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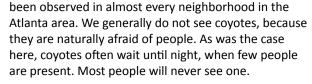
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Coyotes Among Us

BY META LARSSON

A coyote was spotted in Candler Park at the corner of Benning Place and Oakdale Road, at 11 p.m. on December 14, 1012, by Julie Franklin, who lives on Benning.

Candler Park is not alone, as coyotes have



There are some things that we can do to ensure that there are no conflicts with coyotes in our neighborhood:

- Eliminate all outside food sources. Do not feed any pets outside. Clean your grill after using it.
 Even birdseed and chicken feed on the ground can attract coyotes. Secure your garbage and compost.
- Keep your cats, dogs, chickens, rabbits or other small animals safe. Don't let them roam unattended. Walk your dogs on a leash.
- Chickens, rabbits, goats and their food need to be enclosed within heavy-duty wire cages.

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This year's Sweetwater 420 Fest 5K Road Race will take place on Saturday, April 20, at 9 AM. The race begins on McLendon Ave. near Epworth and the ending point is TBD. All proceeds will benefit Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. Registration links are available through www.candlerpark.org/420 . Pre-registration entry fees are \$32 per runner. After March 30th registration is \$42 per runner. The race has sold out for the past several years and this year we're hoping to attract a record 2,400 runners. We need about 100 volunteers to make this event go smoothly so we're offering all volunteers a special shirt, a festival wristband for Saturday and a complimentary beer for their efforts. Please note that we welcome volunteers who are under 21 but they will not receive wristbands or beer.

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

Variable Expenses: \$16.80 per runner (shirt, beer, wrist band, electronic bib timing)

Fixed Costs: \$20,880

(Event management, security, insurance, Porta-Johns,

awards, contingency, etc.)

A full, detailed budget will be available at the CPNO membership meeting on February 18.



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What It's Like

BY "OAKDALE DON"

If you're like me, you enjoy your printed copy of the Candler Park *Messenger*. I can sit on the front porch, or take it with me to the park or the pool and thumb though it without having to stare at a pc monitor indoors. But do you know what it's like to get that to you?

I present to you Walt Weimar, head of circulation and distribution for over six years. I interviewed Walt last fall. and this is what he had to say:

"We print 2,000 copies each month, with approximately 1,850 going to homes and multi-family residential addresses, and another 150 or so going to business locations. There are between 50 and 70 volunteers helping with the door-to-door distribution each month, some distributing more than 60 copies to their neighbors."

"I took over distribution (along with layout and some editing) from Mark and Issel Carson back in 2006, but have had lots of help from others along the way—especially Alonzo Church, Donna Palmer, Paige Parvin and now Erin Aynes—as well as the folks who help account for our ad sales—Alonzo Church, Dave Aynes, Gordon Rose and now Peter Bluestone."

Last November I asked Walt if I would receive my stack of *Messengers* before Monday, so I could deliver my route before I went out of town for Thanksgiving. His reply: "Monday is the general meeting for CPNO this month, so we're trying to beat the clock on distribution by then, but if we can't make it, we're still doing our best."

I received them Sunday night, and had my block covered within the hour. And that last comment can practically jerk a tear from my eye, because I was once a very small time club newsletter editor / distributor. And I know what it's like.



by Deb Milbrath

It's Time to Renew Your CPNO Membership!

Thank you for your support of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization over the past year. Our bylaws require that everyone renew their membership every year. All memberships will automatically expire at the conclusion of the February 18 membership meeting.

Renewals for 2013 are now open. Please go to candlerpark.org/renew to renew your membership. It's free and it only takes a moment -- from the renew page, click one button and you're done! After renewing, you will be taken to a page where you can review and update your membership details if anything has changed.

If you are a currently a registered member and you choose not to renew, you will be able to vote at the February meeting, but not at the March meeting.

If you are receiving this email and are not yet a member, please go to candlerpark.org/user/register to register.

On behalf of the neighborhood, thank you for being a part of CPNO and helping to make Candler Park a better place.

CP Master Plan Update

BY JIMMY BLIGH, CPNO PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

The Master Planning Committee recently posted an update on the committee's progress - and, at the January membership meeting, we introduced our recommended firm, Market and Main, and presented to the neighbors in attendance the details of the proposed Master Plan for Candler Park. In addition to this presentation, the committee announced the request for funding which will be voted on at the February membership meeting.

The members of the master planning committee have spent the last 7 months (volunteering their time and talent) as we worked towards what we feel is one of the most important projects that the neighborhood has ever explored undertaking. After learning more about the details of this planning process, we hope you all will be as excited as we are about this opportunity for the neighborhood and come out in February to vote in support of us moving forward with this project.

The RFP which we made public and submitted to firms I've posted to the Candler Park website. In this same post, I've included videos which we filmed from our traffic forum this past summer. Both Alex Wan and Aaron Fortner (Market & Main) talk

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MEETING & EVENTS

CPNO general meeting February 18th 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., 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 1st of the month of meeting.

January 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 21, 2013.

EVENTS CALENDAR

(open to all)

FEB **11**

PM

Meeting of CPNO Board members

FEB

7 PM

CPNO Monthly Meeting at First Existentialist Congregation

MAR

7 PM

Networking Group Meeting Dr. Bombay's

MAR

7 PM

11 Meeting of CPNO Board members

JAN

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CPNO Monthly Meeting at First Existentialist Congregation

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in length about the Master Planning process and why neighborhoods have these plans performed. I encourage you to watch these videos and read through the RFP. See link below:

http://www.candlerpark.org/content/master-plan-committee-update

I also plan on posting to the website the following documents which were discussed and given as handouts during our presentation for folks to read through: The evaluation matrix from the interview we held for the final 3 firm candidates, the Proposed Master Plan summary (from Market and Main), and the 2012 CPNO funded votes and grants summary (I included this expense summary to show how little we have spent on infrastructure throughout the neighborhood).

Some of you may be asking: Why does Candler Park need a master plan? A master plan is a neighborhood's vision for what it is now and many years into the future. It is an incredibly democratic, agenda-free process where hundreds of neighbors weigh in on issues like infrastructure, green space, land use, mobility/traffic flow, and more. It is a formal document that the City of Atlanta adopts as a neighborhood's vision of what it is and will be. Once the city adopts it, improvements are noted and funded as funding (like the Quality of Life Bond noted below) become available.

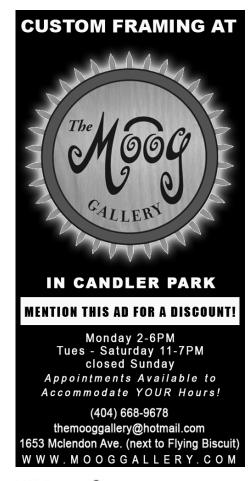
One of the main reasons this is the ideal time for our neighborhood to go through this process is the current Quality of Life Bond decision being made at the end of 2013. This bond will have approximately \$300 million dollars which can be used by the city for infrastructure projects throughout the city. The city will determine what projects to fund and include as part of this bond by first going through the Master Plans which the city has adopted from other neighborhoods. So for Candler Park to get its fair share of potentially millions from this bond, a Master Plan is vital.

Inman Park, Poncey Highlands, Edgewood, the Virginia Highlands, O4W, and other neighborhoods have all undergone this process. That's why you see bike lanes/ resident parking/new sidewalks/new parks in Inman Park and Edgewood, a brandnew playground in P-H, countless infrastructure improvements in VA-HI -- all of these neighborhoods are on record for what they want. Candler Park has no such record. So we are largely ignored when money is appropriated.

A master plan of the scope we are considering is roughly \$40-60K to create. We spent hundreds of combined hours selecting the firm to do this work and we are confident Market and Main - http://www.marketandmain.net/ is the firm best suited to lead us through this process. The committee will ask CPNO for \$40K to pre-fund this project, with the remaining balance secured from a financial commitment made by Alex Wan/ Kwanza Hall and commercial interests in the neighborhood. The real return to the neighborhood on this investment can be in the potential millions of dollars in 2014 and beyond we could receive in infrastructure projects developed in our Master Plan!

This will be discussed and voted on at the next CPNO meeting February 18th, at 7 pm. If you only go to one CPNO meeting this year (or any year), this is the one to go to. If the neighborhood votes to the support the funding of the Master Plan, you all will be asked to contribute your ideas on what's best for Candler Park as we move as a community through this process.

No matter how long you have lived in the neighborhood or how engaged you have been with CPNO over the past few years, we want and need as many neighbors as possible to participate in the Master Planning process for it to be a real success!





Viewpoint: Sweetwater 420 —Ferris Wheels and Beer—What Could go Wrong?

BY DONNA PALMER

Editor's Note: This article is an op-ed and does not necessarily represent the views of the CPNO or the Messenger.

What started out as a fun little one-day event has turned into a weeklong hassle. First they erected a fence — and for some reason included the playground. Later, they moved to the soccer field causing so much damage that it was closed for weeks. Then, the wall of sound. Now, they want to close Candler Park Drive so they can erect a Ferris wheel.

Defenders of the festival say "We can put up with the noise, litter, drunks and traffic because so much of the money goes to the neighborhood and besides the festival is GREEN... the logo says' We're Here for a Good Time...She's Here for a Long Time'"

Let's start with the money...this \$100,000 they advertise. Someone at the December CPNO meeting asked for the dollar amount that Sweetwater had written on the check donated to Mary Lin. The event organizer said that wasn't how it worked. Sweetwater merely created the opportunity for the neighborhood to make money.

What about the signs claiming proceeds from the \$5 wristband went to the neighborhood? They gave only 25-cents and they stopped that practice years ago.

What about the money donated to build the nature walk and the kudzu eating sheep? The two together come to about \$6,000 and that money went to Friends of Candler Park, not the CPNO.

Sweetwater says 50,000 people attended in 2012. So if only half those people only bought one beer, Sweetwater took in something north of a quarter of a million dollars (\$5 for the wrist band and \$6 for the beer). And, if you've lived through a 420 festival, you know that more than half the people drink more than one beer.

What about the greenness? Back when I was Vice President of CPNO, we asked Sweetwater to work with MARTA to get folks out of their cars. We were told that MARTA

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Want to have some FAST FUN in Lake Claire?

Put on your creative, constructive thinking caps and get ready to race. Coming soon is a super cool soapbox derby in our neighborhood (no motors or pedals allowed). There will be divisions for kids old and young. Check out www. CowabungaDude.org for more details.

Inman Task Force Wraps It Up

Strong support for a 6th-grade academy

BY KATE SANDHAUS, CANDLER PARK EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Inman Capacity Task Force completed its work in the fall.. We would like to thank all of the members of the Task Force for committing their time, energy, focus and integrity to provide a recommendation for Inman's capacity issue and the loyal members of the gallery and all of those that provided feedback and assistance to the task force. You can find a link to the Task Force's final report and supporting documentation at www.candlerpark.org.

The recommendation notes that there was "a strong consensus recommending a 6th grade academy" (vs. an 8th grade academy) and also "a strong consensus to recommend building at or near Inman."

It goes on to say that after researching locations, "There is a strong sentiment from the vast majority of task force members that the location stay as close to Inman as possible for a variety of instructional and logistical reasons. There was nearly unanimous support for placement of the academy on the grounds of Inman Middle or on property along the Beltline near 10th and Monroe. There were also advocates for the use of Howard."

The next step is for Superintendent Davis to make a recommendation that will then be voted on by the school board.

Many thanks to Jeff Shaw and Lori Van Rossem for serving as Mary Lin's task force reps. They gave a ton of time and energy to this process, which involved lots of meetings over many months, and many differing viewpoints from people around the cluster. Please take a moment to thank them when you see them.

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Neighbor Spotlight Questions Meet Your Neighbors: Meta Larsson

How long have you lived in Candler Park, and where do you live?

I've lived on Druid Place since 1988.

Do you have family, kids, pets?

Tom is my husband; and Lad, our dog, and Benjamin, our cat, are our pets.

How/why did you choose the neighborhood?

We were house-sitting for a friend on Druid Place over Christmas in 1988, and we liked the great in-town location, next to what is now Freedom Park, and we have wonderful neighbors.

Would you like to share what you do professionally?

I teach English as a second language in the Intensive English Program at Georgia State University.

What other activities, organizations, or hobbies are you involved in?

I do photography, go horseback riding, and enjoy bird watching--I participated in the Audubon Christmas Bird Count on December 30, 2012.

Lately, I've started the group Coyote Coexistence (coyotecoexistence.com) to promote education about how people and coyotes can coexist and to stop trapping and killing of coyotes.

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What's your favorite thing about Candler Park?

My favorite thing about Candler Park is that I can walk and enjoy birds and wildlife right here without having to get in a car and drive. I also cherish all the wonderful people I've come to know through my daily dog-walks with Lad on the Freedom Park bike-path.

What's something about Candler Park that you wish would change?

I wish Little Five Points functioned more as a gatheringplace for neighbors.

Where is your favorite spot in the neighborhood, indoors or out, to hang out?

Psst don't tell: the wildlife habitat on the Candler Park golf course.

What do you think you know about Candler Park that most other neighbors don't?

I know a lot about the habits of birds and animals that live in our neighborhood. I've captured coyotes, beavers, otters, snapping turtles and other animals on video, and also in action at night with my remote sensor camera.

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2013 Candler Park **Tour of Homes**

BY JEFF MORABITO

The Candler Park Tour of Homes is getting a head start early this year, and we're looking for homes - old and new, big and small, and condos too - to showcase on this year's Tour, Sunday OCT 13th. Do you have a home featuring real classic architecture? Or have you recently completed a renovation that you would like to show off? Well this is your chance to show the neighborhood how proud you are of your Candler Park home!

We are also interested in new energy efficiencies or green products you may have incorporated into your design. Not only is the TOH a lot of fun, but it's also a fund raiser for our neighborhood. We would like to have our list of homes completed early in order to concentrate on the event itself, so please don't wait to contact us! If you are ready to volunteer your home, or would like to know more, contact Co-chairs Jeff Morabito (404-606-3595) or Anna Kilinski (404-808-1528).

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Don't let coyotes become comfortable around people. If you see a coyote, stand your ground, make frightening noises (yell, clap your hands, blow a whistle). It is important to continue to do this until the coyote leaves; otherwise, it will learn that it can just wait until you stop. Also, do not walk away from a coyote; otherwise, they will learn that people will avoid them and they do not have to change their behavior.

Coyotes do provide a valuable function by eating rodents. Without coyotes, we would have an overabundance of mice and rats.

For more information, go to www.awarewildlife.org or call AWARE at (678) 418-1111, or contact Meta Larsson metalarsson@yahoo.com. There is also a new website available, http://coyotecoexistence.com.







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Run the Beltline This Year

Registration is open for the 2013 Atlanta BeltLine Running Series. Building on the success of several sold-out races last year, a fourth event - the Atlanta BeltLine Southeast 8K - is being added to the lineup, along with a new Atlanta BeltLine Active Lifestyles Challenge.

The year kicks off with Atlanta BeltLine Northside 5K on Saturday, April 27 at 8 a.m. Beginning and ending in the scenic Tanyard Creek Park, the event will kick off at 8 a.m. and will feature post-race activities to include exciting prizes and more.

In addition to the return of the Southwest 5K in July and the Eastside 10K in December - both of which sold out in 2012 - the new Southeast 8K offers Atlanta residents another opportunity to get active. Also new in 2013 is the Atlanta BeltLine Active Lifestyle Challenge, which rewards participants for their fitness accomplishments. Runners and walkers earn points for participating in Atlanta BeltLine Running Series events and partner events, and they can challenge themselves to earn additional points redeemable for exciting prizes from some of Atlanta's favorite venues.

Registration and information is available at Run.BeltLine.org.

News from Inman Middle School

SUBMITTED BY WALT WEIMAR

- The recent Frosty 5K Fun Run raised almost \$9,000 for the PTA and got almost 500 runners out on a beautiful December morning.
- Paula Herrema was recently promoted from Interim Principal to Principal.

Viewpoint: Sweetwater 420...
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was uncooperative. Inman Park is able to rent parking lots from MARTA each year for their festival and they provide shuttle service. Why can't Sweetwater?

We also pointed out that reusable festival cups were greener than oneuse solo-type cups. They said the city didn't allow reusable cups. Then, why do I have a cup from Cabbagetown's 2010 Stomp and Chomp with a Sweetwater logo on it?

At least these one-use cups are recycled, right?...Wrong. The permit application does not list plastic. The recycle list includes cardboard, aluminum and glass--not plastic. So, with 50,000 people coming, you can figure hundreds of thousands of cups going into landfill because of an Earth Day event.

Those of us who oppose expansion of the 420 Fest were called "delusional" for asking that something be done about the noise and traffic. We've been called "haters" and told that 100% of the neighbors were in favor of the festival. So, when an email from Sweetwater surfaced saying that they were expanding the festival, I copied it word-for-word and with a few neighbors went door to door to get the word out.

A neighborhood activist chastised me for "stirring things up and not offering solutions". And she was right. So, we came up with 10 action items to lessen the impact to the environment and the neighborhood.

1. Noise Pollution. Why can't Sweetwater follow the decibel level regulations enjoyed by neighbors at Chastain Park?



NPU-N Meeting Notes, January 24, 2013

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN WELSH, CPNO NPU REPRESENTATIVE

Public Reports

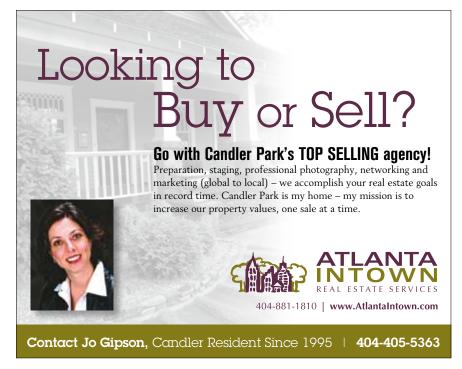
Officer Emon from the Atlanta Police Department's Community Liaison group reminded attendees that their group is responsible for nonemergencies in Atlanta. This includes neighbors with loud barking dogs, cars parked the wrong way, etc. He indicated that they are happy to participate in school safety presentations for kids or at other community meetings when needed. Call 404-546-5650 with questions.

Officer Coats from **MARTA** reminded attendees to watch their electronics when riding MARTA trains. In addition, there is a new officer at the south side of the Inman/Reynoldstown MARATA station as a result of a recent pedestrian robbery. Call 404-427-4744 with questions.

No one was present from the *Fire Department*.

A representative from **Code Compliance** reported that there were 14 notices in our area over the past month – 2 were researched, 6 received citations and 9 complied voluntarily. The most common reports in our area are junk vehicles and overgrowth. Call 404-330-6190 with questions.

Tom Cullen from the **Parks Department** announced that Esther Peachy Lefevre park in Cabbagetown is getting some improvement to the playground equipment and water fountain and Springdale Park is making progress as well. The parks department is also looking into drainage issues at Iverson Park that occur when there is a large amount of rain. In addition, money for sidewalks in Candler Park on McLendon is now before City Council, so that should be taken care of soon.



Representatives from Rockdale Pipeline had a report from Watershed Management about the recent pipeline construction in the area. Construction on Linwood Avenue, South Ponce and Williams Mill should be done January 31. Patching is complete on Clifton.

Amy Stout from APAB (Atlanta Planning **Advisory Board)** announced that officers were elected at the most recent meeting. Cathy Richards continues to be President and a new financial officer position was crated. The group also ratified a budget for the year and plans to do a website upgrade. NPU-N voted unanimously in support of Amy Stout as the APAB representative for NPU-N. The alternate position was deferred. On February 16, APAB will hold its annual leadership training open to anyone interested.

License Review Board

-- The NPU Board voted to approve a change of agent at Proof of the Pudding at the Carter Center Café at 1 Copenhell Ave. NE. --The NPU Board reconsidered its previous opposition to a change of ownership at Moreland Package at 15 Moreland Avenue because of security issues presented by the Reynoldstown neighborhood organization and voted to support this change. The business has signed a memorandum of understanding with the neighborhood to ensure 2 employees are present at all times, security cameras and lighting are installed, the parking lot will be monitored and no vendors will be hosted on the lot. --The NPU Board voted to support a change of ownership at Welcome Food Mart at 730 Barnett. This business is located in NPU-F, but our vote indicates our support since it's so close to Poncey-Highlands.

Zoning Review Board:

-- The NPU Board voted to remove the application at 1989 College Avenue (V-12-159) from the agenda since it was already approved by the BZA. The application was not in our NPU, only close to Lake Claire, and was to reduce the on-site parking requirement from 53 to 39 and to reduce the south side transitional yard from 20 ft. to 2.9 ft, and the reduce the west side transitional



yard from 20 ft. to 1 ft. pending lot approval to allow for office development. This application is from NPU-O.
--The NPU Board voted no position at 2131, 2137 College Ave NE and 364 and 370 Murray Hill Ave because no presentation was given. The applicant seeks to rezone the properties that are currently zoned C-1 to R4a. This application is from NPU-O.

Special Events/Outdoor Festivals

- Sweetwater 420 Festival April 19-21 NPU Board will vote on this application in February.
- The Great Atlanta Pot Festival Paul Cornwell from the Coalition for the Abolition of Marijuana Prohibition (CAMP) came to present his case for an event in Freedom Park on Saturday, May 4. The NPU Board did not vote on this event because of the restrictions on Freedom Park for it to be "passive" only. Mr. Cornwell was asking less for a vote of support and instead was presenting his case that Freedom Park should not be passive. He has reviewed documents related to this restriction and does not believe that this is clear. He expects to be in Federal Court in mid-February if the Mayor's Office of Special Events denies his permit. It is not a "smoke-in" event. It is a march of support.
- The Publix Marathon March 17, 2013 NPU Board voted to support. Street closures are the same as previous years and will be emailed. This year's theme celebrates the 7th anniversary of the event with "Lucky 7" and St. Patrick's Day. The marathon has done an economic impact study and found that the event contributed \$5.7 million to the Atlanta economy and \$800,000 to local charities.
- Bacon Festival, Dad's Garage March 30, 2013 NPU Board voted to support. Event is from 1 to 6 PM and raises approx. \$50,000. No street closures. Ticketed event.

Ordinances:

- --12-O-1604 Withdrawn/Filed. An ordinance to amend the 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, by amending the C-1 (Community Business) zoning district regulation so as to remove outdoor sales and displays for greater than 90 days from the list of uses permitted by special use permit and to add outdoor sales and displays of greater than 90 days to the list of permitted principal uses; and for other purposes.
- --12-O-1761 **Deferred to February** so neighborhoods can discuss. An ordinance by City Utilities Committee to amend various Sections of Chapter 74, Article X of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances for the purpose of promoting Green Infrastructure and Runoff Reduction Practices; complying with the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Model Post-Development Stormwater Management Ordinance; streamlining the

permitting process; promoting maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities; and for other purposes.

Old Business:

--Frazer Center – Improvements have been made and most Lake Claire residents appear to be happy. Some on Marlbrook are still not happy but it's not clear what would change their minds. The DeKalb County Commission passed an overlay ordinance and now the Center is working within appropriate zoning. Jeff Rader and Kathy Gannon were very helpful with this process.

--The NPU Board received *\$3700* in grant dollars from the City of Atlanta for bike racks. Amy Stout is working with the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition and neighborhood organizations to determin appropriate locations for new racks.

--The NPU Board discussed the *minor changes to the by-laws* and will vote to support in February. There was one question about a section that would allow special exceptions for Beltline SAP applications when they happen between NPU meetings. The concern was ensuring the language was tight enough to prevent a regular application from trying to request a vote between meetings as well.

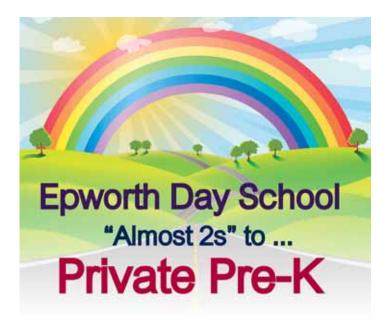
New Business:

- --November 2013 NPU-N meeting will be on Tuesday, November 26. December 2013 NPU-N meeting will be on Thursday, December 19.
- --APS calendar forum will be on January 28 at Inman Middle.
- --Inman Park recently held a traffic calming charette to discuss traffic issues within the neighborhood.
- --Front Page News will host a Mardi Gras event on February 28.

Next NPU Meeting: February 28, 2013

News from Mary Lin Elementary

- Building plans are still being discussed between APS, the architects, and the Local School Council project committee. Hopes are to start work this summer without needing to relocate the students. Check the school website, and Principal's blog, for updates.
- School tours for new parents will be held on Feb. 26 & March 26 at 9:30 am.
- Kindergarten Roundup (incoming student tour) is on May 7 from 9-10:30 am



CPNO Membership Meeting Minutes January 21, 2013

SUBMITTED BY BONNIE PALTER, CPNO RECORDING SECRETARY

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Steve Cardwell, President.

Thank you to Fox Bros for providing the refreshments for the evening.

Motion to accept agenda made and seconded. A motion to amend the agenda to add 'a discussion about the NPU Representative' was made, seconded, and passed.

Visitors:

APD Officer was present to answer questions. Officer stated that beat officers are leaving notes on peoples' cars if they see items that would cause a break-in. A request was made by a resident of Candler Park Condominiums to include a swing through their circular drive during the officers' rounds.

Announcements:

Steve Cardwell announced the resignation of Tate Wust as Environmental Officer; Eric Rubenstein was appointed by the Board to complete the term of office.

Steve Cardwell announced the selection (appointment) of Michelle Allen, Leslie Kipling, and Mark Clement as co-chairs for the Candler Park Fall Festival.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the December meeting was made, seconded and passed. Amy Stout requested all meetings (monthly and Board) be recorded (video); this was

to be taken under advisement by the Board. Results would be announced at the next membership meeting.

Sweetwater 420 Festival update:

Steve Cardwell announced that the representative, Jen Bensch, would not be able to attend tonight's meeting due to illness. She will reschedule her visit for the February meeting. The Board did approve a motion to support the Festival, but not the Permit Application. Members were allowed to voice concerns about the Festival. Some of which are as follows:

- a. The Site Plan was not clear.
- b. Residents of Candler Park Drive do not want alcohol sold on Candler Park Drive.
- c. Resident is concerned about the designation of the Festival as a Class B and requests that the neighborhood park be designated as a Class C by the City of Atlanta.
- d. Driver License ID for access to closed streets not sufficient. Guests of Residents who live on closed streets will not have access to their driveways for off street parking.
- e. The four day festival is really eight days when set-up and break down are considered.
- f. Residents have not been given any notice of road closures. g. Volume of the music will not be changed by moving the
- stage to the other end of the soccer field.

 h. Permit to be submitted is not what was promised by the
- producer at the last meeting of CPNO.

 Resident voiced concern about the size and location of a
- i. Resident voiced concern about the size and location of a Ferris wheel on Candler Park Drive.

Master Plan Exploratory Committee:

Jimmy Bligh, Safety Officer and Chair of the MPE Committee recognized the members of the committee. Jimmy Bligh announced the selection of Market and Main as the firm to develop the Master Plan if the neighborhood votes in favor of a Master Plan. Randy Pimsler, a member of the MP Committee explained the selection process utilized by the MP Committee. Results have been posted to the Website.

Aaron Fortner, principal partner of Market and Main, explained why it is good to have a Master Plan and how his firm would assist the neighborhood in developing a Master Plan.

Friends of the Candler Park Golf Course:

Michael Short introduced members of the Georgia Trust. The Georgia Trust Representatives explained what "Places of Peril" list is; what happens to a site that is designated as such. The Friends of Candler Park Golf Curse have 'hired' a golf course architect. The Friends of the Candler Park Golf Course will be entering into their own Master Plan process separate from the neighborhood. Future plans include fund raising.

Office and Committee Chair Reports:

Membership: CPNO membership must be renewed by

February 20, 2013. Safety: No report

Communication: No Report

Education: Mary Lin Expansion continues to review capacity expectations to insure the addition of the proper number of classrooms. There will be School Board election in November and Candler Park will move over to district 1 as of that election. The district 1 rep is Brenda Muhammad and the at-large rep is Courtenay English.

Special Projects: Chair had to leave meeting early. No report. NPU Representative: Lauren Welsh recognized Amy Stout for her work submitting an application for bicycle racks. NPU awarded NPU-N \$3700 for the distribution of bicycle racks throughout NPU-N. The grant may be renewed each year. Atlanta Bicycle Coalition will assist with the project. Amy Stout was given time to speak to the Board's vote to dismiss her as an alternate NPU representative. A motion was made requesting the Board to reconsider dismissal of Amy Stout as alternate NPU Representative. Motion passed.

Requests for funding:

David Aynes stated that there is already money in the 420 5K budget set aside for a party for the race volunteers. Easter Egg Hunt will need \$499 for candy, eggs and prizes. The Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 30, 2013.

Treasurer: Peter Bluestone had to leave the meeting. A motion was made to approve the 2013 CPNO Buget. Motion passed.

Event Applications and other NPU actions: None **Zoning Presentations and Vote(s):** None

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Viewpoint: Sweetwater 420...
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- 2. Public Transportation. Why not offer wristband discounts to those who ride MARTA?
- 3. Public Off-Street Parking. Why not rent the un-used MARTA parking lots and provide shuttles as Inman Park does?
- 4. Parking Violations. Why not have a couple of tow trucks staged nearby so those with blocked driveways can call one number to have offenders hauled away immediately?
- 5. Residential Parking. If you can assign parking for tour buses, why not assign parking for residents who don't enjoy off-street parking?
- 6. Diesel Buses. Diesel buses idling on public streets for 12 or more hours doesn't seem very green. The big acts drive in, do their show, then leave. No idling. If event

- organizers can't make do with the poolhouse, then simply plug the buses into an electrical source such as the First E and pay the difference in the power bill?
- 7. Hours. Why not stop the event in time to clear the park by the posted closing time?
- 8. Trash. Even Starbucks offers reusable cups, why can't Sweetwater?
- 9. Access. Closing public sidewalks and playgrounds is inappropriate...simply don't do it?
- 10. Drunk driving. Why not have a stable of cabs nearby so that those who have been served too much can get a ride home?

If those who called us "haters" and "delusional" will take a look at these measures, they'll see that not one will interfere with the neighborhood's ability to make money during Sweetwater. They can still hold the foot race or sponsor a bouncy house. And you know what, if Sweetwater finds that they've outgrown Candler Park we'll survive. We are a neighborhood of intelligent, hardworking people and we can find another and perhaps better way to raise money.



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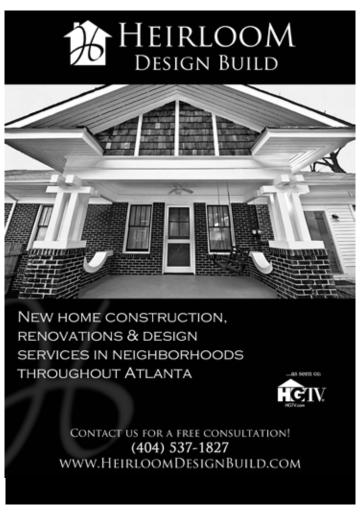


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CPNO Membership Meeting Minutes December 17, 2012

SUBMITTED BY BONNIE PALTER, CPNO RECORDING SECRETARY

The December meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization was called to order by Steve Cardwell, President, at 7:05pm.

The motion to adopt the agenda passed. Thank you to Derek Ivestor, owner of Food Affairs, for catering the food for this holiday meeting.

A motion was made to approve the grant application of \$7700 for Movie Night 2013 as requested by Friends of Candler Park. Motion passed.

Visitor: Jenn Bensch, Happy Endings Production, presented two proposals for the Sweetwater 420 Festival in April 2013. Proposal A would entail closing 4 streets: Candler Park Drive, (Mclendon to North), Miller (Oakdale to Candler Park Drive), Benning (Oakdale to Candler Park) and North (Oakdale to Candler Park Drive); moving the stage to face the golf course; placing vendors on Candler Park Drive. Proposal B would entail not closing any streets; Candler would have one lane open running from McLendon to North; moving the stage to face the golf course. Ms. Bensch requested suggestions and feedback. The suggestions were as follows:

- Parking plan for resident, vendors, interns, artists
- Traffic plan for the entire neighborhood not just the immediate festival area
- MARTA plan for trains and parking
- Noise abatement-decrease the decibels of the music
- Limit festival hours
- Better trash collection

A motion was made to support turning the stage to face the golf course, get a sense from the neighborhood regarding potential street closures and over communicate to the Board and those most impacted. Motion passed.

Officer and Committee Reports

- Membership- It is time to renew your CPNO membership.
- Treasurer- Peter Bluestone, Treasurer, presented the Annual Report and proposed budget for 2013. The proposed budget for 2013 will be the same as 2012.

Budget will be voted on by the membership in January. Public Safety-

- CP resident Meta Larrson informed the membership of a coyote sighting at the corner of Benning and Oakdale Road.
- Jimmy Bligh, Safety Officer, reviewed the history of the Traffic Calming Committee and the need for re-chartering of the committee to The Master Planning Exploratory Committee. A motion was made to re-charter the Traffic Calming Committee to a Master Planning Exploratory/Steering Committee. The committee's purpose is to perform the following on behalf of the neighborhood: 1.) Educate the neighborhood about what a Master Plan involves, why the neighborhoods like ours have them done, and the potential benefits it would bring to the neighborhood; 2.) Continue exploring the process and gathering facts in order to make a presentation to the neighborhood which would include our recommendation of the firm, we feel is most capable of leading this effort for the neighborhood, a detailed plan of the process, scope of work to be performed, and a detailed budget of related costs; 3.) Act as the liaison between the neighborhood organization and the planning firm administering the Master Plan for the neighborhood (contingent on a vote of the membership to move forward with the Master Plan). Motion passed.
- Environment- Michael Short, Friends of the Golf Course, announced that the Georgia Trust will be developing a Master Plan for the golf course that will dovetail with neighborhood Master Plan. The Georgia Trust will assist with fund raising. The Friends of the Golf Course will apply for non-profit status.
- Communication-
 - Kate Sandhaus, chair of the Education Committee, announced that the APS Superintendent's contract was extended. Mary Lin Elementary School expansion design plans were released and expect to break ground Jun 2013. There is a meeting with the architects December 18, 2012 at 6:30pm for neighborhood questions and input. Kevin Byers is spearheading for the most immediate neighbors of the school. The concerns involve ensuring that the plans will accommodate the anticipated growth rate, and current design plans including a portion of land that is part of Freedom Park. APS is planning to meet with the Parks Dept. to discuss the second issue.
 - The Atlanta School Board representative will change in the next election cycle due to city redistricting. The school board follows City Council District lines not school clusters.

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In the past user names were displayed and if you were signed in you could click on the user name to see to whom it belonged. There was confusion about this so it was changed to reveal the 'real name 'of the person posting the comment instead of the user name. A motion was made that full name will be displayed whether a person is signed in or not and there would wording to that effect. Motion passed.

 Events Committee- Amy Stout, Chair, requesting funds for a subscription to "SurveyMonkey" to use for surveying the neighborhood. A motion was made to fund the amount of \$300 for a Gold subscription to "SurveyMonkey". Motion passed.

Request for Funding

-Amy Stout, as an individual, is requesting CPNO act as fiduciary for a "Love Your Block" mini-grant. A motion was made to act as fiduciary for the "Love Your Block" grant which will be used for the Candler Park Brook Restoration Project. Motion passed.

Committees

- NPU Lauren Welsh, NPU representative for Candler Park, explained NPU grants. She was here to solicit suggestions that could cross seven neighborhoods. The suggestions were: 1.) establish a NPU Website; 2.) Beautification; 3.) Bicycle racks. A motion to support bicycle racks did not pass.
- Zoning- Neighbors at 526 Candler Park Drive are requesting a variance for set back from 17' to 15.5'. The Zoning Committee supports the application. A motion was made to support the application of a variance for the property at 526 Candler Park Drive. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm by Steve Cardwell, President.



NPU-N Meeting Notes, December 20, 2012

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN WELSH, NPU REPRESENTATIVE

Public Reports

No representatives were present from the **Atlanta Police Department, MARTA, Fire, Code Compliance, Fulton County Community Prosecutor or Public Works**.

Tom Cullen from the **Parks Department** announced that Springdale Park received a \$47,000 grant from Park Pride. They are also continuing work on the sidewalks in Candler Park. The King Natatorium is closing. JFK middle school will be a temporary replacement. There were also unanswered questions about the Mary Lin elementary school expansion encroaching on Freedom Park.

Clifford Ice from **Watershed Management** reminded neighbors about the Fatty Oils and Grease Program encouraging residents not to pour these materials down the sink. There has been a 26% decrease in sewer overflow that can be attributed to less fatty oil or grease in sinks. There will also be a new water bill with a new look from the City of Atlanta and residents will also be able to pay online. The City is also updating their odor control mechanisms at the large treatment plant.

Elections for **APAB** officers will be at the January APAB meeting. They will add a financial secretary position since they now have money.

License Review Board

--The NPU Board voted to oppose a change of ownership at **Moreland Package** at **15 Moreland Avenue** because of security issues presented by the Reynoldstown neighborhood organization. In addition, the applicant was not present at the Reynoldstown neighborhood meeting where the group also voted to oppose the change.

--The NPU Board voted to approve a change of ownership at Little 5 Points Pizza at 422 Seminole Avenue.

Zoning Review Board:

--The NPU Board voted to defer for **1989 College Avenue** (V-12-159) to reduce the on-site parking requirement from 53 to 39 and to reduce the south side transitional yard from 20 ft. to 2.9 ft. and the reduce the west side transitional yard from 20 ft. to 1 ft. pending lot approval to allow for office development. This application is from NPU-O.

Board of Zoning Adjustment:

--The NPU Board voted to approve a special exception for

HD-1 at 664 N. Highland Ave. NE to reduce the off-street parking requirement from 34 spaces (required) to 8 spaces on-site and 32 spaces off-site within 500 feet of the primary use, to allow for an outdoor (rooftop) addition to an existing restaurant.



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--The NPU Board voted to approve a variance at 526 Candler Park Drive to reduce the half-depth front yard setback from 17.5 ft. (required) to 15 ft.

Special Events/Outdoor Festivals

- Sweetwater 420 Festival April 19-21 NPU Board voted to defer until Candler Park Neighborhood Organization votes in January.
- Inman Park Neighborhood Festival April 26-28 NPU Board voted to approve.

Old Business:

- --Frazer Center There will be a planning commission meeting on January 8 and a Commissioners meeting on January 22.
- --The NPU Board discussed multiple options for the NPU grant applications and voted to approve the recommendation from Amy Stout to ask for money for bike racks to be installed.



--NPU N will be amending the by-laws at an upcoming meeting. No major changes to take place.

New Business:

- --The NPU Board elections left Jonathan Miller as president, Chris Jenko as vice president and Catherine Woodling as secretary.
- --Candler Park Neighborhood Organization gave a brief update on the master planning process.

Next NPU Meeting: January 24, 2013

January Zone 6 Crime Reports

COMPILED BY DAVID BRUCE

500 block Candler Park Dr – Larceny from auto – 11/9 Fri 11:45am to 12:30pm. Victim said her vehicle was parked at location and upon her return, she discovered a window broken out and items missing.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 11/5 Mon 7:30pm to 11:30pm. Victim said she parked her vehicle and when she returned she noticed a window broken out. Her workbag, 2 hard drives, camera, and Mac book were missing.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 11/6 Tues 7:30pm to 10:30pm. Victims said that when they returned their vehicles, they discovered the window to their perspective vehicles had been broken out and items removed.

1400 block Benning Pl – Larceny from auto – 11/15 Thurs 2:20pm to 3pm. Victim said her car was broken into and her backpack containing her wallet was taken.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 11/13 Tues 8pm to 9:20pm. Victims said their vehicles were parked in the lot and upon their return they discovered the window broken out and items missing. The items were in plain view. **300 block Moreland Ave** – Larceny from auto – 11/15 Thurs 9:35pm to 9:50pm. Arrestees were seen by an officer shining lights into vehicles in the parking lot. The officer stopped them and asked them why they were in the lot. Arrestees said they were looking for keys to their vehicle. Officer was given consent to search them and found items that they admitted to being stolen. They were charged accordingly.

1500 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 11/20 Tues Noon to 3:30pm. Victim said she parked her vehicle in the parking lot for the Health and Wellness Fair, which she worked for. Her vehicle was broken into and her GPS, which was on the console, was taken.

1500 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 11/20 Tues Noon to 3pm. Victims said they returned to their vehicles and discovered damage to the windows and locks and items missing.

1400 block Iverson St – Aggravated assault – 11/21 Wed 1:35pm to 1:45pm. Victim said she was riding her bicycle when the suspect's vehicle hit the pedal on her bicycle causing her to fall and injure her leg and shoulder. Victim said the suspect was upset because he could not pass her on the street. Victim refused medical treatment.

400 block Euclid Ter – Larceny from auto – 11/26 Mon 10:30am to 11:30am. Victim said that when came back to his vehicle he noticed the front passenger door open. His laptop that was sitting on the seat, and cell phone, that was on the console, was missing.

1300 block McLendon Ave – Auto theft – 11/30 Fri 6pm to 12/1 Sat 11am. Victim said his scooter that was parked under the stairwell, would not start so he left it there and went to work. At 6pm it was still there. The lock was around the neck of the scooter but not attached to the stairwell. The next day it was gone.

McLendon Ave @ Candler Park – Larceny from auto – 11/25 2pm to 3pm. Victim said she parked her car and when she returned there was damage to the window. Her purse containing her wallet, \$5, and DL were taken.

1600 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny – 12/7 Fri 1:15pm to 4pm. Victim said she was at work and noticed her purse missing from the counter.

1300 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto – 12/4 Tues 7:30pm to 12/5 Wed 5:20am. Victim parked her vehicle in the parking lot of her apartment complex overnight. When she started it the next morning, it made an unusual sound. She looked under it and found the catalytic converter missing.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 12/3 Mon 7:20pm to 7:39pm. Victim said he parked his vehicle at a restaurant and when he returned he noticed a window broken out and his laptop was missing.

1300 Benning Pl – Auto theft – 12/17 Mon 8pm to 12/18 Tues 8am. Victims parked their vehicle overnight and the

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1200 block DeKalb Ave - Larceny - 12/18 Tues 3:20pm to 3:30pm. Witness 1 said she was on her patio and noticed a black male on Candler St possibly casing the area. She lost sight of him so she went downstairs to locate the subject. As she opened the garage, the male was leaving with a package under his arm. She chased the male as he road off on his bike. Witness 2 said as he returned home he noticed a package on his neighbor's porch. He went in to grab his dog for a walk. When he got back outside the package was gone and witness 2 was chasing a male on a bike. The suspect has been seen on other occasions casing the area. The resident living at the location of the package was not home. There were 5 more packages on the porch so a neighbor held them until the resident came home.

300 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 12/17 Mon 7pm to 12/18 Tues 7:30am. Victim said he parked his vehicle on the street and when he returned he noticed his catalytic converter gone.

200 block Elmira PI – Larceny from auto – 12/20 Thurs 7:10pm to 7:30pm. Victim said he parked his vehicle on the street and went to a restaurant. When he returned he found his window busted and trunk open. He said he had several electrical cords and boxes on his back seat and his laptop was in the trunk.

1400 block Iverson St – Pedestrian robbery – 12/18 Tues 4:20pm to 4:38pm. 14YO victim said he got off MARTA and was walking home from school at the intersection of Candler Park Dr and Iverson St listening to music from his I Phone with ear buds. He did not notice anyone until a tall male approached him from the rear wrapping his arm around his neck. One of two other males went inside his pocket and took his cell phone. They ran down Iverson St and he ran home to call the police. Officers canvassed the area.

1300 block Iverson St – Larceny from auto – 12/17 Mon Midnight to 12/18 Tues midnight. Victim said she parked her vehicle on the street and when she returned and started it, she heard a loud noise under it so she drove to her mechanic. He told her someone had removed her catalytic converter.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 12/14 Fri 10:30pm to 11:30pm. Victim said he and his wife and child parked in a parking lot of a restaurant. When he returned he observed items scattered throughout the vehicle but no items missing. The next day he realized his driver side key lock had been damaged and his laptop missing from the trunk.

500 block Terrace Ave – Auto theft – 12/16 Sun 9:30pm to 12/17 Mon 7:40am. Victim said he parked his truck on the street and the next morning it was missing and broken glass was on the ground where it had been.

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