchase and deployment of Chromebooks in classrooms on a continual basis as we move toward our ultimate goal of a dedicated device for every student.

## EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY FOUNDATION

A second critical Foundation initiative is the partnership we have formed with the Educational Advisory Foundation (EAF), which supplies skilled and experienced outside educators who work one-on-one or in small groups to provide intensive instruction for Inman students requiring extra attention. The program effectively reduces class sizes and allows Inman teachers to continue teaching all students at an appropriate pace. The Foundation is committed to continuing and expanding this program but we need our community's financial support in order to do so. Please visit [www.educationaladvisoryfoundation.org](http://www.educationaladvisoryfoundation.org) to learn more about EAF.



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

"Continuing to build on Inman's tradition of excellence and taking the school to even greater heights is only possible with your continued support of the Inman Foundation. Your donations provide critical funding that enables our students to have optimal educational experiences and reach their fullest potential. Our highly skilled teachers stay current on research and Foundation funding permits them to keep their skills up-to-date and to acquire the latest

in instructional technology, which is often not covered by APS. In addition, Foundation funding allows Inman's APS budget to focus on crucial staffing needs. This ensures that our students are involved in integrated learning activities that support both academic and emotional security and growth."

## HOW CAN YOU HELP ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES?

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



Inman students use Chromebooks purchased by the Foundation.





Grady Cross Country teams celebrate after each team placed first in regional championship on October 26. In the middle is Coach Jeff Cramer and in the back row, fourth from the right is Coach John Lambert. Photo credit: Steve Tischer

## Grady Cross Country Team Sweeps Regional Meet and Finishes 5th at State Meet

By Susan Rose, [editor@candlerpark.org](mailto:editor@candlerpark.org)

Hundreds of miles of running at dawn and dusk practices enabled both the boys and girls cross country teams at Grady High School to finish the season placing 5th at the state meet on November 3. The top two runners for the boys' team were senior Aidan Goldston, who placed 11th with a time of 17:19.77, and senior Isaiah Davis, who placed 14th with a time of 17:32.95. The girls' team was led by senior Walden Jones who placed 13th with a time of 20:11.74. Junior Anna Tischer was second among the Grady girls, finishing in 21st place with a time of 20:51.53.

The Grady cross country athletes were very optimistic about the state meet after both teams swept the city and regional championships in October, winning 1st place trophies. Coaches John Lambert and Jeff Cramer hoped and predicted both teams would place in the top 5 at state. Last year, the boys' team placed 12th at state.

Preparation for the winning season began last June. Candler Park residents may have witnessed the Grady team meeting up in the park and running around the neighborhood despite heat, humidity and even rainstorms. Once school began, coaches

Lambert and Cramer upped the intensity with some runners logging more than 50 miles a week through 6 am track workouts and after school runs through Piedmont Park and Ansley Park.

Prior to Lambert joining Grady this year as the Athletic Director, Coach Cramer oversaw coaching of both the boys and girls teams. This year, Cramer focused on the girls' team while Lambert coached the boys' team.

"Having Lambert work with me this year makes a huge difference because he really knows what he is doing," Cramer said in an interview with *The Southerner*, Grady's student newspaper. "By giving him the boys' team and letting him work exclusively with them has caused them to improve dramatically, and then I was able to focus on the girls' team."

Although the boys' team will lose its top two runners who are seniors, a core group of freshman and sophomore boys achieved race PRs (personal records) this season and look forward to building on this year's success. Watch out for them running through Candler Park next summer as they train for the fall competition season.



# Mulberry Fields Gets New Garden Beds

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

Mulberry Fields volunteers and Wylde Center staff constructed 4 new garden beds on Saturday Nov. 11th. Wylde Center Greenspace Director Josh Daniel and volunteer Martha Leach assembled the new frames, and the rest of the group (Bernardo Gomez, Claire Miller, Patty Giblin, Tom Painter and Site Coordinator Mary Jane Leach) disassembled the old frames and installed and levelled the new ones. Thanks to Tom Painter for providing best practices from previous years' builds to create a sturdy design for the beds.

Caring for our urban green spaces is a collaborative effort by neighborhood stewards and experts in ecologically-sound practices. Wylde Center cultivates these relationships for the

ultimate benefit of each neighborhood garden.

We hope that you will donate to support your neighborhood treasure, Mulberry Fields garden. Your donation supports the beautiful oasis of nature that exists complete with natural play areas for children, 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. All gifts are tax-deductible. Donate by 12/31 and tell us why you love Mulberry Fields by visiting [wyldecenter.org/membership](http://wyldecenter.org/membership) Mulberry Fields is located down the alley at 1301 Iverson St NE, Atlanta, GA 30307.





# Conservancy Putting Fancy-Schmancy Bike Repair Station in Candler Park

By Ken Edelstein, Candler Park Conservancy Board Member

Thanks to Candler Park Conservancy Board Member Doug Wetzel for spearheading another improvement on its way to Candler Park.

Even better: Doug's providing yet another opportunity for you to make a difference for the neighborhood's most important amenity.

He's organizing the installation of a bicycle repair station on the bike path entrance at Terrace Avenue and Clifton Terrace. The Dero FixIt Bike Service Station and Air Pump will be similar to those already in place along the Atlanta Beltline and in other parts of the city. Already, before Thanksgiving, workers from the Sopo Bicycle Collective were installing the footing for the station.

The device itself will include a pump and basic tools that cyclists can use to inflate tires, true wheels, adjust brakes, tune derailleurs and perform a variety of other repairs. Hanger arms allow cyclists to place their bikes so that pedals and wheels spin freely while making adjustments. The tools will be securely attached to the stand with stainless steel cables and tamper-proof fasteners.

It's the latest of several short-term projects that the Conservancy is engaged in to improve the park. Among the others: Landscaping and maintenance at the park entrance on McLendon Avenue, plantings at the pool, new solar-lights at the entrance, and erosion control near the tennis courts.

At the same time, our two-year-old organization is moving forward on long-term projects identified as part of the park's Vision Plan. At press time, a proposal by the CPNO Board to provide \$60,000 — yes, that's right: \$60,000 — to go toward rehabilitation of the park's Active Lawn and the contiguous natural amphitheater was headed for a vote by the CPNO membership. We should have more to report on that effort in an upcoming Messenger.



Doran Hickey of Sopo Bike Cooperative mixes concrete for the footing for Candler Park's new bike service station. Photo Credit: Ken Edelstein

Meanwhile, Conservancy Chair Stacy Funderkburke has worked with Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department to gain approvals for the bicycle repair station, and Wetzel is leading fundraising for the station and for its installation. Both the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition and the PATH Foundation have endorsed the project, but all costs will be covered by the Conservancy. The total cost is expected to be \$1,600.

What can you do to help? Above all, join the Conservancy. Your eentsy-weentsy membership fee — just \$35 for an individual or \$75 for a family — will go toward these smaller projects, as well as operating expenses. Just as importantly, growing our membership is crucial to show potential grantmakers that we have an active base of support. That will make them more likely to provide the funding we can truly fulfill our goal to make Candler Park Atlanta's finest natural place to play!

## Thank You

The Candler Park Conservancy wishes to thank these four local businesses for their support at the Gold Membership level. For more information about business memberships, go to <https://candlerparkconservancy.org/join-and-donate>.



# Preston S. Arkwright: The Man Who Built Pinebloom

*By Amy Erwin & Jennie Richardson, Candler Park Residents*

The historic Pinebloom mansion on South Ponce de Leon on the edge of Candler Park is now one of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's 10 Places in Peril, as it is threatened by development. Pinebloom was built by Preston Arkwright, the influential Atlantan who was the first president of Georgia Power. The history of the home and Mr. Arkwright is fascinating.

Preston Stanley Arkwright built Pinebloom in 1913. Arkwright was a wealthy and influential Atlantan. He was one of the owners of the Druid Hills Corporation (including Asa Candler and Forest and George Adair), who purchased the property from Joel Hurt in 1908 for half a million dollars. At the time, Arkwright was the second president of the Georgia Power Company and was married to Dorothy Colquitt, the daughter of the former governor of Georgia, Alfred Colquitt. He earned degrees at North Georgia College and the University of Georgia School of Law. He joined the firm of what is now Troutman-Sanders in 1902, and soon achieved partner status.

While at Troutman-Sanders, he was hired by the president of Georgia Electric Light Company to draft a charter for a new corporation to consolidate streetcar lines and electric generating plants into one company. The new company, the Georgia Railway and Electric Company, acquired the Atlanta Gas Company in 1903. Then in 1904 the company became one of the first power companies in the nation to capitalize on hydroelectric generating plants through the purchase of the entire output of Morgan Falls Dam. The company became the Georgia Power Company, and Arkwright was named president in 1912. By 1939, Georgia Power was generating electricity for half of the state.

Preston Arkwright was well known throughout Atlanta for his many contributions to the city and its infrastructure. He was a visionary who was ahead of his time, when in the early 'teens he suggested Atlanta build an underground public transit system. He encouraged the use of hydroelectric power plants rather than coal-burning plants. He purchased Ponce de Leon Ballpark and the Atlanta Crackers Baseball Team during a time when Atlantans loved attending baseball games.

Preston Arkwright began work on his new home in 1912, employing Walter T. Downing as the architect. Downing participated in the design of several Atlanta landmarks, including the Healey Building, several prominent Atlanta churches, buildings at Georgia Institute of Technology, and many grand private homes. The Tudor Revival-style home was completed in 1913 and had 18 rooms, including 6 bedrooms, 6 baths, and a third story ballroom. The house was also outfitted with both electric and gas fixtures which was quite unusual in the day. The paneling in the foyer was salvaged from a castle on the Rhine River. The Grand Salon contained a massive limestone fireplace. Tiffany-style stained glass windows lit the staircase landing. The property was originally twelve acres and had formal gardens,



The remains of the garden at Pinebloom which are at risk of being destroyed.



Pinebloom is a rare and beautiful example of Tudor Revival architecture in Atlanta

a fishpond and fountain, rock gardens, exotic trees and plants, a horse stable, and an outdoor pavilion. The Arkwrights were philanthropic and also entertained a lot, and the home was the site of many fundraisers, teas, weddings, and balls. Mrs. Arkwright founded the Dorothy Arkwright Sheltering Arms Child Centers, which still exist in Atlanta.





A historic limestone fireplace in Pinebloom.



Preston Arkwright: influential Atlanta business leader and philanthropist

Preston Arkwright died in 1946, and four years later the family sold the home to the Southern Baptist Convention. The third floor housed the Radio Commission where The Baptist Hour was broadcast for four years. The Convention sold Pinebloom to the Jackson Hill Baptist Church, who built a sanctuary adjoining the mansion in 1957. Over the years the congregation began to dwindle, and in 1996 the property was donated by Jackson Hill Baptist to the Georgia Baptist Convention (GBC) for \$1 so long as the GBC would continue to maintain the property and allow the congregation to continue to worship there. The GBC installed "The Christian Index" in Pinebloom as the paper's first permanent home. Prior to this point, part of the property was surrendered to the Georgia DOT to serve as an on and off ramp for the "Presidential Parkway" expressway. What was formerly Mrs. Arkwright's bird sanctuary along Lullwater Creek and its banks was sold to Paideia School. After years of lawsuits and neighborhood activism, the expressway was defeated and Freedom Park and Parkway were developed. The GDOT land beside the church is now part of the park and the Freedom Park PATH, which ultimately connects to Atlanta's Beltline.

The Arkwright family legacy and home are what makes this property so exceptional. One wonders what Dorothy and Preston Arkwright would think about their beloved Pinebloom house and estate being turned into condominiums and cluster homes.

# More Infill Development Threatens Historic Homes

By Amy Erwin, Candler Park Resident

Have you ever walked or biked down the PATH near the edge of Candler Park and wondered about the abandoned church and massive Tudor mansion on South Ponce de Leon? Both, especially the home, have an interesting history, and unfortunately there is a near-term risk that a developer will destroy both.

This property, known as “Pinebloom”, is significant for several reasons: the building is a rare and beautiful example of Tudor Revival architecture in Atlanta from the early 20th century, designed by Walter T. Downing, a distinguished architect of the time; the original owner, Preston S. Arkwright, was an influential and accomplished businessman and civic leader who helped shape the future of the city; the property is part of the Druid Hills Landmark District, which is on the National Register of Historic Places; and it is in Atlanta’s second planned “suburb” which was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. between 1892 and 1894. It is considered the finest example of Olmsted’s principles and practices in the South.

The Georgia Baptist Mission Board (formerly known as the Georgia Baptist Convention), (GBMB), an autonomous association of Baptist churches in the state, owns Pinebloom. It is still used today by the members of the Jackson Hill Baptist Church. Reportedly, the GBMB thought that maintenance of both structures was too costly and wanted to sell the property and/or demolish the church. To my knowledge, they never put it on the market, but were approached by a developer who has stated to the community that he would build condominiums within Pinebloom and build homes behind the house where the historic gardens used to be. Since the church members have a legal agreement that allows them to continue worshipping in Pinebloom, that issue will need to be resolved. At present, the GBMB is suing the Jackson Hill Church in order to evict them from the property so that the property may be sold without the stipulation that the church members can continue to worship there. As I understand it, the developer has not yet closed on the property.



Pinebloom and Jackson Hill Baptist Church

This same developer has already purchased the historic Patillo-Woolford Georgian mansion next door to Pinebloom from a family. (See “New Development May Impact Clifton Terrace and Surrounding Candler Park Streets” Candler Park Messenger, May 2017, pages 18 – 19). In response to this and the pending development at Pinebloom, a group of concerned Candler Park and Druid Hills neighbors have been actively working with the developer and the city in opposing any proposals that vary from the zoning ordinance. Since both properties are within the Druid Hills Landmark District, that committee is leading formal responses to the City Planning and Historic Preservation Department and the Urban Design Commission. Both properties were zoned Multi-Family years ago, so this aspect cannot be changed. However, any new development must abide by the Landmark District guidelines, which are very specific and are intended to support historic preservation.

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation selects 10 properties in the state of Georgia each year that are of historical and architectural importance and are at risk of destruction. I led an

effort, with the help of Jennie Richardson (local historian and long-time resident of the neighborhood) and Gary Seibert (who lives behind the properties), to submit a case for both Pinebloom and the Patillo-Woolford house to be on the 2018 list. On November 15th the Georgia Trust announced that both properties were selected. The Georgia Trust will help give a larger voice to our preservation efforts and may also get involved in discussions with the owner and future owner to help mitigate destruction of the property. The neighborhoods deserve a developer who can honor some amount of preservation for this extraordinary property.

The Pinebloom property is one of the last remaining great mansions in Atlanta from the early 20th century, and its loss would be felt throughout the community. However, it could make a great future home for the right owner who was willing to preserve its historic integrity.





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# Many Thanks to Outgoing CPNO Officers!

By Susan Rose, [editor@candlerpark.org](mailto:editor@candlerpark.org)

As the 2016 year comes to a close, it is time to thank two dedicated volunteers for their years of service to the CPNO board. Zaid Duwayri and Russell Miller have spent countless hours planning, collaborating, communicating, presenting, mediating, thinking, creating, and executing to make Candler Park a better neighborhood and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our neighborhood organization. Here are just a few highlights (and not a comprehensive overview) of their board tenures.



Zaid Duwayri

Zaid Duwayri joined the CPNO Board as communications officer to complete the term of a predecessor in 2014. He continued in the position in 2015 and focused on streamlining both traditional and digital communications and publicity for CPNO. During his time as president for 2016 and 2017, Zaid led the following improvements for the organization and neighborhood:

- Changed monthly meeting presentations to paperless
- Partnered and collaborated with the Candler Park Conservancy to align goals that work for both organizations
- Updated the annual budget process to provide more



Russel Miller

Fests: Hot Air Balloon and Ferris Wheel which were paramount to the festivals' overall success

Russell Miller served as public safety officer in 2014 and 2015. He established the Block Captain map and insured that representatives attended APD training for the Neighborhood Watch Program. In 2016 and 2017, Russell was communications officer and oversaw CPNO's growing presence on social media, including the rise of Next Door. He also managed a couple of turnovers of the editor position for the Candler Park Messenger. In addition to his board role, Russell has been a tireless volunteer at special events, especially the Fall Fest 5K and Fall Fest in general.

Next time you see Zaid or Russell remember to express your appreciation for their four years of serving on the CPNO board.

transparency to the members and created a strategic roadmap for the year's expenditures

- Worked closely with Randy Pimsler and Eric Dusenbery to ensure that the Master Plan's vision regarding sidewalk repair was realized through RENEW Atlanta fund allotments (\$400k + to Candler Park!)

- Advocated for the execution of the featured events of both Fall

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# Chattahoochee Nature Center, Atlanta Audubon Society Install 'CollidEscape' Bird Film

Source: Atlanta Audubon Society press release

With hundreds of little dots adorning the Chattahoochee Nature Center, in Roswell, birds will no longer run into the windows and kill themselves. The project is thanks to a partnership between the CNC and the Atlanta Audubon Society, with a grant from the Disney Conservation Fund.

The dots are a special "CollideEscape" film that reduces the transparency of the glass, prevent bird-window strikes. Each spring and fall, millions of birds migrate between wintering grounds in Central and South America, the southern U.S., or the Caribbean to breeding grounds in North America. Using the sun, stars and earth's magnetism as a guide, birds migrate primarily at night to avoid predators and take advantage of the cooler temperatures. Sadly, many never arrive at their destination due to a man-made problem—building collisions. Blinded by night-time lights or confused by day-time reflections of trees and grass in shiny windows, many birds become disoriented and fly into the buildings, ending their journeys and their lives prematurely.

"Up to one billion birds die a year, by running into windows," said Adam Betuel, director of conservation with the Atlanta Audubon Society. "The main cause is reflection or transparent glass."

Over the past two years, more than 800 birds of 87 different species have been collected in the Atlanta area due to collisions.

The CollideEscape film is applied to a building's windows and act as a way of breaking up any reflection, allowing birds to avoid a collision, saving them.

"This building will be a lot safer for birds and hopefully will educate the people who pass through," said Betuel.

In 2017, the Atlanta Audubon Society was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Disney Conservation Fund (DCF) as part of the Fund's focus on reversing the decline of threatened wildlife around the world. The conservation grant recognizes Atlanta Audubon's efforts to reduce bird-building collisions through Project Safe Flight Atlanta, a program to monitor birds and collects data on deaths by collisions.

Atlanta Audubon is working with the Chattahoochee Nature Center to install CollidEscape on each of the Discovery Center's 78 windows, with funding received from the DCF. CNC was chosen as a demonstration building 1) because they were experiencing bird collisions and 2) CNC has high visitation presenting a unique opportunity to educate the public on steps they can take to reduce bird-window collisions at home.

"This effort showcases bird conservation practices. Our visitors can see CollideEscape in practice and see how they can help birds in their homes as well," said Alicia Evans, CNC visitor experience manager.

The goal of Project Safe Flight is to further understand bird-building collisions in Atlanta and to learn what species are prone to window collisions, how many birds are affected, and what parts

of town are problematic. Atlanta Audubon is actively working with building managers, citizens and other partners to make Atlanta a more bird safe city. Volunteers monitor a number of sites at private businesses, multiple schools, university campuses, and government buildings. Project Safe Flight runs from late March to mid-May each spring and again from mid-August to mid-November in the fall.

*About Atlanta Audubon Society: Atlanta Audubon is dedicated to building places where birds and people thrive. Atlanta Audubon Society is a member-supported, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting Georgia's birds and their habitats. We are a thriving, bird-focused organization that combines serious conservation, education, and advocacy with activities that build community and foster the joy of birding.*

*About Chattahoochee Nature Center: The Chattahoochee Nature Center's mission is to connect people with nature. Our goal for the youth community is to foster an active awareness and understanding of the ecology of the natural world through interactive, hands-on learning experiences. Our goal for the adult community is to provide a local place for adult learning experiences, volunteerism, and outdoor family activities that strengthens the environmental stewardship commitment within the community.*

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# CPNO Officer and Committee Reports for November

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

## Zoning - Bill Morris

There was one zoning application on the agenda for November which was deferred from October's meeting. V-17-269, 1189 Euclid Avenue, is a variance request 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 the existing footprint of the building - currently occupied by Charis Books.

The building has six parking spaces and meets the minimum requirements for the five proposed units. It was deferred from the October meeting to allow time for the applicant to receive input and collect support signatures from nearby neighbors. The applicant previously provided complete checklist materials, and the committee generally supported of the application based on discussion at the October meeting. Since the applicant was able to obtain support from the residential property owners (and commercial property owners) as provided for by the neighborhood checklist, and there were no other applications or business for the November meeting, the committee elected to conduct follow-up discussion and voting for this application electronically.

In general, neighbors abutting the alley to the rear of the property support the application in the hope that an additional 24 hour residential presence will help control or reduce various unwanted and criminal activities in that area. The committee voted 4 support and 0 opposed to support this application with the conditions that the project is built in accordance with the site plan filed with the city and that the applicant appear at the November CPNO meeting.



## Freedom Park Conservancy - Carol Gregory

The Freedom Park Conservancy board met on Tuesday, Nov. 14, and welcomed two new board members: Nancy Megehee and Beth McDonald. Andre Dickens presented to the board the idea of renaming Freedom Parkway to the John Lewis Freedom Parkway to honor Rep. John Lewis for his years of public. Feedback from the board and the public is being solicited. The Park Improvement Committee participated with Trees Atlanta in Oct. to clean up a section of the park on the South side of the parkway at Ponce. The Arts committee attended several arts & culture events including ELEVATE festival workshops (<https://www.elevateatlart.com>) and a gathering re Atlanta City Design ([http://www.atlcitydesign.com/acd\\_book.html](http://www.atlcitydesign.com/acd_book.html)). Also reporting was the nominating committee that presented the process and job description for an Executive Director. Advertising for the position will begin at the end of November.

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# Three Surprising Ways to Save Money on Pet Care

By News USA

Owning a pet comes with a lot of benefits -- but caring for a pet can also have an unwelcome impact on your budget. According to the ASPCA, owning a dog or cat can cost up to \$1,000 in the first year, and many people end up spending much more. The good news is, you can cut your pet care expenses without compromising your pet's health and wellbeing. Here are a few tips to save money on pet care:

## 1. Don't skip the vet.

If you're trying to save money, it can be tempting to cut back on veterinary visits. But, according to Julie Ciarmella of the American Veterinary Medicine Association, "an investment in preventive healthcare can reduce your long-term pet healthcare costs." Why? Because regular check-ups can prevent expensive complications down the road.

## 2. Get by with a little help from your friends.

Dog-walking, pet-sitting and kennel services can be one of the most expensive aspects of owning a pet. You can save money

by taking the "you scratch my dog's back, I'll scratch your cat's chin" approach and tapping into a network of other pet owners in your area. Neighborhood dog parks are great places to meet like-minded pet lovers; or you could try good old fashioned advertising.

## 3. Choose high-quality pet products that give you more value for your money.

Reaching for the cheapest product can feel like a thrifty move, but you may be surprised by the impact "cheap" products can have on your budget. For example, cheaper clay cat litter needs to be changed more often -- so cat owners go through bag after bag. World's Best Cat Litter is an alternative that harnesses the concentrated power of corn for long-lasting performance. You'll use less litter, replace it less often, and save money in the long run.

In the end, remember that what your pet needs most is love. Keep things simple and invest in high-value products where it matters, and you'll be on your way to a pet-care budget that works for you.



# November 20 CPNO Members Meeting – draft minutes

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

The annual meeting of Candler Park Neighborhood Organization was called to order at 7:15 pm by Russell Miller, Vice President. Motion to amend the agenda by adding the Election of Board of Directors passed. Thank you to Fox Brothers for providing a main dish for the potluck supper.

## Announcements:

- The first meeting of the Candler Park Professional Networking Group will be at The Wrecking Bar. Contact GiGi Miller
- Peter Bluestone requested \$2800 for Movie Night 2018.
- Paideia Field Day will be Friday, April 13, 2017. Motion to support the Paideia Field Day passed.
- Eagle Scout, Sidney, from Troop 18 requested donations for his project of rebuilding the back porch of the Clifton's Men Shelter. His goal is \$2500. The rebuild will be December 9th and 10th.
- Amir Farioki, the newly elected District 2 Councilman, spoke to the members.
- Lexa King, 1273 Euclid Avenue, will accept an unwrapped toy for the Zone 6 Toy Drive until December 13th.

## Guest Speaker:

Sgt. Hines, APD, spoke to the members.

## Treasurer's Report:

Rohini Kukreja, Treasurer, reviewed the past month expenses. \$58,970 is cash on hand.

## Election of the Board of Directors:

- Motion to elect Dana Fowle, President, by acclamation passed.
- Motion to elect Rohini Kukreja, Treasurer, by acclamation passed.
- Motion to elect Bonnie Palter, Secretary, by acclamation passed.
- Motion to elect Jennifer Wildes, Membership Officer, by acclamation passed.
- Motion to elect Chris Fitzgerald, Fund Raising Officer, by acclamation passed.
- Motion to elect Bill Morris, Zoning Officer, by acclamation passed.
- Motion to elect Lexa King, Public Safety Officer, by acclamation passed.
- Motion to elect Roger Bakeman, Communications Officer, by acclamation passed.
- Motion to elect Lindy Kerr, External Affairs Officer, by acclamation passed.

## General Discussion and Votes:

- Ollie Carter and Larry Stewart of Andre Dickens' staff presented renaming of Freedom Parkway. Motion to write a letter of support for the renaming of Freedom Parkway to John Lewis Freedom Parkway passed.

- Candler Park Conservancy

*The motion that "CPNO appropriate(s) \$60,000 to the Active Lawn and Amphitheater projects envisioned in the Candler Park Conservancy Vision Plan. A portion of said funds shall be used by the Conservancy to commission a conceptual plan and a cost estimate for the two projects by July 1, 2018. Upon the conceptual plan's review and approval by CPNO, the remainder of the funds shall be made available for design and construction as a matching grant at a one-to-one ratio or lesser" passed.*

- Freedom Park Conservancy

The motion to amend by adding 'for the purpose of hiring an Executive Director ' CPNO appropriate(s) \$5,000 to Freedom Park Conservancy passed.

## Zoning:

The motion to approve V-17-269 with conditions that the project is built in accordance with site plan filed with the City and applicant appear at the November NPU meeting passed.

The motion to approve the October minutes passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary

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