

# The Candler Park Messenger

February 2012

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## Meetings and Events

**CPNO general meeting February 20<sup>th</sup>  
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 at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1st of the month of meeting.

### February General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and January 2012 minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

*Submit March agenda items to any CPNO officer by February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012*

### Events Calendar (open to all)

#### Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

CPNO General Meeting  
First Existentialist Congregation

#### Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm

LSP Business Assn – The Wrecking Bar

#### Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm

NPU-N Meeting - LSP Community Center

#### Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee – Epworth

#### Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth

#### Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

CPNO General Meeting  
First Existentialist Congregation



## APS Redistricting Tensions Continue

CP Education Committee organized to build awareness, support  
By Paige Parvin

The Candler Park Education Committee has continued its work in recent weeks to represent the neighborhood in the Atlanta Public Schools redistricting process. Specially made stickers, flyers, T-shirts, and an increased presence at public meetings and forums all have helped to reinforce the committee's main priorities: securing an expansion for Mary Lin Elementary and keeping neighborhood students in the Mary Lin-Inman-Grady cluster of schools. These objectives are met in Option A of the second set of map options circulated by APS demographers.

Committee chair Kate Sandhaus, CPNO Communications Officer, has sought widespread input to draft a position statement for Candler Park. It reads:

### Candler Park Response to Round Two Maps

Candler Park would like to thank the Atlanta Board of Education, Atlanta Public Schools and Bleakly demographers for their continued efforts during the rezoning process. We understand that this is a difficult issue for all of the city's neighborhoods, and appreciate APS' desire to achieve the best outcome for the greatest number of children.

Our community is committed to APS and has demonstrated that commitment by sending the vast majority of our children to our public schools. **We ask that APS support us by keeping Mary Lin K-5, delivering the long-promised Mary Lin expansion and keeping our students in the Inman-Grady cluster.**

The proposal presented in Option A best supports the needs of the Candler Park community for the following reasons:

#### 1. **Mary Lin needs its long-promised renovation and expansion.**

- This project was scheduled to occur long before this redistricting effort began.
- The last Mary Lin renovation was in 1994—almost twenty years ago.
- Our entire 4th and 5th grades are in trailers, we have outgrown the space and the building is in disrepair.
- Previous plans addressed not only over-crowding, but also long-time deficiencies involving the media center, lunchroom, front office and school security.
- Candler Park voters went to the ballot box *twice* to support SPLOST, both times with the assurance that Mary Lin was slated to get its renovation.
- SPLOST III included appropriations for Mary Lin, which were moved to SPLOST IV.
- For years we have been told the project was merely delayed, and will still take place.
- Out of APS' 58 active elementary schools, only seven – including Mary Lin – have never received SPLOST funding.
- We ask that APS honor its commitment and live up to its campaign theme for the SPLOST referendum: "Promises Made, Promises Kept." Option A keeps APS' commitment; Option B does not. Let's make the Mary Lin project a "promise kept."

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## The Candler Park Messenger

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## 2. APS should invest in success.

- Mary Lin is one of the top-performing schools in the city and is in the top 10% of elementary schools statewide.
- We have made a firm commitment to APS. A full 96% of our elementary-age kids attend Mary Lin – not charter schools, private schools, or schools in other zones.
- Mary Lin parents roll up their sleeves every day to maintain the environment of excellence at our schools.
- The K-5 model is serving our children well when it comes to instructional continuity, a nurturing environment, parental involvement and identifying special needs.
- We believe that whenever possible, schools and communities should be kept intact; this goes for all schools and communities, not just ours.
- Mary Lin is a cornerstone of our community and a source of community pride, and we have invested a great deal of sweat equity into it.

## 3. Our youngest children should stay in our neighborhood to promote community, safety and walkability.

- We care deeply about safe, walkable access for our youngest children because we have it today and have seen how well it works.
- We value the opportunity to speak with our children's teachers and find out how we can help. This is one way we have built a strong support network.
- For the 2010 Walk To School Day, the Georgia Transportation Commissioner came to Mary Lin to showcase it as a wonderful, walkable school.
- Parents of multiple young children would find it difficult to shuttle between two facilities and remain as deeply engaged in both schools.
- The CSX/MARTA/DeKalb Avenue corridor is a major barrier and high-speed commuter thoroughfare. It has a reversible "suicide lane" that causes many accidents and pedestrian hazards. It does not allow for safe, walkable access to school.
- There are very few access points across DeKalb Avenue, which will cause significant traffic issues. This will be exacerbated by the several hundred new housing units going into Edgewood as part of the Comprehensive Development Plan, which will use the same crossing point used in the proposed split grade model.

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*Laughter in the Park*

by Deb Milbrath

**APS Redistricting, from page 2**

**4. Mary Lin must remain in the Inman – Grady cluster with our neighboring communities.**

- As part of the Inman and Grady communities, we have a 30-year history of working together and maintaining an environment of excellence.
- Mary Lin has played a fundamental role in helping to build and maintain Inman and Grady's success.
- APS should make certain that administrative transfers are only allowed at schools with space for all in-zone students.
- SPLOST dollars should be spent where there is current need, not just anticipated need.
- If additional capacity is needed at Inman or Grady, APS should consider creative solutions such as an Inman annex and / or alternate grade configurations (e.g., a 6, 5/6 or 8 academy).

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Jay Sandhaus  
President, Candler Park Neighborhood Organization

The Candler Park position statement will be posted on the CPNO website and circulated publicly as well as presented to APS leadership. **Neighbors are encouraged to fill out the online survey by February 24 expressing support for Option A and to contact decision makers with their opinion.** The email address for general feedback is [apsdemographicstudy@atlantapublicschools.us](mailto:apsdemographicstudy@atlantapublicschools.us).

Updates and contact information for APS leaders, as well as information about upcoming meetings, are available at [candlerpark.org](http://candlerpark.org).



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## Group Collects Expressway Memorabilia

By J.J. Richardson

Growing weary of distortions and outright revisions of history, a group of aging road warriors has begun collecting the history of the "Road Fight" that in-town neighborhoods waged against the GADOT for over 30 years. While some people have already donated their historic documents to Emory's Woodruff Library, The Atlanta History Center, and the Olmsted Parks Society, we believe that many historical papers, photos and personal stories still remain out there in our community—perhaps buried and unseen for decades.

Are you one of those persons who were living in a neighborhood threatened by the "Stone Mountain Expressway," "I-485" or "The Presidential Parkway"? If so, we want to talk with you. Were you involved in "Stopping the Road"?

If you have documents you'd be willing to donate, we'd be happy to archive and preserve them. If you have documents you don't want to donate, may we borrow them long enough to copy them and then return them to you? Would you be willing to participate in a taped oral history interview as a part of this project? If so, we want to hear your story.

We're acutely aware that many of our brave road warriors and participants in civil disobedience, in Roadbusters, and in CAUTION have died; many others are in their 70s and 80s. If we don't record the real history of this conflict, which threatened to destroy our in-town neighborhoods and parks, that history will be lost forever. Therefore, we'll begin by doing oral interviews with the oldest respondents to our advertisements, and go backwards in age until we reach everyone that wants to be heard.

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### Roadbuster Memorabilia, from page 4

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3. Volunteer for an oral history interview

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Time is running out to record this incredible story of how groups of citizens defeated an expressway promoted by a former Mayor of Atlanta and a former President of the U.S. and saved in town neighborhoods. We look forward to hearing your story. Thank you!

J.J. Richardson (formerly J.J. Williams, writer for the BOND Community Star newspaper) for our team: Lynn Kerpel, Ruth Wall, Heather Fenton, Mary Dabbs, Gail King, Sally Harbaugh and others.

### 2012 Sweetwater 420 Fest 5K Road Race

By David Aynes

This year's Sweetwater 420 Fest 5K Road Race will take place on Saturday, April 21 at 9 AM. The race begins on McLendon Ave near Epworth and we plan to end on Clifton Terrace. All proceeds will benefit Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. Registration links are available through [www.candlerpark.org/420](http://www.candlerpark.org/420) or through [Active.com](http://Active.com). Pre-registration entry fees are \$28 per runner. After April 14<sup>th</sup>, registration is \$38 per runner. The race has sold out for the past several years and this year we're hoping to attract a record 2,200 runners.

I am proposing that CPNO vote at its February meeting on expenditure items associated with producing this year's race including:

- Variable Expenses: \$15.75 per runner (shirt, beer, wrist band, electronic bib timing)
- Fixed Costs: \$14,600 (event management, security, insurance, Porta-Johns, awards, contingency, etc.)

A full, detailed budget will be available at the meeting.

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## Candler Park Redrawn Into New City Council District

By Timothy Darnell, *East Atlanta Patch*

Candler Park would be represented by Councilman Kwanza Hall under the latest map being considered by the Atlanta City Council. Currently, the community is part of Councilman Alex Wan's 6<sup>th</sup> District.

The new map, known as Plan 6, is the city council's latest attempt to redraw its boundaries in accordance with 2010 Census data.

Hall represents District 2 on the council.

In order to account for 2010 census data, each of the city's 12 districts must have a population of at least 35,000.

Cities, counties and states are required by law to redraw and adjust their electoral boundaries when a new Census is completed, to reflect new population numbers and demographics. A citizen who lived in one city council district may live in another after the boundaries have been redrawn and approved.

Since November, the city council has considered five other maps. The council has already approved Plan 6 in a previous vote, but a second vote is required before the maps are sent to Mayor Kasim Reed. If he signs off, the maps will be sent to the U.S. Department of Justice for approval.



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## CPNO Membership Meeting Notes, January 16, 2012

Submitted by Mischa Uppelschoten, CPNO Zoning Officer

7:03 Jay Sandhaus opens the meeting.

Thanks The Wrecking Bar for this month's food and drinks.

We welcomed 3 new neighbors.

Motion to adopt agenda carries.

7:05 *Georgia Marathon*, Jayne Nickell. On Sunday, March 18, the 6<sup>th</sup> annual GA Marathon will be held, this time spanning the entire weekend. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, in Candler Park between 7 and 10am roads will be affected; some roads will become one way, some roads will be closed entirely. There will always be an east/west and a north/south corridor that allows traffic through. A map was issued. For more info, check <http://candlerpark.org/content/georgia-marathon>, [www.Georgiamarathon.com](http://www.Georgiamarathon.com), email [info@georgiamarathon.com](mailto:info@georgiamarathon.com) or call 404-832-0786 for up to the minute info, or even directions on how to navigate the neighborhood. Benefits as calculated include \$8.5 million worth of economic activity in DeKalb and Fulton county, a half million dollars charity contributions, and the Neighborhood challenge ([http://www.georgiamarathon.com/neighborhood\\_challenge.htm](http://www.georgiamarathon.com/neighborhood_challenge.htm)).

7:14 *APD Officer Ryan*. We are now in the 608 beat, the Northern most part of zone 6. Crime is up 3% compared to this week last year.

7:18 *Montessori on Euclid*, Wayne Flindall, Montessori. Expected to start January, satellite of Atlanta Montessori International School. Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be an open house. Curriculum will start for ages 8 weeks – 5 yrs.

7:23 *Dunkin Donuts* deferred to next month.

7:23 *Redistricting*: An Education committee was established, with as charter: "The Candler Park Education Committee will advocate for the specific goals adopted by the Membership at our Special Meeting, which are generally to keep Mary Lin K-5 and stay in the Inman/Grady cluster. It will be responsible for suggesting and implementing tactics to achieve these goals, recruiting neighbors to help, and coordinating with nearby neighborhoods and other groups with similar goals. The committee will end once the school redistricting becomes final." Kate Sandhaus was voted chair. Kate Sandhaus: APS has released 4 maps, which change some of the schools we are districted to. At this moment we are in a phase that allows for community input. At the end of January, 2 or 3 totally new maps will be released right before the next meeting., last weeks meeting very well attended, over 50 speakers, however there was no representation from Candler Park, Inman Park or Lake Claire. We need to make sure our voices are heard. Committee is about involving people. This Wed 1<sup>st</sup> mtg. Eric Dusenbery remarks that signs cannot be placed in public parks.

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### Montessori In Town Upcoming Events Public is Welcome!

#### Open House

March 1<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 to 8:00PM

#### Coffee

*Building Children's Self Esteem*

January 31<sup>st</sup> – 8:45 to 10:00AM

#### Parent Education Evening

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February 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 to 8:00PM

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March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30 to 8:00PM

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**January CPNO Minutes, from page 7**

7:30 *Park visioning.* The process is now coinciding with questions by the city around golf course and is currently stalled. The city has hired a consultant to evaluate golf courses across the city. Study is due next month or two and it appears that the decision based on this study is independent from the visioning process. As such, the visioning process will take this outcome as input. Michael Short (Friends of Candler Park Golf Course/<http://focpgc.com>) said that they have contacted the mayors office and were told it's a profitability issue as the loss amounts to \$70K per year. This is \$4 per played round. The suggestion is to raise green fees above the contract level from 6 yrs ago. We also need to make sure the proceeds from the golf course are not spread out over other possibly even more loss generating golf courses managed by American Golf. He also wants to work with the consultant and generate ideas to increase profitability. Jay points out that next month there will be a vote on whether or not we want to go forward with the visioning process. According to Mark Clement, American Golf is operating the course, but on the neighborhood's terms. A suggestion is made to ask Walt Ray from Park Pride who is currently confirmed to be involved? Jay said he would ask him. Mark Clement said that applications for the steering committee outnumbered the available spots and that a decision was made to establish groups with participating representatives. A motion was made to ask the CPNO president to request in writing from the Commissioner Of Parks and Recreation that Candler Park would like to have some input and be considered in a decision. Favor: 22, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0. Motion carries unanimously.

7:43 *Announcement Valentines dance:* on Saturday February 11, there is a Valentines dance at the First Existentialist/Old Stone Church (470 Candler Park Dr.) at 7.30. Tickets at \$10 at the door and will benefit First E.community. All CPNO members are invited.

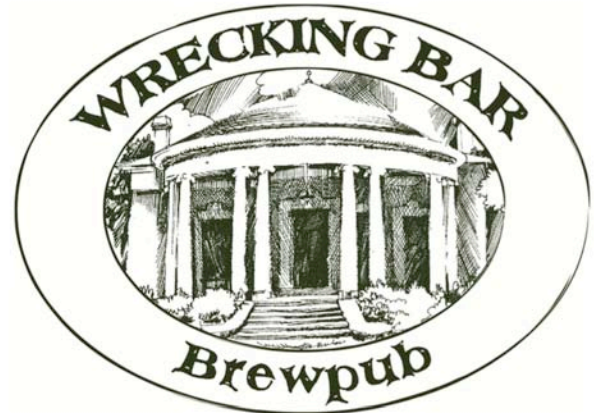
7:44 *Announcement Wrecking Bar donation:* Bob Sandage from the Wrecking Bar will donate a portion of sales this week to CPNO.

7:45 *Last month's minutes* are deferred to next month. A suggestion was made to remove the minutes from the messenger and publish them electronically. According Kate Sandhouse (Communications officer), a lot of people like the paper version of The Messenger. Upwards of 60 people distribute messenger, only 3 people produce it, which puts a lot of pressure on deadlines.

7:48 *Membership:* must be renewed every year, being a member is the only way to vote. The best place to renew is [www.candlerpark.org/renew](http://www.candlerpark.org/renew)

7:51 *Projects:* 5K run. Last year a profit of \$21K was made. This year the goal is to increase to 3500 runners. The funds needed to organize this year's run amount to \$41K and the conservatively projected best case profit is \$15K.

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### January CPNO Minutes, from page 8

7:54 **Request for funding: Ramp replacement** at First E Church. The current wooden ramp is in disrepair and needs to be replaced by a lift. This will benefit the community. The project has already attracted some funding. (More information:

<http://www.candlerpark.org/files/Messenger%202012-01.pdf> page 2.) A motion was made to grant the requested \$4K on the conditions: 1. Date by which grant must be spent is December 31, 2012, 2. Funds will not be disbursed until sufficient funds have been raised. Favor: 17: Opposed: 2, Abstentions: 3. Motion carries.

**Request for funding: Little 5 Points precinct.** Total expense was \$20,500 last year for rent (subsidized by landlord) and utilities. CPNO and Inman Park each gave \$5K Businesses gave \$3K, private donations totaled \$3K, Halloween fest contributed \$5K. In 2011, hours of APD presence were from 10am to 6pm. Currently another foot patrol shift Tue-Sat 3pm-11pm is staffed with officer Stellenberg. Q: How many years has this been organized? A: With the exception of 2010, 7 yrs. Q: How many businesses are there and what is the average contribution per business? A: Approx 75 businesses, \$40 per business per year. Some businesses do contribute back to CP. Q: How many landlords are there? A: Unknown, landlords do not appear to contribute. Jay Sandhaus explains that the Board thinks it is a worthwhile thing to do and that the Board suggests to give half immediately, other half dependent on confirmed APD staffing during evening/night time. The Board's opinion is that CPNO would like to see more contributions. from businesses, at least as much as is asked from neighborhoods as businesses are the biggest benefactor of police presence. A suggestion is made to publicly post which business are contributing to the precinct operations. Motion to adopt the executive board's suggestion. Favor: 22, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 1. Motion carries.

8:14 **Event application process.** We want to interact sooner in the event application process directed to the city. We have a set of guidelines, based on size of event; how to engage the neighborhood (More info: <http://www.candlerpark.org/files/Messenger%202012-01.pdf> page 9 and <http://www.candlerpark.org/content/events-process-guidelines>). A motion to support the new events process. Favor: 22, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0.

8:17 **Zoning Committee, 620 Oakdale variance to setback.** Maura Mitzner presented her request for a variance to reduce the required setback for her house at 620 Oakdale. The house is an investment property (<http://www.greenstonedesigninc.com/home.html>) and adding a second story and renovating the house will enhance the value. Adding space to the current level is an undesirable option because of an old tree that would have to be removed, as well as a decrease of the yard space. One of two adjacent houses also has a second story and the other adjacent house has been recently renovated (which required a variance). The ZC does have strong concerns about the ultimate size of the house, especially related to the lot size.

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**January CPNO Minutes, from page 9**

Some members also expressed concern about the design not being appropriate and fitting for the neighborhood. The Zoning Committee is satisfied with the amount of signatures of approval that have been obtained by the applicant. A motion was made to recommend approval to the NPU-N. Favor: 10, Opposed: 5, Abstentions: 3. Motion carries.

**Zoning Committee, George Cameli presented his application for a liquor license for Cameli's Pizza at 337 Moreland.** The second floor deck will be shielded from the neighbors to the east with a wall, optionally insulated and with an "inward" facing canopy/awning type construction to guide sound away. The side of the parking lot closest to the neighbors will have mature plants or trees to provide privacy. Parking lot lighting will be directed downward and away from the neighbors. George is planning to meet with neighbors at 344 Josephine and invited the attending neighbors as well to show them around and go over their concerns. Zoning Committee recommends approval with the condition that continued interaction with the neighborhood is maintained. A motion was made to recommend approval to the NPU-N. Favor: 13, Opposed: 1, Abstentions: 2. Motion carries.

8:44 Adjourned.

**Editor's Note:** The following minutes from the December CPNO membership meeting were postponed from the January issue of the Messenger to the February issue. The membership meetings are important sources of information and activity for the neighborhood and the Messenger currently serves as the official record for the minutes.

**CPNO Membership Meeting Notes, December 19, 2012**

Submitted by Molly Smalley, CPNO Recording Secretary

Meeting started at 7:09pm

-Introduction of new neighbors and adoption of Agenda

-Big thanks to Lexa and Cherie for getting the food. New neighbors introduced themselves to the group. Jay thanked everyone for coming. Motion to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

City Officials and other visitors

Officer Stoneberg - This time of the year, please make sure to have people to pick up packages. He says this is one of the safest neighborhoods in Zone 6. If you see something suspicious, the neighborhood association of Zone 6 is a good at reporting issues.

Alex Wong – APD reorganized. Adds a couple of beats across the city. Will see more officers around. Zone 6 shrinks in geography. Won't take as long for police to get to. Buzz word is redistricting. Council has a map that it looks will be ready for approval in January. Moving north and east – where the population has shifted. Candler Park will shift to Zone 2 in January 2014. He is still council person until then. School redistricting is a big issue. Handled solely by school board. Council recognizes how school redistricting will affect neighborhood and they have requested to be a part of the process. Met with school board – maps are preliminary. Keep writing. Council can be a voice for the school board. They are keeping in constant contact with the school board. Question was asked how to work together as neighborhoods. Candler Park will not be split when things are redistricted. Candler Park will go with Kwanza Hall. Timeframe for school redistricting is March – from what he has heard.

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### **December CPNO Minutes, from page 10**

-Edi Kelman – Biracial History Project – CPNO has been supportive of this project for the last 5 years. They have researched African American history in the neighborhood. The most recent thing they have done is working with land owners of Candler Park to learn of significance of 420 Oakdale Road. First Antioch Church. They want to give public recognition. In November, a bench was given. 137 year church anniversary. Church is pleased to be recognized.

-Michael Short – Friends of Candler Park Golf Course – Increased talk of what is going to happen to the golf course. In October, reasons were discussed at CPNO of why to keep or shut the golf course. The golf course was undercharging, which will be rectified at the beginning of the year. After the October meeting, Michael formed Friends of Candler Park Golf Course. Goals are to have neighbors enjoy it, being a more productive golf course. They want to raise awareness quickly. They will work with people on new ideas for the course. There is a first tee program at Candler Park Golf Course. Chartering programs for girls and boys at the park. Candler Park Golf Course was designed by a woman named Helen Smith.

### **Announcements**

-African Carnival at Candler Park on July 14 – a nonprofit organization based here in Atlanta and focuses on education and healthcare. The event will raise money and raise awareness for their organization. A parade will also be held. It starts at 10am. They had flyers with more information and a website. Chris Clark is being used for security. They are hoping/expecting 4,000 (??). Candler Park was chosen because it is smaller and the time of year. It was suggested that they reach out to the school (ML) to get them involved. The hours are 10am until 8pm. They are working with WRFG to get the word out. There will be live music and artists performing. Sheila Henn appointed Freedom Park Conservancy Representative for CPNO –

-School Redistricting – Position statement was sent to school board, superintendent, school council person, demographers, and other elected officials. It was published very widely. Jay has sat down with presidents of other neighborhood organizations – Lake Claire, Inman, Morningside, Old Fourth Ward, Poncey Highlands, VaHi, - request led by Inman park asking them to slightly change the process for next round of maps. Focus groups and involvement with local school council. Continue advocating for the principals we laid out – ML k-5 school, stay united with schools around us and continue on to Inman and Grady. Please sign up as a member of CPNO. It is the only way to reach people. If anyone is willing to take the time to come up with a sign and yard signs for this issue going forward. Try to do something jointly with Lake Claire and Inman Park. Mark made a motion for up to \$499 for yard signs. 32 yes's/1 oppose/4 abstain. Motion carries.

-Approval of previous month's meeting minutes  
Motion carries

-Dog Park Committee update and vote of support

Last January a group of 75 people that came up with ideas that they would like to see in the neighborhood. The idea that floated up to the top was having a dog park in Candler Park. The only idea on list that caused a committee to form to see what it would take to make this a reality. Website and The *Messenger* were methods of keeping the neighborhood informed of this idea.

This is not a vote on the site, but a vote on the idea of having a dog park. Gordon Rose has been leading the committee. The city of Atlanta has written non binding laws on having dog parks. 2 dog parks – South Bend and Piedmont Park. Several illegal dog parks in the city – they are not following guidelines and leash laws. The city requires a petition signed by constituents who use the park, doesn't necessarily have to have a dog. Sought out people in Lake Claire and Inman Park and their neighborhood associations. They looked at entire Candler Park area – golf course, park and Freedom Park. Candler Park is a city of Atlanta park – has fences around golf course, tennis course, swimming pool. Freedom Park is a structuralist park – never will see a playground, soccer field, etc per guidelines of the Conservancy.

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**December CPNO Minutes, from page 11**

Iverson Park was too small. The areas they chose in Candler Park are unutilized. Not voting on the location tonight. The current size and place fits the guidelines for a dog park. 4-5 foot fence which can be planted over. Goal is to go forward and start with pricing. Gordon is willing to price out other locations if necessary. Dog Parks are becoming social centers in their neighborhood. That is a vision of the board. What is the vision for maintaining the dog park – primary maintenance of dog park will be done by volunteers in the neighborhood association and members outside. City will pick up trash. There will be a water line coming down. Waterline on McClendon. Easily elbowed. Seeking private donations and grants. Park Pride has expressed an interest in providing a grant. Goal is to be in non-golf park area of park. Funded and operated cannot be owned and operated by CPNO – should be managed by a friend's group or conservancy. The acreage is 1.2 acres now. How to go forward if we can't agree on a spot. The spot has to be voted on by the CPNO. Wildlife walk area is another location – and wildlife walk area could be moved to the gulley. The city did a study that the gulch is not a dry stream bed. The runoff is not like a naturally occurring stream. 6-8 inches of wood mulch would prevent digging and turning into a mud pit. Annis Barry has a different view of the dog park. One issue is putting a dog park in Candler Park – confusion between the neighborhood and the park in the petition. Annis thinks dog parks are noisy and smelly. Dog Park should be put in an out of way location improving the land. Think of other locations. Consequences of yes vote – this group of people will continue to put an effort in constructing a plan. No vote- can't come back in front of organization for 6 months. Can we use this vote to establish that it is something that the neighborhood wants and guidance for the group. Want it to be consistent of the visioning process, aesthetics and environmental issues. The Board did do its research of alternate locations and Freedom Park was not an option. Iverson and Lake Claire Park had same issues – size. They did not consider putting the dog park on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole – did not want to change the existing landscape of the park. The neighborhood should be supportive of the Board looking forward before deciding if the neighborhood wants a park.

Vote – To support continued review of a dog park in the Candler Park neighborhood and if the location were in Candler Park proper, the committee will work in a coordinated effort with the visioning process? In Favor – 24/Opposed – 10/Abstain – 3 – Motion Carries

-Officer and committee chair reports

Membership – you have to renew after the first of the year. After January 1, everyone's membership expires.

Special Project Officer – Mark Clement – Helped support movie nights, Fall Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Mark needs volunteers.

**-Requests for Funding (Project Introductions – Information – No Vote)**

Ramp Replacement – First E – Needs disability access. The wooden access ramp has been there for 30 years. Access ramp has been condemned. It needs replacing. They have started the process of adding a lift. They have \$7,500 raised so far. Chalice Lighters grant helped support some of this. Asking for up to \$4,000. Will raise the remaining funds. CPNO does rent from the church. Individual donations appreciated prior to end of calendar year.

Operating grant to LSP Mini-Precinct – Asking for a grant of \$5,000 to pay rent and facilities for police department on Euclid. This precinct has helped make LSP a safer place. The annual budget is \$20,500 a year. It is heavily subsidized by the landlord. Rent is well below market rent. They have received support from the Inman Park Neighborhood Organization. Candler Park provided \$5,000 last year. Mini-Precinct has a day shift full time staff. They would love to get an assigned night patrol officer. How many current business owners are contributing to Mini-Precinct – about 40 in LSP. They contribute through Halloween Festival sponsorship. The total was \$12,000. There are 70 +/- businesses. Has anyone approached Pence-Highland?

No. Hours of precinct are 24 hours.

**Requests for Funding (Votes)**

2012 Movie Night – 7 movies - \$7,700 –  
Mark Clement – Yes – 29 – No – 1,  
Abstain – 3 – Motion Carries

\$300 for printing and other supplies for  
emergency school board meeting – Yes  
– 30 No – 0 Abstain – 0

**Event Applications and other NPU Actions**

Sweetwater 420 Festival – April 20-22,  
2012 – Does neighborhood support this  
application? There are not many  
changes from last year to this year.  
Trying to permit to go to 11pm vs.  
10pm on Friday night. City ordinance is  
to go to 11pm. Moving the main  
entrance onto the field on the field on  
Candler Park Drive and McClendon.

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An article did go out in the Messenger – walking path, Epworth, ML Elementary, Movie Nights. How to address traffic concerns – memorandum from Chris Clark – who manages 420 Festival - Roads that will be have emergency no parking signs (towing enforced):

Oakdale Road – Dekalb Avenue – North Avenue  
North Avenue – Oakdale Road – Candler Park Drive  
Benning Place – Oakdale Road – Candler Park Drive  
Iverson Street – Candler Park Drive – Mell Avenue  
Mell Avenue – Dekalb Avenue – McClendon Avenue  
Callan Circle  
Sheppard Place  
Glendale Avenue – Dekalb Avenue – McClendon Avenue  
Terrace Avenue – Marlbrook Drive – Clifton Terrace  
Candler Park Drive – McClendon Avenue – North Avenue

Can they work with Marta to encourage more people to use Marta? Marta refuses to add more trains for this event. Mark Clement suggests having Officer Clark to address concerns regarding parking. One concern was the size of the festival. They don't anticipate that it will be larger. Did they look at other venues for the festival? Yes, they have, but they want to stay in Candler Park. How to manage the trash that spills out of the park? What is the cleanup plan for at least a block outside of the park? They do provide that. Had a hard time on Saturday – last year – keeping up. More staff is needed to keep receptacles clean. They are having 2 stages again. How to handle drunk people – safety rides are provided by 420. Who is liable for a drunk driving accident? Why are they having it on Friday and Saturday – Anniversary of 420. Want to see how Friday goes again since it rained last night. Music will stop at 11pm on Friday. Saturday is until 10 and Sunday is until 7. The stage on the soccer field created a mud pit. A designated person for the residences to take input. Parking Pass for people on Callan Circle. For people who do not have a driveway – they will need to submit license, etc. so that they can continue to park on the street. Yes – 19 No – 8 Abstain – 2. Motion Carries.

-Adjourn – Adjourned at 9:31pm.

## **NPU-N Meeting Notes, January 26, 2012**

### **Submitted by Lauren Welsh, CPNO NPU Rep**

#### **Public Reports**

-Atlanta Police Department representatives Sergeant Hudson and Officer Bandy reported that crime seems to be quiet in our area. They will try to get speed enforcement on DeKalb Avenue. The COPS unit is conducting an identity theft workshop. They also offer a home assessment for crime victimization by emailing [wwalters@atlantaga.gov](mailto:wwalters@atlantaga.gov).

-A MARTA police representative reported that there was minimal crime on the east-west line, but to be aware and protect personal property, particularly phones and laptops. He can be reached at 404-427-8693 or [fhammett@itsmarta.com](mailto:fhammett@itsmarta.com).

-The City of Atlanta Department of Parks informed attendees that there will be a quarterly Commissioner's meeting held on 2/8 at 5:30 PM to discuss issues of green space in the city. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center and is open to the public. Parks Customer service number is 404-546-6813.

-Fulton County Community Prosecutors indicated that there are now more resources around the Boulevard district and they are focusing on repeat offender cases in Fulton County. He can be reached at [paul.arena-camarillo@fultoncountygva.gov](mailto:paul.arena-camarillo@fultoncountygva.gov).

-A representative from the City Solicitor's Office indicated they are emphasizing the judicial process and focusing on dilapidated housing.

-Dennis Mumba from Public Works shared information about a new program called "Love Your Block" providing small grants to groups of neighborhood residents interested in beautifying their neighborhood. Additional information can be found at [www.iamatlanta.org](http://www.iamatlanta.org).

-A presentation about Esther Peachey Lefevre Park was deferred.

-Jay Sandhaus, president of Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, presented an events review process for review by NPU-N. The goal is to have the City of Atlanta work more closely with the neighborhood organization when events are being considered for the city park in the neighborhood. NPU-N voted unanimously to support this effort of better communication.

2/18 – NPU officer training

3/31 – Citizen engagement education seminar

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**January NPU Notes, from page 13****Liquor License Review**

--A change of ownership was approved for Pratap Singh for **Exxon Food Mart** at **1161 Ponce de Leon Avenue** with the condition that no "grab & go" single beers would be sold and the business would discourage loitering.

--A change of agent was approved for **Barry L. Mills** for **HD-1** at **664 North Highland Avenue**.

--A liquor license was approved for **George Michael Cameli** for **Cameli's Pizza** at **337 Moreland Avenue**.

**Land Use and Zoning Matters:**

--The NPU Board deferred an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit pursuant to Section 16-11.005(1)(I) for outdoor dining at eating and drinking establishment when any part of such use is located within 1,000 feet of property that is zoned R-1 through R-5, or that is used as a residential property for property located at **664 North Highland Avenue, NE**.

--The NPU Board voted unanimously to approve a variance at **481 Harold Avenue, NE** to allow an 8 foot wall/privacy fence in the required half-depth front yard where otherwise only a 4 foot fence is allowed.

--The NPU Board voted unanimously to approve a variance at **1004 Williams Mill Rd.** to reduce the required side yard setback from 7 ft. (required) to 6 ft. to allow for an addition to existing single family dwelling.

--The NPU Board voted unanimously to approve variances at **568, 580 and 600 Somerset Terrace** to reduce the off-street loading requirements from 3 loading spaces (required) to 1 loading space to allow for the construction of a new multi-family development.

--The NPU Board voted unanimously to approve a variance at **620 Oakdale Road** to 1) reduce the front yard setback from 50' (required) to 28.5'; 2) reduce the half-depth front yard setback from 25' (required) to 15.8' to allow for a second story addition w/deck to an existing single family dwelling (pending lot approval from Office of Planning).

**Special Events/Outdoor Festivals**

- Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon – March 18 – NPU Board voted to approve.
- African Carnival – June 30 – NPU Board deferred.

**Chair's Report**

- Grant Funding for projects – street toppers for street signs in NPU-N neighborhoods.

**Next NPU Meeting: February 23, 2012**



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

**300 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny from auto - 12/23 Fri Night. Someone broke out rear passenger side window and stole a coat.

**300 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny from auto - 12/24 Sat Day. Someone entered vehicle and stole an I-pad. No forced entry located, but victim said his vehicle key no longer fits correctly in the driver's side door lock. Victim was also able to track his property with its GPS to the intersection of Druid Pl and Candler St, but was unable to locate it.

**200 block Moreland Ave** – Auto theft - 12/31 Sat Morn. Reporting party said that he was driving his mother's car. He said he parked in the parking lot to eat at a nearby restaurant and upon his return found that the car was gone.

**400 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny from auto - 12/27 Tues Morn. Someone damaged driver's side door handle and lock, entered vehicle and stole luggage with clothes and toiletries.

**1600 block Dekalb Ave** – Larceny - 12/28 Wed Day. Victim said as she exited her vehicle, suspect came from behind, snatched her purse and fled. Taken: Purse w/ DL, \$101 in change, cell phone, debit card, gift card. Suspect: B/M, wool cap, heavy black jacket, black dickies, black shoes.

**1400 block Euclid Avenue** – Auto theft - 1/01 Sun Night. Reporting party said that his vehicle had been moved 6 car lengths from the spot that he originally parked it. He stated he did not report the suspicious activity because he had just returned home from celebrating the New Year. He said there were no windows busted out and the visor he kept in the window wasn't moved. He said that a 5 day sticker was placed on the vehicle and it did not have a battery in it. The vehicle was found not be impounded.

**500 block Page Ave.** – Auto theft – 1/6 Fri Morn. Victim said he parked his car in front of his house and found it gone this morning.

**500 block Terrace Ave** – Auto theft - 1/11 Wed Day. Reporting party said her car was at house when she left home and when she returned it was missing.

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