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January 2011

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Meetings and Events

CPNO general meeting January 17th 7:00 pm (social period @ 6:30 pm)

CPNO general meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive; committee meetings are held at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Avenue, 2nd Fl. (or as shown)

All are welcome - only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings.

Membership applications must be received by CPNO by the first of the month of meeting.

January General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and December 2010 minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit February agenda items to any CPNO officer by January 23rd, 2011

Events Calendar (open to all)

Wednesday January 5th @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

Thursday January 6th @ 7pm

CPNO Strategic Planning Session –
Manuel's (602 N. Highland Ave NE)

Monday January 10th @ 7pm

CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth

Monday January 17th @ 7pm

CPNO General Meeting –
First Existentialist Congregation

Wednesday January 26th @ 10am

L5P Bus Assn - Sevananda Foods

Thursday January 27th @ 7pm

NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday February 2nd @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee – Epworth



Lively Meeting Yields Candler Park Wish List

By Paige Parvin

More than 60 Candler Park neighbors gathered at Manuel's Tavern on January 6 for a community-wide planning meeting, hosted by the CPNO.

Board president Jay Sandhaus led a lively gathering marked by a steady flow of conversation and ideas. The CPNO also provided a steady flow of drinks and appetizers, which were much appreciated by those who attended.

Jay started by asking guests to write their wishes for the Candler Park 'hood on oversized sticky notes, which were posted on the wall. Leaders then grouped the suggestions into common themes, and neighbors prioritized them.

Ideas ranged from sidewalk repair to social events and dog parks to water fountains. The key areas that emerged were social activities, safety, and sidewalks. Specific ideas will be posted on the Candler Park website for further community discussion, and prioritizing, planning and implementation.

Jay stressed the need for neighbors to join the CPNO and step up to volunteer if they hope to see their suggestions for improvement realized.

"I'm just really pleased and impressed by the turnout and the great ideas that have come out of this meeting," Jay told the group.

To follow the progress and outcomes of the planning meeting, stay tuned to www.candlerpark.org and future issues of the Messenger.



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Water Ballet Makes a Splash at Fall Ball

By Donna Palmer

The world-famous and much-beloved Candler Park Water Ballet Company--hosts of this year's Fall Masquerade Ball--are proud to announce a profit of nearly \$700! That's right folks, in only three year's the Fall Ball has turned into a money maker **and** a real good time.

Of course we couldn't have done it with out the generous support of our sponsors. A heart felt thanks to Janea and Samantha at **The Mercantile** for donating a case of wine for our auction and the fine folks at **Candler Park Market** for the case of Fat Tire beer. The combination of good vino, tasty brew and a sassy slogan, helped put us over the top. ("Welcome to the Candler Park Wine and Beer Auction. If your neighbor bids high, up yours!") Thanks also to Hippie and the **Euclid Avenue Yacht Club** for supplying the ice and giant coolers and to those talented people at **AM 1690 - WMLB** for *la publicity*!

We're also grateful to **Tommy Dean and the Jr. League** for making the house rock and to Rick at the **First Existentialist** for allowing us to get in early to tart-up the place. (Our own Jeanne DuFour was the guiding talent behind this year's décor.)



Left: Water Ballerinas Suzie Eifrid, Donna Palmer, Judy Aehle, Jennifer Boxer, Jeanne DuFour and Amy Stout. Right: Angie Hardy and Brenda Boardman.



Laughter in the Park

by Deb Milbrath

Water, \$3750; Mulberry Fields, Priceless

By Jesse and Richard Bathrick

Mulberry Fields Community Garden and Green space is asking the CPNO for \$3750 to develop a sustainable water project to ensure a water source into the future and therefore insure the continuation of Mulberry Fields. Currently the gardens and green space depend on water access through a private home. The costs of City of Atlanta water even with the use of good conservation and watering methods continues to rise.

Mulberry Fields is located on .75 acres of open meadow, pecan and mulberry groves accessed through an old city alley in Candler Park. Originally a dairy farm located on the subcontinental divide in the Peavine Watershed area, the property was purchased by neighbors in 1992 to prevent development. The Community Garden was started in 1999.

Currently 16 families garden organically and there is a waiting list for plots. Five families care for the chickens. Hundreds of neighbors visit the garden regularly to enjoy the green space, visit the goats and chickens with their children and play in a natural environment. Students from Mary Lin, The Atlanta School, Winona Park and Emory University visit to learn about the natural world. This fall, a local artist Charlie Smith conducted a workshop that created a permanent gift to the garden, a ten foot tall Goat Headed Chicken Fire Sculpture.

We propose to create a rainwater catchment system that will provide the bulk of water necessary to maintain the gardens and green space. This will allow us to increase the number of families that can garden in Mulberry Fields, initiate an edible landscape project, and take a major step in ensuring that the gardens and green space will exist into the future for Candler Park residents. We will be purchasing a 2500-gallon cistern, pump and materials to create a rain runoff roof. We will hire some expert assistance but the bulk of the labor will be volunteer. .

The total of this proposal is \$3750 based on the following: 2500 gallon metal cistern, \$1500; pump, \$300; expert labor to install cistern and supervise volunteers in digging a rain garden, \$700; materials for rain runoff roof (discounted materials as well), \$1250. Volunteers will construct the roof as well as seek discounted and donated materials. The original materials estimate was \$2500.

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**The Friends School of Atlanta To Host Mayor Kasim Reed,
Juanita Abernathy for a Panel Discussion on Human Rights**
Submitted by Nancy Bent

On Saturday, January 29, The Friends School of Atlanta (FSA) will convene a panel discussion on human rights designed to take an honest look at where we as a society stand today regarding diversity and full inclusion in the privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Confirmed panelists include: Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed; Juanita Abernathy, widow of Ralph David Abernathy; her son Kwame Abernathy; Dr. Roosevelt Thomas, renowned in the field of diversity management; Bill Nigut, Executive Director of the Anti-Defamation League; Jerry Gonzalez, Executive Director of the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials; and Cathy Woolard, the first woman and first openly gay person to serve as president of Atlanta City Council in 2002. The panel will examine how leaders of the Civil Rights Movement and all those who advocate for human rights have long been trying to transform our society to the Beloved Community Martin Luther King, Jr., so eloquently described, a community where "our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation . . ." Rather than just re-tell the story of the Civil Rights Movement, this event is designed to focus on an array of groups advocating for human rights today. For more information about the event and purchasing tickets, please visit the FSA website at www.friendsschoolatlanta.org.

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ChantLanta!

Submitted by Christine Bourey

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Editor's note: This month's Messenger includes minutes from two CPNO meetings, November and December 2011.

CPNO Monthly Meeting Minutes December 20, 2010

Submitted by Courtenay Dusenbury

1. Welcome: CPNO President Jay Sandhaus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with approximately 25 members and visitors present.

2. Report from Atlanta Police. Major Dalton noted that there has been little crime in the neighborhood with the exceptions of a few car break ins and one stolen car. There will be an extra patrol near the MARTA station and in Little 5 Points for the next few months. A meeting with Councilman Wan and neighborhood residents was held in early December; Zone 6 had lost officers due to attrition and has received a pledge that these will be replaced. Neighbors raised concerns about homeless men living under the bridge along the PATH trail in Candler Park. Major Dalton said he was aware of this concern and had participated in a meeting with Councilman Wan, George Dusenbury (City of Atlanta Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Commissioner) and that the police will start patrolling the bridge more regularly and will remove squatters. The Parks Department will do more patrols to remove trash. Neighbors are encouraged to call the police if they see someone under the bridge; after 11 p.m. squatters will be taken to jail. Major Dalton noted that normally Lake Claire, Candler Park & Druid Hills have one officer per 8-hour shift. The City recently added one additional officer during the evening hours working mainly in Candler Park/MARTA toward Little 5 Points. The City will now add a third officer from 11 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. APD has a new alert system-go to <http://www.atlantapd.org/alertinformation.aspx> to sign up.

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3. Announcements:

-Candler Park neighbor Glen Lopez shared his neighborhood calendar, which includes photos from Fall Fest and other local scenes. \$5 is the cost. The calendar is available at the Candler Park Market.

-Jay Sandhaus announced that an open planning session will be held at Manuel's Tavern January 6 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. If you are not able to attend, e-mail ideas to Jay at President@candlerpark.org.

-Fall Fest 2011 Co-chairs Cherie King and Kate Sandhaus were introduced. Cherie noted that a Fall Fest 2011 planning social/meeting will be held January 25. **[UPDATE: This meeting is now February 2. See page 12.]** All those interested in serving on the committee are welcome to gather at 7:00 p.m. at Front Page News. Cherie noted that showing up at the party does not commit people to anything. Neighbors are encouraged to come to the gathering to learn more.

-Jay Sandhaus noted two open positions on the board: Recording Secretary and VP for Zoning. Job descriptions were presented.

4. Approval of previous month's meeting minutes: November minutes were approved by a show of hands.

5. Officer and Committee chair reports

Finance: Dave Aynes reported that CPNO has \$93,734 in assets with \$91,288 of this in uncommitted funds.

Zoning: property owners from 440 Sterling presented their project. It was approved by a show of hands.

Environment: Trey Long noted a new walking path in Candler Park, sponsored by the 420 Festival, will be installed March 18. Trey will organize a cheering zone for the March 12 marathon. He is organizing an exploratory committee for those interested in neighborhood markers. Contact environment@candlerpark.org.



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NPU-N Rep: Lauren Welsh reported that there is a comprehensive development plan at the NPU level; there will be many opportunities for community involvement. She met with Alex Wan regarding connecting with CPNO.

Public Safety: Christy Kuropatwa reported that Chief Turner, Major Dalton and other officials and representatives from intown neighborhoods met recently. APD now has crime statistics online. Crime is dropping, but neighbors still feel unsafe. Christy presented a number of ideas for improving safety in Candler Park and will bring together those interested in working to effect change. Christy noted that there will be 5 more officers in zone 6 after January 25. Jay Sandhaus said he received good information during the meeting with Major Dalton and will put some of this information on the CPNO website. APD has a new community relations strategy and will have a liaison with neighborhoods. Chief Turner holds meetings with commanding officers of zones every Thursday – neighborhood safety officers will be invited to this.

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Christy said an informal survey of neighbors shows they are concerned about: parking speeding traffic, noise and nuisance, theft, personal safety, playground and parks issues, litter, neighborhood watch & neighborhood outreach. She will be asking for volunteers to work on these issues.

Membership: Jay Sandhaus announced that membership renewals will all be online. Everybody will need to renew in February. In the future there will be electronic reminders, etc. with technology that will make the process simpler.

6. New Business

-\$6,300 was approved for movie nights 2011. Tentative schedule: April 30: Toy Story 3; May 21: Disney's Ocean; July 23: How to Train your Dragon; August 20: Tangled; September 17: Karate Kid; October 29: Harry Potter.

-\$2,519 was approved for the Clifton Sanctuary's computer lab. .

-\$499 was approved for a social gathering for Fall Fest 2011 January 25, 7:00 p.m. at Front Page News. Unused funds will be returned to the neighborhood.

-\$400 was approved for a CPNO planning session January 6 at Manuel's Tavern.

-Up to \$499 was approved for a storage unit for Fall Fest supplies.

-\$499 was approved to hire Small Business Services to assist with CPNO's 2007 tax return. Dave Aynes reported that the IRS rejected CPNO's 2007 return because the organization had brought in over \$100,000 that year. CPNO was supposed to have filed a Form 990. At a fine of \$20 per day, the cost to CPNO is approaching \$7,000. Dave said it is not uncommon for fees to be waived but he is not sure what will happen. Small Business Services will try to get the fee removed and will prepare the 990 return. The owner of SBS is a Candler Park resident and is providing a discounted rate.

New neighbors were introduced and welcomed.

7. Adjournment: CPNO President Jay Sandhaus adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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**CPNO General Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2010
Compiled by Courtenay Dusenbury**

1. Welcome: CPNO President Doug Wetzel welcomed approximately 45 CPNO members and visitors at 7:10 p.m.

2. Public Officials:

Atlanta Police: Officer Paul Finch provided an update on Zone 605B. He said that crime continues to be low in the neighborhood – during the last 7 days there was one residential burglary, a few thefts from vehicles as well as several shoplifting cases. Mr. Finch noted that there are easy ways to prevent crime: don't leave your GPS or other valuables in the car (even the charger), or try to cover valuables up with coats. Burglaries are more common during the day, when people are working. House alarms are a deterrent. He noted that recent armed robberies in the neighborhood were related to two "crews" at Grady High School. Other armed robberies in Virginia Highlands and Grant Park are under investigation. A special operation is underway to saturate the area to hopefully prevent further armed robberies.

Alex Wan – Councilmember Wan congratulated CPNO members on a successful Fall Fest and presented a proclamation from the City Council. He noted that he is very concerned about public safety and is forwarding e-mails to Major Dalton and his team. He updated CPNO on the City Hall East property, which he said will hopefully close by the end of the year. He noted that the City's financial performance is strong, with expenses way down and the City in good financial shape. On the horizon: the streetcar issue. He is not sure where he stands on it and asked residents to e-mail him with their views. Work on the Atlanta Beltline continues with a segment from the Ansley Mall to Piedmont Park under design; the design will go through the regular neighborhood planning process. A penny tax may be proposed for 2012 to fund transportation initiatives. The City has not taken a stand on it; please let him know your thoughts.

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Please let him know if you want to join his e-mail list. Awana@altantaga.gov. Mr. Wan said his areas of focus include public safety and the next budget. Neighbors expressed concerns about the Grandmaw Gordon property tree cutting, Park Atlanta, the contentious Atlanta Board of Education and speeding on Candler Park streets.

3. Announcements

CPNO voted to dedicate \$5,000 to the Little 5 Points Mini-precinct. Richard Shapiro, from the Little 5 Points Business Association, noted that the neighborhood has been a supporter of the Mini Precinct since it was established in 1997 at a time when the area had been very dangerous and a hangout for gangs. This public-private partnership has reduced criminal behavior and crime levels.

Dennis Madson updated CPNO on a renovation at Mary Lin Elementary School.

Grandmaw Gordon: Terri Stewart informed neighbors that trees on the property were cut October 30. The property owner has been fined by the City of Atlanta. Please stop by Donna Van Gogh's or call Teri for more information. Funds are needed to continue the lawsuit. Freedom Park: a group planted 84 native plants in the butterfly garden. They will be doing another planting in March.

4. Elections:

The following individuals were elected to the CPNO Board:

President: Jay Sandhaus

VP: Lauren Welsh

Recording: vacant/no candidates

Membership: Lexa King

Treasurer: Dave Aynes

Zoning: vacant (Randy Pimsler to serve interim)

Public Safety: Christie Kuropatwa

Environment: Trey Long

Special Projects: Mark Clement

5. Previous minutes: the October General Meeting notes were approved by a show of hands.

6. Officer reports

Special projects

Fall Fest co-chairs Kate Sandhaus and Cherie King reported that the event netted over \$26,000. They have presented ideas for funding priorities to the CPNO Board and will present more information in a *Messenger* article. There was an accident at Fall Fest involving a volunteer and a vehicle; this was covered by the event insurance. CPNO members gave Kate and Cherie, and other Fall Fest Committee members, a standing ovation for their efforts.



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- **Environment:** Trey Long reported that a group will be formed to explore options for neighborhood signage. New plants were planted in the Freedom Park butterfly garden; there will be a second planting in March.

Zoning:

- 475 Clifton. A request for a variance in the required side yard and rear yard setbacks was approved by a show of hands.
- 1590 DeKalb (DeKalb and Glendale). Randy Pimsler noted that the property owner approached the CPNO Zoning Committee looking for input on a plan for a two- story mixed use development.
- Wrecking Bar Property. A request for an alcohol license was approved by a show of hands.
- Allen Cunningham is interested in ideas for a transit oriented development at the Candler Park Marta station. He has met with the Zoning Committee and presented a PowerPoint. He also met with the Edgewood neighborhood and will write a *Messenger* article.
- There is no information on the status of a proposed development of a church on Euclid Avenue.
- **Membership:** Lauren Welsh reported that there are now 222 members.
- **Finance:** Dave Aynes reported that CPNO has \$101,000 in bank in cds or cash.

7. **Adjournment:** Doug Wetzel adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. CPNO members thanked him and other retiring Board members for their service in 2010.

Be sure to renew your membership for 2011

It's a great way to get involved in the neighborhood and keep up with what's happening in Candler Park, and allows you to fully participate by voting in CPNO monthly meetings, receive e-mails with important news, and keep apprised of upcoming meetings. In 2011 the CPNO Board will be reviewing by-laws to change annual renewal, but for now we need all members to renew.

- Lexa King, CPNO Membership Secretary

CPNO Membership Application

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____
Email: _____
Minor Children (names and ages) _____
Any information NOT to be published in CP neighborhood directory? _____

Business applicants list name, address, and phone # of designated agent:

Name of business: _____
Address of business: _____

Optional Contribution

If you wish to make a donation to help CPNO continue serving the neighborhood, please take this opportunity to make a contribution.

Please indicate either: New Enrollment _____ or Renewal _____

I elect to contribute _____

Membership Involvement and Interests

<input type="checkbox"/> New neighbor welcome	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Messenger
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Candler Park/Environment
<input type="checkbox"/> 5K/Road Races	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Zoning
<input type="checkbox"/> Tour of Homes	<input type="checkbox"/> Flyer Distribution
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Fest	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/child groups
<input type="checkbox"/> Social events	Other (specify) _____

Please mail application and enclose any optional contribution to:

**CPNO Membership, P.O. Box 5418,
Atlanta GA 31107**

Fall Fest Planning Party!**Tue, Feb 2 at 7 pm****By Kate Sandhaus & Cherie King**

We're getting started quite a bit earlier this year and WE NEED YOU! We're looking for people who are interested in being on the Fall Fest 2011 Committee, the group that helps plan the festival (as opposed to the folks that volunteer on festival weekend).

If you're interested in participating, please come to **Manuel's Tavern, the North Ave room, on Tue, Feb 2 at 7 pm (NOT Jan 25 as previously scheduled)**. We had an awesome committee last year, and we are interested in getting as many people back as possible and also getting a bunch of new people too.

If you're on the fence, please come to learn what it's all about. We'll have drinks and apps. It is certain to be a good time! Hope to see you there.

Happy New Year from CPNO!

Zone 6 Crime Reports**Compiled by David Bruce**

400 block Oakdale Rd – Larceny - 11/17 Wed Eve. Victim said suspect cut the lock and took her bicycle from the porch. Suspect: B/M, 25-30 YOA, 165lbs, glasses, blue leather jacket w/gold sleeves.

Moreland Ave @ Euclid Ave – Larceny - 11/14 Sun Eve. Victims said they locked their bikes at location and when they returned one of the bikes was gone.

300 block Glendale Ave – Auto theft - 11/27 Sat Day. 1979 Chevy C-10, GA Tag# HA6LBB. Victim said he parked his vehicle at location and when he returned it was gone. Victim said he has had other classic cars stolen and one was recovered before from a warehouse on Memorial Drive.

500 block Goldsboro Rd – Auto theft - 12/4 Sat Morn. Victim said he parked his vehicle at location and when he came out he noticed it was running. Someone entered vehicle by pushing down the rear window and damaged the ignition in an attempt to steal it.

400 block Oakdale Rd – Larceny from auto - 12/1 Wed Morn. Parking lot. Someone broke out rear passenger side window to a Nissan and front passenger side window to a Toyota. A purse with ID, debit card and make-up was taken from the Toyota.

400 Moreland Ave – Larceny - 12/4 (1am) Sat Morn. Victim said suspect reached in her purse and took her cell phone. She said he first attempted to grab her purse after he pushed into her, but she held on to it and he snatched the phone and fled. Witness saw suspect get into listed vehicle. Suspect: B/M, 6'04", 180lbs, skinny, long dreads, wearing all black. Suspect Vehicle: Green Ford Taurus or Mercury Sable.

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