

Bad ballots mar November elections

By Messenger Staff

There were no hanging chads nor was there a divisive Supreme Court decision after the Nov. 5 municipal election, but Candler Park found itself at the center a controversy involving bad electronic ballots. Many voters who arrived at the Epworth polling station that morning found ballots for another election district’s school board candidates on their voting screens.

Elections officials and the media converged on Epworth as residents demanded answers and claims of disenfranchisement churned through emails and cellphone lines. According to Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp, a “human data entry error” resulted in many voters receiving incorrect ballots.

Kennesaw University’s Center for Election Systems investigated the Epworth ballot problems and found that at least 79 voters cast their votes for Atlanta School Board candidates using incorrect ballots.

Voters who arrived at Epworth within the first hour of the polls opening discovered that the wrong ballots were being displayed on the electronic voting machines. Marcy Leamy, who lives a few doors away from Epworth on McLendon, arrived around 7:30. “When I got up to vote I realized that I was not seeing anything relating to District 1 School Board. I saw District

3,” she recalled. “So I raised my hand and the lady came over and I said I’m not seeing the right ballot.”

Leamy spoke with the polling station manager, who told her that the Candler Park resident must be mistaken and that she was issued the correct ballot. Dissatisfied with the manager’s response, Leamy approached campaign workers and she began calling CPNO officers to register her alarm.

Kate Sandhaus, CPNO’s outgoing communications officer who organized a massive get-out-the-vote campaign, said Leamy was one of many Candler Parkers who called during the first hour that the polls were open. “I started getting a number of emails and phone calls and texts from neighbors who had gone to vote and had noticed that the wrong names were on the ballot,” Sandhaus said.

Sandhaus and other residents contacted the Fulton County Registration and Elections Department and the press about the issues. Fulton County



Campaign workers speak with assistant polling station manager Scott Caillier across the street from Epworth church. Photo by Messenger Staff.

See Voting, p. 5

Inside

President's Message.....	2
NPU-N Report	6
Fox Bros. Parking	6
Candler Park's Cartoonist.....	8
Student Voices	10
Pot Festival Application	12
Got Trees?	13
Membership Officer.....	13
Crime Report	14
Holiday Safety Tips.....	14
CPNO Minutes.....	15
Treasurer's Report.....	16

CPNO OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT Ken Edelstein
404-372-5871
president@candlerpark.org

VICE PRESIDENT Lexa King
404-452-9898
vicepresident@candlerpark.org

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Laura Hussey
membership@candlerpark.org

TREASURER Peter Bluestone
404-923-0049
treasurer@candlerpark.org

RECORDING SECRETARY Bonnie Palter
404-525-6744
secretary@candlerpark.org

ZONING OFFICER Seth Eisenberg
zoning@candlerpark.org

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER Russell Miller
safety@candlerpark.org

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER John Skach
environment@candlerpark.org

SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER Mark Clement
404-808-3635
projects@candlerpark.org

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER Jeff Elrod
communications@candlerpark.org

NPU-N REP. Amy Stout
404-371-0505
npurep@candlerpark.org

WEBMASTER Jeff Elrod
webmaster@candlerpark.org

THE MESSENGER

EDITOR David Rotenstein
404-326-9244
editor@candlerpark.org

CIRCULATION Peter Bluestone
404-923-0049
cpmessenger@candlerpark.org

For a complete list of CPNO contacts, visit www.candlerpark.org

President's Message

108 Master Plan ideas: Now what?

By Ken Edelstein, CPNO President

Candler Park faces an exciting but daunting challenge: The master plan that CPNO members approved in August includes 108 recommendations, but we have yet to set up a structure to prioritize and implement any them.

Putting a process in place in timely fashion is important for several reasons. The most pressing is that dozens of the proposals could be funded through a "Quality of Life" bond referendum that Mayor Kasim Reed may place on Atlanta ballots as early as June. So, within a month or two, we need to settle as a community on the recommendations that we'd like the city to fund through that referendum.

That's why I hope we'll be able to approve a Master Plan implementation scheme at our December meeting — or January at

the latest.

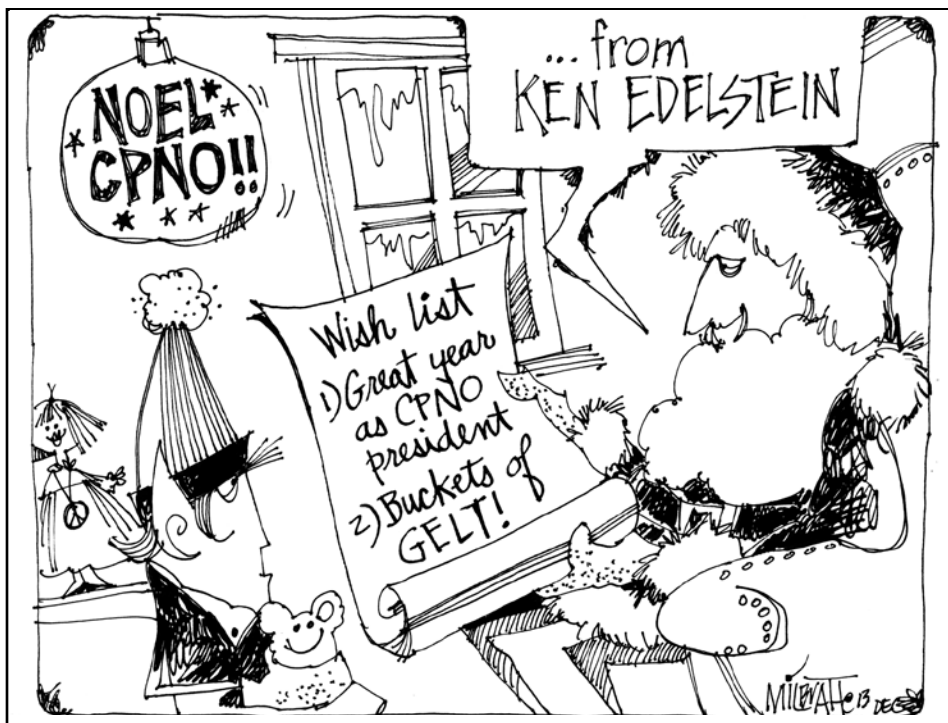
I've been kicking around — and adjusting — a variety of approaches as I've consulted with future and former board officers, members of the now-defunct Master Plan Steering Committee, and just about anyone else who might have an opinion. Those who managed to stick around until the end of our marathon Nov. 18 annual meeting (and didn't drink too much wine) may recall our brief discussion on this topic.

The approach we've come up with goes basically like this:

- Create a small, three-person "coordinating committee" to serve as CPNO's primary liaison to the city on master plan recommendations, the

See *President*, next page

Laughter in the park



by Deb Milbrath

President, continued

lead facilitator within the neighborhood, and the tracker/prodder of progress.

- The committee's first order of business would be to work in an open fashion with members, the board and other stakeholders in proposing a list of the recommendations that CPNO as an organization wants to tackle immediately.
- Once the board and the membership approves that priority list (and amends it if as they see fit), specific officers and committees would likely take on most actual implementation. For example, the Zoning Committee (headed by new zoning officer Seth Eisenberg) would work to bring zoning changes that are in the plan to fruition; Environment Officer John Skach (and anyone John could rope in to help him) might lay the groundwork for a park conservancy and other greenspace improvements; and our new Public Safety Officer, Russell Miller, is eager to implement some of the anti-crime recommendations, including a neighborhood watch.
- Because a lot of the master plan involves transportation, and we technically don't have a Transportation Officer on the board, one of the coordinating committee members would take on the role of implementing traffic calming, sidewalks, and other transportation infrastructure stuff.
- The coordinating committee will be there to keep abreast

of progress, to monitor the city and other external players that might affect (or help to fund) recommendations, and to help the project "owners" to navigate obstacles and discover opportunities.

- Every three months, the coordinating committee will update the membership and seek approval for an updated priority list.

One key part for everyone to remember is that the coordinating committee isn't the key to the master plan's success. The vast majority of our recommendations — those that we as neighbors stood behind when we offered input and then approved the master plan — will only become reality if many of us volunteer to work for the ideas we care most passionately about.

The process set up by this motion shouldn't hinder any volunteer "owners" from coming out of the woodwork. But it will help us identify and facilitate parts of the plan that the neighborhood as a whole has identified as priorities.

In other words, we can set up the dandiest process in the world, but ultimately we need you. Having actual "owners" willing to push recommendations forward is bound to be key to getting many of these benefits to our community implemented.

I'd love to get feedback and discussion of this motion. Please join me at the blog on candlerpark.org for open discussion, as well as a link to a draft of the motion.

•CP•

MEETING & EVENTS

CPNO general meeting Dec. 16
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)

Dec. 16: 7 PM. CPNO Monthly Meeting.

Jan. 13: CPNO Board Meeting

Jan. 20: CPNO Monthly Meeting

For the most up-to-date information on Candler Park events and news, check us out on the Web at candlerpark.org.



Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/CandlerPark>

or

Follow us on Twitter

<https://twitter.com/CandlerParkATL>

The Messenger

The Messenger is published monthly by Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Inc. Articles must be signed and submitted (by 23rd of month prior to publication) via email to editor@candlerpark.org. Articles published reflect opinions of authors, not necessarily CPNO or The Messenger.

Information about ad Rates, specifications, and payment may be found at the CPNO website: <http://candlerpark.org/content/messenger>

Forward publication-ready ads (no editing required) in MS Word-compatible file formats (.bmp, .tif, .jpg or .pdf) via email to: cpmessenger@candlerpark.org (include name, phone, ad size and order duration). Ad must be received by 23rd of month prior to publication. Send payment to CPNO, Attn: Messenger, P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107 upon confirmation of reserved ad space. Ad orders not paid prior to publication subject to cancellation.

New historical marker installed

Candler Park historian Edith Kelman and several volunteers installed a new historical marker at the site where Antioch East Baptist Church had its first home on what is now Oakdale Road. Begun as a brush arbor, the congregation built a permanent building and it remained there between 1877 and 1916.



Longtime residents Kelly Jordan, Don Bender, and Roger Bakeman formed the 420 Oakdale Group which contributed \$2,400 for the marker's design and fabrication.

In late 2011 a granite commemorative bench was installed at the site which is open to the public.

Kelman said that the project involved "bigtime volunteer skilled services." She conducted the research and wrote the copy that appears in the marker. Bakeman assisted with the graphic elements and the final design was executed by the Goolrick Interpretive Group, an Atlanta firm specializing in historic sites interpretation.

The Oakdale marker is the fourth memorializing Candler Park's rich African American history. Before the cement was dry for the Oakdale Road marker, Kelman and her colleagues were already discussing plans for their next marker on Hooper Road.

•CP•

-- Messenger Staff

ManyPaws

Pet Sitting 404-378-6935



DD6887@comcast.net

A Mature Approach To Loving Care For Your Animals

Daphne Delaney 404-210-8269

Jane Tunno 404-218-3512



Ready to put down or pick up roots? I can help.



I've helped people put down (and pick up) roots in and around 30307 for years. I'm a Mary Lin and Grady High mom and personally rooted in Lake Claire. As an Intown homeowner and

Realtor® with deep roots in our community, I know how to help you find the right home and market your home to sell.

Ready to buy? I'll leverage my intown network to find the right property – and negotiate the best deal for you.

Ready to sell? My experience with professional staging, compelling photography, and creative marketing helps sell your home faster and for the highest price.

Contact me, your intown Realtor® and neighbor, when you're ready to put down (or pick up) roots.

Candler Park

Lake Claire

Inman Park

Decatur

Druid Hills

Virginia Highland

Morningside

Poncey Highland

Old Fourth Ward



Get my free app to view all available homes!



c: 678.358.3369

e: cynthia@cynthiabaer.com

w: www.cynthiabaer.com



Keller Williams Realty Metro Atlanta
315 West Ponce de Leon Ave., Ste. 100
Decatur, GA 30030

Voting, continued from p. 1

administers City of Atlanta elections, including parts of the city in DeKalb County. By mid-morning local news outlets were reporting on the ballot snafu. In an interview with *Creative Loafing*, Elections and Voter Registration director Richard Barron described the situation as “black cloud” hanging over the election.

Barron told the *Messenger* that elections chief Dwight Brower arrived at Epworth and stayed for about five hours while state and local elections workers tried to fix the problem. “He tried to investigate what the source of the problem was and then we finally, through trial and error, figured out where the source of the issue was,” Barron said.

Until the electronic ballots were fixed, residents could vote for the correct candidates using provisional ballots.

Complaints about elections staff complicated an already confusing

situation. Leamy and other voters recounted exchanges with the site manager that they described as rude and dismissive.

“There was no concern by the head of the voting there. There was no concern on her part that somebody said I didn’t get the right ballot,” Leamy said. “She basically told me I was stupid and that I either didn’t know which district I lived in or I wasn’t at the right voting poll.”

Barron, in an interview two weeks after the election, said he was unaware of complaints about poll staff. “As far as I know, we didn’t get any complaints about people being treated rudely,” Barron said.

Fulton County investigated complaints by Candler Park residents and determined that the poll manager, a DeKalb County worker assigned to Atlanta for the election, would be retained for the December 3 runoff.

Leslie Grant, the school board candidate most affected by the incorrect ballots, still won the district vote against incumbent Brenda Muhammed.

Though her candidate prevailed, the experience left Leamy angry. A former poll worker herself back in Virginia, Leamy describes herself as a conscientious voter. “It’s very frustrating when you can’t vote and it’s frustrating when people don’t care that you can’t vote,” she said.

•CP•



Campaign signs along McLendon Ave. on election day. To comply with Georgia law, elections staff asked campaign workers to move them farther away from Epworth church. Photo by Messenger Staff.



1511 McLendon Ave



916 East Lake



273 Matthews Ave



367 Oakdale Ave



Get the picture?

Lewis & Redwine Real Estate Group
404 897 1595 • www.lewisandredwine.com

Nov. NPU-N report

By Amy Stout, CPNO NPU-N rep.

The Nov. 26 NPU-N agenda was modified to defer consideration of a variance application for 374 Clifton Rd. NE (V-13-193) and an ordinance to modify regulations for the NC-1 Little Five Points Neighborhood Commercial District (Z-13-039 / 13-O-1259) until December, to give CPNO a chance to consider and vote on these two proposals.

The Parks Department is conducting a survey and requests citizen input.

City Council in October adopted legislation banning ATVs in city parks.

Multiple Inman Park streets will require resident parking passes from 4 pm to 4 am on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays starting January 1, 2014. ParkAtlanta will be responsible for enforcement.

The NPU-N board voted 7-0-1 to support a variance application for 422 Sterling St, consistent with prior approval by CPNO, and also voted to support the application for an outdoor festival permit for the Paideia Field Day to be held in Candler Park Friday, March 28, 2014.

An ordinance introduced by Alex Wan that would change the size limit on "commercial recreation establishments" in the NC-1 zoning overlay (Little Five Points) from 8,000 sq ft to 20,000 sq ft. The purpose of the change would be to allow Dad's Garage Theater to relocate to 351 Moreland Avenue, where the Front Page News and Tijuana Garage restaurants are located.

The board voted to defer the vote on a request for a special exception to reduce the on-site parking requirement for 1146 Euclid Avenue NE from 53 spaces to 5 (V-13-216) for one month in order for the applicant Michael Pepper to explore all his options and to find ways to address neighborhood and NPU concerns about his application and plans. Mr. Pepper wants to

convert an existing retail space next to Thai 5 to a new restaurant. The three businesses currently located in this space are grandfathered and are exempt from parking requirements, but this change is usage would trigger a requirement for compliance with current code and therefore more parking spaces. The Little Five Points Business Association did not support this application (1-5-6). The Inman Park Neighborhood Association supported it in a split vote (16-11). Many adjacent neighbors showed up at the NPU-N meeting to speak against the application.

The Chair announced that he had received a letter from concerned neighbors adjacent to 600 and 604 Page Avenue regarding potential development of these parcels. Our City Planner, Nina Gentry, indicated that neither a SPI-7 variance request nor a stream buffer encroachment application would come before NPU-N.

The board congratulated Candler Park resident Randy Pimsler for being awarded \$3,700 on behalf of NPU-N in the first round of NPU grants for 2014. He will manage a project to install new heating and air-conditioning units and ceiling fans in the Little Five Points Community Center room where NPU-N, the Seed and Feed Marching Abominable, and other groups meet.

Cabbagetown resident Nicki Mlynski spoke on the Boulevard Tunnel Initiative that she has been spearheading (<http://boulevardtunnelinitiative.wordpress.com/>). The board voted to support her application to request funds for security cameras/lights/mirrors or other safety devices on behalf of NPU-N in the second and final round of NPU grants for 2014.

Chair Jonathan Miller, Vice-Chair Chris Jenko, and Secretary Catherine Woodling were re-elected. Chair Miller was approved as the NPU-N representative to the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance for another year.

•CP•

Fox Bros. parking news

By Messenger Staff

Fox Bros. barbecue restaurant owners Jonathan and Justin Fox met with CPNO's zoning committee and residents Nov. 6 to discuss plans to mitigate traffic and improve parking at the popular DeKalb Ave. eatery. The meeting was a continuation of the discussion begun in October.

The pair brought revised site plans, a tree inspection survey, and lighting recommendations prepared by consultants. The proposal to turn two adjacent parcels that the restaurant recently acquired into parking still includes a 26 spaces but with increased setbacks to buffer the lot from nearby homes.

They also noted that they met with Josephine Street neighbor Dan Flicker and are continuing to work with restaurant management to ensure that employees are not violating local traffic and parking laws. One employee, they told the group, had been fired after a complaint was received about traveling the wrong way up the one-way Josephine Street.

Employees are no longer allowed to park on Josephine Street and restaurant management encourages carpooling and closely monitors employee parking. "We have all the makes and models of our employees' cars, we take the tag numbers, everything so can try to monitor who and what is where," Jonathan Fox explained. The restaurant employs about 40 people.

The latest discussion focused on intermediate steps the restaurant can take to relieve overflow parking and traffic on Candler Park streets.

Elmira Place resident Peter Lefkowicz said that traffic volume and speeds make his street unsafe for about 40 pre-teens living there. "You really can't ride a bike on Elmira," he said.

See *Parking*, next page

Parking, continued

"You could when my kids were learning to ride bikes but there's so much traffic evenings and weekends that it's absolutely not safe."

Fox Bros. said they are actively searching for a site to relocate their catering business, which has about 20 employees using four vans. This will eliminate some traffic and open up additional parking now used by the restaurant's catering vans.

Lauren Welsh, who recently ended a term as CPNO's NPU-N representative, voiced concerns that any new surface parking lot would be inconsistent with the neighborhood's longterm goals outlined in the new Master Plan, which was approved by the Atlanta City Council earlier this month.

After acknowledging that Fox Bros. is a Candler Park asset, Welsh said, "I really don't know why we would ever as a neighborhood advocate for more parking lots."

Welsh added, "I don't know why we would ever rezone a residential home to be a parking lot. I just think that's a really bad design."

Residents and members of the zoning committee urged Fox Bros. to bring a traffic expert to the table to evaluate what type of study could provide useful data on whether curb cuts and other measures would be effective mitigation to the traffic issues. Fox Bros. also said that they would seek MRC (mixed use residential-commercial) zoning for the new lots and zoning committee members suggested that the entire property (four parcels) be rezoned MR-C1C, with conditions attached preventing expansion of the existing building's footprint.

•CP•



Elmira Place caution signs. Photo by Messenger Staff.



Elmira Place parking. Photo by Messenger Staff.

Take Their WORD For It!

Your neighbors know a dedicated and experienced Realtor when they use one...

"We could not have asked for a better realtor. Jo made selling our home a smooth process and we sold it in an extremely short period of time for the asking price. She always provided us with honest advice. She is resourceful, professional and experienced; she always had a smart solution that was in our best interest."

— THE CAPRETTA FAMILY



404-881-1810
jo@classicintownhomes.com
www.ClassicIntownHomes.com
www.AtlantaIntown.com



Contact Jo Gipson, Candler Resident Since 1995 | 404-405-5363

Deb Milbrath, Candler Park's cartoonist

By Messenger Staff

After I took over the *Messenger*, a friend who edits another neighborhood newsletter gushed about how lucky Candler Park is to have a resident cartoonist.

I agreed and then asked Deb Milbrath to pick some of her favorite cartoons in a retrospective. The panels on these pages are what she sent.

Milbrath and her husband David Bruce -- who contributes the monthly crime reports -- have lived in Candler Park since 1988. Her day gig is in advertising and she pens editorial cartoons in her off hours. Milbrath's work has appeared in *The New York Times* and other major dailies.

Around 2001, Milbrath volunteered to do a strip for the *Messenger* and her work has appeared monthly since then.

CPNO meetings provide her with lots of material, says Milbrath. "If there's some kind of issue that is really eating up the meetings and stuff, that's something I try to get into it."

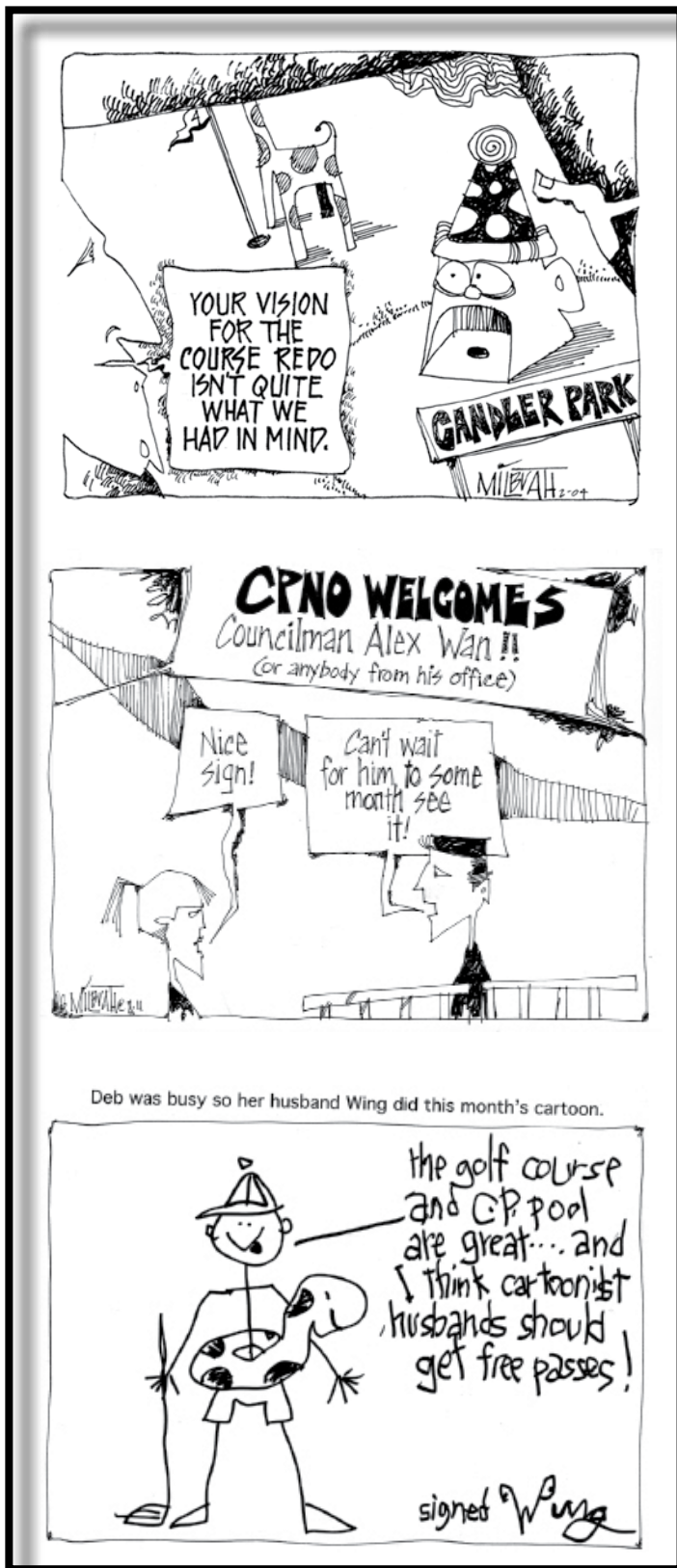
Mary Lin has been one of her most popular topics but Milbrath's biggest surprise came when Alex Wan responded to one of her cartoons.

"He flat out came to the meeting because of my cartoon," she said. "And that was a cartoonist's dream, is when somebody reacts to it or gets pissed off by it or."

Unlike his predecessors, Wan and his staff had not regularly attended CPNO meetings. That changed after the *Messenger* published Milbrath's cartoon.

Why does Milbrath keep doing them? "It's fun for me to do and it does show the neighborhood a little something more local," she explained. "I'll keep doing them as long as they want them."

•CP•



Deb was busy so her husband Wing did this month's cartoon.

CPNO election of 2009 officers...

Volunteer people...
it's not a DEATH SENTENCE!

No... more like a
LIFE SENTENCE!



To keep
meetings down
to an hour
the
CPNO board
took some
drastic
(but needed)
steps.

MURRAY 12.7.10

blah blah blah
Blah blah
blah blah. Blah
and again blah
blah. Blah blah blah
blah blah blah...



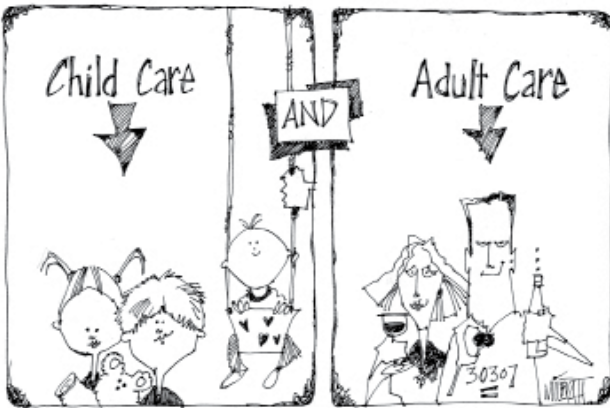
JOIN US! CPNO MEETINGS NOW HAVE:

Child Care



AND

Adult Care

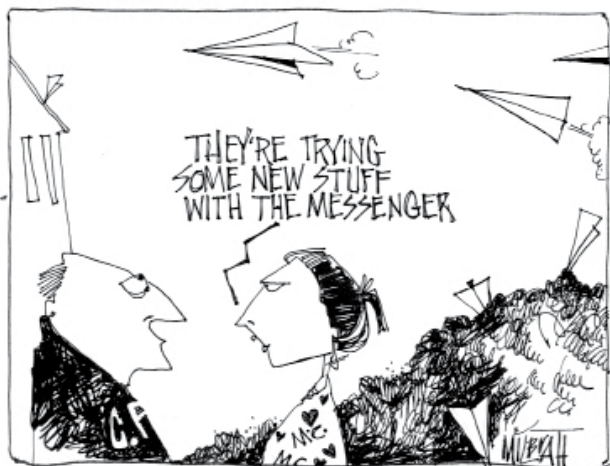


There goes the
neighborhood.

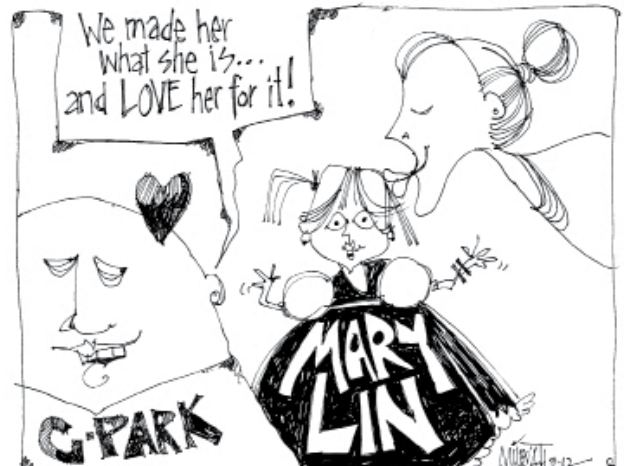
I feel so
PRUID
HILLS.



THEY'RE TRYING
SOME NEW STUFF
WITH THE MESSENGER



We made her
what she is...
and LOVE her for it!



Student Voices:

Candler Park attorney fights capital punishment

By Avery Bufkin, Grady High School

Robert McGlasson sat on a metal stool bolted to the floor in a room devoid of all organic material. He was facing his client, separated by a thick sheet of glass. Holes in the glass allowed for communications between prisoner and visitor. There was a small slot below the window to pass legal papers through. Its purpose: no contact. McGlasson represented Leonel Herrera for 5 years and never touched him.

McGlasson noticed that Leo carried himself differently than most of his other clients. Leo wore the same white jumpsuit as all other death row inmates, yet he was well-kept and had a sense of self-respect. His hair was short and neat. His voice was deep and he articulated every word. McGlasson remembered Leo as grateful, always thanking him and his other lawyers for their work.

"The one client you never want to represent is an innocent one," McGlasson said.

The courts denied all of Leo's claims of actual innocence, and he was executed on May 12, 1993.

Robert McGlasson now resides in Candler Park where he spends a lot of his time writing and exercising. With all of his travels, however, he is only in Atlanta, on average, three weeks out of the month.

A Yale Law School graduate, McGlasson has been a lawyer working on death penalty cases for roughly 30 years. He founded the Texas Death Penalty Education and Resource Center, an organization that strives to repeal the death penalty and educate the public and policymakers about capital punishment and its alternatives.

In the last few years, McGlasson has

freelanced for the nonprofit organization, Reprieve. Based in London, this coalition provides legal support worldwide and aims to protect the right to a fair trial. In doing this, McGlasson has traveled to Pakistan to advocate against the death penalty and to educate lawyers to help them better represent their clients. Pakistan has not had any executions since 2008. The new regime under President Mamnoon Hussain, however, is revitalizing the death sentence.



Robert McGlasson in Pakistan. Photo provided by Avery Bufkin.

McGlasson's constant traveling often makes it difficult for him and his teenage daughter, Ellie, to stay in contact. "Calling him was an issue because of the time zones," she said. "I was also worried about him when he was in Pakistan."

McGlasson has worked on many well-known Atlanta cases, including the 2008 Brian Nichols case. For fun, McGlasson runs, rides his bike, writes, and hangs with his daughter Ellie.

"We love to play really crappy teenage music," he said. "And, we dance to it. She dances really well. I on the other hand, embarrass her and myself apparently. Although, I'm oblivious by trying to act like I know how to dance."

Ellie and her father also enjoy watching movies together. "We have a whole

movie collection," Ellie said. Still, McGlasson's tendency to argue a point carries into his home life, especially when selecting the film.

"We'll sit there and try to convince the other why we should agree," she said. Sometimes it takes them an hour to decide.

"He's undoubtedly very intelligent," Ellie noted. "It's very hard to change his mind. It makes family dinner very interesting."

For the past few months, McGlasson has decided to write creative pieces surrounding his work. "I've got a lot of memories and experiences, some of them fairly unusual if not unique." He has taken his passion for writing and formed a small group here in Atlanta, called 'The Dead Poets Society' after the 1989 film.

This group meets about once a month to work, read, and discuss their writing. "We've met three times now and everyone seems to be getting a lot out of it," McGlasson said.

A good friend of McGlasson, Dr. Bill Thomas describes him as intellectually curious. "As a friend, I trust his judgment. I trust his word," he said. Thomas has known McGlasson for many years and has come to admire him for his work ethics.

"He's very dedicated to his work," he said. "It has to be frustrating to know that you are more likely to lose your cases than win your cases, and when you lose your cases, you lose a person's life."

•CP•

HE HAD THE BEST GADGETS. HE HAD A LICENSE TO THRILL. BUT HE ALSO HAD CREDIT ISSUES SO HE COULDN'T FINANCE A CAR.

UNTIL NOW...



**12% APR* NO-CREDIT
AUTO LOAN**

★★★★★
"A Tour-de-Force Thrill Ride Awaits"



404-525-0619 EXT 217 BONDCL.COM

*APR=Annual Percentage Rate. Loan & rate subject to approval. Proof-of-income required. Regular APR for auto loans begin at 1.99% with approved credit. Visit bondcu.com or call 404-525-0619x217 for info.



Eye Etc.
www.EyeEtcAtl.com



Check
out our
always
cool
frames,
like Alan
Mikli

MICHAEL G. STAMBOLY, O.D.
484-D MORELAND AVE NE
404-523-3937

Complete Vision Care in Little 5 Points

**HEIRLOOM
DESIGN BUILD**



NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION,
RENOVATIONS & DESIGN
SERVICES IN NEIGHBORHOODS
THROUGHOUT ATLANTA



CONTACT US FOR A FREE CONSULTATION!
(404) 537-1827
WWW.HEIRLOOMDESIGNBUILD.COM

Pot fest application

By Messenger Staff

The Great Atlanta Pot Festival has submitted an application to hold its annual festival in Candler Park April 19-20, 2014.

According to information provided to CPNO, the festival is produced by the Coalition for the Abolition of Marijuana Prohibition (CAMP). Founded in Atlanta in 1978, the group describes itself as a "direct action cannabis reform organization." Its past events have included previous Atlanta pot festivals as well as marches in New York City and Washington, D.C.

The group's previous Atlanta pot festivals have been held in Little Five Points' Findley Plaza. According to the Great Atlanta Pot Festival website, past events have included a march, band performances, and speakers.

CAMP completed a CPNO pre-festival questionnaire. Details for the festival are still being worked out and CAMP expects to provide Candler Park residents with more information in February 2014.

The group doesn't anticipate closing any roads during the event. Candler

Park Drive may be affected by parking for volunteers, vendors, and production staff.

Festival organizers noted that the event's sound levels would not exceed previous Sweetwater 420 levels, something that has concerned many neighbors who live close to the park. "We don't have to be LOUD to get our message out. Our sound team and I will be monitoring the levels," wrote CAMP.

Setup for the festival will begin Saturday morning and teardown will occur Sunday night after the festival closes. The festival is slated to begin

The event's proposed permit period conflicts with a permit application filed by the Friends of Candler Park for its annual movie nights series. Movie nights typically are held Saturday nights in Candler Park.

Paul Cornwell completed the CPNO questionnaire and he has provided additional information about the permit application in emails with CPNO.

Cornwell noted that he filed his permit request on the same date that Friends of Candler Park's Mark Clement filed his request for movie night. But a city official wrote in an email to

Clement that the pot festival application "was not deemed completed by the Mayor's Office of Special Events until 10/28." Special Events Manager Lorraine Rentz added that "The Great Atlanta Pot Festival has been processed as a one day event 4/20/2013 and he has been advised by the Parks Department that any set up on 4/19 must be completed by 4:00pm."

Earlier Cornwell told the CPNO, "we would have an appeal to file if the decision did not go our way." Clement says Cornwell assured him that any challenge to an approved Saturday permit would be directed at the City of Atlanta and not at "individuals or groups."

CAMP has established a long track record of defending its First Amendment rights. Earlier this year the group sued the City of Atlanta in federal court for denying its permit application for a march through Freedom Park.

Organizers expect fewer than 2,000 people at the festival and march. Security will be provided by a private firm. CAMP noted in the information provided to CPNO that city police do not like working its events.

"We have never had a problem with overcrowding on the streets," CAMP wrote. "You will find that people that come to this event and support cannabis reform are considerate, peaceful, and courteous."

Last month, *Creative Loafing* reported on the pot festival application. "We decided Candler Park was ready for the real 420," Cornwell told the paper. Citing recent Gallup Poll statistics, Cornwell added, "fifty-eight percent of Americans are in favor of the legalization of marijuana so I feel like that ratio breaks down about right with the residents of Candler Park."

CAMP plans to continue discussions with the CPNO board and Cornwell plans to attend the December membership meeting to discuss the application.

•CP•

RE/MAX
METRO
atlanta | cityside

#1 Re/Max Agent in Georgia
Top Producing Agent in 30307

Chad Sells Again!

(404)266-7199

Chad@ChadSells.Com

Top Agent
Lifelong Resident
Neighborhood Expert

Search For Homes Online At:

www.ChadSells.com

Got Trees?

By Amy Stout

The non-profit Trees Atlanta and their cadre of volunteers will return to the Candler Park and Lake Claire neighborhoods on March 22, 2014 to plant new trees. As part of a contract with the City of Atlanta, Trees Atlanta installs trees along public rights-of-way and inside city parks all over Atlanta.

Landscape designer Alex Beasley will attend the December CPNO meeting to discuss potential sites in our neighborhood and answer any questions or concerns about the upcoming planting day.

Please note that homeowners who agree to water, mulch, and otherwise care for a tree can have additional trees planted in their front yards free of charge.

•CP•



Volunteers count votes at November's CPNO annual membership meeting and election. Photo by Messenger Staff.

On the membership front

By Laura Hussey

I am honored to serve CPNO as Membership Secretary and am looking forward to getting to know more of you over the coming year. While maintaining the organization's membership

records and member mailing list is an important part of the job, the part of the role I'm very excited about is chairing the membership committee. What does that mean exactly? Let me hear your thoughts – membership@cpno.org.

•CP•

SOLD!



**Under Contract
in 1 week!**

SOLD!



**Under Contract
in 2 days!**

**Your House
Here!**

**Under Contract
ASAP!**

Your 30307 Real Estate Specialist

**John Morgan
770-655-9423**



FITZGERALD REALTY

johnbmorgan3@gmail.com
www.johnbmorgan3.com

Zone 6 crime reports

Complied by David Bruce

Candler Park – Larceny from auto – 10/14 Mon Day. Victim saw 2 suspicious B/Ms walking near his vehicle. S&W 380 bodyguard pistol taken.

300 block Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 10/18 Fri Eve. Parking lot. Video shows a black Jeep pull up to the vehicle and a male getting out. Suspect was able to open the side door, pop open the trunk and take a bag of clothing and jewelry.

1200 Druid Pl – Larceny from auto – 10/19 Sat Morn. Window shattered. Breast pump stolen and recovered.

400 block Candler Park Dr – Larceny from auto – 10/19 Eve. Window shattered. Bag of clothing stolen.

1500 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 10/24 Thurs Eve. Parking lot. Window shattered. Apple Mac-

Book, charger, misc. art supplies and books taken.

400 block Clifton Rd – Larceny from auto – 10/27 Sat Eve. Window smashed. Briefcase taken. Neighbor said he noticed a new silver Chevy Impala pull up to the vehicle around 10:25pm.

351 Moreland Ave – Larceny from auto – 10/31 Thurs Morn. Parking lot. Laptop, headphones, camera and backpack stolen.

1600 block McLendon Ave – Larceny from auto – 11/1 Fri Morn. Parking lot. Window shattered. Clothing and backpack stolen.

1600 DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 11/2 Sat Day. Window shattered. Backpack and clothing stolen.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 11/2 Sat Eve. Window shattered. Canon camera stolen.

400 block Oakdale Rd – Auto theft – 10/27 Sun Day. 1987 BLU CHEV / C10, GA tag. Victim said an hour after his report was completed that he received a voicemail from a DeKalb County officer who informed him that his vehicle had been involved in an accident at the intersection of Well Kirk and Horse-shoe.

200 block Elmira Pl – Larceny from auto – 11/7 Thurs Eve. Window entry. Backpack stolen.

1500 block DeKalb Ave – Larceny from auto – 11/7 Thurs Eve. Unknown entry. Laptop and briefcase stolen.

•CP•

Holiday safety tips

By Russell Miller, CPNO safety officer

First and foremost, don't leave anything of value in your car! Second, lock your house. Whether it's a short trip to the Candler Park Market or a longer haul to finish some holiday shopping, make sure your doors and windows are securely locked.

Never leave boxes from expensive gifts laying on the curb for trash pickup. Nothing says, "break in here" like a empty 55" LCD TV box. Consider crushing them and placing them in a large, black garbage bag. If you are travelling, make your house look occupied while you're gone. Install timers on lights and have a neighbor pick up your mail and newspaper (or put a temporary stop on both). Park a car in your driveway and lastly, do not hide a key outside your house.

Experienced criminals know where to look Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

•CP•





ANNA K
CHARLOTTE
LEJA






CONNECT

anna k

— intown —

REAL ESTATE SERVICES

As your Candler Park & Lake Claire neighbor, the most important thing we do is get you the **most amount of \$\$\$ possible** for your home. If you are considering putting your home on the market, do not wait. The market is up & you need an expert on your side to put the most \$\$ in your pocket! CHOOSE the #1 Keller Williams Southeast TEAM to get you the best results.



FREE HOME VALUATION

404.808.1528

annak@kw.com



Candler Park Neighborhood Organiza-
tion
Annual Membership Meeting
November 18, 2013
[DRAFT]

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Steve Cardwell, President. Thank you to Euclid Ave. Yacht Club for providing refreshments.

City Official and Other Visitors:

- Atlanta Police Department- Lt. Floyd, evening watch commander, addressed the members. Overall crime is down. He encouraged members to call 911.
- Dr. Lori James, candidate at large for Atlanta School Board Seat 9, presented her platform.
- Reuben McDaniel, re-election candidate at large for Atlanta School Board Seat 8, presented his platform.
- Jason Esteves, candidate at large for Atlanta School Board Seat 9, presented his platform.
- Cynthia Briscoe Brown, candidate at large for Atlanta School Board Seat 8, presented her qualifications and platform.

Announcements:

- “Shopping Downtown”-an initiative of Kwanza Hall will highlight some Candler Park businesses.
- Candler Park Theater Night is November 26 at Horizon Theater. Pre-theater dinner is at the Wrecking Bar.
- CPNO is partnering with Epworth Methodist Church for ‘International Shoebox’ project. Deadline is November 24.
- Candler Park Historic Marker- Edi Kelman announced the installment of a marker to honor Antioch Baptist Church at the parklette on Oakdale Road.
- The Great Atlanta Pot Festival will have representatives speaking at the December meeting to ask for support of their permit.

See Minutes, p. 16

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> (yes, the bylaws require each member to renew)

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

Support CPNO with a Paypal donation today!

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

- Lexa King, CPNO Membership Secretary

CPNO Membership Application

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____
Email: _____
Minor Children (names and ages) _____
Any information NOT to be published in CP neighborhood directory? _____
Business applicants list name, address and phone of designated agent:
Name of business: _____
Address of business: _____

Optional Contribution

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

<input type="checkbox"/> New neighbor welcome	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Messenger
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Candler Park/Environment
<input type="checkbox"/> 5K/Road Races	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Zoning
<input type="checkbox"/> Tour of Homes	<input type="checkbox"/> Flyer Distribution
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Fest	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/child groups
<input type="checkbox"/> Social events	Other (specify) _____

If sending by mail, please address to:

**CPNO Membership
P.O. Box 5418, Atlanta GA 31107**

Minutes, continued from p. 15

Motion to move the CPNO Elections to after the adoption of the minutes failed.

Motion to adopt the agenda passed.
Motion to approve the previous month's minutes passed.

Zoning- Motion to support the variance application for 422 Sterling Street passed.

Requests for Funding- Motion to fund The 2014 Candler Park Movie Night grant as requested passed.

CPNO Elections: The following were elected to the 2014 Board of Directors:

- President-Ken Edelstein
- Vice President- Lexa King
- Recording Secretary- Bonnie Palter
- Membership Secretary- Laura Hussey
- Treasurer- Peter Bluestone
- Zoning- Seth Eisenberg
- Public Safety- Russell Miller
- Environment- John Skach
- Special Projects- Mark Clement
- Communications- Jeff Elrod

Tellers were Margaret Wright, Judith Gott, and Don Bender.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- Membership- no report
- Treasurer- Still waiting for a check from Sweetwater
- Zoning-no report
- Environment- CPNO received \$6500 from Ga. Marathon for its efforts at the cheering section and

- the water station of mile 13.
- Special Projects-no report
- Education- Mary Lin renovation to start soon
- Events- Amy Stout will present NPU-N a draft of neighborhood requests regarding Events in Candler Park.
- NPU-N- City Council is considering a new ordinance for overnight events in City parks. Findley Plaza in Little five Points has been removed from the list.

Old Business:

Motion to appoint Amy Stout NPU-N Representative for one year passed.

New Business:

Ken Edelstein presented a motion for consideration and discussion regarding the next step in the Master Plan process.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm.

Submitted by
Bonnie Palter
Recording Secretary
November 18, 2013

•CP•

November's Annual Meeting Treasurers Update

By Peter Bluestone, CPNO Treasurer

CPNO continues to be in good financial shape. The Fall Fest beverage check has been received, but we are still waiting on some sponsorship money as of the November meeting. Thus, the books are not yet closed on Fall Fest 2013. However one thing is certain the Festival was a financial suc-

cess. As I mentioned last month, due to elections I did not give the detailed Fall Fest accounting report, I will due that at the December meeting.

The membership approved a grant to Friends of Candler Park for Movie night in the amount of \$7,000 for the 2014 season. Also, Many thanks to Eric Rubenstein and all the Marathon cheering section, for their fine efforts in raising \$6,500 for CPNO! 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. Hope to see you all at the December meeting.

•CP•

CLASSIFIED ADS

Top to bottom Weekly, Bi-weekly detail house cleaning services (404) 246-8141
completelycleanhomes.net

House Repair: Plaster and Dry-wall repair. Interior painting. Trim Carpentry. Small inside projects. Candler Park resident for 15 years. Only work on Vintage Houses. Free Estimate. Lee Nicholson (404) 378-1343.

Dance4Treats Pet Sitting & Dog Walking- We are Insured- Bonded- Professional- Loving-Trustworthy- Reasonable-Flexible-6 years experience- References-Pet Sitters International Member-Serving ALL in-town neighborhoods Decatur to Grant Park. Call Kerry Noonan 404.907.6005 or dance4treatspets@yahoo.com.



Prevent Door Kick-Ins

Door frame reinforcing converts your door into a kick-proof steel frame
GUARANTEED!

 **THE ENTRY ENFORCER**

Many perpetrators live within one mile of their victims.
Security solutions for windows, too.
Call for free Home Security Assessment.

404.289.6960 • www.entryenforcer.com