Meetings and Events

CPNO general meeting April 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 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.

April General Meeting Agenda:
- Welcoming remarks, approval of agenda and March 2011 minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- New Business
- Announcements and Open Forum

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

Events Calendar (open to all)

Monday April 18th @ 7pm
CPNO General Meeting –
First Existentialist Congregation

Sunday April 23rd @ 12 noon
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Candler Park picnic pavilion area

Wednesday April 27th @ 2pm
L5P Bus Assn - Sevananda Foods

Thursday April 28th @ 7pm
NPU-N - L5P Community Center

Saturday April 30th @ sunset
Movie Night (Toy Story 3) – CP Pool

Wednesday May 4th @ 7pm
CPNO Zoning Committee – Epworth

Monday May 9th @ 7pm
CPNO Board of Directors - Epworth

Monday May 16th @ 7pm
CPNO General Meeting –
First Existentialist Congregation

Mary Lin, Your Home and Your Community
By Boyd Baker

Are we getting redistricted? What’s the deal with Atlanta Public Schools? I don’t have kids so schools don’t matter to me.

You may have heard some of these phrases. To be honest, I’ve heard them since I moved into Lake Claire almost 8 years ago. This time things are a bit different. If you haven’t been reading papers, listening to radio, or watching the news, you may not have heard but there’s quite a bit going on with Atlanta Public Schools. There are many issues going on but two in particular deserve your attention.

First is a budget shortfall issue. Right now Mary Lin has about 570 students and the building has capacity for about 430. That means there are 8 portables out on the playground. A ninth will probably be added this summer as enrollment is projected at 604 next year. Being behind the school, you wouldn’t ever know that one-third of our students aren’t even within the school’s walls. That’s just not right. It’s not safe, it’s not fair, and it’s not smart. An addition/renovation has been dangled before us but everything’s on hold – thanks to the Board.

Second is a planning issue. APS ordered a large demographic study which they received in the fall. It said basically, “Growth shouldn’t slow for Mary Lin but won’t get much larger.” Grady High, Inman Middle, Morningside, and SPARK all had similar projections. They’ll get a bit larger and then level off. Problem is that all of these schools are over capacity now. There need to be some solutions. East Lake, Toomer, Whitefoord, Coan Middle, and Jackson High are all under capacity. They average around 60% capacity. So what to do?

APS asked demographers for a second study that will make recommendations to the Board on how to solve our issues system-wide. That report is due late October/early November 2011. Then the fun will begin. There is no doubt that redistricting, merging/closing schools, and all sorts of cost-saving measures will be presented.

Parents at Mary Lin and community members have been sharing ideas at Epworth Church about how we can better understand the challenges and what we want in our community schools. Being proactive can make all the difference in dealing with changing times and we welcome all who are interested to join us at www.30307schools.org. You can join the Google group to receive emails and have online discussions.

If you think this is an issue just for parents, you’re wrong. Good schools build great communities, and increase home prices. Did you move here for the good schools? How easy is it to sell a house now? What if part/all of our neighborhood was redistricted to another school? How would house values be impacted? In the end, it’s about community. Get involved now and learn how you can make yours stronger.
Buy Native Plants to Support Candler Park Path
By Mark Clement

Phase I of your Candler Park Nature Path is complete! It took three workdays and 80 volunteers to clear debris and underbrush, prep the path, lay the timbers, mulch the path, till and compost the garden, and plant 176 native plants. Funding for the creation of the trail came from Sweet Water Brewing Company and Happy Ending Productions, who donated a portion of their 2010 SweetWater 420 Fest proceeds. A big round of applause also goes out to Park Pride and Friends of Candler Park, who orchestrated the seamless workdays.

It is time to start preparing for phase II of this project, and there is an easy, sustainable, labor-free way everyone in our Candler Park neighborhood can help. EcoAddendum, a nonprofit whose mission is to put native plants back in to the Georgia landscape, is having a native plant sale. And 20% of any native plant you buy from the plant sale supports the Candler Park Nature Path phasel plan.

Buyers have two plant sale options:
1. Buy a native plant for your own garden and 20% of the proceeds goes to the Candler Park Nature Path
2. Buy a plant and donate it. 100% of your donation goes to the Candler Park Nature Path.

Options for Selecting and Ordering Your Native Plants:
1. Order forms are available at: http://www.ecoadendum.org/plant-sales/
2. EcoAddendum will host an Open House on Thursday, April 14, from 9am to 6pm. Stop in to pick up your presale order or to have a look at our nursery stock. Address: 743-B3 E. College Ave. Decatur, Ga 30030.
3. Call anytime and make an appointment to see the nursery.
   205 310-4327 (We are a grassroots nonprofit and are on site doing lots of plantings this time of year)
4. Come to the Candler Park HOOTENANNY on Saturday May 21 (See page 3) and 20% of every native plant purchase goes to Candler Park Nature Path

Laughter in the Park
by Deb Milbrath
Give a Hoot
‘Hootenanny’ Saturday, May 21
By Mark Clement, CPNO board

In a 1962 interview in TIME Magazine, Joan Baez made the analogy that a “hootenanny” is to folk singing what a jam session is to jazz. But for our purposes, a hootenanny is essentially a glorified Screen on the Green.

May’s movie night on Saturday, May 21 was originally planned with an eco-friendly theme in mind. We decided to add a native plant sale to the event to raise funds for the native plants for the Nature Path. To draw attention to the plant sale we added the Seed and Feed Marching Abominables. It was at that point we thought we had something deserving a title. Hence, the hootenanny!

Candler Park Hootenanny, Saturday, May 21
2–8 pm: Native Plant Sale benefiting the Candler Park Nature Path
6 pm: Entertainment by the Seed and Feed Marching Abominables
8 pm: Captain Planet Film Festival, with Captain Planet himself

We are also planning on an electronics disposal drive. If you have any ideas on how to enhance the hootenanny experience please let us know with an email to FriendsofCandlerPark@gmail.com. This is not a traditional festival. We will not be selling libations. However, you are free to bring your own cooler. Just no glass permitted in the park.

So come on down to the Hootenanny, drop off some unwanted electronic junk, buy a native plant, see an unorthodox marching band, get your picture taken with Captain Planet, watch a movie, and have a great day in the park. Maybe next year we will get Joan to come.
420 Fest Traffic and Safety Plan Update
By Jennifer Bensch, Sweetwater 420

Note from the CPNO board: Below is an updated traffic and safety plan submitted by Jennifer Bensch, event promoter and organizer for the SweetWater 420 Festival taking place in Candler Park April 15–17, 2011. This plan was created in response to Candler Park resident concerns. Some residents expressed concerns about “emergency no parking” signs being removed on certain streets that would then cause visitors to park there on the day of the event. If you see an “emergency no parking” sign removed, please don’t hesitate to call 911 to have the sign replaced. If the sign is gone, police cannot issue ticket or tow cars because there is no notice.

Sweetwater 420 Plan
1. We will be increasing emergency signage along the roads nearest the park to allow for towing in those areas. This law must apply to all, as the laws are not allowed to be discriminatory. Therefore, if a resident parks in one of these places they will be towed. Please be advised and follow all parking laws.
2. We have increased the staffing level of the police officers, to include three motorcycle officers that will patrol the neighborhood for illegal parking and to ensure that traffic flows throughout the neighborhood. Motorcycle officers and internal police officers will be placed along the route back to MARTA to monitor any unwanted behavior in these areas during peak hours of flow to this area.
3. Trash will be monitored more heavily on the route to Marta as well.
4. We will be more heavily advertising that we are a green event and we want everyone to take Marta.
5. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE CITY OF ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO CLOSE DOWN THE STREETS REQUESTED. THEY WILL NOT ALLOW THIS AS IT WILL IMPACT TRAFFIC GREATLY AND BE A LARGE SAFETY CONCERN FOR THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.
Thanks to all our sponsors for the 2011 Sweetwater Fest 420 5K !!!

www.CandlerPark.org
CPNO Considers New Communications Position  
By Lauren Welsh, CPNO Vice President

CPNO is considering adding a new position to the board - communications officer. This requires a by-laws change and will be voted on at the April 18 CPNO general membership meeting. The full text that will be added to our bylaws is below. It will be added as Article IV, Section 2(j):

Communications Officer: The communications officer shall be responsible for the neighborhood organization’s activities related to coordinating strategy around the distribution of information via print, web, email and other mediums. The communications officer shall have such other duties as the neighborhood organization or the bylaws may prescribe. Article IV, Section 1 (Designation) will be replaced with the following text: The officers of the neighborhood organization shall be a president, a vice-president, a recording secretary, a membership secretary, a treasurer, a zoning officer, a public safety officer, an environmental officer, a special projects officer, and a communications officer.

Sweetwater 420 Fest 5K: The Race Is Sold Out, but Not for Volunteers  
By David Aynes, CPNO Treasurer

This year’s 5K has sold out in record time! The only way to still get a T-shirt (and raise funds for the ‘hood) is to volunteer. So come on, take 2–4 hours out of your day on Saturday, April 16, to help. To volunteer, please e-mail treasurer@candlerpark.org. In the subject line, just write “volunteer”. In the message, let us know what team(s) you’d like to be a part of, your T-shirt size and your phone number. Volunteers are needed between 9 am and 1:30 pm.

2011 Sweetwater 420 Fest 5K Race Route
Egg ‘Em On
Easter Egg Hunt April 23
By Mark Clement, CPNO Special Projects Officer

Here comes Peter Cotton Tail! It is time for Candler Park’s annual Easter Egg Hunt.

We will be kicking off the hunt at 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 23. We will have three categories in three different areas going essentially at the same time. We will have ages 0 to 3, 4 to 7, and 8 to 80.

In previous years it seems demand may have exceeded supply. Not this year. As special project officer for the CPNO I promise if you get your kid to the Easter Egg Hunt on time and they make their best effort and do not find an Easter Egg, then you will be able to take the Easter Bunny home with you! (But you will have to feed it.) This year we will have two thousand eggs! Each category will have a Magic Rooster Egg (an Easter Egg that looks like a rooster with special prizes inside!)

And yes, the (non-threatening) Easter Bunny will be there. So bring your camera to take that special Easter photo with the kids. But just in case, we will have a professional photographer to take pictures.

The hunt is brought to you by the CPNO and the friends of Candler Park. The CPNO has allocated $499 for the event. Thank you CPNO.

Volunteers—yep, we need them. We will be having an Easter egg stuffing party on the Friday before at Kate’s house @ 7:30. Please contact to ESVP kate@katesandhaus.com. Thank you, Kate. Then the Easter Bunny will need help hiding the eggs. To help, please rally at the pavilion #1 at 10:00 a.m. that Saturday.
Candler Park Approves CDP Policies
By Lauren Welsh, NPU-N rep

Candler Park Neighborhood Organization has approved and submitted 15 new policies to be placed in the City of Atlanta’s Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). The CDP is meant to be a guide for the future growth and development of neighborhoods in the City of Atlanta as it relates to transportation, housing, parks, economic development and more. The plan is updated every three to five years, and Candler Park has not participated in this process in the recent past, so we had no policies.

After attending several community-wide meetings to learn more the CDP process and soliciting input from Candler Park residents through neighborhood meetings and via email, CPNO has drafted and approved 15 new policies to be added to the full list of NPU-N policies. These policies were voted on at the March CPNO membership meeting.

Thanks to the following individuals who provided their input and insight by either attending meetings or contacting me directly about what they envision for Candler Park’s future: Paige Parvin, Eric Dusenbury, Vicky Wuesthoff, Kathy Evans, Alonzo Church, Kirk Marchisen, Steven Goff, Walter Brown, Walt Weimar, Trey Long, Dave Aynes, Cherie King and Randy Pimsler.

Approved CDP Policies for Candler Park

1. Preserve the single-family residential character of the Candler Park neighborhood
2. Promote the rezoning of non-residential properties fronting on DeKalb Avenue from Moreland Avenue to Clifton to Neighborhood Commercial or a quality of life zoning district in order to encourage destination oriented and pedestrian friendly activity through mixed use development.
3. Support funding for a study of the impact of a road diet on DeKalb Avenue turning the reversible lane into a left turn lane.
4. Support greater density around the Candler Park MARTA Station
5. Maintain and improve existing green space in Candler, Iverson and Freedom Parks.
6. Support the current RG-2 zoning and low-density residential land use for properties located at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Goldsboro Road.
7. Support the continued naturalization of the creek in Candler Park.
8. Support the continued construction of walking/bike trails with emphasis on connecting Candler Park Neighborhood with the BeltLine.
9. Support the continued development of NC-1 properties that would promote pedestrian safety.
10. Support traffic calming measures that create safe bicycle lanes.
12. Support funding for the rehabilitation of Atlanta Fire Station #12 on DeKalb Avenue.
15. Support the recommendations of the Ponce de Leon Moreland Avenue North LCI study as approved by the City.
Edgewood/ Candler Park MARTA Station
South Parking Lot Planning Workshops
April 13, 2011 – April 16, 2011

A group of non-profit organizations are hosting a community design charrette focused on the Edgewood/ Candler Park MARTA Station.

All Edgewood and Candler Park community members are invited and encouraged to attend. This charrette is for conversation purposes only, but it will be a chance for you to share your thoughts about how the station’s south parking lot can become a community asset.

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Workshop hosts:
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Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership
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Atlanta Commercial Board of REALTORS
Atlanta Regional Commission
Civic League
Livable Communities Coalition
Georgia Organics
Center for Disease Control
What’s the Deal?
By Paige Parvin

Recently I was in our Edgewood Target (otherwise known as the money pit) and pulled out my wallet to pay for the weird assortment of purchases that always seems to accumulate in my Target cart—socks, flea treatment, peanut butter, a flashlight—when I caught myself thinking: but what’s the deal?

One of the few good things to come out of our flagging economy, besides low interest rates, is a proliferation of new discount programs. Credit cards come with points or miles, businesses offer “membership” reward cards, and it seems like every day brings a coupon in the mail (20 percent off at Bed, Bath and Beyond, anyone?).

But one of my favorite trends is the flood of Web-based coupon programs that give subscribers access to an impressive range of deals. Most of these encourage you to sign up for free daily alerts via email, and many now offer “apps” that you can download to your iPhone or other smartphone (I’m an iPhone girl myself, but I hear there are other worthy devices out there). I certainly don’t pretend to have comprehensive knowledge of these sites, but I hereby clue my fellow Candler Park residents in to a couple of my favorites—and I give full credit to my friend and former neighbor Claire Pate, who told me about them in the first place. I’m just paying it forward.

**Groupon** (groupon.com) is a daily electronic coupon for a restaurant, attraction, service (like house cleaning or massage), membership, just about anything you can think of. The deal: you pre-purchase the item that day at a discounted rate—say, you might spend $15 for a $25 certificate to use at the establishment. Then you typically have several months to use the certificate, which you can either print out or, to go greener, display through the app on your smartphone.

**Scoutmob** (scoutmob.com) also posts a new deal each day, but there is no pre-purchase required. Subscribers only need print the coupon from the Scoutmob site, or, again, show up at the business (the offers are mostly for restaurants) and flash the app on your smartphone. The device’s GPS will actually locate you and mark the deal as “used.” Nifty, eh?

You might also want to check out **Living Social** (livingsocial.com), **My Daily Thread** (mydailycronch.com), and **Restaurants.com** for similar discounts. I’m sure there are plenty more.

Now, I’m not a regular coupon cutter, nor am I on the cutting edge technology wise. But there are a few things I like about these sites: one, they offer deals for local businesses I actually patronize, and some are even right in our ‘hood. Second, for every business I know already, there’s an offer for a restaurant or service I might enjoy but wouldn’t otherwise try. And finally, the discounts are significant—20 to 50 percent off.

So, now you know the deal—if you didn’t already, of course. Happy saving.

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Fun Fitness—for Kids!
By Paige Parvin

In the age of video games, convenience foods, homework, and endless “screen time,” do you worry that your kids aren’t active enough?

Crossfit Rx, our neighborhood Crossfit gym on Mell Avenue, is offering a new Crossfit Kids class. The workouts that made Crossfit one of the most elite programs anywhere will be transformed especially for ages 5-14, and they’re so fun the kids will hardly know they’re exercising.

Starting April 14, classes will be Thursdays at 5 pm and Sundays at 11 am for six weeks. For more information and pricing, call 404-849-8657.
NPU-N Meeting Notes  
March 24, 2011  
Compiled by Lauren Welsh

Public Reports

Seargeant Bruce and Officer Nicholas (COPS Unit) reported that crime has been down in Zone 6. Officer Nicholas also talked about the newly updated Community Liaison Unit meant to address non-emergencies. Their role is to create a better relationship between police and citizens, so residents should feel comfortable calling about any safety and quality of life issues. Phone number is 404-546-5650. Officer Layman has been the officer many have seen on bicycle around Little 5 Points, but he has been deployed to Afghanistan. APD is looking for a replacement.

MARTA crime system-wide is up 7% since last year. The most common crimes are that electronic devices are being snatched on trains as individuals are sitting near doors.

The Fire Department was recently awarded a safer grant from the federal government that will employ 75 new firefighters throughout the city. The Atlanta Citizen Fire Academy is meant for citizens who are interested in learning more about fighting fire, extinguisher use, fire drills, etc. Interested individuals should contact Mary McDaniel at 404-472-5680. The City of Atlanta also now has a tool called a flashover simulator that replicates flashovers in a safe environment so firefighters can learn how to be safe in these situations.

The City of Atlanta Department of Parks now has a Facebook page. Camp Best Friends is open for registration starting on March 28. There is an Urban Forestry Festival on April 2, and the Jazz Festival will be coming back to town in May.

There were no representatives present from Watershed or Code Compliance.

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The community prosecutor from Zone 5, Sharla Jackson, introduced the new Zone 6 community prosecutor, Paul Arena-Camarillo. The community prosecutor meets with officers and deals with repeat offenders, vacant properties and court programs. He can be reached at 404-612-3256 or paul.arena-camarillo@fultoncountyga.gov.

There was no APAB representative present, but it was announced that APAB was promoting a Citizen Leadership Seminar on Saturday, March 26.

Chief Judge Cynthia Wright and Judge Michael Johnson from Fulton County Superior Court introduced themselves and talked about their work. It’s the largest court in the state with 20 judges and only accounts for 7% of the budget.

There was a reminder that the Atlanta Urban Design Commission is still soliciting nominations for design. Anyone can nominate, and complete nominations are due by April 11 at 1 PM. More information can be found at http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandedesign.aspx or by calling Denise Potts at 404-330-6201.

Liquor License Review
--A liquor license/change of ownership was denied for Jorge L. Pacheco for Park's Edge at 913 Bernina Avenue due to resident complaints and concern about illegal/disruptive activity including valet parking, live music and tenting off the parking lot for large events.
--A liquor license was supported for Paul Burke for HD10 at 664 North Highland Avenue.
--A liquor license was supported for Robert McDonald at One Eared Stag at 1027-1029 Edgewood Avenue.

Land Use and Zoning Matters:
--The NPU Board voted unanimously to support 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, with conditions upon site plans and elevation, a variance at 591 Linwood Avenue, NE to reduce the required south side yard setback from 7 ft. to 2 ft. to make a second story addition to a single family dwelling.
--The NPU Board voted unanimously to support a variance at 534 Oakdale Road to reduce the required north side yard setback from 7 ft. to 4 ft. to allow for an addition with deck to an existing single family dwelling (as per CON-10-029).
--The NPU Board voted unanimously to support a variance at 506 Sterling Street, NE to reduce the north side yard setback from the required 7 ft. to 5 ft. and the south side yard setback from the required 7 ft. to 3 ft. to allow an addition to a single family dwelling.
--The NPU Board deferred a variance at 2074 McLendon Avenue, NE to reduced the required front yard setback from 35 ft. to 32 ft. and reduce the required west side yard setback from 7 ft. to 4 ft. in order to make a second story addition to a single family dwelling.

--The NPU Board deferred a variance at 2074 McLendon Avenue, NE to reduced the required front yard setback from 35 ft. to 32 ft. and reduce the required west side yard setback from 7 ft. to 4 ft. in order to make a second story addition to a single family dwelling.

Upcoming Special Events/Outdoor Festivals
--The Power Walk
--Midsummer Music Festival.

CPNO General Meeting – March 21, 2011
Compiled by Cherie King

1) Welcoming remarks. CPNO Vice President Lauren Welsh welcomed approximately 45 members and guests to the meeting. A motion to adopt the agenda was approved by a show of hands.

2) Atlanta Police Department Sergeant Jessica stated that there have been no recent problems in our neighborhood. No one had questions.

3) Announcements

A) Thank you to Front Page News for refreshments for this meeting. Chris Eissman with Front Page News stated that they appreciated the Candler Park residents coming out to attend their Mardi Gras festival at the restaurant recently. Chris also stated that Josh Sagarin is a Candler Park resident and appreciates our business.

B) Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) vote tonight. Lauren Welsh stated that the policies were developed by residents via email or by attending the brainstorming meeting. Nina Gentry stated that we didn’t have any policies for our neighborhood in previous years. Nina also stated that there is a bill in the senate trying to get rid of comprehensive planning. The plans are reviewed every three to five years. The Office of Planning uses the neighborhood policies for things like zoning requests that come up, etc. Nina left information about the CDP at the meeting. Nina stated that our policies addressed housing, natural and cultural resources, transportation and land use. Nina applauded Lauren for working on a plan for Candler Park. Nina stated that Marta is going to do a study around Candler Park and Edgewood. She encouraged folks to attend those meetings. Livable Communities will have a meeting to discuss this issue. Parking at Marta is not being well used. A lot of transit stops have retail or shopping. Nina stated that the study will be looking at the Candler Park side. Lauren will promote meeting once we find out the meeting information. Lauren encouraged folks to go to the Candler Park website (www.candlerpark.org) to find out information about upcoming meetings and events since we only have meetings monthly and sometimes the Messenger does not get out early enough. A neighbor asked about numbers 14 (Support findings and recommendations from the Dekalb Avenue Corridor Study

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created in 1990 and the Little 5 Points Study created in 1992.) and 15 (Support findings and recommendations of the Ponce de Leon Moreland Avenue North LCI study as approved but the City) on the CDP Policies list. Nina stated that the study is available at the Bureau of Office of Planning. Lauren and Randy Pimslers stated that they are working on getting these copied so they can be posted on the CPNO website. Nina stated that number 15 has already been adopted by the City. Lauren stated that studies took a lot of community input. Randy stated that in 1990 when the first study was done about 25 people were involved. A lot of what was proposed has been done. One of the items was to look at to down zoning from industrial to commercial use. Another item was traffic calming metrics. A neighbor asked Randy as the CPNO Zoning Representative whether he would support items 14 and 15. Randy stated that he would be in favor of a positive response of 14 and 15. A neighbor wanted to clarify that Yea or Nea did not mean that these would be set in stone. Lauren stated that they are not set in stone and will be revisited again. The ballots were closed at 7:45 p.m.

C) Lauren Welsh stated that we have childcare. Thanks to Randy Pimslers for helping make this happen.

D) Proposed by-law amendment to add Communications Officer (Vote in April). Lauren Welsh stated that this has come up multiple times in the past. We have been improving communication with the Candler Park residents and feel that this would help continue the progress. Lauren read the language for the officer position “Communications Officer: The communications officer shall be responsible for the neighborhood organization’s activities related to coordinating strategy around the distribution of information via print, web, email and other mediums. The communications chair shall have such other duties as the neighborhood organization or the bylaws may prescribe.” A neighbor asked whether the Communications Officer would take over the Messenger. Lauren stated that they would be responsible for the Messenger but would not take it over. Lauren stated that the Communications Officer would coordinate with the individuals who are already doing the job.

E) Friends of Candler Park update on new path & movie night (Mark Clement) – Nature path in Candler Park is done. There is now more usable space in the park. It took four work days to get the space ready for the path. Thanks to Clifton Sanctuary, Park Pride, Friends of Candler Park and Paideia. Friday, March 18, was a work day. About 60-80 people came out to finish the path. Thanks to Clifton Sanctuary, Park Pride, Eco Addendum, The Pickle (donated food), Friends of Candler Park and Sweetwater (donated the money for the path – portion armband money from last year helped to pay for the path). Lauren Sandoval from Eco Addendum talked about the 170 native plants that were planted at the beginning of the path on Friday. Thanks to Westminster students who helped move compost. The goal is fill the space up with native plants. Eco Addendum is doing a native plant sale in connection with the May 21 movie night in Candler Park. Captain Planet will be at the movie night as well. The movie will be Captain Planet episodes and the Seed and Feed Band will be performing. Eco Addendum will give 20% of the proceeds towards plants for Candler Park. These will be planted in the fall. Sweetwater has agreed to give a portion of the armband sales to Park Pride (to benefit Candler Park) from their festival this year. You can go to Ecoaddendum.org to order plants (make sure to mention Candler Park so that a percentage of the sale will go towards our park). A neighbor asked where path is located. Mark Clement stated that the park is on the right as you are walking up to the tennis courts from the park. Lauren Sandoval thanked Jennifer Bensch (Happy Endings Production – Organizer of Sweetwater Festival) for donating money from the arm bands which will help with additional plantings. Mark mentioned that the new path helps with security since it is cleared out and easy to see what is going on.

F) Updated safety plan for Sweetwater 420 Fest (Jennifer Bensch). Lauren Welsh stated that the updated safety plan for the festival has been posted on the website and circulated. Jennifer Bensch stated that cars will be towed if they are parked where there are emergency no parking that show a tow truck on the sign. The law does not allow signs to just be put anywhere. The police officers have to enforce parking where there are already signs in place. Officer Chris Clark stated emergency no parking signs are authorized by city ordinance and that they are not put up so residents can have their parking spots on their street. These signs are placed to help police vehicles, ambulances and fire trucks get through. When signs are placed, they try to do it on the side where there are utility poles. If there are not utility poles, the signs have to be staked. Officer Clark stated that they had to resign a lot last year because individuals were taking them down. Officer Clark stated that signs have to be up 72 hours prior to event in order to enforce. A neighbor stated that the signs from last year were pulled down by festival patrons. Officer Clark stated that the signs were pulled down prior to the festival. A neighbor asked what happens if signs are pulled down. Officer Clark stated that if they are pulled down prior to the 72 hour timeframe the can be replaced. Officer Clark encouraged residents to pay attention and watch the signs. A neighbor asked if sign is pulled down whether they would tow if folks park in the space. Officer Clark stated that they cannot hold someone accountable since they didn’t know they were not allowed to park there. A neighbor asked whether they could call 911 if they see someone pull down a sign and Officer Clark told them yes. A neighbor asked if CPNO could reinforce in the messenger about the signs and that they need to remain. Mark Clement stated that on Benning Place the telephone poles are on the side where you are allowed to park and not on the side where you are not allowed to park. If there is a no parking any time sign, the officer cannot tow a vehicle. They can only give a ticket. Lauren Welsh encouraged folks to stay behind after the meeting and talk to Jennifer if they want to discuss the parking issues further.

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Officer Clark stated that there will be three motorcycle officers. Last year one motorcycle officer wrote 75 citations and had 15 vehicles impounded. The officers cannot discriminate between residents and patrons. Everyone must follow the rules. Officer Clark noted that there will be an increased presence of officers at the end of the event to help with intoxicated individuals, pedestrian traffic and traffic flow. Officer Clark noted that 6,000 individuals rode Marta each day last year. The event planners are trying to get patrons to ride on Marta to help with traffic. A neighbor asked how early folks will arrive to event on Friday since Mary Lin dismissing at 2:30 p.m. Jennifer stated that a police officer will be there at 2:30 p.m. to help with traffic. Lauren encouraged neighbors to email Jay or other board members if they would like to discuss further how to do things differently.

G) ‘Rise Up Atlanta’ (Freedom Park public art project) (Charlie Brouwer) – Charlie Brouwer is collecting ladders from a variety of communities to do mural in Freedom Park. Charlie encouraged neighbors to ask other neighbors to use their ladder for project. This will help to encourage community involvement. Neighborhood associations are being asked to help get the ladders donated. Each ladder will have a registration form and will be returned to the donor. Charlie needs a ladder coordinator from Candler Park. The ladders will be assembled April 16-17. Please contact Jay Sandhaus if you are interested in coordinating the ladder donations.

H) Community Garden planned by First Existentialist (Rick Westbrook). Rick Westbrook, office manager at First Existentialist, stated that garden plots will soon be available at First Existentialist. Look for more information soon.

4) Approval of previous month’s meeting minutes. Approved by a show of hands.

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

A) Treasurer

Discuss proposal to outsource bookkeeping. Dave Aynes stated that the CPNO bookkeeping is too much of a job for one person to take on. Small Business Services proposed to do bookkeeping for $250/month. Dave stated that $140k came in last year and $120k went out. A neighbor asked about the tax penalty issue and whether Small Business Services would help with that not happening in the future. Dave stated that it will help with having the data with getting the tax return done. Small Business Services has been hired in the past to do taxes. It costs about $600 to do our taxes and is a year by year expense that is voted on by the membership. Dave stated that Small Business Services helped us with the tax penalty issue. A neighbor asked if we got another bid for the bookkeeping services. Dave stated that he requested another bid and didn’t get any response after repeated attempts. The proposal to outsource bookkeeping will be voted on in April.

B) Environment

Report on the Cheering Zone from the Publix Marathon on Sunday. Trey long stated that we had a decent amount of people show up for the cheering zone. Only the Marathon came through. The half marathon stopped before our neighborhood. Trey stated that he hopes we at least get the $1k prize. Trey will keep us updated.

C) Special Events

i. Request for volunteers for Sweetwater 420 Fest. April 16 – Mark Clement stated that the 5k race makes CPNO a lot of money. They are looking to have 2,000 runners this year. CPNO has done approximately 15 races over the years. This race should net us approximately $15k. We need a lot of volunteers to make this race happen. We are looking for owners of the teams (more information in Appendix 1). Mark put a sign up sheet in the back of the room and encouraged individuals to sign up and get a free t-shirt as a signing bonus. Dave Aynes stated that we won’t need volunteers until 9 a.m. The race starts at 11 a.m.

ii. Mark Clement stated that information about the Candler Park movie nights can be found at www.candlerpark.org or www.friendsofcandlerpark.org.

6) Request for Funding (Votes)

A) Sweetwater 420 5k Operating Budget - $7,650 + $16.25/runner, 800 signups to break even (Dave Aynes). Dave Aynes stated that the Sweetwater 420 5k budget was put on the CPNO website. Additions this year – one beer and wristband to festival. We are getting a discounted rate from the event sponsor for the beer and wristband. The race fee is $28 per runner early registration and $38 per runner for late registration. Dave stated that we should make $15k profit after expenses. A neighbor asked about the beer cost. Dave mentioned that we might get a brake if we get 1500 racers. Mark Clement stated that we paid $1 per beer years ago. Mark and Dave tried to get the cost down. A neighbor asked about if we are liable since we are providing beer. Dave stated that we are not providing beer to anyone. A neighbor asked about the late registration fee being steep. Dave stated that we want to get folks to sign up early. A motion was made to approve the budget and was seconded. Thirty were in agreement and no one opposed.

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D) Easter Egg Hunt on April 23 - $499 (Mark Clement, Friends of Candler Park). Mark Clement stated that this is the fourth annual. The demand for eggs exceeded the supply in the past. The bunny suit is $75 and the rest will be spent on eggs and candy. A motion was made to approve and seconded. Thirty-one were in agreement and no one opposed.

E) Grounds improvement at Mary Lin - $400 (Michelle Hughes, Mary Lin). Michelle Hughes is the Mary Lin PTA Building and Grounds Officer. Michelle stated that the budget for buildings and grounds was set on the thought that Mary Lin would be relocated for the 2011-2012 school year. Michelle stated that we need to focus on curb appeal, outdoor education, and supplies. Michelle is asking for $409.50 (curb appeal = $99.50; outdoor education = $105 - wheel barrel $50, ladybugs $20 and birdbath $35; Supplies $205 – 3 wheel barrels and mulch). Atlanta Public Schools (APS) will only give pine straw. Michelle stated that she has matching funds from the Dirty Fingernails Club and Lauren Sandoval from Eco Addendum. Michelle is going to go to the Inman Park Neighborhood Association to ask for funds as well. Michelle has volunteers. The money will go to Mary Lin PTA Buildings and Grounds and Mary Lin will make sure to say thank you property. A neighbor asked whether APS would have paid if they knew that Mary Lin was not going to relocate. Michelle stated that APS never pays for these items. If the PTA knew in the beginning of the school year that Mary Lin would not be relocating, they would have put it in their budget and fundraised for the funds. A neighbor asked whether Michelle was going to ask the Lake Claire Neighborhood Organization for funds and stated that maybe Lowe’s would be interested in donating as well. Michelle stated that she would be willing to approach them for funds or donations. Michelle stated that Hands on Atlanta is also going to be approached. A motion was made to approve and seconded. Twenty-eight were in agreement and no one opposed.

F) Mark Clement asked to make a request for funds. Mark stated that seven men from Clifton Sanctuary helped with the Candler Park path this past Friday. Mark made a motion to spend $245 to purchase a Marta card for each of the Clifton men that helped out. Mark stated that the men only sat at the shelter a short period of time and wanted to make sure that they get the cards before they leave. A neighbor asked whether there was an understanding with Clifton Sanctuary about getting something for coming to help. Mark stated that no was not anything promised for them to volunteer their time. A neighbor asked about Clifton Sanctuary. Mark stated that Clifton Sanctuary has been in Lake Claire since 1979 and that it is a transitional program for homeless men. The men from Clifton Sanctuary have helped CPNO with road races and festivals. A motion was made to approve and seconded. Twenty-eight were in agreement and no one opposed.

7) Event Applications & Other NPU Actions

A) Dress for Success Atlanta Power Walk – April 30 – Sarah Pierce stated that they are expecting approximately 250 walkers and 25 volunteers. Security and port a potties have been arranged. The event will be about 2 hours and will begin at the back of the park. They will stay on the path the entire time (will only cross streets). The event starts at 9 a.m. and will go until 10:30 a.m. A motion was made to approve and seconded. Twenty-three were in agreement and no one opposed.

B) Outcome of the CDP vote – Lauren Welsh stated that all 15 policies have passed. Lauren will bring the policies to the next NPU meeting and they will be put with the other neighborhood policies.

8) Zoning Presentations & Votes (Zoning Committee recommendation)

A) 1240 Euclid – daycare use (no vote, announcement of intent) – Eric Kronberg, with Kronberg Wall Architects (Edgewood Neighborhood), is representing the Atlanta Montessori International School. Eric will attend the next zoning meeting to discuss plans. Go to www.amischool.com for more information about the school.

B) 506 Sterling – reduced setbacks (Approval). Terry Hyde is owner. They are doing an addition to the house. The owners got signatures from neighbors where they could and sent certified letters to the neighbors who could not be reached. A motion was made to approve and seconded. Twenty were in agreement and no one opposed.

C) 534 Oakdale – reduced setbacks (Approval). John Khoury is owner. Randy Pimsler's firm is involved in this project. Heated footprint would get larger but the footprint would not. A motion was made to approve and seconded. Twenty-one were in agreement and no one opposed.

D) 1233 McLendon – fence & gate height exceptions (Approval). Brandon Forde is owner. Randy stated that this fence already exists. The owner got signatures from the adjacent owners. A neighbor asked if this is not approved what would happen. Randy stated that if it is denied that the owner would have to bring the fence and gate into conformity. Randy stated that the owner would go to the NPU next for a vote and then the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) would get to vote. A neighbor asked how long it has been there. The owner stated that it was built with a permit and matches the fences around it. A motion was made to approve and seconded. Twenty were in agreement and no one opposed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Visitors

Jennifer Bensch, Sweetwater 420 Festival organizer (jb@happyendingpro.com)

An updated traffic and safety plan for the 420 festival will be presented. Key changes:

We will be increasing emergency signage along the roads nearest the park to allow for towing in those areas. This law must apply to all, as the laws are not allowed to be discriminatory. Therefore, if a resident parks in one of these places they will be towed. Please be advised and follow all parking laws.

We have increased the staffing level of the police officers, to include three motorcycle officers that will patrol the neighborhood for illegal parking and to ensure that traffic flows throughout the neighborhood. Motorcycle officers and internal police officers will be placed along the route back to MARTA to monitor any unwanted behavior in these areas during peak hours of flow to this area.

Trash will be monitored more heavily on the route to Marta as well.

We will be more heavily advertising that we are a green event and we want everyone to take Marta.

There will not be additional street closures.

Charlie Brouwer, ‘Rise Up Atlanta’ / Flux (cbrouwer@swva.net)

Charlie has been commissioned by Flux Projects of Atlanta (http://www.fluxprojects.org/) to create a temporary public art sculpture in Freedom Park. Flux presented this project to the CPNO two months ago and we voted unanimously in favor of it happening. The project, titled "Rise Up Atlanta", will be made of 100's of ladders borrowed from individuals, families, businesses, schools, churches and organizations from all over Atlanta. The sculpture will represent the combined hopes and dreams of the whole Atlanta community.

Rick Westbrook, First Existentialist Congregation (office@firstexistentialist.org)

The First Existentialist Congregation is planning a community garden. The cost for plots starts at $15 for students, $25 for individuals, and $50 for families. There are also plans for organizations & sponsors.

Michelle Hughes, Mary Lin Elementary PTA (hughes1370@gmail.com)

Mary Lin PTA Buildings & Grounds respectfully requests $400 to contribute to the maintenance and beautification of the Lin campus, and to aid in both improvement of function and curb appeal. Of particular interest is the beautification of The Habitat, Lin's outdoor classroom. Families will adopt grounds areas to maintain throughout April and May. Sufficient funds are not available, as it was assumed the Lin family would relocate in ‘11-‘12, with the new plan for the grounds (including a boardwalk and wetland garden) being put into place by APS. However, we have learned we are staying for at least one more year, and we need to ready the grounds in a way that the children deserve. APS will provide mulch and pinestraw. We are responsible for anything beyond that. We have matching funds.

Officer Reports

Treasurer -- Dave Aynes (treasurer@candlerpark.org)

As of Feb 28, CPNO's financial position was as follows:

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April Voting Items: I propose that we accept Small Business Services' proposal to manage CPNO's bookkeeping for an annual cost of $3,100 ($350 for the first month; $250 for each additional month). For more information, visit http://www.candlerpark.org/content/why-cpno-needs-professional-bookkeeper.

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Grants made in 2011

CPNO disbursed $6,300 to Park Pride as funding for Candler Park’s 2011 Screen on the Green.
CPNO disbursed $2,519 to Clifton Sanctuary as funding for its computer lab.

Vice President & NPU-N Representative -- Lauren Welsh (vicepresident@candlerpark.org)

Cherie King attended the previous Alliance for Intown Neighbors meeting on Candler Park’s behalf since Lauren couldn’t attend. Approximately 20 guests were in attendance to hear Atlanta Police Chief George Turner address concerns about crime and safety. The next scheduled Alliance meeting will be Tuesday, March 22 and the new Commissioner of Public Works, Richard Mendoza, will be the guest.

Zoning -- Randy Pimsler (zoning@candlerpark.org)

Zoning votes for tonight:

506 Sterling -- Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the north side yard setback from seven feet (required) to five feet and the south side yard setback from seven feet (required) to three feet to allow for an addition to a single family house.

534 Oakdale -- Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the north side yard setback from seven feet (required) to four feet to allow for an addition to a deck to an existing single family house.

1233 McLendon -- Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to 1. allow for a seven foot gate in the required yard; 2. Allow for a six foot three inch privacy fence in a portion of the required rear yard; and, 3. allow for a six foot nine inch privacy fence along the west side yard property line.

There are no pending / upcoming zoning applications as of now. The next zoning committee meeting is Wednesday, April 6 at 7pm at Epworth Methodist Church.

Special Projects -- Mark Clement (projects@candlerpark.org)

Volunteer Opportunities for SweetWater 420 Fest 5K

More People = Less Work + More Fun

This year’s 5K is shaping up to be our biggest ever! That means we’ll need more volunteers that ever to ensure that the event goes smoothly. To volunteer, please visit the event website’s contact page.

In the subject line, just write “volunteer”

In the message, let us know what Team(s) you’d like to be a part of, your phone number and what time we can expect you:

All “Day Of” Teams meet at Epworth UMC – 1561 McLendon Ave
Registration Team
When: April 16th – 9 AM to 11:30 AM
Why: We need 10 adults to help hand out packets to runners and register any latecomers. Experience being calm is helpful.
Water Team
When: April 16th – 9 AM to Noon
Why: We need 16 people (ages 7+) to set up water tables along the course. Experience pouring water into cups is a plus.
Finish Team
When: April 16th – 10 AM to Noon
Why: We need 10 adults to assist runners as they finish the race. Remove their electronic timing chips, show them where the bananas are, etc.
Photo/Video Team
When: April 16th – 10 AM to 1 PM
Why: We need 4 people who can mingle around the event and make runners look like they’re in Chariots of Fire.
T-Shirt / Wrist Band Team
When: April 16th – 10:45 AM to 1:30 PM
Why: We need 20 adults to help distribute t-shirts, check ID’s and put wrist bands onto runner’s wrists. The registration team is welcomed to be on this team too...after all, this is where the beer gets poured!
Join or Renew Online in 2011

It’s a great way to get involved and keep up with what’s happening in Candler Park. Membership allows you to fully participate by voting in CPNO monthly meetings, receive e-mails with important news, and keep apprised of upcoming meetings.

Already a Member? Renew for 2011 by going to http://www.candlerpark.org/renew (yes, the bylaws require each member to renew)

To Join: Go to www.candlerpark.org and click “Membership”

Support CPNO with a Paypal donation today!

No computer? CPNO will still accept the paper application below, but its primary method of communication will be e-mail and The Messenger.

- Lexa King, CPNO Membership Secretary

CPNO Membership Application

Name: ________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________
City: ______________ State: _______ ZIP: _____________
Home phone: ______________ Mobile phone: ______________
Email: ________________________________________________

Minor Children (names and ages) __________________________
Any information NOT to be published in CP neighborhood directory?
_____________________________________________________

Business applicants list name, address, and phone # of designated agent:
Name of business: _______________________________________
Address of business: _____________________________________

Optional Contribution

Support CPNO with a PayPal donation today? If you wish to make a donation to help CPNO continue serving the neighborhood, please take this opportunity to make a contribution.
Please indicate either: New Enrollment ______ or Renewal ______
I elect to contribute ______________________________________

Membership Involvement and Interests

___ New neighbor welcome ___ Newsletter/Messenger
___ Historic Preservation ___ Candler Park/Environment
___ 5K/Road Races ___ Land Use / Zoning
___ Tour of Homes ___ Flyer Distribution
___ Fall Fest ___ Parent/child groups
___ Social events   Other (specify) ___________

If sending by mail, please address to:
CPNO Membership
P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107
Zone 6 Crime Reports
Compiled by David Bruce

500 block Terrace Ave – Auto theft - 2/17 Thurs Eve. 2005 Ford Econoline, GA Tag# BQW9517 Victim said he parked vehicle at location while doing work and when he returned the vehicle was gone.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny - 2/23 Wed midnight. Victim said he locked his bicycle on a tree at location and when he returned it was gone.

1300 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto - 3/10 Thurs Eve. Someone broke out passenger side window and stole keys, DL and laptop with bag.

Classified Ads

patcleans@comcast.net or call Pat Felty at 404-822-8043. Customized home cleaning and organizing. Pet friendly with neighborhood references. Since 1989.


Sandy's Petsitting Service. Have leash, will travel. Petsitting in the home. Call Sandy 404-966-1526. 10 yrs experience

Lighthall's Cleaning - Est. 1989 great service at a great price! All work is guaranteed. 404 893 9308

RESCUED KITTENS FOR ADOPTION
Local rescued kittens/cats now looking for home-sweet-home! I'm a Candler Park Mama, and animal foster and rescue Mama for our local GA communities animals in need. Please call Kate at:404-228-6622 katherine.branch@gmail.com AND katebranchbrowne.posterous.com Thank you!

Epworth Day School @ Candler Park - CP's neighborhood preschool & Pre-K www.epworthdayschool.com

BARNABY'S GREEN THUMB INC. - We make your yard glow when we mow, edge and blow. Other services on request. 30 years experience 404 373 1591

The Children's Garden Preschool
Enrolling 2011-2012 and Summer Camp www.childrensgardenpreschool.org

Announcements

CANDLER PARK VOLUNTEER DAY to help build a natural mulched trail with landscape timbers along large ravine near Callan and McLendon in Candler Park. Go to www.friendsofcandlerpark.org for info.

CANDLER PARK EASTER EGG HUNT
noon Saturday April 23rd for kids of all ages! Presented by Friends of Candler Park; if interested in volunteering to help make our 4th annual event the best ever, please contact projects@candlerpark.org