

The Messenger

February 2010

News for Candler Park

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Meetings and Events

CPNO general meeting February 15th 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 first of month of meeting.

February General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and January 2010 minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
 - ♦ Vote on variance for 1423 McLendon Avenue
- New Business
 - ♦ Vote on \$1,000 donation to Freedom Park Conservancy
 - ♦ Vote on Paideia School Field Day special event permit application
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit February agenda items to any CPNO officer by February 26th, 2010

Events Calendar (open to all)

Wednesday February 3rd @ 7pm
CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

Monday February 8th @ 7pm
CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth

Saturday February 13th @ 9:00 am
Friends of Candler Park – Vol Workday

Monday February 15th @ 7 pm
CPNO General Meeting - First Existentialist Congregation

Wednesday February 24th @ 7pm
CPNO Historic District Committee - Epworth United Methodist, 2nd Floor

Thursday February 25th @ 7pm
NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday March 3rd @ 7pm
CPNO Zoning Committee - Epworth

Correction:

In the January issue of *The Messenger*, the email address for Carol Vanderschaaf was inaccurate. The correct information is cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net

Neighborhood Watching

By Doug Wetzel

On my way out the door to work yesterday, I saw two young kids spray painting a wall at the back of a business. I was running late, I had lots of other things to do, but I'm not willing to just let this happen in my neighborhood. I yelled at the kids to stop, paid attention to what they were wearing as they ran off, hopped in the car, and caught up with one the kids. He gave me the spray paint, and apologized. He lives in the neighborhood and I believe that he was truly sorry for what he was doing. He said that it would not happen again, and I will keep watching to see if that is true. I ask everyone to please try to keep their eyes open, and remind neighborhood children that "tagging" is vandalism, tagging is illegal, and tagging is not "cool" (or whatever the word is for "cool" these days). We're proud of our neighborhood. Let's work together to make sure that we're setting an example from within.

This is the second local "tagger" that I know of that has been recently caught in the neighborhood. Both children were relatively young, and lived in the area. In both cases, alert neighbors have acted to address the issue and the perpetrators have been caught. I do not advocate any type of aggressive action, these are children after all – but please be vigilant about watching what is going on.

If you see any crime in progress, pay attention: get a detailed description (jacket, shoes, hair, height, build) of the person(s), and make note of other important details (time, location, duration, direction of departure, number of people). Photos and video are very helpful, but do not place yourself in danger. Detailed information in the hands of the police will help them to get the job done.

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Make Your Vote Count – Renew Your 2010 Membership!!

By Lauren Welsh

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) will be reviewing and updating our by-laws later this year to include a change to our annual membership renewal. However, we have not yet made that change to our by-laws, so we still need your help updating renewal applications.

Please fill out the membership application on page 15 or pick one up at the CPNO general meeting. There is no cost for membership, *but we must have your updated application to count your vote*. As a reminder, the current by-laws state that **all 2009 memberships are considered expired**. That means everyone who hasn't filled out a membership application since December of 2009 must renew in order to vote at upcoming CPNO meetings. We appreciate your patience as we consider the changes we need to make to our by-laws to make it easier for residents to become members.

And please don't forget – we still need your help! We're trying to re-energize our previous Membership Committee to assist with fun projects like porch parties, welcome baskets for new neighbors and a neighborhood directory to make it easier for us to contact one another. Please email me at lnwelsh@gmail.com if you're interested in helping with these efforts.

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At Least I'm Enjoying the Ride

By Donna Palmer

We just got back from a whirlwind trip to the sunny beaches of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico where friends and family from all over the country gathered together to celebrate my baboo's first half a century on this planet. As you can imagine, a post-holiday trip where you go from 18° Fahrenheit to 18° Celsius was glorious.

The vacation mainly consisted of sitting at sea-side bars drinking Margarita toasts to the birthday boy and warning him about life after 50. We told of the almost daily episodes of walking into a room, stopping dead in your tracks and thinking "Now WHAT was it I came in here for?" We told of the back aches and shoulder pains brought on by hitting a small bucket of balls at the driving range. (In all fairness, it was noted that when you *do* reach middle-age, they *will* write you prescriptions...)

The last evening of our trip was one of the finest I've ever enjoyed. As mature "grown-ups," we found that staying at our lovely room – a veritable palace by the sea – and drinking the last of our tequila while watching the thunderous wave action just outside our door was preferable to shrill crowds and piercing music. We sat there for over six of the most relaxing and mesmerizing hours I've ever spent.

When it was time to board our plane back to the ATL, we were both actually ready to come home. It was a satisfying trip, but we were looking forward to getting back into our routine. The pilots were having a good old time. They would periodically come on to the loud speakers and announce the current score of some football game. As we approached the airport, I noticed a large ominous-looking bank of clouds. Suddenly the plane started bucking, the flight attendants quickly returned to their seats and they even turned off the movie. As the pilots fought with Mother Nature to keep that tin can in the air, my baboo and I reached out and held tightly to each other. I was deeply frightened, and it occurred to me that this might just be it. Wow! How strange. Here I am about to die and I don't really mind that much. I've had a **great** time – not just on this vacation, but **all** of it.

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Laughter in the Park

by Deb Milbrath

Watching

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This all dovetails into the Candler Park Security Patrol email list that is circulating with updates and alerts related to safety in the neighborhood. The website www.CandlerParkPatrol.com has updated information on safety, a survey form, and a discussion board that sends out security emails to anyone who signs up. Recently, the discussion board was used to spread the word about a scam team operating in the neighborhood. By compiling descriptions, a tag number, and shared experiences - people were well informed, and the criminals moved on - realizing they weren't going to get any "business" or potential victims here. This kind of community-based sharing of knowledge and watchfulness is by far the most cost-effective mechanism for making our neighborhood safer.

Many blocks in Candler Park have set up their own security groups and mailing lists to help combat crime. Renters, owners, and businesses in Candler Park are all affected by crime and I encourage everyone to participate in the solution. If you have not been contacted by a neighbor, reach out yourself. There are some resources available at www.CandlerParkPatrol.com. The information is updated periodically.

The Membership committee is also spearheading an effort to get more people involved and educated about crime prevention and about who their neighbors are. Please contact Lauren Welsh at membership@CandlerPark.org with questions or to help out.

Take action and be part of the solution! Sign Up for the Membership committee, get involved in CPNO, or join the neighborhood watch. Be safe.

The Ride

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All of a sudden, we flew out of it. Skies were still dark, but the buffeting and knocking about had stopped. We enjoyed a smooth, near Sully-like landing, and the relief was palpable. I looked over at my beloved "espouse" and couldn't help but smile. He was humming one of my favorite Dead tunes..."I may be going to Hell in a bucket baby, but at least I'm enjoying the ride."

[Editor's Note: For the past three years, it has been my distinct privilege and pleasure to be the editor of *The Messenger*. Alas, it is time now for someone new to take over. I'll still be around though...coming to meetings, volunteering for committees and writing the odd Food Freak article from time-to-time. Adios amigos!]

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Your Urban Greenspace

By Richard Ford

Fix the lights. Find more fans. There you have it -- my quick status update on the two main pushes for the Freedom Park Conservancy this year. Hopefully that update isn't enough. For those of you who need to know more about your favorite place in the neighborhood to go for stroll...keep reading!

You may have noticed that some of the street lamps along Freedom Park are not working. Unfortunately, it's not a quick fix. Thieves made off with the copper wiring between some of those lamps. Before repairs can begin, the Freedom Park Conservancy still needs to raise more funds. The FPC is also working with the city as well as lighting suppliers to find the best green solution for lighting the park at night.

Now to the second topic: Finding more fans. The FPC is ramping up its membership campaign. Expect to see us at all the festivals in Candler Park and the surrounding neighborhoods this year. If you don't want to wait for a festival, you can become a member on our web site Freedompark.org. Here's another option for those of you who'd like to get involved even further...become a fan on Facebook. It's a quick way to get updates on volunteering opportunities and park news. Make sure to double check for "Conservancy" on the end... there are other FB pages of "Freedom Park" including a man *named* Freedom Park. The upcoming CPNO general meeting in February includes a vote on our annual donation to the Freedom Park Conservancy. I propose we continue our \$1000 donation for one of your favorite urban greenspaces.

Water Ballet to Lead ING Cheering Zone

By Donna Palmer

Spring is just around the corner, and you know what that means...time for the annual ING marathon. Over the past 2 years, Candler Park has won \$12,500 by showing up at the crack of dawn and cheering the runners as they wind their way through our beautiful hood. This year, the world famous and much adored Candler Park Water Ballet Company & Social Club™ is joining the mayhem.

The fun begins at 6:30 on the morning of Sunday, March 21st. We'll meet at the corner of Candler Park Drive and McClendon to set up our cheering zone and mix cocktails. This year's prizes range from \$3,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second and a cool grand for the third place team. We'll be judged on creativity, enthusiasm, optimism and "orangeness." So bring, wear or paint yourself with ING's signature bright orange and join us for an early morning party.



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From a Press Release

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Tickets are only \$45 a person and space is limited, so get yours now. To view the menu and purchase tickets, visit <http://www.animalactionrescue.org/Have-A-Heart.htm>.

For additional information, contact Susie Jensen at 404.668.0100 or susie.jensen@comcast.net or Allison Hughes at 706.540.8844 or hogan2001@gmail.com.

Come out, have some fun, meet some cool neighbors AND support Screen on the Green in Candler Park*.

From a Press Release

Distance: 5k Run/Walk
Date: Saturday, February 13, 2010
Time: 8:45 a.m. Packet Pickup
10:00 a.m. Run/Walk
Location: Candler Park Neighborhood
Entry Fees – Registration is limited to 1000 Runners!

Pre-registration - by February 1 - \$20/per person
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Go to <http://www.rungeorgia.com/halfast5k.html> for more information or to sign up.

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Neighborhood Planning Unit-N Meeting

By Amy Stout

According to City of Atlanta representatives...

-Interim Fire Chief Joel Baker reported that Atlanta Fire Rescue is "taking aggressive steps to recruit" new personnel in order to end the ongoing brownouts. Forty-five recruits will graduate in February and another 15 will in June, but about 70 firefighters could be lost this year due to retirement, etc. The department is also applying for a \$4.9 million grant to hire 75 firefighters.

-Parking enforcement was recently outsourced to a private company, Park Atlanta. Enforcement of meters is up, especially downtown. If you have three unpaid tickets, you can now be booted. Neighbors are encouraged to go online at www.parkatlanta.org and enter license plate numbers to determine if you have any violations. (I suggest checking all household vehicles in case a spouse or child "forgot" to share that information.) Complaints or suggestions about the new system can be submitted to parkingfeedback@atlantaga.gov.

-The Parks Dept has an interim Commissioner, Paul Taylor. In an email follow-up, he indicated it was unclear whether the Candler Park pool would open this summer. Current funding levels would not be sufficient to do so, but the Mayor is working to find the resources necessary.

-Oakdale Road will be paved as soon as the weather allows.

Land Use and Zoning Matters:

-The NPU-N board considered a request for a change of agent for the alcohol license for The Flying Biscuit. In accordance with CPNO's vote, I made a motion not to support the application because of concerns about inaccuracies and omissions in the application itself. The motion failed for lack of a second. The applicant's representative brought a copy of a corrected application to the meeting and indicated she had filed a corrected application with the city and that their LRB date was mid-February. She also indicated that they would not be amenable to a deferral to go back to CPNO (when it was suggested by another NPU-N board member) and that they preferred a denial. The NPU-N board then voted to support the Flying Biscuit's application 6-1-2.

-We deferred voting on a variance application for 1423 McLendon until next month to allow the applicant time to get a vote from CPNO.

-Last month the BZA denied two appeals filed by the Inman Park Neighborhood Association related to the permits granted for the 72' cell phone tower installed in Bass Park (326 Moreland). The group will not appeal to Superior Court and is saving its resources for a proposed project they feel is more egregious.

Special Event Permit Applications:

-We deferred voting on applications for the ING Georgia Marathon and Half Marathon (March 21) and for the Paideia Field Day (April 1).

Other:

-The Fulton County Community Prosecutor reported that Anthony Biggs was sentenced to 10 years without parole for a recent burglary in Poncey-Highland. This is the prowler who was arrested after his pictures were shown on Crime Stoppers (thanks to a Candler Park neighbor who caught him on his property!) The prosecutor also noted that the case against former Cabbagetown Initiative President Robert Wood was pending indictment, as the authorities are still trying to determine the total amount he embezzled from the non-profit organization affiliated with the neighborhood association. (It was at least \$80,000.)

- Atlanta Gas Light's Pipeline Replacement Program will continue work in Candler Park in 2010. In addition to completing work already in progress, new work will begin this year on Euclid Avenue between Moreland and North.

-An Inman Park resident may purchase the old Wrecking Bar location (292 Moreland) to open a brewpub and events facility,

- Future agenda items should include a special event permit application for the Sweetwater 420 Festival to be held in Candler Park (April 17 and 18).

-The next NPU-N meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25th at the Little Five Points Community Center.

Trees Atlanta Digs Candler Park on March 20th

by Roz Mance

Recent experiences have catapulted me into active exploration of how best to maintain and care for our local tree population. These explorations have led me towards the following goals:

- Learn how best to predict which trees are in danger of falling
- Learn how to keep healthy trees healthy
- Plant more trees

Others have written about trees that have been lost due to the stress of several years of drought and of various utility companies digging through their roots. Even the recent rains have been heavy enough to damage feeding roots grown shallow during the drought. The rains also played a part in sprouting the rock hard "mushrooms" under our tree - visible evidence of a root rot fungus.

Progress has been made in assessing how much a tree is at risk of falling. An example is the non-invasive sonic scanning (i.e., ultrasound) method to image the inside of a tree. In addition, there are cost-effective measures we can choose for reducing stress. One example is to banish ivy as ground cover under trees. This helps eliminate the soggy blanket effect that can occur when the ivy sucks moisture and nourishment away from a tree's roots and rots the protective bark of the lower trunk. Moisture also provides easy access for dangerous infections.

Meanwhile, some folks may find that digging holes and planting new trees to be a great antidote for the human stress caused by seeing trees fail to thrive. There's actually an upcoming opportunity for our neighborhood to partner with Trees Atlanta to plant more trees.

On Saturday March 20th, Trees Atlanta will hold a planting day in the Candler Park neighborhood. We need a quota of at least 35 trees. The planting is done by volunteer teams led by experienced Trees Atlanta personnel. Neighborhood participation is greatly welcomed. Trees are planted on private property at the request of the property owner. Home owners wanting a tree planted on their property pay only for the tree - \$60 if planted at the front, a little more if away from the street at the back of the house. The cost of trees planted on public land is covered by Trees Atlanta. The group plans to provide a list of available trees suitable for our local environment.


For information, go to www.treesatlanta.org or contact me at 404.668.9427 or rozmance@gmail.com. If I'm not available, contact Bonnie Palter at 404.525.6744 or atlpal@aol.com. Please include your name, address and phone number.

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Tree Protection Apparently Waived for 30307

By Teri Stewart

On January 20th, the Atlanta Tree Commission voted to deny the Gordon/Dekalb Avenue greenspace appeal. This is the latest episode in our multi-year struggle to save a beautiful oak tree affectionately known as Granmaw Gordon. Our attorney, Brian Daughdrill, and twelve concerned neighbors were present in support of Granmaw. Opposition to the neighborhood was represented by the city attorney, the property owner's attorney, developers and two city arborists.

During the appeal, the Tree Commission apparently waived Atlanta's Tree Protection Ordinance. We believe they allowed errors to remain unchallenged. For example, existing live trees were missing from the opposition's plan, tree diameter measurements were inaccurate and boundary trees that would also be impacted were omitted. The Commission's ruling essentially said that tree protection fencing did not have to protect critical root zones, that existing state and federal tree laws did not apply in this instance, and that valid building permits were not necessary. In addition, our letter of support from newly-elected Atlanta City Council member Alex Wan was not acknowledged.

The commission voted 3 to 1 to deny our appeal. No reason was given for the denial. I then presented written notice to the Clerk of the Commission of our intent to appeal the ruling in Superior Court.



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How About Something Hot and Cheap for Valentine's?

By the Food Freak

According to my dear friend Dr. Laura - the horse doctor who lives on Elmira...not the radio shrink - coq au vin is the best comfort food in the Universe. She lights up when I tell her we're having chicken and red wine for family dinner. My baboo likes it too, so I reckon I'll be getting out my slow cooker (aka Crock Pot) and whipping up a batch for Valentine's Day. Here's what you'll need for a cozy dinner with a bit left over:

1 lb thick sliced smoked bacon
1 lb boneless chicken thighs (you can use white meat, but the dark is richer)
1 lb fresh mushrooms
1 small onion
4-5 cloves of garlic
1 bottle of cheap (but good) red wine*
1 sprig of fresh rosemary or 2 of fresh thyme
Salt and peppa

♥Wipe the mushrooms clean and slice the larger ones in half. Set aside.

♥Peel the onion and garlic. Give them both a rough chop and set aside.

♥Gently fry the bacon in a large heavy skillet over low heat. Remember, slow and low is the way to get it extra crispy. Drain the bacon on paper towels and set aside. Pour all but 1-2 tablespoons of bacon fat into a heat-proof container and set aside.

♥Meanwhile, rinse chicken pieces, pat them dry and then sprinkle on a little salt and peppa.

♥Return the skillet to a medium heat and sauté the chicken pieces in the bacon fat that remains in the pan. Be sure to leave lots of room so they'll brown nicely. You may have to do this part in a couple of batches. Place chicken pieces in the slow cooker.

♥Deglaze the skillet with about a cup of the wine. Be sure to scrape up the yummy brown bits, then pour into the slow cooker with the browned chicken. Turn the slow cooker to low and place the lid on top.

♥Wipe the skillet clean, add 1-2 tablespoons of the reserved bacon fat and return to medium heat. Saute chopped onions and garlic until transparent and lightly brown around the edges – about 5 minutes.

♥Add onions and garlic to the slow cooker, deglaze the skillet again with more wine, then add the wine to the chicken and veggies.

♥Repeat the sautéing, deglazing and pouring of the wine into the slow cooker using the mushrooms and the fresh herbs.

♥When all is said and done, if you haven't used all of the wine, you can either drink it or pour it into the pot. Pop the lid on the slow cooker, and go enjoy a little afternoon delight. *What?!* Sometimes a nap is just a nap.

♥About 6 hours later, make a fresh salad and a pot of mashed taters or rice. Serve the coq au vin over the taters or rice and top with crumbled bacon. Don't forget to open the other bottle of wine. Enjoy!

*Go ahead and buy 2 bottles so you can drink the second with your meal.

Zoning Matters

By Randy Pimsler

The Zoning Committee did not meet in January, as there were no zoning-related issues to discuss.

Prior to the general meeting for the neighborhood, recommendations had been developed for the application of the Flying Biscuit for a License to Sell Alcoholic Beverages. As noted previously, there were several errors in the application and based on the modifications not being completed prior to the general meeting; the recommendation was to deny the application, pending the requested revisions. At this time, communication continues with the committee, the applicant / agent and the Licensing Review Board in an effort to resolve the outstanding issues.

At the February meeting of the Zoning Committee, a presentation is scheduled for a variance at 1423 McLendon Avenue for the expansion of a non-conforming home to provide for a master suite addition.

In addition, James Johnson will informally present plans for a studio addition on his property on Josephine Street.

There will also be a presentation of preliminary plans for the redevelopment of the Wrecking Bar property on Moreland Avenue. While this property is in Inman Park, the development team would like to solicit input from Candler Park as the adjacent neighborhood. In all likelihood, a brief update of the Flying Biscuit application will also be provided.

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CPNO Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Courtenay Dusenbury

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, January 18, 2010 in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive, with Doug Wetzel in the chair. Approximately 30 members attended. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Welcoming remarks and approval of agenda

Doug Wetzel welcomed neighbors, and the agenda was unanimously approved. A motion to approve the minutes from the December monthly meeting was unanimously approved.

Announcements

Anita Roberts, Candler Park resident, noted that the City Church Eastside, the 112 Gallery and other partners are hosting Dignity Weekend February 4-6 at the 112 Gallery in Inman Park. The weekend's events, which focus on the impact of modern-day slavery in Atlanta, include a talk by photographer Ted Haddock, an exhibit of Mr. Haddock's photographs, a film and discussion and presentations by representatives of Atlanta groups working to end sex trafficking and human slavery in the city. More information is available at <http://www.onetwelvegallery.com/>

Teri Stewart informed attendees that the next hearing for the appeal to the Atlanta Tree Conservation Committee for 292 Gordon Ave in Lake Claire, will be held on Wednesday, 20 January at 6:30 p.m. in Committee Room 2 at City Hall, 55 Trinity Ave. SW, Atlanta. Teri asked the community to attend the hearing and noted that the green space protection effort also needs financial contributions to help meet legal expenses associated with the appeal process. For more information contact Teri Stewart at 404-370-1003 or 404-373-7672.

Tom Stubbs returned to CPNO to announce that he is running for State Senate District 42 expected to be vacated by Senator David Adelman, who has been nominated as U.S. Ambassador to Singapore. Mr. Stubbs noted that he is an attorney in Decatur who supports grassroots-based leadership. His campaign is creating a website.

Randy Pimsler, who chairs the board of directors of the L5P Community Center, thanked Candler Park residents for their donations to the Center. A contract with the City of Atlanta for Community Development Block Grant funds, to make improvements to the building to make it more accessible, will be signed in the near future. Randy noted that the Center raised \$7,500 in individual contributions, with highest percentage of individual funders from Candler Park. An article summarizing this information will be published in the February Messenger.

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Lisa Dempsey, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church, thanked Candler Park residents for their donations to the church's project to put together health kits to be sent to Haiti. Forty-four kits will be sent to Haiti. Pastor Dempsey also thanked the Candler Park community for its support of its environmental project and noted that a community event is being planned for April.

Amy Stout, Candler Park's NPU Representative, noted that she and Tom Painter recently attended a meeting on the intown tunnel issue. She will summarize the meeting in an article in the February *Messenger*.

Sweetwater 420 Festival permit application

Steve Farace – marketing director for Sweetwater – thanked the neighborhood for its support. The festival will be held April 17-18 in Candler Park. Mr. Farace noted that additional police will be on hand, no-parking signs will be placed on narrow streets and towing will be enforced. A new waste disposal plan will extend collection efforts beyond the park, and clean-up will be completed earlier than in previous years. In addition, buses will not be allowed to idle in front of homes. CPNO members noted that last year there were some concerns with festival attendees parking illegally, drunk/disorderly conduct and people throwing trash. Mr. Farace noted that more police patrolling the area would be helpful in resolving these concerns. He also noted that the Festival organizers are encouraging attendees to take MARTA. The festival permit was unanimously approved.

Report from Atlanta Police Department representative and other public officials

Sergeant Sinks and Major Dalton attended the meeting. They are both new to District 6. They noted that community involvement is the best way to fight criminals. In addition, the police are implementing several programs to reduce crime including an initiative to remind people to not leave valuables in their cars, officers stopping people who look suspicious to them and vehicle safety checkpoints. Major Dalton noted that a suspect has been arrested in the recent Zesto's robbery and a suspect has been arrested for a series of automobile break-ins. He suggested that residents should write down the serial numbers of electronic equipment such as laptops. If criminals try to pawn these, they can immediately be traced through a computerized database.

In response to a question about what Candler Park could do to prevent repeat offenders/property crime in the neighborhood, Major Dalton said residents should monitor court dates and attend them. In addition, many neighborhoods monitor the county jail. When repeat offenders are released, this information is distributed to neighbors. CNPO attendees thanked Sergeant Sinks and Major Dalton for their work. Major Dalton can be reached at jdalton@atlantaga.gov.

Vote on \$3,000 grant to Clifton Sanctuary

A \$3,000 grant to the Sanctuary was unanimously approved. The Sanctuary, a transitional living facility for men, offers job training and computer skills, literacy training and job placement services. Guests are referred from social services agencies in Atlanta. The Sanctuary has had many successes over the years, and its guests welcome opportunities to participate in community activities including Fall Fest and others. A former guest of the facility shared his personal story. When a catastrophic illness left him homeless and unable to pay his bills, the Sanctuary took him in and gave him the support needed to get back on his feet. More information can be obtained from the group's website at www.cliftonsanctuary.com.

Officer and committee chair reports

Randy Pimsler (Zoning Chair): The Committee did not meet this month. They expect a zoning application for a proposed project at 1423 McClendon Avenue next month. Due to concerns about the accuracy of information on an application submitted by the Flying Biscuit, which were outlined by the Zoning Committee and at the CPNO December meeting, the CPNO unanimously voted to deny the application. The CPNO also unanimously voted to send a letter to the NPU chair explaining the neighborhood's position on the application. Among the errors that have been noted are that the application states it is for a change of agent but CNPO has been told twice it is for a change of ownership, the property's proper zoning is not stated, portions of the application regarding adjacent properties are left blank, and the application states that the property is located in a shopping center rather than within a parcel of individual properties. In addition, the application states that entertainment takes place within the premises when it does not, there is no square footage information and the issue of required parking is not addressed.

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Walt Weimar (Special Events Chair): Walt is serving as the interim Fall Fest chair and is looking for people to chair and/or work on the event. He will host a meeting, to be announced in the *Messenger*, for all interested volunteers.

Richard Ford (Freedom Park Conservancy Representative): Richard will be asking CPNO for its annual contribution to the Conservancy - \$1,000 – next month. The Conservancy is planning many interesting activities this year, which Richard will share in an article in the *Messenger* next month.

Dave Aynes (Budget Chair): A new budget committee is being created and will meet February 1 at a place to be announced. Those interested should e-mail Dave at treasurer@candlerpark.org.

On behalf of *Lauren Welch (Membership Chair)* Doug Wetzal noted that members should fill out new membership applications by the end of January or they will not be able to vote next month. Lauren Welsh is forming a membership committee to foster connectedness in the neighborhood through block parties and other events. Those interested in volunteering should e-mail Lauren at membership@candlerpark.org.

Trey Long (Environment Chair): Plans for a graffiti removal program are moving forward. These were discussed at Monday's Board meeting, and a proposal will be put forth shortly. A plan for sidewalk improvements is being developed, but funding the improvements is challenging. There is no indication that the City of Atlanta will help. Some other neighborhoods offer a 50% matching payment for residents who choose to have sidewalks fixed, but it probably is not possible for Candler Park to do this.

Other Business

A resident of Clifton Road noted that the street's yellow caution signs are disappearing. Several are lying by the side of the road and need to be fixed.

The ING Marathon will take place March 21 and Candler Park will again host a cheering section. Details will be announced in the *Messenger*.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Crime Report

Compiled by David Bruce

200 block Elmira PI – Auto theft - 12/19 Sat Morn. Victim's vehicle stolen from street.

1200 block McLendon Ave – Auto theft - 12/18 Fri Morn. Victim's vehicle stolen from street.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 12/15 Tues Eve. The arrestee attempted to leave the store without paying for air freshener and set off the security system. Arrestee: W/M, 17 YOA.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 12/16 Wed Day. Suspect concealed 2 packs of gum in her purse then attempted to leave the store. Arrestee: W/F, 17YOA.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 12/18 Fri Eve. Suspect concealed post cards and stationary in her bag then attempted to leave the business. Arrestee: W/F, 22YOA.

300 block Moreland Ave – Auto theft - 12/19 Sat Eve. Victim left vehicle in parking lot. When she returned several papers that were in the vehicle were on the ground and the vehicle was gone.

1200 block Druid PI – Burglary - 12/24 Thurs Eve. Officer responded to an alarm call and discovered that someone had kicked in the victim's side door. The home was searched but no one was found inside. Victim reported that a flat screen TV had been taken.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 12/23 Wed Eve. Suspect was caught by security cameras punching a hole in the victim's driver side door and removing property. Taken: Glock hand gun, Keltec hand gun. Suspect: B/M. Suspect: B/M, 5'07", 150lbs. Suspect vehicle: 2008 Blue Chevy SEB GA Tag BJE6653.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 12/21 Mon Eve. Entry was made to vehicle from passenger side door handle. A camera and GPS were stolen.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 12/20 Sun Day. Suspect concealed items and attempted to leave the store. Arrestee: W/M, 25YOA.

1300 block Iverson St – Auto theft - 12/28 Mon Morn. Victim's vehicle stolen from the street.

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300 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 12/29 Tues Day. Arrestee entered store and grabbed a can of Mountain Dew and exited without paying. Arrestee: W/M, 36 YOA.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 12/28 Mon Eve. Security alarm went off when arrestee exited store. A box of Holy Mary matches were found inside her bag. Arrestee: W/F, 20 YOA.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 12/29 Tues Eve. The arrestee was attempting to exit the store when the security system activated. A pack of bandages and ceramic statue were found inside arrestee's handbag. Arrestee: W/F, 18 YOA.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 12/28 Mon Eve. Suspect concealed a Smurf key in her jacket then attempted to leave the store. Arrestee: B/F, 27YOA.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 12/31 Thurs Eve. The suspect took some shoes from the store and fled in a vehicle that was waiting outside. Suspect: 3 B/F. Suspect vehicle: 2006 white Pont G6 GA tag BGU6686.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 12/31 Thurs Morn. Entry was made via rear passenger side window. A backpack was stolen.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 12/27 Sun Eve. Parking lot. Witness reported seeing the suspect exit a vehicle, walk across the parking lot, and smash a window on the victim's vehicle. The suspect then removed a GPS without touching the vehicle. Suspect: B/M.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 12/28 Mon Eve. Parking lot. A passenger side window on the victim's vehicle was smashed. Witness reported seeing the suspect standing near the victim's vehicle talking on the phone. Taken: Mac laptop, headphones, cannon digital camera, Mac lap top, I pod, blue tooth. Suspect: B/M, 6'02", 170lbs, black hat and jacket, dark jeans.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 1/1 Fri Eve. Parking lot. The driver side door handle was damaged. A suitcase and satchel were removed.

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- Lauren Welsh, CPNO Membership Secretary

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400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 12/30 Wed Eve. Parking lot. The small rear passenger side window was smashed. A backpack and a laptop were stolen.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 12/31 Thurs Morn. Parking lot. The rear passenger side window was broken. A 32" flat screen TV was stolen from the back seat.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto- 12/30 Wed Eve. Parking lot. The passenger side window was broken. Stolen items which were in bags on the rear seat in plain sight. Taken: Laptop, Computer bag, blue canvas bag with personal items.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto - 1/1 Fri Eve. The rear passenger side window smashed. Taken: book bag, Nikon Camera, Camera bag, memory card, I pod, charger, jacket, books.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 1/2 Sat Eve. Parking lot. Rear driver side window damaged. A laptop and bag were removed.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny - 1/9 Sat Morn. Victim states an unknown person activated her phone two days after it went missing.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 1/5 Mon Eve. Suspect concealed door signs, air freshener, key chain and sign in her purse and attempted to leave the store. Arrestee: W/F, 32YOA.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 1/9 Sat Eve. Rear driver side window smashed. A laptop, camera, I Pod, head phones and bag were stolen.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 1/9 Sat Eve. Rear passenger side window smashed. A laptop was stolen.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 1/9 Sat Eve. Rear passenger side window smashed. Missing items: 5 suitcases, clothing, jewelry and an I Pod.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 1/7 Thurs Eve. A witness saw the suspects break in to the victim's vehicle. Entry was made by smashing a window. Taken: \$2000 cash, Dell Lap top. Suspect: 3 H/M. Suspect Vehicle: 2005 Gray Honda Acc GA Tag WX45NB.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto - 1/13 Wed Eve. Rear passenger side window smashed. A bike bag, laptop and head phones were stolen.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 1/14 Thurs Day. Passenger side window smashed. A purse and Blackberry were stolen.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto - 1/9 Sat Eve. Rear passenger side window smashed. A laptop stolen.

400 block Moreland Ave – Shoplifting - 1/10 Sun Eve. Suspect concealed a T-shirt in his jacket pocket and attempted to leave the store. Arrestee: W/M, 22YOA.

300 block Oakdale Rd – Larceny - 1/14 Thurs Eve. Victim noticed his driver license missing from his wallet after the suspect left his home. Victim stated the suspect had asked him to cash fraudulent checks a week before. Suspect: B/M, 5'08", 185lbs, AKA "Lamb".

400 block Sterling St – Robbery - 1/13 Wed Day. Home under construction. Victim: H/M, 29YOA. Victim: H/M, 33YOA. Victim: H/M, 28YOA. Suspect entered the home the victims were working on through an unlocked basement door. The suspect produced a chrome semi auto hand gun and forced the victims to lie on the ground. Suspect then took their property and ordered the victims in to a closet. Victims were told not to come out for 15 minutes or they would be shot. When the victims heard the suspect leaving, they came out and saw him walking towards Euclid Ave. Taken: \$97 cash, necklace. Suspect: B/M, 6'00", 200lbs.

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