

Fall Fest 2013: Everything you need to know



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The scoop on Fall Fest

By Messenger Staff

Fall Fest is Candler Park's homegrown party produced by Candler Parkers for Candler Parkers. Of course everyone else is invited to enjoy two days of free music, arts and crafts, food, and fun in Candler Park Saturday Sept. 28 and Sunday Sept. 29.

This year's music includes Saturday headliners Blair Crimmins and the Hookers and Sunday headliners, Atlanta's Blues Queens (see p. 6 for a profile). Other acts include Homework Ate My Dog, Will Scruggs, and Bluesheart. Check out the festival's website for the complete lineup.

Saturday's 5K Road Race begins at 10 AM and winds through our scenic neighborhood streets.

The annual event is the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization's leading fundraiser. For all the latest news and information on the festival go to <http://fallfest.candlerpark.org/>.

Master Plan vote

By Messenger Staff

At its August 19 membership meeting, the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization voted to adopt the Candler Master Plan. The product of a yearlong effort to create a community planning process focusing on transportation, land use, and development, the document now moves on to the NPU-N for its review and endorsement before going to city hall.

Residents packed the First Existentialist Church for the vote. CPNO president Steve Cardwell joked before taking the final vote that he had never before in his capacity as CPNO president had to count so high in a CPNO vote. The motion to approve the plan passed in 44 to one, with two abstentions.

Keep up with the Master Plan's progress and volunteer for next steps by visiting the CPNO website, candlerpark.org.

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President's Message

By Steve Cardwell, CPNO President

At the meeting in August, the membership approved the Master Plan for the neighborhood. You can view it online at <http://www.candlerparkmasterplan.com/>. The plan was subsequently approved at the NPU-N meeting and is on track to go before the City Council. The plan was a major undertaking for the neighborhood and I can't thank the folks that came out to our meetings and gave input that went into making the plan better and more representative of the diversity that is our neighborhood. I would especially like to thank the members of the Master Plan Committee – Chair Jimmy Bligh, Bonnie Palter, John Skach, Randy Pimsler, Lexa King, Joshua Harrelson, Eric Rubenstein, Dave Radlmann, Lauren Welsh, Sheila Henn, and Ken Edelstein. These folks went above and beyond in terms of putting in time to make the plan and the process work for our neighborhood. If you see them, please say thank you as they deserve it.

As a neighborhood, we are preparing for elections in November for new board members. There are a number of folks stepping down from positions on the board and there are always too few candidates. In fact, due to personal reasons, I need to step down in November. Our neighborhood is full of some of the most talented people you will ever meet. We don't need every talented person, but we do need a few good women and men to throw their hats in the ring. Please reach out to me if you are interested or know someone who might be at president@candlerpark.org.

Finally, as I said in my update last month, please get out and have some fun and support the neighborhood at the Fall Festival and Tour of Homes on September 28th and 29th.



by Deb Milbrath

Treasurers Update

By Peter Bluestone, CPNO Treasurer

Our overall financial position remains strong, with adequate funds to meet our upcoming Fall Fest obligations. We have recently paid out our grant to Epworth Methodist for their handicap ramp renovation. We are still waiting to hear from First E regarding a matching grant passed by the membership several years ago. With regards to the Master Plan, Market and Main is owed one final payment when the plan is accepted by the city. The Fall Fest Committee is working tirelessly to solicit sponsorships as well as sell artist booths. With a bit of luck and some nice weather CPNO looks forward to another financially successful Fall Fest in 2013. For more details on all the above, see you at the September meeting.

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MEETING & EVENTS

CPNO general meeting September 16th
7:00 pm (social period @ 6:30 pm)

CPNO general meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive; committee meetings are at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave., 2nd Fl. (or as shown) All are welcome - only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by CPNO by the 1st of the month of meeting.

EVENTS CALENDAR

(open to all)

Sept. 16: 7 PM: CPNO Monthly Meeting

Sept. 21: 7 PM: Movie Night, Field of Dreams.

Sept. 28-29: Fall Fest. Check Candlerpark.org for details.

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Marathon mile

Submitted by Eric Rubenstein

Hey Candler Park:

Atlanta Marathoners need your help for their October 27 race through town - and it's a great way to raise up to \$8,000 for your favorite neighborhood's association, CPNO! Without funding (with winnings from things like this), there are no Master Plans, no Fall Fests, no nuthin'. So it's important to get as many folks as we can, the widest cross-section of neighbors and friends, to show up to our mile of the Atlanta Marathon on October 27.

To recap, CPNO was awarded a mile along the Atlanta Marathon's October 27th race. The race starts at 7:30 AM on Sunday, October 27 - (hot coffee and glazed breakfast treats await). Of the 26 or so miles involved, we got the closest one to our neighborhood -- Highland Ave from Boulevard to North Ave. We need a minimum of 15 volunteers at the water stand, and 15 volunteers at the cheer zone at all times (roughly 3-4 hours) - and if we get lots more, we can work out

some shifts!

We will be judged by the race producers based on number of volunteers (minimum of 30, or no money awarded), how creatively we're dressed (hey belly dancers, you reading this?), how loud we can get (anyone know any players in the Seed and Feed?), how long we stay, how well we clean up, and can even earn an extra \$500 if the runners judge our mile best. If we represent like I know we can, we can't lose.

The money we raise as a result will go toward the creation of a youth road race in Candler Park (or other great fitness activity for our kids - ideas welcomed). So get the word out and hold the date - October 27 - to show the runners some

love and connect with your neighbors at the same time.

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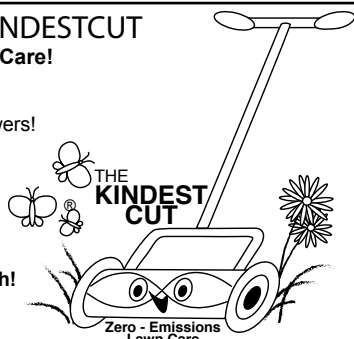
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Watermelon on the loose

By Kelly Jo Bluestone

Who says watermelon is just for eating? Who thinks seedless watermelon is better? Certainly not the residents of Candler Park! Nope, we have a different idea for watermelon around here!

In addition to attending another family fun evening in Candler Park, on August 24 we not only had the opportunity to see Pee Wee Herman and his wild adventures; we also got to spit watermelon seeds. And spit we did!

There were four different categories: ages 3-5, 6-9, 10-12 and the adult category. With approximately 40 people entering the contest, there were seeds flying in every direction! The goal, of course, was to see who could spit the farthest. Each of the winners in the children's categories won a prize of a "snack with a plaque," a commemorative Candler Park watermelon seed-spitting plaque along with a bag of Sour Patch Watermelon candies. The winners for each category, respectively, were as follows: Reed with a distance of 9 feet, Arianna at 16 feet and Will with a 14 foot finish! Mark Clement was the mac daddy winner in the adult category with a whopping 22 foot spit! Big thanks to all who participated and helped coordinate this great event.

So get out there and practice your seed spitting technique for next year, this was a good time for all! And, some of us actually got to enjoy eating free watermelon, too!



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Atlanta's Queens of the Blues

By Boyd Baker

A rare convergence of blues artistry is coming together for the Candler Park Fall Fest on Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Atlanta's Queens of the Blues will take the stage in the form of Francine Reed, Sandra Hall, and Lola. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see three of Atlanta's most prominent blues performers on the same stage and should be dynamite.


How did this powerhouse trio come together for one of Atlanta's most intimate family festivals you ask? Well, it all started in a neighborly way. Francine Reed is a friend and neighbor of Epworth United Methodist Church in Candler Park who offered to help fundraise for a handicap ramp. Volunteers planned the concert for months. The choirs of Epworth would be joined by men from the Clifton House Ministries, as well as other performers in the area. Francine invited her two friends Sandra Hall and Lola as well. The performance was electrifying and got organizers wondering if it could be recreated for the larger audience of Fall Fest. Fortunately, performing schedules for all of the Queens allowed for a reunion on September 29.


The festival's performance organizer, Mark Clement, says, "Atlanta's Queens of the Blues was the only title fitting such influential artists. To prove how big a day

this will be, City Council Member Kwanaa Hall is going to introduce a resolution to the Atlanta City Council officially naming Francine, Sandra, and Lola Atlanta's Queens of the Blues."


Queen Francine Reed was born in Chicago and raised in Phoenix but now calls Atlanta home. Her professional career began at age 5 in her family's gospel group. "I always say I was born singing," says Reed. Opening for acts such as Miles Davis, Etta James, and Smokey Robinson proved the talent in her voice but her success was many years in the making. In 1985 she was introduced to Lyle Lovett, who was searching for a female singer for his band. Francine fit the bill and went on to tour with the soon-to-be-famous Lovett, created some memorable duets, and performed on many television shows.

She recorded six solo albums – including a Christmas EP, lent her voice to the recordings of other artists, and received the prestigious W.C. Handy Award for Blues Song of the Year and Soul/Blues Female Artist of 1997. Reed



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performs around the country expanding her fan base wherever she goes. Most recently she took up the mantle as the "Chanteuse" for the Seattle/San Francisco performance company of Teatro ZinZanni.

Queen Sandra Hall was born and reared in Atlanta. She grew up in Oakland City where her grandfather was the Pastor of Whitesville Baptist Church. Like Reed, Hall began singing – but at age four! By her teenage years, Sandra was performing around town. By the 1960s Sandra formed a group called The Exotics who opened for acts such as Otis Redding, Joe Tex, B.B. King, The Temptations, and The O'Jays at the legendary Royal Peacock on Auburn Avenue. Since then she's performed around the world and earned the title of 'Empress of the Blues' with her soul-stirring performances.

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Fall Fest 5K Road Race Route Map

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For many years Sandra has been a fixture with The Shadows at the wonderful Blind

Willie's on North Highland Avenue. She's recorded multiple albums for Ichiban Records and in 2001 self-released the album Little Red Riding Hood.

Queen Lola (aka Lola Gulley) is a rising star on the blues/R&B scene. She's a dynamic singer and keyboardist just beginning to break out as a national artist. Blessed with a deep soulful voice, a funkified keyboard style, and a high-energy stage presence, Lola combines traditional blues with hard-edged R&B. Lola is the proud winner of a 2011 Jus Blues Music Award for Contemporary/Traditional Blues

Artist Female and a 2007 recipient of BluesCritic.com's Best New Female Artist award.

When the reigning Queens of the Blues take the stage on Sunday at the Candler Park Fall Fest, all of Atlanta will be treated to a blues spectacular that will most definitely be talked about for years to come. The 13th annual Candler Park Fall Fest is September 28-29 at the corner of McClendon & Candler Park Drive. Festival is free with live music, a 5K, over 150+ artists, local food vendors, a kids area, and more. Get more info and scheduled music lineups at <http://FallFest.CandlerPark.org>.

Candler Park Movie Nights

Submitted by Mark Clement

The final Candler Park movie night will be Saturday Sept. 21. Field of Dreams will close out the summer movie season. We had a great turn-out for Pee Wee's Big Adventure which also included a visit by Baton Bob as a watermelon queen extraordinaire.

Candler Park movie nights were produced by Park Pride/Friends of Candler Park with help from Epworth Methodist/ Clifton House. Sponsors this year included CPNO, Page News, Tijuana Garage, Candler Park Market, and Uncle Maddio's pizza.

*Baton Bob entertains the crowd at movie night Aug. 24.
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Mary Lin Local History Collection

By Messenger Staff

The BiRacial History Project's local history collection at Mary Lin Elementary School was unveiled Aug. 27. Oral histories, historic photos, maps, and other materials are located in the school's media center. For more information, contact the BiRacial History Project at info@biracialhistoryproject.org.



BiRacial History Project founder Edith Kelman with the collection. Photo by Messenger Staff.

Friends of Candler Park Golf Course Update

Submitted by Michael Short

It's been a busy few months, and we want to update the neighborhood with a brief summary of our efforts.

Beginning with a few words on objectives, our goal is, and always has been, to improve the quality and use of the golf course. This improves both the whole of the park and the whole of the neighborhood. More on that below.

The two main efforts we've been engaged in are development of a master plan for the golf course and development of a children's golf program.

First, some background and an update on the master plan and the process we're using in its creation. Late last year, we began working with the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. Chief among their recommendations was the development of a master plan for the course. FoCPGC had been discussing this with golf course management since

June of 2012. We formally started in January of this year, and spoke on the subject at both the January and March CPNO membership meetings. A golf course master plan typically starts with a 'Greens Committee' outline, followed by the generation of a draft, followed by a public comment / input period. This is a different process from the development of, say, a neighborhood master plan. We are about to release a first draft of the plan for comment. Because of the overlap between FoCPGC members and the neighborhood, we will release the draft to both groups simultaneously, using Survey Monkey for input. All replies will be anonymized and published, so everyone can read the underlying logic for different ideas. After a suitable comment period, we'll hold at least one public meeting for discussion. The result will be a list of projects which can then be prioritized, funded, and executed.

Our second initiative is the development of a solid youth golf program at the course. Interest in and benefits of such a program are documented and clear. Both Atlanta's Department of Parks and American Golf Corporation, the

golf course management company, have expressed support. FoCPGC have been given the go-ahead to identify instructors for the program, passing qualified candidates to American Golf for final approval. We will keep everyone updated as the effort progresses.

These two initiatives immediately come together at the project level in the proposed creation of an improved children's instructional area on the course. As its planning evolves, we will be working with our sister group, Friends of Candler Park, to implement this and other park related improvements. I believe strongly that improvements to the golf course draw in park users, as improvements to the park draw in golfers. All are drawn into the neighborhood. Done properly, the world becomes a little better. A simple goal, which, through discourse, we can achieve together.

Flocking to Candler Park: Sheep return to control weeds

By Messenger Staff

A small flock of 35 sheep returned to Candler Park last month to take a bite out of invasive plant species. It was the second year that Brian Cash brought the animals to the park from Dunwoody where he owns Eweniversally Green, a company that describes its work as “weed control with a cute face.”

“We do invasive weed control around the city of Atlanta using sheep and goats,” said Cash as he and several of his border collies prepared for a meet the sheep event one rainy Sunday. “So we’ve teamed up with Trees Atlanta and Friends of Candler Park and that’s why we’re here today.”

The sheep were placed within an electrified – solar powered – enclosure on a hillside near the golf course where they spent about a week munching away on kudzu and other weeds. “It’s a lot like mowing it or spraying it, the effect is. But of course you’re avoiding the use of herbicides, which is fantastic in a city park

like this where kids play,” Cash explained.

Because sheep are adapted to hillside grazing, they are perfect for places like the park’s



hillsides and the ravine along McLendon Avenue. Last year about 100 sheep worked in the ravine and they originally had been slated to return there this year.

“The southeast corner is an ephemeral stream buffer,” said Brian Williams, Trees Atlanta’s forest restoration coordinator. The sheep were not allowed to return to the ravine because of erosion concerns. The city’s Department of Watershed Management declined to allow the sheep to return to the ravine.

Without the sheep, the weeds may be removed manually or with chemicals. So which is better for the environment, sheep or chemicals? “So the sheep are chemical free, which you know chemicals can have an effect on water quality, too,” said Williams. “But I think the erosion issue is a bigger – especially in Atlanta with the EPA mandate. It’s a big issue so erring on the side of caution is probably better.”

Grazing sheep are educational, too. At the meet the sheep event August 18, about 15 people braved the rain to get up close and personal with the 35 sheep and their canine handlers: two Alsatian shepherds guarding the animals and Cash’s trained border collies that herded the sheep down the hillside.

Candler Park’s meet the sheep day was one of eight Trees Atlanta will do in Atlanta this year. Using specimens pulled from the hillside and literature, Trees Atlanta staff explain what the sheep are doing and why. “We’ll show kids what they’re here to eat,” said Trees Atlanta’s Williams. “It’s just certain plants so we can show them what it is. You can teach people to identify it if it’s in their yard. They didn’t know that the vine growing up their tree is kudzu, you know.”

Plants are fun but it’s Cash’s sheep and dogs that are the big draw. “And just the animal aspect of it, kids and adults love. Just seeing something that I don’t think people really get to see in the city,” Williams said.

Cash has about 300 sheep and 30 goats. He’s been bringing them to public spaces and private yards around Atlanta for the past three years. Last year’s Candler Park visit included several of the goats. He doesn’t decide the ratio of goats to sheep for each gig. Cash said, “Whoever jumps on the trailer.”

Visit the Eweniversally Green website at eweniversallygreen.com to learn more about Cash’s sheep and dogs and to get information on how you can hire them to graze in your yard.



Brian Cash and some of his border collies.



Candler Parkers watch the sheep in action.

Photos by Messenger Staff

We can make a difference in School Board elections

By Kate Sandhaus, CPNO Education Chair

This fall's local elections are incredibly important for our schools. All nine Atlanta Board of Education seats are up for re-election and most of the races are very competitive.

The field is more crowded than usual due to heightened awareness following the APS cheating scandal and school redistricting. In addition, four seats have opened up because incumbents decided not to run for re-election.

Candler Park residents will vote in four School Board races — one district seat and three at-large seats. CPNO isn't endorsing any candidates. However, Education Committee members have gotten to know many of the candidates, and we would be happy to talk to neighbors about their positions, and help you find opportunities to meet them. You can contact the Education Committee at education@candlerpark.org.

These races are incredibly important, so please vote. There are 2,976 registered voters in Candler Park. In past elections, school board races have sometimes been won by fewer than 1,000 votes. In other words, our votes really do matter!

You must be registered to vote by Oct. 7, early voting begins on Oct. 14, and Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The local election also features mayoral and City Council contests. This year, however, the School Board races appear to be more competitive. Here are the School Board seats and candidates that will appear on all Candler Park ballots:

District 1 (includes Candler Park, Inman Park, Ormewood Park, Old Fourth Ward, parts of downtown, Midtown, Grant Park, South Atlanta and Lakewood):

- Brenda J. Muhammad (incumbent)
- Leslie Smith Grant

At Large 7 (elected citywide):

- Courtney D. English (incumbent)
- Nisha Simama

At Large 8 (elected citywide):

- Reuben R. McDaniel III (incumbent)
- Cynthia Briscoe Brown
- Mark Riley
- Tom Tidwell
- Dave Walker

At Large 9 (elected city-wide):

- Jason Esteves
- Lori James
- Eddie Lee Brewster
- Edward Johnson
- Sean Norman

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- Lexa King, CPNO Membership Secretary

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Candler Park Neighborhood Organization August 19, 2013 Membership Meeting [DRAFT]

The meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization was called to order at 7:00pm by Steve Cardwell, President.

Thank you to Raging Burrito in Decatur for providing refreshments.

Motion to move the Zoning vote after the Master Plan discussion passed.

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended passed.

City Officials and other Visitors:

- Atlanta Police Department- New Zone 6 Commander Major Timothy Peek introduced himself to the membership. He reviewed the Clean Car Campaign and Predictive Analysis. He also explained that there should be increased visibility as there is now a 2 hour overlap for each shift. He can be contacted by email: tpeek@atlantaga.gov.
- Mark Riley-Candidate for School Board-at large. He has served on the Board once before (2002-2008). He wants to put the authority back into the hands of the Principal and Teachers. This concept is used in many school systems of which he came in contact when working for them as a charitable vendor.
- Jason Esteves-Candidate at large for the Atlanta Board of Education. He is a lawyer; taught in Houston, TX for 8 years. He wants to empower the community; hire a Superintendent who has vision.
- Andre Dickens-Candidate for City Council, Post 3. He is a native of Atlanta- a graduate of Atlanta Public Schools and Georgia Tech. He lives in the Underwood Hills neighborhood. His platform includes public participation and public safety.

Announcements:

Elmira Street Block Party- September 7th; The street will be blocked at each end; everyone is invited; bring a dish to share.

Edi Kelman-Local History Collection at Mary Lin Elementary School-The color coded exhibit and curriculum will be unveiled on August 27th 5:30-7pm, Mary Lin Media Center. Anyone may use the materials.

Candler Park Play Day- David Epstein, Atlanta Connect Point, announced the next play date, held in Candler Park, as September 21, 2013. All types of Sports and Fitness activities will be available as well as healthy food/snacks. He needs volunteers to help with activities. Sponsorship is \$150. David's website is www.atlcp.org.

Candler Park Messenger- David Rotenstein, Editor, requested members to send in stories and photos on topics of interest. He needs volunteers. Deadline for material is the first day of each month. His goal is to deliver the newsletter before each Membership Meeting.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the July meeting passed.

Master Plan-The Master Plan Steering Committee was recognized and thanked by Steve Cardwell, President.

Jimmy Bligh, Chair of Master Plan Steering Committee, reported that the Committee approved the plan and recommended that the membership adopt the Master Plan. Aaron Fortner, Market and Main, Inc., explained the process and the recommendations found in the document (see handout).

The motion to approve The Candler Park Master Plan as developed by Market and Main passed.

Zoning- Motion to support the application for setback variance of the property at 322 Clifton Road passed.

Officer and Committee Reports

Membership Secretary- Lexa King announced that Horizon Theater has set aside November 26, 2013 as "Candler Park Night". We will keep \$20 of the \$25 charged for the tickets. The play is "Santaland Diaries". The organization potentially could realize \$3400. Lexa is also arranging for dinner before the theater perhaps at the Wrecking Bar as another source for fundraising.

Treasurer- Peter Bluestone reported \$16,000 in checking; \$50,000 in the BOND account. The Candler Park Messenger is breaking even. Two checks have been issued- \$4000 to Epworth Methodist Church for the ramp and \$32,500 to Market and Main, Inc. for the Master Plan.

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Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO)!*

Zoning-no report

Public Safety- Peter Bluestone requests the next Public Safety Officer to revive the Neighborhood Watch Program and to organize a private security patrol.

Environment Eric Rubenstien announced the Georgia Marathon mile that has been assigned to CPNO as Highland Avenue from Boulevard to North. To win the prize money we need to have at least 20 people to pass out water, cheer loudly, dress up funny, and clean up after the race. The race is Sunday, October 27th at 7 am. There is potential for as much as \$8000.

Eric explained what Southface Institute could offer in reference to The Candler Park Conservancy. The neighborhood would have to determine the type of Conservancy it wished to establish. It could include but not be limited to- ownership of Candler Park and other green spaces in the neighborhood; fund raising, ownership of festival permitting process, maintenance, etc. Southface would assist with ensuring sustainability in the conservancy and can assist in brokering introductions to key funding sources as well.

Special Projects-no report; not present

Communications-no report

Education- Kate Sandhaus: The Mary Lin renovation is scheduled to begin on September 23. The land use issue has been resolved and permitting is in progress. The project will include four phases and the project is scheduled to be completed by February 2015. The first phase of the project (Sept - Dec 2013) will involve utilities work along Candler Park Drive, which will reduce it to one lane. Please keep this in mind when planning your morning commute.

Regarding the Inman over-crowding solution, Superintendent Davis' proposal (which includes adding 8-10 classrooms) is aligned with the neighborhood's goals of keeping our students at Inman and Grady.

Events- Amy Stout reported that there have been 240 responses to date on the survey. The Survey will be closed Labor

Day.

Request for Funding:

- Friends of Candler Park Golf Course- Michael Short presented an outline of the Golf Course Master Plan. He is requesting funds for two projects-a) exercise equipment; b) Children's putt/chip surface. A survey will be posted on CPNO website Monday, August 26th. He is requesting \$1000 as a show of support for the projects.
- Mary Lin Education Foundation- Tom Silvas requested an additional \$300 for a third Bouncie House at FallFest. The motion to approve an additional \$300 for a third Bouncie House passed.
- FallFest- The application for 2013 FallFest permit has been posted on the website. Motion to support the application of the 2013 FallFest permit passed.
- Little 5 Points Halloween Festival- Scott Pendergast, President of the Little 5 Points Business Association, reviewed the festival details (see handout). This is the main fundraising activity which keeps the Zone 6

Precinct Office open. The Parade is Saturday, October 19, from 4-6pm, necessitating the closing of Moreland Avenue for the same two hours. A motion to support the Little 5 Points Halloween Festival permit application passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Steve Cardwell at 9:30 pm.

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NPU-N Meeting Notes

August 22, 2013

Submitted by Lauren Welsh

Public Reports

Atlanta Police Department Lt. Floyd introduced himself as the Zone 6 evening commander for beat 608. He reminded attendees about the Clean Car Campaign and that valuables left in cars are the biggest problem in our area. He also announced that all residents with a home alarm must register their alarm with the City of Atlanta by February 1, 2014 by calling 1-855-725-7102 or visiting www.crywolf.us/atlantaga/. Registering your home alarm will reduce the amount of false alarms, which is a major problem throughout the city. If your alarm is not registered, you will receive a higher fine for a false alarm.

No one was present from **MARTA Police** or the **Fire Department**.

Watershed Management's Jessica Walker reminded attendees that the city has implemented e-billing. More information can be found at payatlwater.com. There will be a rain barrel workshop on Sept. 11.

No one was present from the **Department of Public Works**.

A representative from the Prosecutor's office announced that one individual who had been found entering a vehicle 114 times was in jail and the date of the trial will be publicized in an effort to get community support. Another individual convicted of aggravated assault received 20 years, 15 years to serve.

Nina Gentry from the **Office of Planning** announced that proactive rezoning is now occurring in subarea 5 of the Beltline and will impact Poncey Highland and the Old Fourth Ward. She also presented a text amendment:

--13-O-1097 - An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances of the city of Atlanta by: redefining the term "principal occupant" as set forth in sec.16-28.004; adding and deleting certain language in sec.16-28.007(P) concerning the procedures applicable to building signature signs, the streets in which such signs can be located

and for other purposes.

Amy Stout from **APAB (Atlanta Planning Advisory Board)** announced that 5 people volunteered to participate on the Beltline TAD Advisory Committee including 1 from Inman Park. The Atlanta Citizens' Review Board will vote next month on an appointment. There will be a networking mixer in October for NPU delegates and civic leaders. Rezoning of 800 Glenwood Avenue recently passed at the ZRB related to the big box retail development by Fuqua. More than 600 individuals were present at the hearing, likely a record for the city. Fuqua is going to appeal.

License Review Board:

--The NPU Board deferred the new business of Kimis at 1126 Euclid Ave.

--The NPU Board deferred the new business of Aisle 5 at 1123 Euclid Ave.

Board of Zoning Adjustment:

--The NPU Board voted to *approve* **805 Harold Avenue** for applicant seeking a variance from Zoning Regulations to reduce the east side yard setback from 7 ft. to 2 ft. and to reduce the west side yard setback from 7 ft. to 4ft. 5 inches to construct a rear addition to an existing structure.

--The NPU Board voted to *defer* **881/891 Ponce de Leon Ave** for applicant seeking a special exception from Zoning Regulations to allow for a drive thru facility within the first 100 ft. of a residentially zoned district where it would ordinarily be prohibited.

--The NPU Board voted to *approve* **1735 Adolphus Street** seeking to reduce the east side yard setback from 7 ft. to 4 ft. and to reduce the west side yard setback from 7 ft. to 5 ft. for a 2nd story addition.

--The NPU Board voted to *approve* **322 Clifton Road** seeking a variance to reduce the north side yard setback from 7 ft. to 5 ft. and reduced the south side yard setback from 7 ft. to 5 ft. for a rear addition.

Special Events and Outdoor Festivals:

--The NPU Board voted to *approve* the **Wheelbarrow Festival** in **Reynoldstown** on **September 14**.

--The NPU Board voted to *approve* the **Candler Park Fall Festival** in **Candler Park** on **September 28-29**.

--The NPU Board voted to *defer* the **A3C Style Village** event in **Little 5 Points** on **October 5-6** until after presenting to the

LSPBA.

--The NPU Board voted to *approve* the **Little 5 Points Festival and Parade** in **Little Five Points** on **October 19**.

--The NPU Board voted to *defer* the **Druid Hills-Olmstead Linear Parks** event in **Druid Hills** on **October 19** until after a presentation has been made to Druid Hills.

--The NPU Board voted to *approve* the **Chomp-n-Stomp Chili Cookoff and Bluegrass Festival** in **Cabbagetown** on **November 2**.

Other Matters:

--The NPU Board voted to *approve* the **Candler Park Master Plan** as presented by Aaron Fortner from Market & Main.

--The NPU Board *supported* the appointment of Martha Porter Hall as the representative to the Eastside Tax Allocation District.

--The NPU Board voted to *defer* review and comment on applicants to re-use the former Tech High building. Presentations have been made by WonderRoot and Dugout 7 Ministries of Performing Art Studios.

New Business:

--The NPU Board agreed that traffic studies are becoming a very common topic among our neighborhoods and that we should consider using the NPU grant money to have a traffic consultant bring NPU-N neighborhoods together to have a more comprehensive conversation.

Next NPU meeting: Thursday, September 26, 2013

Zone 6 crime reports

Compiled by David Bruce

330 block Josephine St – Larceny from auto – 7/15 Mon Eve. Victim observed a white male going into her car and taking a CD case with CDs. She went inside her house, told her husband and called the police. Officers responded and apprehended the 43 year old suspect as he walked down the street.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 7/16 Tues Eve. Window broken. Taken: 2 Macbook laptops, Samsung Galaxy 3 and credit card.

1400 block North Ave – Larceny from auto – 7/16 Tues Eve. Window smashed. I phone taken.

400 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 7/16 Tues Eve. Parking lot. Door lock pushed in. Taken: Springfield Armory XD45 tactical pistol, HP 5520 printer, I phone, 22/40 over/under shotgun Springfield Armory 22 Hornet/shotgun.

400 block Callan Cir – Larceny from auto – 7/17 Wed Eve. Window damaged. I pod and Bose earphone taken.

1300 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto – 7/18 Thurs Morn. Window busted out. Taken: Duffle bag full of clothes (2) and 3 button up shirts.

1300 block Benning Pl – Larceny from auto – 7/20 Fri Day. Parking lot. Platform shoes taken.

1600 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny – 7/19 Fri Day. Office building. 2 black suspects, one wearing a green shirt and one an orange shirt, entered and asked to use the restroom which is next to the break room. 2 victims that worked there had items taken. Cash, 2 wallets, 2 debit cards, 2 SS cards, Six Flags season pass and DL.

1400 block Benning Pl – Auto theft – 7/16 Tues Morn. Parked on street. Black Honda Civic.

500 block Oakdale Rd – Burglary – 7/21 Sat Day. Front window panels busted out and 2 rear doors unlocked. Unknown missing items.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 7/23 Tues Eve. Restaurant. Window smashed. Lenovo laptop, Blackberry cell-phone and computer bag taken.

McLendon Ave @ Page Ave – Larceny from auto – 7/26 Fri Eve. Window busted out. Backpack, Macbook, monitor, passport, necklace, toys and work documents taken.



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1300 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto – 7/29 Mon Morn. Window broken. Ray Ban sunglasses taken.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 7/30 Tues Eve. Parked on street. Camera, lens, camera bag, microphone and 3 memory cards taken.

1200 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/1 Thurs Eve. Parked on street. Window broken. Taken: Prescription acne and bottle of vitamins, perfume, makeup (4), credit card, SS card, purse and wallet.

500 block Candler St – Burglary – 8/9 Fri Eve. Rear bedroom window busted out. Taken: 3 pairs of diamond earrings worth \$1000 each, gold watch and grandmother's engagement ring.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 8/4 Sun Eve. Parked on street. Window broken. HP laptop and Macbook taken.

Elmira Pl @ DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/5 Mon Eve. Parked on street. Door broken. HP laptop and paperwork taken.

351 Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 8/Fri Morn. Parking lot. Door lock damaged. Handgun, \$500 cash, bag with men's clothing and 3 Playstation 3 games taken.

1300 block Euclid Ave – Larceny – 8/5 Unk. Apartments. Taken: 5 money orders from tenants. Reporting party believes the drop box for rent money was tampered with.



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