Fox Brothers BBQ restaurant parking debate

Bu Messenger Staff

About 20 people attended a CPNO zoning committee meeting Oct. 2 to discuss proposed changes to parking at the popular Fox Bros. barbecue restaurant. The restaurant is located at 1238 DeKalb Ave. and it recently bought adjoining lots at 1210, 1216, and 1220 DeKalb Ave. to accommodate customer and employee parking that currently spills over into nearby residential streets.

The restaurant opened in late 2007 and it quickly became a popular dining destination. Parking and traffic in Candler Park’s residential streets soon became an issue, according to CPNO zoning committee member Randy Pimsler. Residents began complaining about blocked driveways, speeding cars, and wrong-way traffic traveling down Josephine Street.

At the Oct. 2 meeting, Fox Bros. vice president Bill Schoonmaker and attorney John Robinson made a brief presentation. They distributed copies of site plans showing several alternatives for parking and landscaping in the lots where two vacant single-family homes currently are located. Fox Bros. proposes demolishing the homes to build a surface parking lot. The project would require a zoning change.

The restaurant began looking into ways to ease neighbors’ parking woes about two years ago. “There were a lot of complaints,” Robinson told the group in October. “People were parking, blocking driveways, blocking mailboxes, blocking fire hydrants and unfortunately urinating in peoples’ yards and that kind of thing.”

Fox Bros. evaluated several options to address Candler Park residents’ concerns and the restaurant settled on buying the adjacent lots. “There were several discussions in there and one was parking lot,” said Schoonmaker in October. “And there was even mention about a parking garage. I knew that wasn’t going to be possible.”

Last year Fox Bros. embarked on plans to move its catering business off-site and to open another restaurant. Those

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Fox Bros. parking during a recent lunch hour. Photo by Messenger Staff.
President's Message

By Steve Cardwell, CPNO President

As many of you know, this will be my last article as President of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. It has been an honor to serve such a diverse and engaged constituency and I’d like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to do so.

We are currently engaged in a discussion with the neighborhood about the future of the Master Plan. There are some key questions that need to be answered about how to move forward with it with regards to governance, priority, and process. I’ve listed some thought provoking questions below and if you have strong opinions about what we should do, I would encourage you to email me at president@candlerpark.org and add your thoughts to the discussion.

1. Should there be a new committee formed to manage MP projects?
2. Should the management, implementation, and oversight fall under existing (appropriate) board members?
3. Who should lead (Chair) this Planning Oversight/Implementation Committee?
4. How should members be added?
5. What level of involvement should the neighborhood play in the prioritization of projects?
6. What type of funding source(s) should be considered?
7. What level of accountability to the board and membership should there be?

Finally, I want to take the time to thank everyone for their service over the last year. I would like to thank the board for their tireless work and passion for all things Candler Park: David Radlmann (VP), Bonnie Palter (Recording Secretary), Lexa King (Membership Secretary), Peter Bluestone (Treasurer), Mischa Uppelschoten (Zoning), Jimmy Bligh (Public Safety), Eric Rubenstein (Environment), Mark

Laughter in the park

by Deb Milbrath
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Finally, to all the volunteers for our 5k races, festivals, marathon cheer sections, etc., thank you so much for your time and enthusiasm. Your desire to help the neighborhood is one of the reasons why Candler Park remains the best neighborhood in Atlanta.

For our committees, I’d like to thank Colin Heydt and Clifton Mack for their service on the Sidewalks Committee. They have done a tremendous job surveying the neighborhood and working with Georgia Tech to understand the task in front of us with regards to improving our sidewalks. I’d like to thank Amy Stout for leading the events committee and putting together the survey that allowed us to get a broad swath of feedback on how the neighborhood would prefer events be managed in our various parks. Also, thanks to Kate Sandhaus for also chairing the Education Committee.

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Treasurer's report
By Peter Bluestone, CPNO Treasurer

Early estimates suggest Fall Fest was a financial success. Because we had not yet received all payments our checking accounts are rather low. However, we do have adequate reserves and overall our balances are in good shape. With regards to the Master Plan, Market and Main is owed one final payment when the plan is accepted by the city, which still has not happened.

Historically, Fall Fest has happened in the middle of October and final results are presented at the Member-meeting in December. This year, Fall Fest was early, and results should be presented at the November membership meeting. But as you all know, November is the annual meeting and we have a full slate of elections as well as other pressing business. Therefore, the treasurers printed report at the November meeting will reflect final Fall Fest numbers, but I will not have a chance to review them or take questions until the December meeting. Thanks for your patience and understanding. Now get to the November meeting and VOTE!

MEETING & EVENTS
CPNO general meeting Oct. 21
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)
Nov. 18: 7:00 PM, CPNO monthly meeting & elections
Nov. 26: Candler Park night at the Horizon Theatre & pre-show dinner at the Wrecking Bar.
Nov. 28: Happy Thanksgiving.

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moves were put on hold in August 2012 when a tree fell on the restaurant causing significant damage. The business focused on rebuilding and its plans to open a satellite location in Decatur were abandoned.

After the repairs were completed, the restaurant’s capacity was reduced. “We actually lost seats. We went from 163 down to 146 and we really only seat 135 right now,” Schoonmaker explained last month.

The plan presented in October includes about 26 new spaces plus landscape improvements and facilities for bike parking. Also discussed were curb cuts and tree protection plans. Extensive grading would be required to link the adjacent lots to the existing restaurant parking.

It took Fox Bros. more than a year to acquire the adjacent properties. The restaurant had to navigate several legal hurdles stemming from previous use of the property as transitional housing. The two homes next to the restaurant have been vacant since being bought.

Michele Bowman-Teklinski lives on Josephine Street near the restaurant. She and other residents described the newly acquired properties’ previous owners as undesirable neighbors. “When I moved here the big blue house next to Fox Brothers was a section 8 flop house filled with convicted criminals, felons, drug dealers, prostitutes and sex offenders,” she wrote in an email to the Messenger. “Our neighborhood did everything it could for many years to move those dangerous convicted criminals to a more appropriate place and failed.”

If Fox Bros. razes the homes and builds its parking lot, some Josephine Street residents are concerned that a parking lot will be yet another nuisance. “I’m going to do everything I can to keep this lot residential,” Dan Flicker, who moved to Josephine Street earlier this year, told Fox Bros. at the October meeting.

Since acquiring the lots, Fox Bros. has been using them for parking. Flicker’s upset that the use is already creating problems for neighbors. “The fact remains that they’re using it as a commercial parking lot and it’s a residential lot right now,” Flicker said in an interview after the October meeting. “I mean I think there was like 20 cars there at the Halloween parade and it’s not lighted. It’s not secure.”

Though some Josephine Street residents don’t want the parking lot built, residents on Elmira Place are optimistic that the plan to add new parking will bring relief. “I’m a fan of any solution that will take some pressure off of the street,” said Mary Jenkins Campbell after the meeting. “I understand that there are multiple perspectives on this and that it is a little bit like wack-a-mole where one group gets some relief, another group may get some increased burden.”

Campbell has lived on Elmira Place for eight years. Besides the problems created by overflow parking from the restaurant, she’s worried about safety because of the increased traffic through residential streets. “What used to be a street where kids could really do that safely with adults just kind of watching out for them is no longer a place where they can ride bikes on the street safely at all,” she said.

Fox Bros. will require a zoning change if it moves forward with the plan to build the new parking lot. The restaurant site is zoned commercial (C-2) and the three additional lots are zoned residential (R-5).

According to the newly approved Candler Park Master Plan, the vision for that stretch of DeKalb Avenue involves rezoning as mixed-use commercial: MRC-2. According to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, mixed residential commercial (MRC) zoning is used to “provide an appropriate balance and scale of commercial uses which meet the needs of residents in the district as well as surrounding residential districts.”

A surface parking lot would conflict with that vision, noted Flicker at the October meeting. He later explained, “My stance is that I’d like to just keep it R-5 and not do any changes to the zoning. I think it would be a big precedent to rezone an R-5 residential to effectively a commercial lot, whether it’s MRC-2 or commercial.”

Pimsler thinks that Candler Park resi-
precedent where residential properties adjacent to commercial properties are rezoned is a slippery slope," he wrote in response to Messenger questions about the project. "Where do you stop? Is rezoning a residential lot(s) for a parking lot, a good idea and / or precedent?"

No consensus was reached at the end of the 90-minute meeting last month. Residents suggested ways other than a new surface parking lot, including shuttles to offsite parking, valet parking, and use of MARTA's Edgewood/Candler Park station's underused lots. Any rezoning request would require a formal application from Fox Bros. and approval from the City of Atlanta.

Schoonmaker updated the Messenger in an email sent in late October. "It has taken a few weeks to start rounding up the right people to address the questions raised in the last meeting," he wrote. "While we are still working on the project, I really don't have much more of an update until I see a more detailed and fully realized plan."

The Messenger will continue to cover the Fox Bros. parking issue and updates will be posted on the CPNO website as they become available.

Will pot fest move to Candler Park?
By Messenger Staff

After Sweetwater 420 announced that it's moving its annual April festival from Candler Park to downtown, the City of Atlanta received an application from The Great American Pot Festival to hold an event in Candler Park April 20, 2014.

According to the application, the event will include a parade and organizers expect up to 1,999 attendees.

The festival applicants have been invited to the December CPNO meeting to present details about the proposed festival and to answer any questions Candler Park Residents may have about the event.

"Whether they choose to come or not, we will vote on whether or not to support their permit application for the event at the December meeting," wrote CPNO president Steve Cardwell in an announcement posted on the CPNO website.
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Submitted by Carla House

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Antioch East church publishes new cookbook
By Messenger Staff

Antioch East Baptist Church has strong ties to Candler Park. Between 1917 and 1960, the congregation was based on Mayson Avenue (now Candler Park Drive). The First Existentialist Church, where CPNO meetings are held, was their last home in our neighborhood.

In September, the church published a new cookbook, Antioch’s Soulful Cuisine. The slim volume costs $10 and it is being sold to raise money for the congregation’s youth ministry, the Children’s Youth Forum.

“Every month the children have activities that they do so this will help fund their activities without using funds from the church treasury,” said church clerk and administrative assistant Marian Slater.

Publishing the recipes is one way the historic congregation continues its traditions. “Our people like to cook. Food is comforting and we used to have a lot of receptions after special services,” Slater recently explained. “We don’t have that anymore but the recipes were things that they did cook for different services.”

The soup to nuts volume has recipes for appetizers, salads and soups, entrees, and desserts. Although wellness and good nutrition have become staples in church outreach programs, Slater admits that many of the recipes may not be as healthy as others in the book. “We didn’t say not to put in certain recipes so we might have some things that are loaded with calories,” she said.

I asked Slater what her favorite recipes were: “Mine, of course!” Her recipes for meatballs (p. 6) and penne pasta (p. 31) are among the more than 100 recipes collected from church members.

The cookbook may be purchased at the church, 1223 Hardee Street, or online at http://antiocheast.org/about_16.html. In addition to selling the cookbook, the church celebrates its 139th year November 17 with a program featuring Rev. Gerald Durley.

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Candler Park in the news

By Messenger Staff

Sweetwater 420 moves to Centennial Olympic Park

Creative Loafing and other Atlanta news outlets reported on the Oct. 16 announcement that the Sweetwater 420 Festival, held annually in April, will be moving from Candler Park to downtown Atlanta.

In its coverage, Creative Loafing quoted outgoing CPNO president Steve Cardwell and the article mentioned ways CPNO hopes to fill the funding void left by the festival’s departure:

CPNO President Steve Cardwell told CL last night that it’s “sad to see them go in some ways but understand[s] they have goals they want to achieve.” He also said that the neighborhood association’s board recognized that the growing festival wouldn’t last forever in the park. Over the summer, its members started brainstorming other ways to raise revenue to support community projects. One example is partnering with the Horizon Theatre to sell tickets to The Santaland Diaries, the annual yuletide performance of the play adapted from a well-known David Sedaris monologue.

Charis Books and More vandalized

The feminist bookstore, which celebrated its 39th birthday Nov. 2, was vandalized by graffiti taggers after an Oct. 3 event that ended around 10 PM. Vandals painted anti-gay slurs on the store’s west wall. Local, regional, and national media outlets, including Creative Loafing and the GA Voice, reported on the incident.

According to store co-owner Sara Look, Charis was one of several Little 5 Points businesses hit that night. Look told the Messenger that a witness reported seeing two young white males with backpacks spray-painting the store’s wall.

Atlanta police were notified and the department’s anti-graffiti officer and officers from the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) Liaison Unit were investigating. Although the Charis incident may be related to the other properties hit that night, it is being investigated as a bias crime.

“None of it had as specific hate language as ours,” Look said about the other places that were vandalized. “Ours was specialized for Charis.” Look also said that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security visited the store to investigate because the incident was considered a hate crime.

Volunteers from throughout the metro area removed the graffiti and donations poured in from around the country. Now Charis has big plans for the wall. “We’re hoping to put up a community mural. That’s our plan and that is the larger plan,” Look explained. “We’ve got lots of opinions around here so we’ll see what happens.”

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Curtains close on 2013 Candler Park movie nights

By Mark Clement

The Friends of Candler Park ended its fifth annual movie nights season last month. Since its inception, there have been 28 movie nights produced in cooperation with Park Pride, Epworth Methodist, the Clifton House, and CPNO.

Movie night has become a cherished tradition in Candler Park. The free films promote community and gets kids outdoors to play. Movie night helps Candler park residents meet new friends from other neighborhoods.

Movie night generally serves hundreds of patrons per showing and each year that audience grows. This year Friends of Candler Park would like to work with CPNO to offer opportunities for CPNO fundraising which may include donations collected at the movie among other ideas.

Over the past five years, Friends of Candler Park and CPNO have worked together to provide something special. We at FOCP look to continue that tradition. At our November 19 meeting we will be voting on funding for our 2014 season. FOCP is again asking CPNO for a $7,000 sponsorship to help offset our $10,000 dollar movie night annual budget.

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Candler Park movie night. Photos submitted by Mark Clement.
The CPNO Committee on Events in Candler Park was tasked with developing recommendations to present to City of Atlanta officials regarding special events in Candler Park. Despite the relocation of the 2014 SweetWater 420 Fest to Centennial Olympic Park, there are currently no policies in place to prevent other events of similar magnitude from coming to Candler Park. There are also no restrictions in force to guarantee that the annual MidSummer Music Festival will not continue to grow in size and duration. Therefore, we feel appropriate constraints are still needed.

As a precursor to developing relevant recommendations, our committee conducted an extensive survey to gather neighborhood input. The results of that survey clearly showed that Candler Park residents enjoy attending special events and festivals in the park, but it also revealed that residents are negatively impacted by some events. In summary, the following were identified as festival-associated factors having a moderate or major impact:

Vehicle Traffic – by 82% of respondents
Parking – by 76% of respondents
Sound Levels – by 59% of respondents
Trash – by 45% of respondents
Unruly Attendees – by 43% of respondents

In response to these results, we propose several DRAFT recommendations (see table below).

Please attend the next CPNO monthly meeting on Monday, November 18th for an initial neighborhood discussion of these proposals. We will also be using the Survey Monkey tool to gather resident feedback on these proposals.

### DRAFT Recommendations Regarding Events In Candler Park

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Student Voices

A visit to Folk Art
By Tessa Szalkowski, Grady High School

Saturday, 10 A.M. The sweet and savory smells of peanut butter and banana waffles and bacon waft through the front door and windows left ajar. The chatter of urgent orders fills the small café as patient faces fill the wooden booths. Their eyes wander, browsing the unique décor. Vintage signs advertising 7-Up and Dr. Pepper hang on the exposed brick walls.

“One of my old girlfriends from when I was 17 came in, and she was like, ‘This is funny.’ She recognized something that used to be in my bedroom ‘cause I’ve always liked old things,” owner Jason Hill said, reminiscing about the antique pieces in his restaurant.

Folk Art offers a colorful setting to eat meals throughout the day. This throwback café is nestled in the heart of Atlanta’s first suburb, Inman Park. The corner location at North Highland and Colquitt avenues is not only ideal but also strategic.

Hill is Folk Art’s head chef and owner. Wisteria, Hill’s first restaurant in the block, is a hop, skip, and a jump away. Folk Art is a more casual alternative to its upscale neighbor, which is a low-lit, semi-formal restaurant that is open only for dinner and dessert. Originally Folk Art was open only for breakfast and lunch but Hill recently expanded its hours to include dinner service. Despite the different atmospheres, Hill incorporates many of the same ideas into both restaurants.

“Well, you know ... I like making people happy,” Hill said, explaining the inspiration for his restaurants. “When I sat down [to make Folk Art’s menu], I said, ‘Ok. What do my kids like? What do my parents like? What does my wife like?’ ... It doesn’t always have to be something that no one has thought of before.”

Hill wants to make his customers feel comfortable and go home pleased. Even though his main focus is the satisfaction of his customers, he is also pleased with his simple, but delectable, food.

“I like my grits; I always have ... I like my French toast with bananas. I think the waffles are fun. I just think the burgers are good!”

Even though this chef has a hard time

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deciding on his favorite, he has no doubt that working at the restaurant has been “wonderful.” The staff of Folk Art also agrees that having Hill around is pretty great.

“He cheers people up, but can also be serious when he needs to be,” manager Randy Parks said.

Parks began working nights at Wisteria when the restaurant first opened. He decided to take the manager job at Folk Art to see his kids more. Hill had another explanation. “I forced him to!” the owner shouts from behind the bar, laughing as he listens in on the conversation.

Daniel Munoz is a Folk Art server. He also enjoys the hours he is required to work. “I used to work at Pozole [an earlier Hill restaurant], and I would get home at 4 a.m. ... I like that you get off here when you would be getting on,” Daniel said.

Munoz has some advice for anyone interested in working at Folk Art. “You have to be kind of quirky,” he said.

Quirky seemed to be a common theme throughout the restaurant, but this did not seem to bother customers Steve and Marie Cumbest. “The uniqueness of the food will bring us back,” said Steve Cumbest, solidly.

This married couple has been in Atlanta for more than 20 years and love exploring the new, up-and-coming restaurants the city has to offer. Steve Cumbest’s interesting meal was what sparked his culinary curiosity.

“I had the duck sandwich ... What was that called?... The Donald!” Steve recollected. “My first thought was, ‘How’d he do it?’”

Marie Cumbest was more taken by the setting. “My favorite part [of the restaurant] was the casual atmosphere. It reminds me of an old schoolhouse,” she said.

Despite the restaurant’s tasty grub and retro backdrop, one out-of-town visitor picked out something so wholesome and simple that most would overlook it.

“She doesn’t even need a foreword,” Heather explains. This was her first visit to Folk Art, and sadly, her last. She and her teenaged son and daughter are from Alabama and were just visiting for the weekend.

Even though the answer was simple, it hit the nail on the head. It perfectly exemplified Jason Hill’s main goal for Folk Art: to make simple dishes delicious.

Folk Art is located at 465 North Highland Avenue. For more information, visit its website at http://folkartrestaurant.com/.

Editor’s Note: Tessa Szalkowski is a student in Grady High School’s Communications and Journalism program.

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Candler Parkers have marathon spirit
By Eric Rubenstein

Candler Park really knows how to throw a party, sometimes even in the heart of the Virginia Highlands! As you may have heard, CPNO was awarded a mile along the Atlanta Marathon race course last Sunday, October 27, and our two pre-determined volunteer stations were right in front of Belly General Store (cheer zone) and American Roadhouse (aid station).

After seeing how much fun these volunteers had, it’s obvious they weren’t doing it for the money. Money, you say? Yup, there was cash at stake, up to $8,000 for each organization awarded a mile. Judges would come through late in the race on bike, snapping photos, to see if we had the numbers, the costumes, the spirit, it took to win the full $8K. At press time, the organizers have not made public the award total to CPNO.

In all, over 50 people were cheering like crazy in the Cheer Zone, many donning Fall Fest T-shirts over Halloween costumes - and 18 folks set-up, operated and tore-down their aid station like total pros (all arriving in darkness at 7 am). Our volunteer coordinator Yvonne Bryant, who has worked lots of these races, was blown away by the number of helping hands she had at the aid station.

She hopes to work with CPNO again next year, and we feel the same way about this race. It’s a win-win-win - the runners got great support halfway through a tough race (with lots of smiles and thumbs-ups), neighbors got to unite for a fun cause, and CPNO gets cash for important fitness projects.

A great time was had by all - and we look forward to an even bigger party next October!

Crazy cat lady Laura Hussey and clown Eric Rubenstein. Photo by Elizabeth Musick.

Photos by Kate Sandhaus
That Atlanta has become a Class 2 fire department, up from Class 4 a few years ago. This is because of improved response times and it means that insurance rates for homeowners should go down.

No one was present from Watershed Management but NPU chair reminded individuals not to blow leaves down the storm drains and that disposable wipes can clog pipes.

No presentation from the Department of Public Works.

Tom Cullens from the Parks Department announced that the Lake Claire tennis courts were being improved and that the Candler Park sidewalks were almost complete. The Inman Park NPU representative requested sidewalks to be repaired along their parks, but Commissioner Dusenbury acknowledged that the have a backlog of $5 M in parks sidewalks through 2017. There will also be a greenspace meeting with the Parks Department on November 6 from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Civic Center.

A representative from the Community Prosecutor’s office announced that Alan Goddard with 71 arrests will be going to trial soon and the public should attend to make sure the sentence is strong.

Nina Gentry from the Office of Planning announced that Kale Me Crazy in Inman Park is looking to reduce their parking requirement. This relates to Pure Taqueria losing the parking spaces they used to have across the street at 290 Elizabeth. Now Kale and Pure share a parking lot. She also presented an amendment to the Comprehensive Development Plan that affects properties along the Beltline. These changes will allow the city and impacted neighborhoods to place conditions on the properties. Poncey-Highland is the only neighborhood impacted and has not reviewed this yet. NPU-N voted to support the amendment on the condition that PHNA does so as well.

--CDP-13-17 - An ordinance to amend the Land Use element of the 2011 Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan so as to redesignate properties that are located at 746, 766 and 776 Willoughby Way, 735, 737 and 820 Ralph McGill Boulevard, 14 0018004065 and 581, 591 and 601 Somerset Terrace from the Mixed Use Land Use to the Industrial Land Use designation and for other purposes.

Commissioner Dusenbury made a presentation about Proposed Ordinance 13-O-1243 to amend the Atlanta Code of Ordinances Sections 110-75, 142-2(N), 142-101(A), 142-103(A), 142-103(C)(@) and 110-60 to define and provide the requirements for permitted outdoor events that may be held in Woodruff Park, Findley Plaza and Gordon White Park between the hours of 11:00 PM through 6:00 AM and for other purposes.

--The NPU-N Board recommended to remove Findley Plaza from this list as it doesn’t meet the city’s stated requirements of it being a relatively small park with clearly defined park boundaries that avoids residential areas. A vote on this ordinance will be held November 12 at 12:30 pm at City Hall.

License Review Board:
--The NPU Board voted to approve the new business of Aisle 5 at 1123 Euclid Ave.
--The NPU Board voted to approve the change of agent for Barcelona Wine Bar at 340 N. Highland Ave. NE.

Zoning Review Board:
--The NPU Board voted to defer an ordinance to rezone certain properties within Subarea 5 of the Atlanta Beltline Planning area for various districts to various districts to implement the Atlanta Beltline Master Plan: Subarea 5 (Freedom Parkway) study.

Board of Zoning Adjustment:
--The NPU Board voted to oppose 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 495 Harold Ave NE seeking to reduce the south side yard setback from 7 ft. to 5 ft., to reduce the north side yard setback from 7 ft. to 4 ft. 8 in., and to reduce the front yard setback from 35 ft. to 33 ft. 11 in. to allow for a second story addition to an existing single family residence.
--The NPU Board voted to defer 374 Clifton seeking to reduce the transitional south side yard setback from 20 ft. to 2.5 ft., exceed maximum transitional height plan, to reduce the minimum yard requirement from 5000 sq minimum net lot to 2907 for lot frontage from required 50 ft street frontage to 30 ft. street frontage for a single family home. This is not likely a variance but a rezoning.

Text Amendments
--The NPU Board voted to remove 13-O-1195 from the NPU agenda until a presentation has been made by the city clarifying the need for the ordinance by Council members Joyce Shepherd and Cleta Winslow as substituted by Transportation Committee to amend Article III, general rules of vehicle operation Section 150, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta for the purpose of inserting a definition for all terrain vehicles (ATV); to establish operating standards; and other purposes.

Old Business:
--The NPU Board is waiting to hear from the city on the potential grant to improve the HVAC system in the Little 5 Points Community Center to make NPU-N meetings climate controlled.

New Business:
--The NPU Board will be accepting nominations for officers at the November meeting.

Next NPU meeting: Tuesday, November 26, 2013

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WRFG silent Auction  
Submitted by Stephen Kilbride

Little Five Points-based community radio station WRFG 89.3 FM has been broadcasting for 40 years, sustaining itself through a variety of fundraising events. One of the most eagerly anticipated is the Silent Auction, which is celebrating its 21st anniversary at a new location: the Solarium in Oakhurst Village. This year’s auction is dedicated to the memory of activist and Inman Park bed and breakfast owner Sandra K. Heartfield who inaugurated the event. Up for bid will be trips, airline and event tickets, gift certificates to local shops and services, collectible books, artwork and music memorabilia.

The 2013 WRFG Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, December 1. Admission is $15 in advance and $20 at the door, and includes food, beverages and live music. Advance tickets may be purchased by visiting www.wrfg.org. The browsing and bidding will begin at 4 p.m. and end promptly at 7 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Call 404-523-3471 for information.

The Solarium is located at 321 W. Hill Street, Decatur, 30030. It is in the heart of Oakhurst Village where East Lake Drive, Oakview Road and W. Hill Street meet.

Mary Lin project clears final hurdle  
By Messenger Staff

The permitting issues that have delayed groundbreaking for the Mary Lin renovation project have been resolved, reports CPNO education chair Kate Sandhaus. A Land Disturbance Permit was issued October 24 and work is slated to begin soon.

CPNO education chair Kate Sandhaus sent these key points after the permit was approved:

- The city has issued the Land Disturbance Permit (thank you to CP neighbor and state senator Jason Carter for help getting it unstuck!), so Hogan Construction can now begin work on the project.
- Site work (fencing & drainage/sewage) will be ongoing throughout November.
- In the coming weeks, traffic will be impacted. The site work will require shutdown of the hard turn on Candler Park Drive to do storm drain work. This work will occur over two weekends and will not affect school/work days.
- The 2-story classroom addition is still expected to be complete next July, 2014; renovation of the existing structure is scheduled to be complete in February 2015.

A revised project schedule and other details may be found on the CPNO website:

http://candlerpark.org/content/mary-lin-renovation-update

Mary Lin Elementary School construction sign. Photo by Messenger Staff.
Frequently Asked Questions about Atlanta's zoning law

By Mischa Uppelschoten

[Ed. note: In September, CPNO zoning officer Mischa Uppelschoten posted a handy primer on Atlanta’s zoning laws to the CPNO Website. If you need one reason to hold onto old Messengers, this is it.]

Here is the link to the full original post, including hyperlinks to city information: http://candlerpark.org/content/zoning-frequently-asked-questions-0

When is a building permit required?
By City Ordinance, a building permit is required “to construct, erect, demolish, install, alter or repair... any building, structure, equipment, appliances or system...”

When is a building permit not required?
A building permit is not required for repair work with a total valuation of less than $2,500; provided such work is otherwise lawful. Repair work means in-kind repairs which do not add to, alter, or otherwise modify the building or structure.

What is a variance?
Variances are modifications of zoning regulations, granted by the BZA. A process is designed to allow citizens and neighbors to weigh in on the application for the variance, but the decision is always made by the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA).

I applied for a permit and I was told I need a variance. What is the process? In short, Candler Park Zoning Committee > Candler Park General meeting > NPU-N > BZA. With more detail: your application is reviewed by the Candler Park Zoning Committee, which votes to recommend support or not support your application. This recommendation is relayed to the Candler Park general meeting, who then, via a vote, decides to support or not support your application. This advice in turn is relayed to the Neighborhood Planning Unit N who considers your application and votes to support or not support your application. Lastly, this advice is communicated to the BZA, who makes the decision whether or not to grant your variance. At each step of the process an application may be deferred. Usually a deferral happens when not all documents are submitted or compromises need to be worked out. A deferral is free, except for deferrals with the BZA.

How long will the process for a variance application take?
Consider these steps and dates:

• ZC - every first Wednesday of the month. Applications need to be submitted to the ZC chair a week before this date.
• CPNO General meeting - third Monday of every month.
• NPU-N - Every 4th Thursday. Check carefully in case this date falls on, or close to a holiday. Especially December has non standard meeting dates.

Usually the BZA scheduling leavings several weeks for the applicant to contact the Zoning Committee, but sometimes the dates work out to no more than a week and the documents will need to be submitted immediately for the application to make it on the agenda. It is the applicant’s duty to verify that this process can be completed before the scheduled BZA hearing date.

Should I bring a presentation board? Other than the materials requested in the ZC Checklist, there is no need to bring anything. However, please consider that you may be asked to present at the CPNO general meeting, the NPU-N meeting and the BZA meeting. Many applicants choose to create one or more boards outlining their plans.

How do I know which zoning code an address/property is in?
Two methods:
1. Use the overview map to find the relevant detail map.
2. Search by address, parcel ID, owner or land lot. This search is fairly forgiving: you can, but don’t have to, add “ave”, “st.” etc.

Where can I find property information?
1. Zoning details, tax information, owner + mailing address: gis.atlantaga.gov. Click the small “more” link in the Property information box. Search for the address, try to start out with just the house number and the first word of the street name. Use the “online map” link to start an interactive map with “layers” like NPU’s, neighborhoods, Tax Allocation Districts, etc.
Zone 6 crime reports
Complied by David Bruce

1400 block McLendon Ave – Burglary – 9/13 Fri Day. Back door pried open. Taken: Bike, $70 cash and Xbox 2 games. Victims said their 11YO had just gotten an Instagram account in which he posted himself playing video games. He gave 4 names of friends with access to his account. They believe that 1 of his friends may have been responsible for the burglary.

1200 block DeKalb Ave – Burglary – 9/13 Thurs Day. Rear door forced open. Taken: 2 drill kits, bike, 2 I pods, suitcase and multi tool skeleton (?).

12200 block Druid Pl – Burglary – 9/14 Sat Day. The renter of the guest house said he forgot to close the garage door. 50” Panasonic TV taken. Witness saw a B/M and B/F wearing dark hoodies come out of the driveway holding electronic equipment and putting it in a witch pick up truck.


300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/8 Sat Eve. Parking lot. Victim said the passenger door does not lock. Taken: Suitcase with clothing, passport, jewelry and cruise certificates.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/13 Fri Eve. Parking lot. Lock tampered with. Taken: Radio, DVD CD changer and 20 CDs.

1000 block Euclid Ave – Robbery – 9/15 Sun Morn. Not in Candler Park boundaries but close by. Victims said they were walking south on Euclid when 2 B/Ms approached them with a silver handgun and demanded the listed items: Purse, 2 wallets, cell phone, 2 GA DLs and 2 credit cards. The suspects then fled towards Witchata Ave on foot.

1300 block McLendon Ave – Burglary – 9/16 Mon Eve. Rear window entry.


400 block Candler St – Larceny from auto – 9/19 Thurs Morn. Window shattered. 2 wallets taken.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/19 Thurs Morn. Parking lot. Lock was damaged. Taken: Clayton State shoulder bag, ACMR scrubs work clothes, perfume, bible and pair of shoes.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny – 9/20 Fri Eve. Victim said she was sitting at a table in the restaurant when 2 suspects sat behind her. The suspects did not order anything and left abruptly. Victim contacted her bank when she noticed her wallet, 2 bank cards and check book was missing. The bank employee said a video showed a B/M and W/F tried to use the cards at a local BP station.

200 block Moreland Ave – Robbery – 9/23 Mon Eve. Victim said she was walking home from a local bar when she observed a white older model sedan driving slowly. The car stopped near her and 2 B/Ms exited and approached her with a handgun and demanded her cell phone. The suspects then fled in the car north on Moreland.

1200 block Euclid Ave – Larceny from auto – 10/1 Tues Morn. Catalytic converter stolen.

351 Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 9/27 Fri Day. Parking lot. Door handle damaged. Taken: 2 I pods, digital tap (?), camera, 2 backpacks and 2 Mag lights. Video footage shows a black stocky built male exit a Chevrolet and taking the items.


351 Moreland Ave – Auto theft – 9/27 Unknown time. Parking lot. Video footage shows 2 to 3 males, one standing as a lookout at the entrance while another gets on the scooter and rides off. Both males had on helmets.

200 block Josephine St – Larceny from auto – 10/1 Tues Morn. Catalytic

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converter stolen. Victim said this happened a couple of months ago also.

300 block Candler St – Larceny from auto – 10/2 Wed Morn. Catalytic converter stolen.

300 block Candler St – Larceny from auto – 10/3 Wed Eve. No forced entry. $120, 2 bank cards and a cell phone taken.


300 block Mell Ave – Larceny from auto – 10/7 Mon Eve. Parking lot. Door and window damaged. I phone 4S and Bell Ross watch taken.

1300 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 10/8 Unknown time. No forced entry. Victim said her rings and watch were taken from the center console.

DeKalb Ave @ Fire station – Larceny – 10/6 Sun Eve. Victim said his I pad was taken from his book bag witch was in the locker room. He suspects 3 youths (between the ages of 11 to 14, black, one wearing a red hat) who had come into the station to use the bathroom.

400 block Moreland Ave - Shoplifting – 10/9 Wed Eve. Arrestee born in 1993 entered the store and selected 2 jackets, went into to the fitting room and ripped off the security tag on one jacket damaging it. He then walked out of the store with the other jacket stuffed in his pants leg. Manager witchnessed him walking out the front door causing the alarm to sound. Arrestee admitted to the responding officer he had the item in his pants.

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From October's CPNO meeting
Candler Park Neighborhood Organization
October 21, 2013
Membership Meeting
[DRAFT]

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Dave Radlmann, Vice President. Thank you to Elmyr for providing refreshments.

Motion to add an announcement concerning Freedom Park Conservancy passed.

Motion to add an announcement concerning “Love Your Block” passed.

Visitors:
- Atlanta Police Department-no representative present
- Mary Norwood-candidate for re-election City Council city-wide Post 2, addressed the membership regarding her platform of safe neighborhoods and quality of life.
- Tracey Austen-candidate for City Council District 6 addressed the membership regarding her platform. It was determined that Ms. Austen would not be representing our neighborhood due to redistricting.

Motion to accept the amended agenda passed.

Announcements:
- Ga Marathon is October 27; volunteers still needed for both the cheering section and the water station. Recognition of all those who have already signed to volunteer.
- Sweetwater 420 Festival has announced that it will move to Centennial Park for 2014.
- NPU-N Representative CPNO Bylaw changes; Two amendments were presented to the Board. Both motions regarding the Bylaw change failed.
- Trees Atlanta- Amy Stout invited Trees Atlanta to consider planting trees in the Candler Park neighborhood. Trees Atlanta has agreed.

The membership expressed the desire to have input as to where the plantings will be done. Ms. Stout will ask Trees Atlanta to provide the planting locations.
- NC-1 Pending Regulation Changes- The changes will prohibit “drive-thru” and gas stations to be constructed.
- Code changes to a City Ordinance, Section 10-75- permitting of overnight events in City parks.
- “Love Your Block” grant will be used to clean-up and plant around the beaver pond. The neighborhood will assisted by the Boy Scouts. Everyone is welcome to help on Saturday, October 26th.
- Freedom Park Conservancy-Mulch Day for the Bird and Butterfly Garden is November 16 from 9-11am.

Motion to strike the sentence “Application for matching funds of $7500 will be made to Park Pride” from September Minutes passed.

Motion to add the following sentence to the September minutes- “The neighborhood requested that the proper process be followed for requesting funds for the Goldsboro Park Project” passed.

Motion to adopt the amended September minutes passed.

Officer and Committee Reports:
Nominating Committee: The Slate of Nominees was presented by Lexa King, Chair. The following people have been nominated by the Committee: Communications-Jeff Elrod; Zoning-Seth Eisenberg; Special Projects-Mark Clement and Amy Stout; Environment-John Skach; Public Safety-Clinton Mack and Russell Miller; Membership-Laura Hussey; Treasurer-Peter Bluestone; Recording Secretary- Bonnie Palter; Vice President-Trent Gaines and Lexa King; President-Ken Edelstein.

Membership: CPNO night at Horizon Theater is November 26. Tickets are $25. Twenty dollars of every ticket will be for CPNO. Dinner before the theater is being arranged at the Wrecking Bar. Cost of the dinner is still under negotiation, but will be separate from the theater ticket.

Treasurer- Peter Bluestone reviewed the Profit and Loss Sheet and the Balance Sheet. There is $57,000 in the bank account. More income is expected from Sponsorships. FallFest income is incomplete.

Zoning- The October meeting of the Zoning Committee was devoted to discussing the plans for the Fox Bros Restaurant proposed parking lot. Two proposals were presented. Two compromises-valet parking or time limited parking- were also proposed. Discussion with the neighbors and the neighborhood will continue.

Public Safety-no report.

Master Plan- Discussion initiated regarding next step(s) to be taken in implementation of the Master Plan.

Environment-no report.

Special Projects- Mark Clement thanked all who were involved in the successful FallFest especially Michelle Allen and Leslie Kipling, co-chairman. Vice President- Dave Radlmann met with Justin Critz, President of North Druid Hills Civic Association, to exchange information on the Master Plan process especially Transportation and Traffic Calming.

Education- Kate Sandhaus encouraged everyone to vote especially for the Board of Education candidates. Mary Lin renovation is delayed due to legal issues with land use. The City of Atlanta will not issue any permits until those are resolved.

Communications-no report.

Events- Amy Stout reported on a meeting with Ebony Barley, Jay

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**MINUTES, continued.**

Tribbey, and Kwanza Hall where the results of the neighborhood Events Survey were presented.

**Grant Application**—Information only: Mark Clement, representing Friends of Candler Park, is requesting $7000 for the 2014 Movie Night. Members requested that Mark submit the grant application and use the established process for grants.

**Requests for Funding**—Motion for the approval of $150 for volunteer supplies for the Ga. Marathon passed.

**Zoning**—no applications.

**New Business**—
Motion to appoint the NPU-N Representative at the November Membership meeting by simple majority of the members present passed.
Motion that CPNO President write a letter to Kwanza Hall with a copy to Jonathan Miller, President NPU-N, requesting the legislation 13-o-1259 (NC-1 Zoning Category) go through the neighborhood and the NPU process passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm.

Submitted by
Bonnie Palter
Recording Secretary
October 21, 2013

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**Join or Renew Online in 2013**

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 2013 by going to [http://www.candlerpark.org/renew](http://www.candlerpark.org/renew) (yes, the bylaws require each member to renew)

**To Join:** Go to [www.candlerpark.org](http://www.candlerpark.org) and click “Membership”

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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

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**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
Supporting 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
___ Historic Preservation
___ 5K/Road Races
___ Tour of Homes
___ Fall Fest
___ Social events

___ Newsletter/Messenger
___ Candler Park/Environment
___ Land Use / Zoning
___ Flyer Distribution
___ Parent/child groups

If sending by mail, please address to:
CPNO Membership
P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107

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CPNO Elections: Vote!

*By Lexa King*

We can tell it is election season in Candler Park. Given that one of the things we are known for is our activism, it is no surprise to see an abundance of yard signs declaring support for Board of Education candidates and City Council members. The other, less published, election in our neighborhood is for the Board of Directors of CPNO for 2014. In past years there have been many times when we have had to beg, cajole or bribe people to fill the slate. Not so this time around. This year we have more people interested and running than there are seats. A healthy indication that Candler Park is up to great stuff and people want to participate. The slate was announced at the October CPNO meeting. It is as follows:

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Many thanks to the Nominations Committee for their hard work. Not only did these folks come up with great people, but they had the conversations to explain the duties of the various offices and used powers of persuasion in some cases to procure commitments. The Committee included: Mark Clement, David Radlman, Don Bender, Randy Pimsler and Lexa King, Chair of the Committee.

Just as with city, county, state and national elections, I invite you to participate in the process of these elections. While this is the known slate at this moment, it is subject to change the night of the elections. Our by-laws call for people to be able to be nominated from the floor. Please come to the November meeting and have your say in the future leadership of our neighborhood. We invite you to participate.

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