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Meetings and Events

CPNO Meeting: July 16th @ 7:00PM
Social Period @ 6:30PM

CPNO meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at the First Existentialist Church located at 470 Candler Park Dr. **All are welcome.**

July General Meeting Agenda:

- Welcoming Remarks, approval of agenda and June minutes
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Land Use Matters
- Vote \$1,000 for Freedom Park Conservancy
- Vote \$914 for CPNO Directors and Officers Liability Insurance
- Vote \$5000 for banners, hats, mugs for resell at Fall Fest
- Vote approximately \$350 for software to assist in Messenger publication
- New Business
- Announcements, Open Forum

To submit agenda items, contact any CPNO officer. The August agenda deadline is July 26th, 2007.

Events Calendar

All meetings listed below begin at 7PM and are open to all.

Monday, July 9th

CPNO Board of Directors Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Wednesday, July 11th

CPNO Zoning Committee Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Monday, July 16th

CPNO Regular Meeting First Existentialist Church

Wednesday, July 18th

CPNO FallFest Committee Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Wednesday, July 25th

CPNO Historic District Committee Epworth United Methodist 2nd Floor

Thursday, July 26th

NPU-N Meeting L5P Community Center

Wednesday, August 1st

CPNO Zoning Committee Meeting Epworth United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

Findings and Recommendations from the Candler Park Historic District Committee

by Lauren Norton

About a year ago a group of residents came together to form a committee dedicated to learning more about what we perceived as a changing landscape in our neighborhood. Beautiful old historic homes in good condition were being demolished and tremendous homes that towered over their neighbors were being built in their place. We wanted to learn more about what we could do to prevent this regular practice.

Our committee has spent the past year meeting with city officials, other neighborhood groups and residents as well as researching our potential options to both prevent demolition of historic homes and discourage large-scale infill housing. We have discovered that becoming a Historic District is the only option to meet this need. While there are a few options that can discourage out-of-scale infill housing, there is no other available option that will also stop the demolition of historic structures.

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Proposed Re-Zoning for 1240 Euclid Avenue (Site of the Former Euclid Avenue Baptist Church)

by David Green

As the architect for the project at 1240 Euclid Avenue (and, coincidentally, a Candler Park resident just across the street), I have been asked provide an outline of the proposed project and the process that we are anticipating for this project. We currently have a zoning category in Little Five Points that is Neighborhood Commercial (NC-1). Little Five Points was the first commercial node in the city to adopt this ordinance, an ordinance that was originally written for these types of commercial nodes surrounded by established neighborhoods. The NC zoning category was created to respond to issues that are specific to these existing and proposed smaller-scale commercial nodes and insure that we don't get either highway-oriented or 'strip' commercial centers in areas that have historically been neighborhood-serving in nature. As such, the ordinance addresses such issues as height and bulk limitations, uses (including limitations on square footage), and orientation of the building to the street. There is also the expectation that these projects will be pedestrian-oriented and will reinforce the unique urban fabric of the neighborhood commercial nodes. Relative to the older C-1 Commercial zoning category, NC also reduces the amount of commercial development and increases the amount of residential development to help insure a walkable district. (For more information on the NC-1 zoning category, go to <http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=10376&sid=10> and scroll down to Part 16 on Zoning and see chapter 32 and 32A.)

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Candler Park Zoning Committee Meeting

By James Johnson

The Candler Park Zoning Committee met 6 June and reviewed three items. The committee recommended approval of the variances required for renovation and addition to 630 Oakdale Road. This item was also approved at the CPNO Regular Meeting on 18 June.

The committee recommended deferral of 1526 Iverson Street. The applicant requires setback variances for the second floor addition to an existing single family residence. The deferral was requested to provide time for the applicant to meet with concerned neighbors regarding several issues with the proposed addition.

The committee also heard for information only, the proposal to rezone 1240 Euclid Avenue (the former Church) from its current zoning of R4 Residential to NC Neighborhood Commercial. This would be an extension of the NC-1 zoning of L5P into the neighborhood. The proposed development is a mixed-use project with commercial tenants occupying a portion of the ground floor units with the remainder being residential. The committee provided comments to the owner and their architect regarding what it felt the neighborhoods concerns would be. A brief description of the proposal was also heard at the CPNO Regular Meeting. The owners and architect will be presenting a more detailed plan of the proposal at the July Zoning Committee Meeting. If you are interested or have concerns about the proposal to rezone please attend this meeting. In addition please see the *1240 Euclid Avenue Rezoning* article on page 1.

The July Candler Park Zoning Committee meeting will be held Wednesday 11 July at Epworth United Methodist. The zoning committee meets regularly the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are open to the public and neighbors are encouraged to attend to voice their opinion regarding zoning issues.

The agenda for the July meeting currently includes the following items:

- 354 Clifton Road, Setback variance to allow for addition to an existing single family residence.
- 1240 Euclid Avenue, Review proposal to rezone 1240 Euclid Avenue from R4 to NC (Neighborhood Commercial).



Laughter in the Park

by Deb Milbrath

Get That Warm Fuzzy Feeling and a Free Beer!

By Mark Clement

We would like to invite you to join our Fall Fest Planning committee. Right now we are focusing on finding key people to help with planning and preparing for the festival. *All the decisions that will shape this year's Fall Fest will be made by this committee.* So if you have ideas, come to our next meeting on **Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00 at Epworth United Methodist on McClendon.** We will meet at the double doors leading into the class room building next to the sanctuary.

After the committee captains are in place, we'll focus on operational volunteers. Those wonderful people that help out with the Tour of Homes, the Candler Park 5K Race, the beer concessions etc. We anticipate that the operational volunteer shifts will last approximately 4 hours. And for your efforts you will be awarded free beer/beverage tickets, a Festival T shirts and of course that warm fuzzy feeling. We are also planning a volunteer training seminar/appreciation event sometime before the festival at the E church on Candler Park Drive.

In the mean time, mark your calendars. The 2007 Candler Park Fall Fest will be on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14. This is the seventh year of this fast growing event. We anticipate up to 15,000 attendees during the two days. The festival is sponsored by the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and all proceeds from the festival benefit the CPNO. Please check us out at www.candlerparkfallfest.org.



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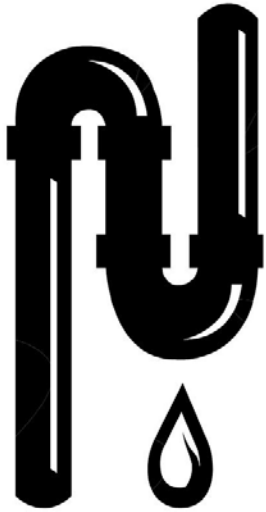
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2007 Candler Park Tour of Homes

By Mary Alice Bray

The Tour of Homes will be held on Sunday of Fall Fest weekend, October 14th from 12:00 – 6:00 pm. The tour provides a great opportunity to show off our wonderful neighborhood. It's also a lot of fun and raises money for local parks and neighborhood projects.

We're looking for houses – old and new – to have on the tour. We would also love to include a loft. So please volunteer if you are a loft dweller within the boundaries of Candler Park.

We need to finalize the houses on the tour by **August 1st** so we'll have the tour booklets ready for advanced ticket sales. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering your palace or if you would like more information. maryabray@aol.com (404-522-5455)



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Proposed Re-Zoning for 1240 Euclid Avenue

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Our desire is to see this zoning category extended from the current NC-1 zoned area (the parking lot behind the Star Bar) to include the old church property at 1240 Euclid, a 1.8 acre parcel with ~430 ft of frontage on Euclid Avenue. The idea is to remove the current church building and create a mixed-use project with very limited commercial tenants (located closest to the current commercial businesses) and with the remainder of the site utilized for residential occupants. We are currently contemplating about 6,000 sq ft of commercial space and another 10,000 sq ft of live work (~10 units) together with 70,000 sq ft of regular residential space (~60 units) distributed across three structures of 4, 3, and 2 stories each. The project would also include a two-level deck (~160 spaces) located behind the buildings and screened from the street and a small pocket park.

Because NC is a special zoning category and understood as a comprehensive district regulation, it is not possible for an individual to submit an application for this particular category. It has to be introduced by either a City Councilperson or the Director of the Bureau of Planning. At this stage of the process we have not requested this from either Anne Fauver or anyone at Planning. It is our intention to work with the neighborhood until we can come to a commonly-shared vision for this site and then go to the city to request the NC zoning. This is not a quick process. Once the zoning has been requested, the process for adoption will take between 4 and 6 months. The ordinance will be presented by representatives of the city, not by the development team. This helps insure that the zoning remains consistent with the adjacent NC district. It is also important to remember that special stipulations can be incorporated into the NC zoning districts. For instance, there might be a limitation on commercial uses beyond a certain distance from the intersection of Moreland and Euclid. This would insure that even if the property is sold, the project must adhere to the stipulations. It is a very clear way to insure the neighborhood gets what is appropriate.

Once the new zoning category is in place, another application process begins. This is a Special Administrative Permit application, and it requires another round of review by the Bureau of Planning and a comment period from the NPU (and neighborhood). This helps to further insure that the project adheres to the requirements of the ordinance and to any special stipulations put in place in the process. While it is possible to request an alternate zoning category for this parcel, it seems that the NC category is the most appropriate. It seems to be the best category to insure that the project is built in a way that is compatible with the adjacent commercial district as well as the adjacent single-family district. After all, this is exactly what NC was set up to do.



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Candler Park Historic District Committee
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Because of this, the Historic District Committee met with the CPNO board and recommended that we move forward as a neighborhood with the work to become a Historic District. At that meeting the board of directors voted to support the Historic District Committee in developing a proposal for an application for an Atlanta Urban Design Commission, Historic District nomination, to be presented to the neighborhood for a vote at a later date.

Creating that proposal takes a significant amount of work, including an inventory of every structure in the neighborhood as well as developing a set of regulations with the input and support of all residents. While we as a committee believe this is our best option, we also don't want to move forward with this work without the interest of the larger neighborhood. Therefore we will spend the next couple of months developing a presentation for the neighborhood about the proposal process to the Urban Design Commission, which will then be shared at a future Candler Park Neighborhood meeting for input.

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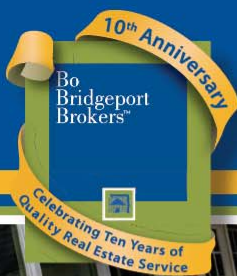
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- Mary Alice Bray, Membership Secretary

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Cooking for a Cause

By the Food Freak

Doncha just love when the kitchen god smiles on you? A few days ago, a friend of mine was unable to attend a cooking class due to scheduling problems and I was the lucky person that got to go in her stead. The *Simple Abundance Cooking Class* series donate 100% of the class fees to the **Atlanta Community Food Bank**. The class I attended was *Saving Southern Recipes* featuring chefs Linton Hopkins of Restaurant Eugene, Virginia Willis of Virginia Willis Culinary Productions, Dave Roberts of Sam & Dave's BBQ and Sonya Jones of Sweet Auburn Bakery. With that much star power on board, this tie-dyed in the wool food freak was in culinary heaven.

I arrived early and got a front row seat. (Note that this placement was ideal for having a bird's eye view of the action but alas, I was the very last to be served.) Along with great food and wine, one of the most enjoyable aspects of the evening was the convivial atmosphere. Folks would stand up and tell about recipes that were handed down from generation to generation... "Big mama's peach pie, Aunt Hazel's pickled chow-chow" My favorite was from the little silver haired lady--complete with twin set and pearls--who told us how to make "Drunk Punch". "You gist mix togethah a small can of limeaide with an equal amount of vodka or rum and add 3 whole cans of beeah...oh gist any kind of beeah will do. It's delicious!"

In my not so humble opinion, Chef Linton Hopkins' demonstration of Crab and Corn Chowder was a true show stopper. Like a magician on a stage, he put together simple, fresh, *local* ingredients. And right before our very eyes, he conjured up a soup that was pure magic. Chef Linton spoke of buying food that was "of the season" and listening to the food to "hear the flavor" as it develops. I was mesmerized. He presented us with a written recipe, and then proceeded to NOT follow it. "Have some freedom with these recipes...make them your own." (Send me an email and I'll shoot you a copy of the recipe he wrote and the recipe he actually made. foodfreak@speakeasy.net.)

Chef Virginia Willis prepared an outstanding salad dressing using Vidalia onions, a little Dijon mustard, a bit of honey and some canola oil. Sweet and sassy. Yum.

The Atlanta Community Food Bank has been around for about 20 years. They work with some 30 different hunger relief agencies in our area to make sure that the donations of left over and unused food gets to the tables of hungry people in Atlanta. If you'd like to join the fight against hunger in our town, the ACFB is in need of your time, money or food. Check out their website (www.ACFB.org) or call 404.892.FEED for more information.

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Trash Talk

By Donna Palmer

Karin Zarin, the city's new Recycling Manager wants to give Atlanta residents an update on recycling. To start, you can "Visit www.earth911.org to access comprehensive information about recycling, green shopping, energy conservation, household hazardous waste, composting and dozens of other environmental resources. For community- specific environmental information simply enter your zip code."

Zarin wants to remind you that curbside recycling should only include:

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Catalogues
- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles and jars (no lids please)
- Steel (tin) cans
- Plastic #1 and # 2 bottles
- Mixed paper (Please put the mixed paper in a brown craft paper grocery bag to keep it separated from newspaper.)
- Office paper
- Junk mail
- Envelopes
- Telephone directories
- Boxboard (cereal boxes, tissue boxes)
- Shredded paper tied in a **clear plastic bag**

Contact the city for information on recycling old corrugated cardboard and electronics such as televisions, microwaves, computers and florescent light bulbs.

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Terry Williams Murder Suspect Arrested

By -Richard B. Shapiro DDS

On June 7 Atlanta police arrested 19 year old Cori Williams in the Thomasville neighborhood, charging him with several accounts including murder, stemming from the robbery and shooting of Terry Williams. (The AJC has an article on the arrest and a photo of the suspect at: <http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/atlanta/stories/2007/06/09/0609metlitttlefive.html>)

Here's the information Major Propes sent regarding the arrest, "Two Officers were handling a domestic disturbance at the far south end of Zone 6. During the course of that call they received a piece of information about someone that wasn't on the scene saying he had shot someone. Because we make sure all of our Officers are well aware of all the crimes here in the Zone, they began to ask questions. Before you knew it, they had some pretty good information. As they were standing there up walked the perpetrator and they took him into custody!"

There was a Preliminary Hearing on June 22 where the Judge ruled there was probable cause to make the arrest. Dozens of members of the community, friends and family, showed up for that hearing. Homicide Detective Stephens outlined part of the case, saying he had at least 6 witnesses, several spoke to the suspect the night of the shooting where he admitted to the crime, asked for money to get out of town, asked for help with disposing the gun, gave details of the crime (some of which until that moment in the hearing, were only known to the Homicide Detective). After the hearing the District Attorney and the Detective told us that there was more evidence and more being gathered, and that they would fight to insure there would be no bail, feeling it was not likely that bail would be set. They felt they had a reasonably strong case with which to get a conviction. The Detective pointed out that the response from our community was both very strong and very helpful, and that the witnesses coming forward from the Thomasville neighborhood were invaluable--he thanked and commended both communities.

I had spoken with Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard about the case and we discussed what the community could do. A large response from the community in general during the various court proceedings will give the DA's office help and leverage in court and/or during any plea negotiations. To that end, I told Mr. Howard that we intended to ask the community to attend court hearings, and to send him e-mails or letters with our concerns and requesting a vigorous prosecution with maximum sentence options. So please contact Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard at paul.howard@fultoncountyga.gov or at 136 Pryor St. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303, or (404)-730-4981. Also please spread the word and ask everyone you know to contact him as well.

Here is some information and my thoughts on what could be included in your email, letter or call: On May 22, 2007 Terry Williams was shot in the head and killed during the course of an armed robbery in front of his house. Cori Williams has been arrested for the crime. This was a stranger on stranger crime, a random unprovoked event. It is the type of crime that justifiably concerns the community most, the type of crime that puts the most people at risk and in fear for their safety. It is clear from the massive response that this community is outraged.

Since Terry was killed in the course of another crime, this qualifies as a capital case. While it is extremely unlikely that Cori Williams will be tried for the death penalty I think that the possibility should be at least considered. In Georgia, life without parole is only available as a sentence in capital cases. The highest sentence that can be given in a non-capital case is life with the possibility of parole.

I've given this a lot of thought and my position will be to ask for the highest possible sentence—while I am personally conflicted about the death penalty, it is in the law and if it is being enforced, in my mind this crime deserves it. This particular crime was both brazen and callous, the perpetrator went up to two grown males to rob them and without a moment of hesitation shot one in the head, killing him. This is a dangerous murderer who needs off the streets. I would like to see any plea negotiations starting with the highest possible sentence on the table, giving the prosecution the maximal tools and leverage for the longest sentence to be imposed.

Additionally if there is ever any deterrence effect of high sentencing it is most likely to be in this type of crime which was not a crime of passion, not a crime between people who knew each other or had any kind of relationship, not gang related, not drug related, not retaliatory, not related to any other criminal activity, completely unprovoked, with no resistance offered. The possibility of a life without parole or death sentence might not necessarily stop someone in those types of crimes, but it might give second thoughts to someone killing during the course of a random crime (if criminals know that there is little likelihood of an extreme sentence there isn't much incentive not to pull the trigger and kill the witness).

Of course everyone has to do what they are comfortable with and what their conscience allows. In any event please ask for a vigorous prosecution with the strongest possible punishment (a life sentence for instance if you cannot abide capital punishment), and express your concerns, and that the case is being closely followed by you, the press and the community, and ask what help we can provide. A large response from the community will be very helpful for this case; a statement to the bad guys that we are a community that fights back; and diminish the idea that this is a dangerous area to be in—perception can become reality and hurt community. DA Howard and the Police continue to ask for help in the case, anyone having any information about the crime or who might have seen the suspect around the area late Monday night/Tuesday morning May 21/22, are asked to contact them.

Finally, let me extend thanks to the community from Terry's family and friends for the outpouring of the support. Terry had always wanted to be an organ donor, his friend Nina Larsen has recently emailed the following: "Terry's mom just called me and let me know that LifeLink called her to let her know who got some of Terry's organs. Terry's heart went to a 49 year old man who is a probation officer and has two children. Terry's liver and right kidney went to a 56 year old man who was not expecting to get the liver transplant in addition to a kidney transplant, so it was great news that he was able to get both at the same time. Terry's left kidney went to a 48 year old woman with three children who has been on dialysis for 3 years. His pancreas went to Emory University for research. This has made Terry's family very happy and grateful. It does a lot to ease the pain of their loss. She wanted everyone to know."

This article reflects the opinion of the author only
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Help Keep Candler Park Safe!

A group of Candler Park neighbors have been volunteering their time to investigate the idea of setting up a Security Patrol for Candler Park. Many of our in-town neighborhoods have security patrols, which are intended to supplement the level of police protection offered by the Atlanta Police Department to reduce and prevent crime. Visit www.candlerparkpatrol.com for more information. Your input is needed.

Candler Park Neighbors – Do we need a security patrol?

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By Liz Thompson

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Visit www.CandlerParkPatrol.com for more information about what a security patrol is and how it would potentially work. More importantly, please complete the survey so that we can gauge the level of interest. Here is a preliminary summary of survey results.

- 91 Candler Park households (or businesses) have responded.
- 73% of these households think crime is a problem (or a “pretty big” or “huge” problem) in Candler Park.
- 27% think it is only a slight problem or no problem at all.
- 60% of responders (55 households) have been a victim of crime.
- The most common types of crime reported in the survey are auto break-ins (58 instances, or 34%) and stolen property (61 instances, or 35%).
- 89 households so far have indicated they would join the security patrol at varying price levels.
 - 89 hhs would be likely to contribute \$50/yr
 - 81 hhs would be likely to contribute up to \$100/yr
 - 60 hhs would be likely to contribute up to \$200/yr
 - 19 hhs would be likely to contribute up to \$300/yr
 - 8 hhs would be likely to contribute up to \$400/yr

The goal over the next month is to get the word out about the website and increase response to the survey. So far, the majority of neighbors who have taken the survey are interested in participating at some level, but only 5% of total households in the neighborhood have taken the survey.

We will need to have a pretty significant increase in response and interest in order to have enough resources to mobilize an effective patrol. The security patrol committee estimates that we'd need a commitment of approximately \$50,000 annually to really do it right. So far, based on the results above, we are only seeing about \$12,000 in probable support. Given all the work it will take to get a patrol organized, we will not move forward unless we are sure we'd have enough support (money and volunteer time) to make it work.

If you have not visited the website yet, please take a few minutes to check it out. The survey is short - only nine questions. Whether you like this idea or not, we need to hear from you!

In August, the Security Patrol Committee will re-convene and review where we stand. At that time, we'll make a decision on whether or not to move forward with organizing a formal Security Patrol for Candler Park.

Thanks in advance - www.CandlerParkPatrol.com!

Minutes for the 06.18.07 Meeting of the CPNO

Compiled by Randy Pimsler

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Neighborhood Organization, Inc. was held on Monday, June 18, 2007, in the fellowship hall of the First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Church, with president Amy Stout in the chair. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Approximately twenty-five people were present at the start of the meeting.

The proposed agenda was adopted. The minutes for the May meeting were presented and were approved.

Two police department representatives were present at the meeting. Sargeant Schirbaum presented an update on the murder in Little Five Points which has lead to a charge in the case with an arrest in the case. The murder did appear to be a random act and prosecution is pending. Slight increase in pedestrian robberies and automobile break ins, in Zone Six. Public Safety Officer Ruby Naylor presented information and suggestions on burglars entering through unsecured doors and windows in homes and outdoor sheds. In addition she reminded the group to prepare property inventory sheets along with photographs of valued materials, for solving crimes, should they occur.

Bernard Coxton, with the Atlanta Fire Department presented the Atlanta Citizens Emergency Response Team (ACERT) a training program for day to day emergency response as well as major disaster events that might threaten the community. The training program is aimed at empowering communities with life saving techniques such as basic cpr and survival tactics for lasting seventy two hours without public utilities. The training program is eighteen hours in duration and additional information may be found at the web site at acertga.org.

Committee Reports

Alonzo Church, CPNO treasurer reported that the organization has a current balance of \$18,739.00 in the checking account. In addition, Mr. Church noted there are ten thousand dollars allocated to the Fallfest and he expects an ongoing flow of money in and out of the account over the next period of time. After expenses, there will be approximately \$13,000.00 for additional disbursement.

The NPU N update was presented by Amy Stout, CPNO NPU representative. Bylaw amendments are under consideration at this time. For the most part there are not major changes being proposed. The vote to adopt the bylaws, at the NPU level is being proposed to take place at a constituent organization meeting, in the future. Additionally, proof of membership compliance by each constituent organization could be requested at any time. The vote to adopt the proposed bylaw amendment passed by a vote of sixteen to two. Saturday, June 30, 2007 the L5PCC will be open for voting on the adoption of the bylaws.

Fallfest and Tour of Homes Committee will have their regular meeting in June, at the Epworth Church. The tour of homes is looking for volunteers who might wish to have their home on tour, including lofts in the neighborhood. For further information please contact Mary Alice Bray at maryabray@aol.com. The Fallfest will take place the second weekend of October.

No pool representatives were present at the meeting.

A Security Patrol update was provided at this meeting. The web site securitypatrol.com is up and running. A survey is on the website and the results will be updated in an ongoing manner. 71 percent of respondents have noted that crime is a problem in the neighborhood. 71 percent of the respondents have also been victims of crimes.

Stacey Abrams, state representative was present at the meeting and shared legislative updates with the group. Additional information is available at her website staceyabrams.com.

The Freedom Park Conservancy contribution vote was deferred, as no representatives were present at the meeting.

A brief report was presented on the ongoing lawsuit that CPNO is involved with at this time. The neighborhood organization is defending against the claims of the American Pool Service of Georgia for unpaid costs incurred by the Candler Park Pool Association.

Land Use Matters

James Johnson presented the current land use matters at the meeting.

630 Oakdale Road presented a variance application for reduced setbacks and increased impervious lot coverage. After a brief presentation and review, a motion was made to approve the variance with conditions noted for pourous pavement and cistern water storage devices. The motion carried unanimously with one abstention.

1526 Iverson Street was on the zoning committee agenda and a presentation and discussion was made at that time. The applicant was referred to the adjacent neighbors for further input. It is uncertain at this time if the applicant has plans to move forward with the variance.

1240 Euclid Avenue land use committee comments were received and the plan is currently being prepared for further review and comment. This pre-application phase of work is for information gathering and engaging the neighbors in the process. The updated design will be presented to the zoning committee at their next meeting on July 11th at the Epworth Church at 7:00 pm.

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CPNO Meeting Minutes

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The Candler Park Historic District Committee has recommended that the neighborhood pursue Atlanta Urban Design Commission Historic District designation. The CPNO board has endorsed this recommendation and this vote will be brought before the neighborhood for consideration at a future date. An article will be prepared for the Messenger, outlining the findings of the committee, to date.

New Business/Announcements/Open Forum

Information on a proposal to purchase Candler Park banners will be presented to the membership for consideration, in the near future.

The Moreland Corridor Task Force is planning to report next month. The website www.morelandcorridor.net, contains information related to the proposed improvements.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra has sent information for a free concerts and the president has agreed to follow up.

Our webmaster has indicated that she may not be able to continue to administer the site and has asked that volunteers be sought to repair the site and make it more useful. A caretaker and developer for the website is being sought, at this time.

The US Social Forum will be in town June 27 – July 1. For additional information, visit ussf2007.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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By Alonzo Church
March - June of 2007

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Beginning Balance \$16,257.45

Income

Candler Bark \$1,011.50

Donations \$333.00

420 Festival \$1,500.00

Messenger Ads \$7,033.37

Total Income \$9,877.87

Expenses

Messenger Printing \$(2,246.62)

L5P Business Assn \$(500.00)

Security Patrol \$(132.52)

Mural \$(499.00)

Candler Bark \$(491.99)

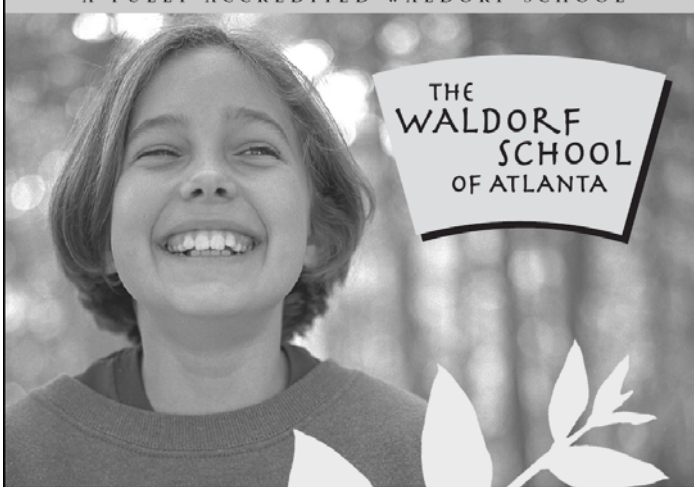
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Protecting our Urban Forest

by Lauren Norton

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Earlier this year city arborist Tom Coffin attend a CPNO meetings to talk about the Tree Protection Ordinance and recent tree removals in the neighborhood that violated city code. Any tree with a diameter more than 6 inches at chest height (4.5 feet above ground) requires a permit for removal regardless of the health of the tree. So, that means even your pesky dying dogwood requires approval from the City of Atlanta for you to consider removal. Trees that do qualify as dead, dying or hazardous may be removed but only after the tree is inspected and a permit is given. Also, any healthy trees that are removed are assessed a recompense amount (dollar amount assigned to a natural resource) and that money goes into the Tree Trust Fund to be spent on tree installation, maintenance and environmental education.

As a concerned resident, please be aware that you can help educate other neighbors who may not be aware of the ordinance. If you witness a tree being removed, ask the tree cutters to show you a tree removal permit. Many tree removal companies outside of Atlanta aren't aware of the ordinance and the required permit. If they continue to remove the tree without a permit, you can call the City of Atlanta Arborist division at 404-330-6836. If the tree removal occurs on a weekend, city code (Section 158-33) requires that the City of Atlanta police be contacted and come to the property to cease activity until a permit is obtained.

Remember that we all contribute to the healthy environment of our neighborhood whether that's by following the Tree Protection Ordinance or encouraging others to do so. According to Trees Atlanta's website one acre of trees produces enough oxygen for 18 people to breathe each day and eliminates as much carbon dioxide from the air as is produced from driving a car 26,000 miles. We are lucky to have an urban forest right here in Atlanta, so remember to do what you can to preserve it. For more information go to the City of Atlanta's website at www.atlantaga.gov.

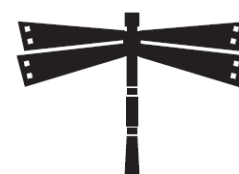


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Zone 6 Crime Report

May 25 – June 21 2007

compiled by David Bruce

400 block Seminole Ave – Assault - 5/22(00:25-00:30) Tue Morn. Victim 1 stated he had just met victim 2 and was walking on Seminole Ave when the suspect approached them. The suspect asked for a light, and after receiving a lighter from the victim1 he produced a handgun. The suspect demanded money from victim 1, then turned and shot victim2. The suspect then fled on foot heading west on Sinclair Ave. the victim was found laying face down with a gunshot wound to the head. Homicide and ID responded to the scene. Suspect: B/M. (I included this from zone 604 report)

1400 block Miller Ave – Larceny from auto - 5/22– 5/24 Tue-Thurs Day. Victim reports someone entered his unsecured vehicle and removed items and license plate decal.

1300 block Euclid Ave – Robbery pedestrian - 5/20 Sun Eve. Victim reports he had just parked his motorcycle in the parking lot and was walking to his apartment when the suspect approached him. The suspect produced a gun and demanded the victim's keys. The victim gave the suspect his keys and watched the suspect begin to leave on the motorcycle. The victim then ran to the front of the complex and threw his helmet at the suspect. The suspect fell off the bike, picked it back up and continued to travel west on Euclid. Suspect: B/M, Wearing a black helmet and ski mask.

1300 block Euclid Ave – Auto theft - 6/01 Fri morn. The victim reported to police someone had stolen his vehicle during the night.

1300 block Dekalb Ave – Larceny - 5/29 Tue Eve. The victim reported to police she left her bicycle on the back porch, and when she returned a few minutes later, the bicycle was missing.

1600 block McClendon Ave – Assault - 6/6 Wed Eve. Victim reports he was sleeping in his sleeping bag when the suspect approached, demanded \$5 for crack, and struck him in the head with a stick. When the Victim stood up the suspect struck him again. Arrestee: B/F, 51YOA.

1200 block McLendon Ave – Burglary - 6/7 Thurs Morn. Victim reports someone pried the lock off her shed door. Nothing appeared to have taken.

1200 block Euclid Ave – Burglary - 6/6 Wed Eve. Victim reports she found her front porch door, rear door, and storage closet open. There was no sign of forced entry and the victim stated that she had locked all the doors. Item taken.

1500 block McClendon Ave – Burglary - 6/5 Tue Morn. Someone entered his residence through an unsecured downstairs window. The victim stated his keys were used to open his vehicle, but nothing was taken. The victim also called his cell phone and made arrangements with the male who answered to meet so he could buy back an item. The suspect never showed up. Items taken.

1300 block Euclid Ave – Commercial burglary - 6/7 Thurs Morn. Victim reports someone damaged the lock to a storage shed and removed property.

1400 block Benning Pl – Larceny - 6/9 Sat Day. Victim reports someone removed items from his front porch.

200 block Marion Pl Ave – Robbery pedestrian - 6/9 Sat Eve. Victim: W/F, 24YOA, Lives on McLendon Ave. Victim reports she was walking south on Marion Pl from the Edgewood shopping center when the suspects approached her. The suspect produce a very large hand gun, held it to her head, and told her not to make a sound while they took her purse and another item. The victim believes the suspects were young since they were giggling as they walked away from the scene. The victim was not able to give a clear description of the suspects. Suspects: Two young Black Females.

300 block Mell Ave – Auto theft recovery - 6/10 Sun Eve. The victim stated that he had found his stolen vehicle. The vehicle did have body damage, but nothing had been taken from inside.

1400 block Miller Ave – Auto theft - 6/12 Tue Morn. Victim reports someone stole her vehicle sometime during the night while it was parked on the street. No broken glass was found where the vehicle had been parked and there's no record of it being impounded.

400 block Sterling St – Auto theft - 6/12 Tue Morn. Victim reports someone stole his vehicle sometime during the night while it was parked on the street. No broken glass was found where the vehicle had been parked, no record of it being impounded.

400 block Terrace Ave – Burglary - 5/5 – 5/7 Sat - Mon. Victim reports someone damaged the door knob to his front door, entered his residence, and remove property.

2000 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto - 6/14 Thurs Morn. Victim reports the suspect smashed her vehicle's passenger side window, and removed property before fleeing the area on foot. Items taken. Suspect: B/M, 5'10", 180 lbs.

Announcements

Inman Park Cooperative Preschool seeks a teacher for the upcoming school year. For more info, go to www.ipcp.org.

Lost Cat - My husband and I moved into this area last month, and our cat (unusually reluctant to take trips away from home) has been missing since 5/18. Fixed and healthy, "Count" is a rather large black manx (he doesn't have a tail) with a green collar and purple tag, a little white spot on his chest, and a small clip cut out of the top of his left ear. Normally shy with strangers, people who've seen him may expect he isn't lost. If found please contact Patrick or Sky Guinn at 678-437-8727, 404-963-2711 or email stateofchoice@hotmail.com. Thanks!

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