

The Candler Park Messenger

March 2011

News for Candler Park

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Meetings and Events

**CPNO general meeting March 21st
7:00 pm (social period @ 6:30 pm)**

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

All are welcome - only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by CPNO by the first of the month of meeting.

March General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and February 2011 minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

Submit April agenda items to any CPNO officer by March 23rd, 2011

Events Calendar (open to all)

Monday March 14th @ 7pm

CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth

Friday March 18th @ TBD

Candler Park volunteer workday for trail installation along southeast ravine

Monday March 21st @ 7pm

CPNO General Meeting –
First Existentialist Congregation

Wednesday March 23rd @ 2pm

L5P Bus Assn - Sevananda Foods

Thursday March 24th @ 7pm

NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Wednesday April 6th @ 7pm

CPNO Zoning Committee – Epworth

Monday April 11 @ 7pm

CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth



Candler Park 420 Walking Trail Moves Closer to Completion Volunteers needed for work days March 12 and 18

By Mark Clement

On Sunday, February 27, the Friends of Candler Park hosted yet another work day to clean out the corridor for the new nature trail on the south east side of Candler Park. We were joined by 10 to 15 volunteers from the Kosher Cru.

Feeling left out of the fun? Then come join us on Saturday, March 12, 9am till noon. Some 30 to 40 volunteers from GSU Beta Alpha Psi will be coming out to help.

All of this leads up to the big work day that will hopefully end in the completion of the Candler Park 420 Walking Trail. This project is being funded by proceeds generated by armband sales from the 2010 420 Fest. Sweetwater Brewery has offered its staff for a work day to help complete the work for the path. We have about 20 volunteers from Friends of Candler Park and Operation Boot Camp. However, this is a very labor intensive project and we could always use more help.

The big day is Friday March 18, 9:00 a.m. until it is done. The goal of this project is not only to increase the usage of the park but also to make the park more secure. The more we can cut down on the cover provided by evasive plants the less likely we will have urban camping and other unlawful activity in the park. In preparation for this project we will be hosting an additional work date to attempt to eradicate invasive plants in that area.

Save the Date for Atlanta's Funkiest Footrace The 2011 Rocket Run & Caterpillar Cruise 5K / 8:32 a.m. Sunday, May 1

By Michele Allen

Put on your running shoes and your most creative running garb. This year's 5K, organized by and benefiting the Mary Lin Education Foundation, will include a Costumed Runner Prize and a Caterpillar Team prize (7 or more runners tethered together in costume or not). The race happens on the Sunday of the Inman Park Festival and is bound to be the most festive and funkiest footrace ever! Visit www.marylinfoundation.org to register.



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SweetWater 420 5K Proposed Budget

By David Aynes, CPNO Treasurer

I propose that we vote to approve the 2011 420 5K operating budget at the March 21 General Meeting. We are proposing an expansion of the race to up to 2,000 runners and this requires that we use electronic timing and additional security. The proposed fixed costs for 2011 are \$7,650 vs \$5,850 in 2010. The entry fee will be raised to \$28 per runner to accommodate a \$4 wristband sale back to the festival promoter and a \$4 payment to the beverage vendor to provide the "free beer" for each runner. Due primarily to these factors and the rise in the cost of shirts, the cost per runner (variable cost) will rise from \$7.80 in 2010 to \$16.25 in 2011. Given this cost structure, the event will require approximately 800 runners to breakeven. If we achieve our goal of 2,000 runners, we'll net approximately the same amount as we did in 2010.

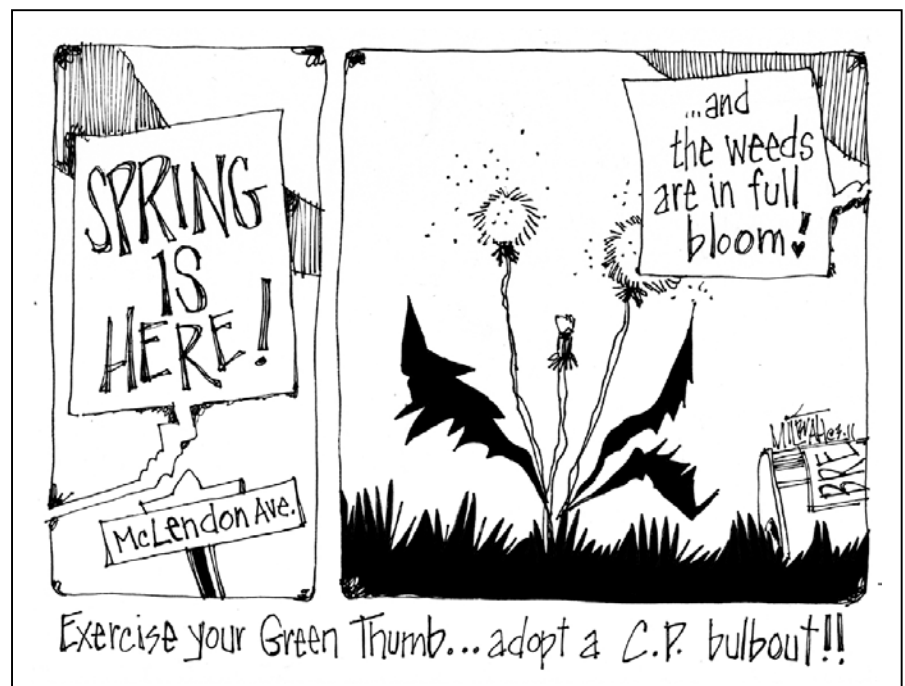
	Best Case	Worst Case
# Runners	2,000	800
Income	56,000	22,400
Fixed Costs	7,650	6,650
Variable Costs	<u>32,500</u>	<u>13,000</u>
Net Income	15,850	2,750

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Laughter in the Park

by Deb Milbrath

A Letter from Frank Bragg

New Radial Café owner shares vision for restaurant

As you may know, I purchased Radial Café in October of last year. After 20 years of sharing my talent with others, I decided it was time to own my own restaurant. Radial Café was the perfect fit in a number of ways: its commitment to service, sustainability and the community are all very important to me. Since taking over the helm at Radial Café, I have wanted to apply my philosophy of hospitality without making major changes to the restaurant. I hope that you have visited recently and noticed improvements in service, food quality and cleanliness.

Now that I have had a few months to get my feet wet, I am ready to invest in Radial Café's future. It is time for a "freshening up" of the space, which may include new paint, seating, light fixtures and a restroom upgrade. The renovation will be done in stages and will not interrupt regular operating hours. We will be extremely sensitive to noise, dust and debris removal and demonstrate our ongoing commitment to our mission of sustainability and environmental responsibility in all areas - including the installation of solar panels to further reduce our carbon footprint.

In addition, I am interested in opening for dinner this year. In order to have a successful dinner service, it will be necessary to secure a liquor license and serve alcoholic beverages. Be assured that I am not interested in running a bar - I simply want to enhance the food and ambiance that will accompany our renovation.

Most importantly, I am committed to being a good neighbor. I want to extend hospitality beyond our four walls and partner with all of you to improve our neighborhood and surrounding areas. I pledge to demonstrate transparency and engage in honest dialogue so that you know me and are proud to have Radial Café as a integral part of our vibrant community. To that end, I hope you will contact me if you want to talk. We can set time for a cup of coffee and explore our vision for the restaurant.

To all of you who have made me feel so welcome in my first few months - thank you! It was apparent to me very quickly why it was so hard for Phil to sell the restaurant and move away - I know he misses you all dearly. To those of you whom I have not met, I look forward to getting to know you. Thank you for your consideration! Contact: frank@radial.us.

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Candler Park: Big Ideas

By Jay Sandhaus, CPNO Board President

The list of ideas that came out of our planning party last month is here! Thanks to everyone who came to our planning party and suggested all these great ideas.

Many of these ideas closely align with our mission statement—to promote the common good and general welfare in Candler Park—and can, and should, be done. It is up to the membership now to decide which of these we take on, and in what order. However, one significant obstacle stands in our way—volunteers who want to make these ideas real.

Three ideas came with owners who have offered to advocate for them and try to make them real. Michelle Hughes suggested improving the memorial bench above the playground in Candler Park, by adding mulch and appropriate plants. Russell Mill volunteered to organize a golf tournament at the Candler Park Golf Course. And Gordon Rose is helping investigate what it would take to put a dog park somewhere in our neighborhood.

Sixty-two other great ideas are orphans. Until folks offer to own & lead them, we can't even consider getting them done. If one of these ideas catches your eye, please let us know that you'll take ownership of it. A final note—this list is never complete. At any time, you should feel free to suggest additional ideas or projects, and we'll add them to the list.

To download the complete list of ideas, please visit www.candlerpark.org.

Get Involved in the City's Plans for Candler Park!

By Lauren Welsh

CPNO is participating in the City of Atlanta's Comprehensive Development plan to guide the growth of our neighborhood over the coming years. At an open meeting with residents we recently brainstormed policies specific to Candler Park to be included in this plan. These policies will be presented and voted on at the March 21 CPNO general membership meeting and will be promoted on the website prior to the meeting. Look for more information at www.candlerpark.org.

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Help Make a Difference at DHNS

Providing shelter for nearly three decades

By Eric Dusenbury

Twenty-eight years ago Druid Hills Presbyterian Church started a seasonal night shelter to serve the area's growing homeless population. For the first thirteen years it functioned as a one-night free shelter serving chronically homeless men. A one-night shelter is a first-come first-serve shelter that better provides for those without jobs who are able to arrive early to secure a spot for the night. The shelter was successful in providing shelter to men who needed to get out of the cold, but we did not feel we were helping men turn their lives around.

Fifteen years ago the Druid Hills Night Shelter (DHNS) began transitioning to a shelter for a stable population of homeless men able to pursue employment and transitional housing. Men were referred to the shelter from other social service agencies and were guaranteed a spot each night as long as they attended the prior night and followed rules regarding drugs, alcohol, and behavior. During the transition, counseling services were added and the days of operation were extended from seven to nine months.

The Druid Hills Night Shelter now partners with 26 local churches, corporations, and groups to provide nightly meals to the shelter guests. Additionally, DHNS provides breakfast, hot shower facilities, single beds, laundry, secure personal lockers, public transportation support, phones with answering service for job related calls, a mailing address, limited job coaching, volunteer help with job search skills, and mentoring.

In 2010 the DHNS Board established a Visioning Team that has developed a Three Year Strategic Plan, which calls for the shelter's transition to serving the community year round. To better support a year round shelter, the DHNS is working to set itself as a separate corporation with its own board (the Mission Team at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church currently serves as the board). Establishing itself as a separate corporation will better allow the DHNS to attain operational funding and to attract talented personnel to their board.

We are excited about this second period of transition and hope that it will be as successful as our original transition that began fifteen years ago. However, we realize we cannot make this journey by ourselves. We need not only the additional support of the 26 groups that currently support the shelter, but also the involvement of new people and organizations. We would love to have you join us as we work to make a difference in the lives of the men served by the night shelter. Please contact Eric Dusenbury at 404/522-7130 or dusenbur@bellsouth.net if you would like more information about how you can be involved.

The Druid Hills Night Shelter has two definitions of success. One is its process integrity. The other is the outcome for the shelter's residents to become employed in a job paying a self-sustaining wage and for the residents to move into appropriate long-term housing—transitional or permanent. Druid Hills Night Shelter endeavors to be a safe place where adult homeless men are consistently treated with respect and dignity; that provides them with a positive and supportive community; and other appropriate, essential supports that contribute to them achieving self-sustaining employment and the ability to move into transitional or on to permanent housing. Success for DHNS consists in the shelter residents not only achieving self-sustaining employment and housing but also a lasting improvement in the quality of their lives.



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The Year of the Goat

DHUMP Kindergartners Learn About Goats and Giving
By Margaret Waterbury

This is the year of the goat for the Kindergarten class at Druid Hills United Methodist Preschool!

Yes, we know that in 2011, the Chinese New Year is the year of the Rabbit. But, in our Kindergarten, it's the year of the goat. It all started with a field trip to Decimal Place Farm this fall. Decimal Place Farm is just down the road in Conley, Georgia, and offered this small group of city kids the opportunity to not only pet the goats, but to milk them too. The experience of meeting and milking goats was followed by a lesson on how goat cheese is made and then they got to eat goat cheese. Yum! The kids were hooked.

Back in their classroom they wanted to learn more about goats, and as the holiday season approached, the teachers guided them into researching the topic of giving and giving a goat. They read *Give a Goat* by Jan West Shrock that made quite an impression and soon they had decided to give a goat to a family in Haiti where their classmate Kenia used to live. The kindergartners sum it up best in the thank you letter they wrote to Farmer Mary at Decimal Place Farms.

"Dear Farmer Mary, Thank you for showing us around your goat farm. Thank you for helping us milk a goat. We liked tasting goat milk and cheese. Thank you for telling us all about the things we found in the forest. Guess what? We are giving a family a goat for Christmas! They live in Haiti. The goat's name is Fet which means holiday in Creole. Here is a picture of Fet! Love, Bowen, Josh, Maggie, Kenia, Will, & Olivia

Not only have the teachers, Susan Gilbreath and Kim Speece, used the children's interest in goats to incorporate math, reading, writing, and overall learning into their lessons, they have also taught these Kindergartners about giving. In December of 2010 the class earned and collected \$190 to buy a goat. One of the reasons this was so special to this class and the school is the classmate (and her sister also at the school) from Haiti, who was recently adopted by her American family. This whole experience has taught this class more than the 3 Rs ... it has taught them how to GIVE!

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Mary Lin Teachers Learning New Things

By Mary Jo Bryan

Three teachers at Mary Lin Elementary have gone back to school to pursue advanced degrees, but are doing so without leaving their classrooms. Instead they have enrolled in a unique program offered by Piedmont College.

Since 1997 Piedmont College, a private college in Demorest in northeast Georgia, has been offering graduate education degrees through "cohorts" presented by Piedmont faculty at neighborhood schools. Several years ago, Mary Lin third grade teacher Jody Davis was demonstrating Promethean Board technology to a group of educators that included Dr. Ray Cleere, a former Mary Lin student and now President of Piedmont College. Dr. Cleere broached the idea of starting a cohort at Mary Lin with Ms. Davis and their discussions evolved into a masters of arts in education cohort being offered at Mary Lin. Ms. Davis and Posey Arillo, a kindergarten teacher at Mary Lin, have enrolled, along with other teachers from neighboring schools. The classes started in January and the teachers meet every Monday evening for several hours with Dr. Joan Jordan, an Assistant Professor of Education at Piedmont and the Cohort Coordinator.

Missy Snyder, a Challenge teacher at Mary Lin, is pursuing her education specialist degree at a Piedmont College cohort offered at Morningside Elementary. The programs will take about 15 months of class time to complete and require a significant time and financial commitment from the teachers. The teachers and principal Brian Mitchell are enthusiastic about the program, so much so that Dr. Mitchell is recruiting teachers for a new cohort. Congratulations to these teachers as they model a love of learning (if not homework) for Mary Lin's students!



Jody Davis and Posey Arillo preparing for class

Intown Kids 4 Ghana

By Lisa Burnette

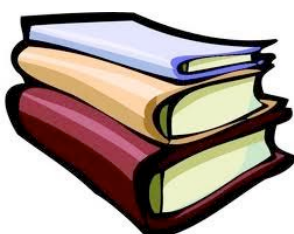
A group of intown kids and their parents need your help to create a community library for a small village in the African country of Ghana. We are working with the non-profit organization The African Library Project, which brings gently used books to African communities that have lots of eager readers but very few books. Here is our website: <http://africanlibraryproject.org/book-drives/book-drives-in-action?alpdetail=117>. This is a great opportunity to clean out those old children's books, and help a community.

Through a similar drive with the African Library Project last year, we were able to establish three new libraries in Africa. This time we are excited to coordinate with our partner in Ghana, Zack Mancuso. Zack is a Peace Corps volunteer and Inman Park resident, and tells us that Tali is a beautiful village in the northern part of Ghana, but it is very small and lacks resources.

The new library will need paperback books at pre-school through 8th grade reading levels. Collections barrels are located at the following locations: Mary Lin Elementary School, Inman Middle School, Paideia, The Children's School, the Inman Park United Methodist Church and the front porch at 201 Hurt Street in Inman Park. If you have a large amount of books, or can't get to one of these places, contact us and we may be able to arrange a pick-up. The deadline for collection is March 31.

In addition, we need money donations to fund the packing and shipping of the books. Donations can be made to Laura Salazar and sent to 201 Hurts St., NE; Atlanta, GA 30307 or via PayPal.

Please contact Laura Salazar (lfsalaz@emory.edu) or Lisa Burnette (lisaburnette@bellsouth.net) with any questions or for PayPal instructions. Thanks so much for your help!



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NPU-N Meeting Notes

January 27, 2011

Submitted by Amy Stout

Public Reports

Police representative Sergeant Sokloski reported that crime in Zone 6 was down 25% and the in beat 605 crime was down 50%. MARTA representative George Hernandez reported that crime was up 5% and warned riders to be watchful of their electronic devices, particularly when seated near the doors of a MARTA train or bus.

Fire representative Kenton Riley announced that their department is fully staffed and that there haven't been any major issues recently. He also reminded meeting attendees that fire stations are safe spots for battered women and children. In addition, they're offering a Citizens Academy training for anyone who is interested.

Tom Cullen from parks announced that all of the City of Atlanta's recreation centers were now opened. He had also received some complaints from Candler Park residents about the overgrowth in Peavine Creek. He reminded attendees that naturalization is a good side effect of this growth and it's something that the neighborhood has encouraged.

Watershed representative Janet Ward reminded attendees to be aware of the potential for freezing pipes during cold winter evenings and mornings and that Atlanta will adjust a lead bill for frozen pipes. She also requested that residents please call about any leaks seen on neighborhood streets. Number is 404-658-6500.

Liquor License Review

A liquor license was supported for Joseph D'Amelio for **Café 640** at **640 N. Highland**.

Land Use and Zoning Matters:

--The NPU Board voted to support with conditions the variance at **546 Hardendorf Avenue** to reduce the half-depth front yard setback from the required 17.5 ft. to 12 ft. to allow for the construction of a new single-family house. The conditions were that the site plan must include elevation language.

--The NPU Board voted unanimously to support a variance at **1699 McLendon Avenue** to allow for a two story addition including a ground level screen porch and the expansion of an existing bedroom above the screen porch of an existing non-conforming duplex.

--The NPU Board voted to defer a variance at **1233 McLendon Avenue** to allow a 7 ft. gate in the required side yard, to allow a 6 ft. 3 in. privacy fence in a portion of the required rear yard and to allow a 6 ft. 9 in. privacy fence along the west side yard property line.

--The NPU Board voted unanimously to support a variance at **1732 McLendon Avenue, NE** to reduce the half-depth front yard setback from the required 17 ½ ft. to 10 ½ ft. and reduce the west side yard setback from the required 7 ft. to 6.5 ft. to allow for new screened porch, storage room and carport addition to an existing single-family house.

Special Events/Outdoor Festivals

--Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes to occur 4/29 – 5/1 was supported with no conditions.

--The Georgia Publix Marathon on March 20 was supported with no conditions.

--The Paideia Field Day on March 31 was supported with no conditions.

--Upcoming vote – 4/15-4/17 – Sweetwater 420 Festival




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Alliance of Intown Neighbors Hosts Candler Park Resident and Commissioner George Dusenbury

On January 18, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs George Dusenbury came to meet with the Alliance to get to know intown neighborhoods and their concerns and also share his new experience working with the City of Atlanta. Dusenbury started as the new Commissioner in June 2010, and prior to this position was the executive director to Park Pride for six years. Below are highlights from that conversation.

--Doug Voss is the new Director for the Office of Parks, and the city is very pleased with being able to hire him. It took a national search to find him, and he brings a fresh perspective to the role parks play in community development.

--The main issue they're focusing on are the Centers of Hope, Atlanta BeltLine and city parks maintenance.

--Parks have not faced cuts in their budget in the same way many other city departments have, but they are now taking on 20% more in park land with the Beltline.

--Office of Parks deals with the maintenance of 3600-3700 acres of park land. They will be adding 1200 new acres with the Beltline parks.

--0.5 mil of taxes go to park improvement fund for capital improvements and maintenance.

--While the Mayor has been able to open the 33 recreation centers as he promised, Dusenbury acknowledged that right now they are operating solely as recreation centers, not the "Centers of Hope" the Mayor envisions. The "Centers of Hope" are meant to be facilities that focus not only on athletic opportunities, but also educational, cultural and artistic opportunities. As they move toward being the centers the Mayor envisioned, the city hopes to evaluate their success based on dropout rates of students and academic achievement, but they are still defining many of these measures.

--The Arthur Blank Family Foundation and the Annie E. Casey Foundation are interested in possibly funding a park ranger program to encourage safety throughout the parks. These would not be sworn police officers, but their presence could discourage illegal activity.

--Several residents raised concerns about homelessness along the Beltline. Dusenbury pointed out that as more people use the trails, you'll see less of the homeless population.

--Poncey Highland brought up the issue that 1/3 of their neighborhood is Freedom Park and they've had concerns about the homeless there, too. Dusenbury encouraged residents to contact the Office of Parks if there is any trash or tents set-up in their areas. The City is responsible for having this removed. If people are in the park after park hours (6 AM to 11 PM) residents are encouraged to contact the Atlanta Police.



--Currently there is limited community policing of the parks, but that is increasing with new officer additions. Mayor Reed has added officers to the Atlanta Police Department as promised, and the attrition rate of officers has gone down.

--Dusenbury's office is also focused on an anti-graffiti campaign throughout the city. They are most interested in removing graffiti in parks. In response to questions about public art, the city has been working directly with the community to get input. In addition, the city worked to make sure the recent Living Walls conference was successful.

--Dusenbury's office is responsible for sidewalks in the parks.

--Several residents brought up concerns about some of the major traffic sidewalks and their poor condition. That's not something the Office of Parks can work on, but Dusenbury encouraged residents to contact City Councilmembers to see if they could allocate funds or quality of life bonds for these needed improvements.

--One resident raised the concern of overuse of Piedmont Park for events and festivals. Dusenbury reminded residents that Piedmont Parks is simply a popular area and is central to the city, so this increased use is seen as a success by many. In addition, park events have encouraged the use of transit.

--There was some discussion about the Freedom Park Conservancy and its need to strengthen itself. Several residents felt the current board structure needs to be improved and Dusenbury agreed.

--Dusenbury encouraged attendees to find ways to improve parks in our neighborhoods and to get our neighborhood organizations involved. He also encouraged residents to let elected officials know that parks are important to quality of life.

Contact info: Parks Customer Service – 404-546-6813
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The Alliance of Intown Neighbors is a local community group made up of individual representatives of several neighborhoods in Atlanta who participate in small monthly meetings with city and county officials. The group has been in existence for approximately 15 years, and CPNO joined in 2010.

Community Shred Day!

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CPNO General Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2011

Submitted by Cherie King, Recording Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

- 1) Welcoming remarks. CPNO President Jay Sandhaus welcomed approximately 42 members and guests to the meeting.
- 2) Alex Wan, Councilmember – mentioned that pension reform is being discussed. Alex stated that revenues are short but expenses are way under. Alex was asked about graffiti. Alex stated that Keep Atlanta Beautiful helps with graffiti removal and has kits. Alex was asked about requirements for a commercial property owner to remove graffiti? Alex stated that he would have to look into this. Alex was asked about the city workers who were recently installing new sidewalks on Glen Iris.

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2) cont. The workers were asked by a neighbor who was paying for the work and the workers responded that the City of Atlanta was paying for it. Alex stated that the Quality of Life bond was being used for this project. Alex stated that funds are not available to do any more projects because they are already committed. Alex stated that some projects may not happen which would free up some money. Alex stated that the funds are district by district. A neighbor mentioned that Candler Park sidewalks are in bad shape and asked who was responsible for their repair? Alex stated that the property owner is responsible for their own sidewalks. Alex stated that some neighborhood organizations have matched funds for sidewalk repair. A neighbor asked about sidewalks at intersections. Alex is looking into this situation. Alex can be reached at awan@atlantaga.gov.

3) Report from Atlanta Police Department representative. Major Dalton stated that crime has been down in January probably due to the cold weather. Major Dalton stated that the recent crimes have been car break-ins on DeKalb Avenue, Ponce de Leon Avenue, a robbery in LSP. Major Dalton stated that there is an officer dedicated to graffiti. He stated that one of the graffiti suspects has been picked up and they are looking at prosecuting him. Major Dalton stated that there are nine new officers. A neighbor asked about the San Francisco Coffee employee who was conned out of \$300. Major Dalton stated that they have charged the same individual who was charged with sexual assault with this crime as well. A neighbor asked about the McLendon and Candler Street robbery that took place recently. Major Dalton stated that the victims were not able to identify the suspects since they did not get a good look at them. A neighbor stated that they read that Atlanta was the 2nd most dangerous city in nation. Major Dalton stated that crime was down 10% in 2010. He stated that in our zone, property crime has decreased. Major Dalton stated that there are now 1800 officers and that Mayor Reed has committed to 2000. A neighbor commended the police department for their response to a call about a homeless person on the path with an unleashed pit bull. Major Dalton stated that officers patrol the park but individuals are allowed to be in the park during business hours. He did state that individuals could go to jail if they are in the park after hours.

4) Announcements

- a) Monica Johnson from Figo attended the meeting. Figo provided food for the meeting and left coupons for the neighbors. Figo is located in the Edgewood Shopping Center.
- b) Freedom Park Conservancy visitors Richard Ford (Candler Park Neighborhood Director) and David Blackley (President). Richard and David gave some general information about the Freedom Park Conservancy – it is a non-profit organization that helps look after Freedom Park, it is not a big conservancy and they do not employ anyone. Richard Ford's role is to keep us informed.

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David stated that the conservancy goes back to when there was the fight against the freeway being built through Candler Park. The Conservancy got involved with building Freedom Park. The City of Atlanta does not own land. They have a 99 year lease with the Department of Transportation. Richard and David talked about issues in Freedom Park with George Dusenbury (City of Atlanta Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) such as graffiti, homeless, etc. The Conservancy does not have a lot of funds. Freedom Park is a passive park. Currently no festivals are allowed in Freedom Park. The Conservancy is talking to the City of Atlanta about maybe doing small festivals in Freedom Park. The following neighborhoods are represented at the Conservancy – Lake Claire, Candler Park, Inman Park, Poncey Highlands, Druid Hills, Old Fourth Ward, and Old Fourth Ward Neighbors. The Conservancy has meetings at the Carter Center. A neighbor brought up erosion on path on Euclid Avenue. The Conservancy has partnered with Eco Addendum. Eco Addendum did a test project near Mary Lin. The erosion problem is going to take a lot of money to fix. The soil won't support plant growth. If they had funds, the Conservancy would love to address this issue. A neighbor asked about whether a bridge across Moreland was a possibility.

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It was stated that a couple of neighborhoods opposed the idea years ago. It would cost approximately \$1M to do this. A neighbor asked whether neighborhoods contribute to the Conservancy. The Conservancy replied that every neighborhood contributes. Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) usually donates \$1k. Richard is looking to get a vote in next month for a donation from CPNO for this year. A neighbor asked about the possibility of a dog park in Freedom Park in the area that is unofficially used as one now. The Conservancy stated that this area will not become a dog park. The Conservancy is looking at the grassy area near Carter Center as a potential dog park. The Conservancy works with Trees Atlanta for the trees in Freedom Park. The Conservancy has a website and is on Facebook.

- c) Recording Secretary position has changed to Cherie King. A big thanks to Courtney Dusenbury for serving as secretary in previous years and for her dedication to the neighborhood.
- d) Last meeting you can vote at without renewing membership (www.candlerpark.org/renew).
- e) Mulberry Fields water sustainability project vote delayed. Dick and Jessi Bathrick may come back in a few months to request a vote for their project.
- f) New funding process introduction. CPNO does not currently have a process for funding projects. By-laws only state that CPNO be given five days notice for funding requests. Last year, the CPNO board came up with a grant request form. Copies of the proposed funding process guidelines were available at the meeting. The funding process is not binding. Jay Sandhaus requested feedback to be emailed to anyone on the board. Zoning has a process that has been very successful. For funding under \$500, an individual can stand up at any meeting and ask for it. It will be advised that everyone use the process so we can get more information and help build consensus. A neighbor stated that if the process is not binding, it will open opportunities for individuals to by-pass it. Jay stated that if we add the process to the bylaws, it becomes binding. Jay wants to see how the process goes before looking at adding it to the by-laws.
- g) Big List of Ideas from planning party in January. Copies of the list were available at the meeting and they are posted on the CPNO website. Approximately 60-70 individuals showed up at the planning party and helped identify potential projects. Only three of the project ideas have owners who will take the ideas and help execute them - Michelle Hughes – memorial bench in Candler Park, Russell Miller – golf tournament, Gordon Rose – dog park. There are a lot of ideas that do not have an owner. This document is a living document that can be added to at any time. If you want to claim ownership of one of the ideas, send an email to someone on the board.
- h) Edith Kellman – promoted Phoenix Flies an upcoming event. The event will have approximately 150 free activities. The Bi-Racial History Project will be giving tours. Some of the activities require reservations.
- i) Randy Pimsler gave an update on the elevator at the LSP Community Center. The elevator installation is complete. There will be a celebration on Sunday, April 10, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. – everyone is welcome. Randy thanked CPNO for their contribution and noted that CPNO was the largest contribution from any neighborhood.
- j) Mary Alice Bray – Fall Fest Tour of Homes Co-Chair introduced Jeff Morabito who will be co-chairing the Tour of Homes this year with her.
- k) Regina Brandt wanted to say thanks to the individual who left the orchid on her doorstep. She recently had surgery and was appreciative of the gesture.

5) Approval of previous month's meeting minutes. Approved by a show of hands.

6) Officer and committee chair reports - Special note: informative reports appear at the end of this report as Appendix 1.

a. *Treasurer*

- i. Tax penalty has been forgiven by the IRS. Thanks to Small Business Services who helped with the letter to the IRS which led to the penalty forgiveness.

b. *Special Events*

- i. Volunteers needed for 420 5k (April 16)
- ii. Publix Marathon - Cheering Zone captain needed (March 20th). Please let Trey Long know if you are interested.

c. *Zoning*

- i. 1435 Benning Place; Zoning Committee recommends approval. Applicant Peter Bluestone. Variance request – expand out rear of home. Randy Pimsler noted that a diseased tree on the property will be removed. Applicant acquired signatures from adjacent neighbors. There will be a slight change to front façade with the addition of a gable. From the street there will be no impact. Two of the neighbors were not able to be reached. The applicant sent certified mail to those neighbors and has not heard any opposition. Variance is to reduce the side yard setback from 7 feet to 3.3 feet. Motion was made and seconded to approve variance request. Everyone was in favor.
- ii. Randy stated that six other zoning items are currently being reviewed.
- iii. A neighbor was concerned about a house that is in the process of being demolished and the potential for rodent infestation to adjacent properties. Randy stated that prior to any demolition; an owner has to get a “rat letter” from a licensed exterminator.
- iv. March 2 is the next zoning meeting.

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- i) Comprehensive Development Plan – CPNO is hosting a public forum to obtain ideas on Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at Doctor Bombays. Refreshments and food will be provided at the meeting. The comprehensive development plan will take input from NPU level. Density and transportation were identified as issues in our area. Historically, Candler Park has never participated in this process. This is our opportunity to give our input.

7) New business

- a) Sweetwater 420 Festival April 15-17 (Jen Bensch – Happy Ending Productions - Organizer). This is the 7th Sweetwater 420 Festival and the 5th in Candler Park. A neighbor requested that Sweetwater work with the CPNO board on wording for any money that will be donated to the neighborhood since in the past it has caused some misunderstanding on how much the neighborhood received. After the neighbors were given an opportunity to ask questions, a motion was made and seconded to support the festival – 19 voted to support and two were opposed.
The main changes this year are as follows:
 - Closure of Callan Circle to address safety concerns (this will be manned by security and only property owners can get through). A neighbor stated that Benning is also challenged during the festival and they were concerned about emergency vehicles being able to get in or out. Jen stated that they use parking signs and that she has heard of similar concerns for McLendon, Oakdale and Iverson. No other street is planned on being closed this year. Jen stated that the park capacity is 20,000. Jen stated that there are three officers who will be enforcing parking and are supposed to patrol the neighborhood. Jay Sandhaus requested that Jen prepare a traffic plan and to provide a phone number for neighbors to call if they have parking issues. Many neighbors wanted to know why Callan Circle was identified as a street to close. Jen stated that she went by the recommendation by the Head of the Police Department. Jen also stated that closing a street is a big deal;
 - Added an extra festival day (Friday, April 15, from 4:20 p.m. until 10 p.m.) as a way to limit the impact over the weekend by bringing some of the Saturday crowd to Friday. A neighbor was concerned about resident parking on Friday and asked about how much publicity was being done to promote the Friday opening. Jen stated that the Friday opening is being publicized;
 - Working with MARTA. Normally MARTA has 500 entry/exit. Last year during the festival, there were 5000 entry/exit. They are also looking at putting security on way back to the MARTA station;
 - The sidewalk next to the #2 tee box is going to be closed to festival goers and only staff will be allowed to use this entrance for safety reasons;
 - The main stage will be on soccer field. They will put down special aerated flooring.
- b) Atlanta Track Club Women's 5k on March 26 (Ben Dostal) – Ben left maps at the meeting. The race will begin at 8 a.m. at Mary Lin Elementary. They expect 1800 racers. The race will be finished between 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. The race is rain or shine. Port-a-potties will be delivered to Mary Lin Elementary late on Friday. The rest of the race set up happens on Saturday. A neighbor mentioned that Mary Lin will be having a bike rodeo from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 25 and requested that Ben coordinate with Mary Lin about the delivery of the port-a-potties. A motion was made and seconded to approve – 17 voted to support the race and no one opposed.
- c) Easter Egg Hunt on April 23 -- \$499 (Mark Clement, Friends of Candler Park) – Defer vote to next month
- d) Community Development Plan planning session -- \$300 (Lauren Welsh) – Lauren requested \$300 to provide refreshments and food at the planning session. A motion was made and seconded to approve – all were in favor.
- e) CPNO Operating Budget for 2011 -- \$5,612. This is a 10% increase over 2010 (Dave Aynes) – Accounting fees and volunteer accident policy were added items. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2011 budget - 20 voted in favor and no one opposed.
- f) Sweetwater 420 5k Operating Budget -- \$7,650 + \$16.25/runner, 800 signups to break even (Dave Aynes) – This year, we are giving racers an arm band and they will receive a free beer for those that are 21 or older. Last year, there were issues with folks not knowing they did not need an arm band last year in order to get their beer after the race. T-shirt prices have gone up as well. The beer vendor is selling beer to us for \$4/per beer and the arm bands are being sold to us for \$4/per band. Projecting 2,000 runners this year. Race route is being defined now. Defer vote until next meeting.
- g) Childcare for membership meetings. Randy Pimsler did a lot of legwork to free up a space for childcare and has someone lined up to provide childcare. Renting the childcare space is \$50 per meeting and the cost of the individual to provide childcare is \$50 meeting. Jay requested that we allocate \$450 for the next three months to provide childcare. A neighbor mentioned that there is a Mary Lin aftercare that uses space and that we need to respect the space and the materials. A neighbor asked whether we will only need one childcare provider and stated that we need to make sure we have adequate coverage. A neighbor suggested that folks notify CPNO in advance about whether they need childcare. A motion was made and seconded in support of the \$450 for the next three months to provide childcare - 18 were in favor and one abstained from voting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Zone 6 Crime Reports

Compiled by David Bruce

Moreland Ave @ Dekalb Ave – Larceny - 1/15 Sat Morn. Arrestees were seen by police spray painting the concrete wall at location. Arrestee: W/M 28 YOA. Arrestee: W/M 28 YOA.

300 block Mell Ave – Aggravated Assault - 1/19 Wed Eve. Residence – Acquaintances. Victim 1: B/M, 21 YOA. Victim 2: B/M, 20 YOA. Victim 3: B/F, 19 YOA. Victim 1 said he saw listed vehicle outside location when he was walking inside and a short while after being inside he heard two gun shots. Victim 2 said suspect (step-brother) did the shooting. He stated he was in an argument over victim 3 with suspect a few days before and suspect said he was going to shoot up the house. Victim 3 stated suspect (boyfriend) could not have done the shooting because she was on the phone with him at the time of the incident. Victim 3 said there was an argument days prior, but suspect never said he was going to shoot up the house. Witnesses stated they saw listed vehicle fleeing the scene at a high rate of speed. Suspect: B/M 20 YOA. Suspect Vehicle: Red Van.

400 block Moreland Ave – Auto theft - 1/19 (21:47) Wed Eve. Parking lot. 1988 Oldsmobile 98. Victim said he left vehicle running while he went to get a few things from a friend that was parked a few spaces from his. Victim stated someone then got inside his vehicle and drove off. Vehicle later recovered after being used in pedestrian robbery.

1100 block Euclid Ave – Auto theft recovery - 1/19 (11:25) Wed Day. Parking lot. 1988 Oldsmobile 98. Victim said suspect came from behind and put a gun to her head. She stated they played “tug of war” with her purse and then the witness showed up, so suspect fled. Witness said suspect fled in listed vehicle. Police located vehicle at 553 Seminole Ave and it was confirmed stolen out of the city.

1300 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto - 1/20 Thurs Day. Someone broke out rear passenger side window and rummaged through vehicle. Taken: Nothing.

300 block Josephine St – Larceny from auto - 1/21 Fri Day. Someone broke out rear passenger side window and stole a laptop and briefcase.

500 block Clifton Rd – Larceny from auto - 1/21 Fri Day. Someone broke out front passenger side window and stole headphones and an I-pod.

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1100 block Euclid Ave – Pedestrian robbery - 1/19 (11:25) Wed Day. Parking lot. Victim: W/F, 28 YOA. Victim said suspect came from behind and put a gun to her head. She stated they played “tug of war” with her purse and then the witness showed up, so suspect fled. Witness said suspect fled in listed vehicle. Police located vehicle and it was confirmed stolen out of the city. Taken: Nothing. Suspect: B/M. Suspect Vehicle: 1988 Gray Oldsmobile 98.

400 block Moreland Ave – Pedestrian robbery - 1/20 Thurs Eve. Victim: W/F, 22 YOA.

Victim said she was walking down the street when suspect approached and asked for a light for his cigarette. Victim told suspect no and he pulled out a silver revolver pointing at her chest. Victim gave suspect listed property and he fled on foot. A short while later police were following listed vehicle that was occupied by 2 females and a male fitting the suspect description. Vehicle was found later abandoned at Euclid Ave and Euclid Ter with victim property inside. Taken: Tote bag w/ ID card, keys (all recovered). Suspect: B/M, 5’08” 160lbs, red/white polo shirt, white bball cap, black bubble coat, white shoes, ear rings. Suspect Vehicle: Tan Lincoln.

1100 block Euclid Ave – Aggravated assault - 1/27 Thurs Eve. Victim: W/M, 66 YOA, Victim said he was walking to his vehicle when suspect approached and pulled out a knife. Victim stated suspect pointed the knife at him and said, “give me your shit.” Victim told suspect, “hey you better get the fuck out of here before I take that knife and shove it up your ass.” Victim raised his fist at suspect and suspect fled. Taken: Nothing. Suspect: B/M, 6’00”, wearing all black.

1500 block Dekalb Ave – Larceny from auto - 1/27 Thurs Eve. Parking lot. Someone broke out rear passenger side window and stole a laptop, camera and book bag.

500 block N. Highland Ave – Pedestrian robbery - 1/23 Sun Morn. Freedom Park Trail.

Victim: W/F, 38 YOA. Victim said suspect came from behind and grabbed her headphones that were attached to her cell phone. Victim stated she fought with suspect as he attempted to take her cell phone from her front jacket pocket. Victim said she screamed and people nearby came to assist her. Suspect fled on foot with victim’s headphones, but dropped them after he ran. Suspect: B/M, 5’09” 170lbs, young, brown jacket, possibly blue jeans.

1200 block Euclid Ave – Auto theft - 2/2 Wed to 2/3 Thurs. Parking lot. Victim said she parked her vehicle at location and when she returned it was gone. Glass was located on the ground where vehicle was parked.

300 block Oakdale Rd – Residential burglary - 2/5 Sat Morn. Someone entered location through unlocked rear door and stole listed items. Video of suspect was given to CID from Kroger where suspect attempted to use victim’s stolen credit card. Taken: Boots, purse w/ \$140, ID, checks, credit cards. Suspect: B/M, 5’07” 155lbs. Suspect Vehicle: Chevy or Ford model.

1200 block Dekalb Ave – Larceny from auto - 2/10 Thurs Eve. Parking lot. Someone broke out rear passenger side window and stole listed items. Witness advised he saw a B/M carrying a green bag enter an early 2000 model (gray, tan or silver) Chevy Malibu. Taken: Back pack w/ clothes, books, and sunglasses.

1500 block Dekalb Ave – Larceny from auto - 2/10 Thurs Eve. Parking lot. Someone broke out rear passenger side window and stole a back pack with fleece. A video of incident was given to victim by an employee that worked at location where vehicle was parked. Note about the ’88 Olds. It appears it was reported stolen after the robberies occurred so I put in the times for those 3 reports.

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