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June 2005

MEETINGS*EVENTS

CPNO MEETING JUNE 20 @ 7 PM

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is for all residents! We meet the third **MONDAY** of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Avenue. Please use the Mell Avenue entrance. Membership is **FREE!**

MAY MEETING AGENDA:

- Vote on April & May Minutes/Meeting Record
- Financial Update
- Officer, Committee Chair and Rep Reports
- Vote on CPNO NPU-N Rep
- Update on Dekalb Corridor
- Zoning Variance Vote -- See back page
- PreFallFest Celebration
- New Business
- Old Business

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the July meeting, contact any CPNO officer (see list on page 2). Deadline is June 26, 2005.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, June 9 * 7 PM

CPNO Bylaws Revision Committee Meeting
1291 McLendon -- **Open To All**

Saturday, June 11 * 8 AM - 12 PM

CPNO/FOCP Candler Park Workday
Candler Park (meet at the playground)

Monday, June 13 * 7 PM

CPNO Executive Board Meeting -- also
Dekalb Ave Corridor Study Committee
Epworth United Methodist Church
1561 McLendon -- **Both Open To All**

Monday, June 20 * 7 PM

CPNO General Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
1561 McLendon

Thursday, June 23 * 7 PM

NPU-N Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
1561 McLendon

How CPNO Communicates

Last month I discussed how CPNO is organized. This month I will explain how we communicate with our membership as well as with related government and civic organizations.

We hold two monthly meetings open to Candler Park residents. Our general meeting is held at 7 PM on the third Monday of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Avenue across from Candler Park. At this meeting CPNO hears reports on relevant issues from its officers and its representatives of civic bodies such as NPU-N and Freedom Park Conservancy. Reports on major projects and issues affecting Candler Park, such as our DeKalb Avenue Task Force and the Candler Park Brook Project, are also presented. We also vote on issues before CPNO as a whole, including approval of the record of actions taken at our last meeting, financial and zoning variance issues, and major issues affecting the neighborhood as a whole.

Our other meeting is the Executive Board Meeting held on the second Monday of the month at the same time and place as our general meeting. Everyone is welcome at this meeting. The officers discuss issues that will come up at the general meeting as well as matters that keep CPNO functioning effectively. Issues are hashed out in more detail than is possible at the general meeting.

CPNO has representatives on a number of organizations important to the neighborhood such as NPU-N and the Freedom Park Conservancy. These representatives are approved by the membership. We ask that they

stay in good communication with CPNO. Where we have taken a position they are expected to support it. In the many cases where CPNO has taken no position, they are free to exercise their good judgment.

Our official printed organ is the Messenger which is published monthly. Our best efforts are made to deliver it to each address in Candler Park. It is available at Candler Park Market, and we have begun to make it available Sevenanda and Candler Park Flower Shop. It contains the agenda for the general meeting and articles relating to important neighborhood issues as well as lighter fare. It is so credible that at least one resident believed for a while that the April Fools issue was real. The Messenger is available on line at our web site, www.candlerpark.org.

Our web site offers a variety of communications opportunities including archival information about Candler Park and CPNO, back issues of the Messenger and an anonymous forum that allows residents, and anyone else, to discuss topics of interest. We have a safety elist and this year began developing an environment elist. It is important to understand that advertising supports both the Messenger and the web site. They pay their own way.

The Messenger does its job very well, and CPNO has made steady progress in taking advantage of new communications technologies. This is good news! Realizing though that communications and communications technologies are changing rapidly, I am concerned that we remain sensi-

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The Messenger

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Art In Freedom Park Update

Art in Freedom Park debuted on Sunday May 1 with the unveiling of twenty sculptures and site specific installations. In addition to the installations, opening day celebrations included nine performances. The day started with a May Day dance by the community and students from The Waldorf School of Atlanta around Corrina Mensoff's Maypole. An afternoon of performances by One People Voice Company, Z-Axis, Nu South Subterraneans, Kevin Dunn, Brad Michalove Andrews & MB, Beacon Dance Company, Lowlife Puppet Theater, films by Neil Fried and the lighting of the Tunnel of Transformation on Freedom Park hill kept everyone entertained into the evening.

The official opening of Art in Freedom Park is scheduled for Sunday June 5 when the final 13 installations will be unveiled. Festivities will again include many exciting performances that will run from 2:00 - 9:00 on the hill east of Moreland Avenue near Druid Place. Please come out to help us celebrate the successful initiation of Art in Freedom Park and also to enjoy both the

installed pieces and performances. A detailed schedule of performances along with a map of installations and pictures of the artworks and the May 1 events can be found at www.artinfreedompark.org.

Art in Freedom Park is the first of a series of public art installations within Freedom Park. It was made possible through the hard work of the Art in Freedom Park task force which is a committee of the Freedom Park Conservancy. Members of the task force have put in many hours to make this event possible and are looking for individuals willing to volunteer to help with the exhibition as we move forward. We need people that are able to help raise funds, perform public relations, write grants, and maintain the areas around the installations. Persons interested in getting involved should contact the Art in Freedom Park task force at artinfreedompark@yahoo.com. Financial contributions in support of the project can be made to the Freedom Park Conservancy, 651 Dallas Street NE Unit B, Atlanta, GA 30308.

- Eric Dusenbury

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath



From pg.2 --

How CPNO Communicates.

tive to the possible benefits of these changes. Here are a couple of questions. One is how can we best take advantage of the rapidly changing information technologies to enable CPNO and our neighborhood to communicate more effectively about common interests and issues and make relevant information as easily available as possible. Another is how to view and then organize our communications as a seamless, multimedia process, i.e. systemically rather than piecemeal. What I am speaking of is a steady, proactive evolution working from our proven strengths while always remembering that we are a volunteer organization on a low budget.

I'm looking for members interested in communications and communication technologies to help frame and analyze these issues, and, where appropriate, make positive recommendations. Also, if we as a group decide to go ahead with any of these ideas, to be prepared to help in the implementation. If you have such interests, and would like to be involved, please contact me.

Fred Rossini

Did You Know??

There's a little part in our City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances that makes a property owner (i.e. -- you) responsible for cleaning up graffiti on your property or pay a fine. Fine! you say. Someone has to clean it up and it's not the city's responsibility to clean your property. Fine! the City says also. If it isn't cleaned up within 30 days of notice by the City they can fine you up to \$1000 or put you in jail for up to 6 months. If they catch the sprayer his or her penalty is no less but no greater either.

The fine to property owners is meant as impetus to clean and maintain the property. The enforced cleaning can be managed through this threat of penalty but the defacer is never pursued and even when caught faces no greater a threat of penalty. The City should balance the pursuit or tilt the penalty towards the defacer.

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Practice Smart Shopping

In terms of shopping, Candler Park now finds itself with an embarrassment of riches. The new Edgewood Retail District features a Kroger, a Lowe's, a Best Buy and a Barnes and Noble. We've always had Aurora; now we've got Starbucks, too. Several Publixes are within a three-mile radius, as are more than a few Ace Hardwares. In retail terms, we are living large.

Shopping is as American as baseball, apple pie and second mortgages. But people don't often think about where the money that they spend at GreatbigcheapMart goes in terms of political contributions. Well, here's the skinny.

If you're a Republican, you can pretty much shop anywhere. Need a hammer? Every hardware and home improvement store is your friend. Hungry? Not to worry. So is virtually every grocery store and fast food joint. You're really only in trouble if you want to buy a book. Bookstores are Democratic.

Democrats have it a little tougher. Discussing shopping habits and political contributions once, a Democratic friend of mine said she was resigned to the fact that, if she were to boycott all Republican-leaning stores, she'd pretty much just have to sit home, drink wine, put on makeup and take it off with toilet paper. Yes, wine, liquor and beer; makeup and, for some unfathomable reason, toilet paper are all Democratic products.

Lists of retail establishments and their political contributions are available online. One, www.choosetheblue.com, obviously wants you to buy Democratic, but it includes Republican contributions as well on the theory that it helps to know where not to spend your money. Republican residents can use the site for their own nefarious purposes by finding out where to spend their money.

Meanwhile, here's some close-to-home information: In the last election, Barnes & Noble gave 98 percent of its donations to Democrats; Bed,

Bath and Beyond gave 93 percent of theirs to Dems; and Starbucks gave 84 percent. On the other side of the political aisle, Home Depot gave 94 percent of its donations to Republicans and put Tom Ridge (he of the color-coded Homeland Security alert system) on its board of directors; Ace Hardware gave 100 percent; Target, 72 percent; Publix, 97 percent; Best Buy, 98 percent; and Kroger 71 percent.

Lowe's is mostly apolitical, but when it does give, it tends to favor Republicans in local races.

-- Janet Ward

Bylaws Revision Committee Meeting

The fifth meeting of the ad-hoc Bylaws Revision Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at my house, 1291 McLendon. We'll be discussing Articles IX-XI of the existing bylaws.

All residents of Candler Park are welcome to attend, but I would appreciate it if you would let me know by email that you intend to be there. If more people want to participate than I can handle in my house, we'll seek a larger venue.

-- Brian Sells

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-- George Dusenbury

The Friends of Candler Park Want You!

Have you noticed anything different about Candler Park? A cleaner entrance off McLendon? A newly painted pool house? More trash cans in the park? New landscaping around the pool?

This is the work of a small group of your neighbors, working to beautify the park — a small group that would welcome your help! Every second Saturday, (this June 11th for instance) we come to the park from 8:00 AM to noon to pick up trash, pull weeds, and undertake a project that will make the park better. We are very excited with what we have been able to accomplish in a few short months — and what we can accomplish if a few more folks would chip in!

So please join us as we work to make our park and our community a better place. For more information, contact us at
friendsofcandlerpark@yahoo.com.

-- George Dusenbury

Come to The Findley Fair

The Little 5 Points Business Association is proud to announce the launch of an ongoing monthly event, The Findley Fair. The Findley Fair will be located in Findley Plaza at the intersection of Moreland and Euclid Avenues and run 11am until 10pm on Saturday, June 18 and 11am until 8pm on Sunday, June 19. Event highlights include live music, eclectic entertainment, a green market, artists showcase, children's activities and special promotions from Little 5 Points' businesses.

The launch of The Findley Fair will include a Findley Plaza dedication ceremony Saturday 18, at 5:30pm honoring John Findley, the Plaza's namesake, and the City of Atlanta Parks Department for their cooperation with the Little 5 Points Business Association in making Findley Plaza a community gathering spot. One major contribution of the Parks Department is the Findley Plaza stage and mosaic of Blind Willie McTell by artist Jason Johnson. Other key participants to be thanked are the Findley Plaza Landscape Sponsors; Joanne Young Powers Landscape Contractor, Planting Concepts, Intown Landscaping, Straw Cage Hut and Atlanta Pro Landscape for their beautiful landscape design and maintenance.

The Findley Fair will showcase local live music, poets, and performances on the Findley Plaza stage. The green market is sponsored by Sevananda Natural Foods Market located at 467 Moreland Avenue. Little 5 Points' own community sponsored radio station, WRFG 89.3, will be providing live remotes and radio personalities throughout the entire Findley Fair schedule.

The Findley Fair starts on June 18 & 19, and returns the third weekend of every month: July 16 & 17, August 20 & 21, September 17 & 18, and completes on October 15 & 16 one week before the Annual L5P Halloween Festival and Parade on Oct. 22 & 23. For more event information, contact Jennifer Calfee at 404.230.2884 or visit Jennifer@littlefivepoints.net and look soon for updates on the Little 5 Points Business Association official website at www.littlefivepoints.net.

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Bookclub Calendar

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- JUNE 9th
Mansfield Park
By Jane Austen
Hosted by Marishyl Ford
- JULY 14th
The Kite Runner
By Khaled Hosseini
Hosted by Heather Church
- AUGUST 11th
The Rule of Four
By Ian Caldwell
Hosted by Beth Buffalo
- SEPTEMBER 8th
The Master
By Colm Toibin
Hosted by Nicole Forde
- OCTOBER 13th
Carter Beats the Devil
By Glen Gold
Hosted by Judy Stevens

Please contact Nicole Forde
(luckysevens@comcast.net) for RSVP
and meeting location

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Contact: Felicia Ford, Lesson Coordinator at
fford@agnesscott.edu or call 404-471-6496
Jessica Berkowitz at 404-471-5493

Dekalb Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Study

After reporting progress to CPNO at the May general meeting, committee members Randy Pimsler and Walt Weimar hosted a neighborhood meeting in the fellowship hall at Epworth United Methodist Church on Monday May 23rd with residents of Candler Park. All property owners along the corridor from Moreland Avenue to Clifton Road were sent special invitations to this meeting by the committee.

Attendance at the meeting was ideal in affording a diverse group of residents the chance to review exhibits prepared by committee member and architect David Green, to hear detailed explanations of current and proposed zoning limits and to provide specific input on key questions of planning, scale and arrangement of new structures. Discussion also addressed ways to balance concern for DeKalb Avenue's transportation quality with pedestrian-friendly characteristics. In view of current long-term trends toward mixed-use commercial and higher-density residential redevelopment, the study committee discussions are intended to bring together development interests and adjacent single-family residents to better communicate how existing policies should reflect both our historical intown neighborhood's character and the economics of growth, amid upward pressure on land values throughout Candler Park and surrounding intown neighborhoods.

Based on success of this initial neighborhood meeting, a follow-up meeting is now planned for June 13th at Epworth, in order to continue to build public consensus on recommendations for design and land use that could serve as criteria for tentative consideration by CPNO in July, and by NPU-N and City of Atlanta officials by late summer. Anyone interested in participating may attend - contact Walt Weimar at 404-948-3173 (wweima01@sprintspectrum.com).

-- Walt Weimar



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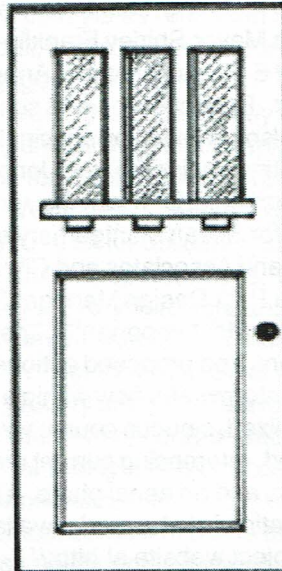


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Volunteers Needed

- For Peavine Watershed Alliance (PWA), which has been active for many years in improving areas served by the Peavine Creek basin, within which lies Candler Park and most surrounding neighborhoods north of DeKalb Avenue. The organization meets once monthly, and our representative will help reciprocally inform constituents about upcoming creek clean-ups, educational programs and other matters of interest in preserving and protecting the water quality and aquatic habitat of such critical importance to our urban environment.
- For Olmstead Linear Parks Alliance (OLPA), formed to preserve and enhance the five linear parks originally designed by Frederick Law Olmstead (our nation's first landscape architect) which extend east along Ponce de Leon Avenue from Moreland Avenue to beyond the Atlanta city limits. OLPA is now actively sponsoring and managing improvements in Springvale Park, where a new playground should commence construction in the fall and Deepdene, the easternmost, largely undisturbed area of old-growth forest along North Ponce de Leon Avenue, where a pilot watershed improvement effort is underway. Meeting once monthly at offices adjoining Fernbank Museum, our liaison would help keep NPU-N apprised of OLPA projects of interest to Candler Park, Lake Claire, Druid Hills and surrounding neighborhoods.

Contact Walt Weimar at 4/377-1411 if interested in either position.

Candler Park Brook Watershed Update

At the May general meeting, CPNO members heard the latest information on progress in design and community education efforts related to proposed construction of watershed improvements in Candler Park later this year. Goals for restoration of this important tributary of Lullwater and Peavine Creeks, through dechannelization and reconnection to its original floodplain, were outlined in a video featuring recent interviews with Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin and District 6 Council Member Anne Fauver. Project scope and schedule were also reviewed by principal consulting engineer Steve Jones of Environmental Services Inc., grant facilitator Susan Montgomery of Bron Cleveland Associates and City of Atlanta Park Design Manager Sushma Dersch. Most importantly, specific locations and proposed actions to detain stormwater flow within a more naturalized, sinuous course were outlined, referencing current maps, surveys and an aerial photo. This information is to be made available on our project website at <http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/parks/parkdesigncandlerparkbrookrestoration.aspx>.

Looking ahead, steering subcommittee members will focus on the expected cost/benefits of implementing some or all of the recommended

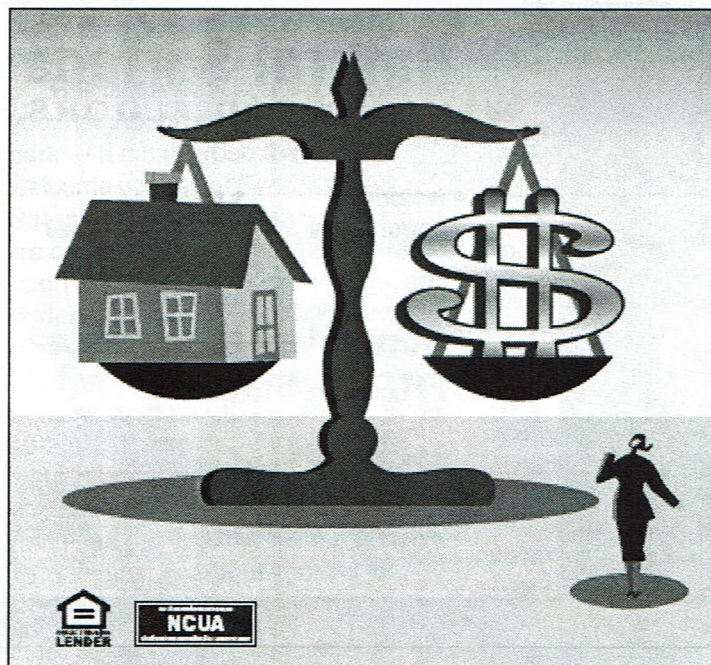
engineering alternatives to achieve the objectives authorized by the Section 319 grant used to fund the improvements, and additional development of design schematics, for presentation at the third of our four community participation meetings tentatively scheduled in August. Continued neighborhood input, suggestions and comments are welcome and encouraged. Please contact Walt Weimar with any questions or concerns as additional details on this project become available.

-- Walt Weimar

Vote on NPU-N Bylaws

NPU-N confirmed that the annual voting to approve its by-laws will be held from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, June 25th at the Little 5 Points Community Center. This is an opportunity for all Candler Park residents to show up and express a neighborhood position on how the NPU-N should function. A 2000 version of the NPU-N bylaws is on Lake Claire's website at <http://www.lakeclaire.org/docs/npubylaw.htm>.

The pertinent info is in "A majority of votes cast at the annual meeting at which the By-Laws are voted on shall determine whether a representative system is desired or rejected." **VOTE!**



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LETTER FROM WALT WEIMAR, CPNO ZONING VP TO JOHN BURGER, CHAIRMAN, NPU-N

John, as representative of Candler Park Neighborhood organization, which sponsored a motion recommending denial of the above-referenced land use matter that was seconded and then overwhelmingly rejected at last night's NPU-N meeting, (*editor's note -- see NPU-N Matters pg. 8*) I feel the record of our meeting last night should clearly reflect my profound concerns regarding implications of this decision of the executive board. I attach the text of my report to CPNO's 1500+ members, whose input in our NPU process appeared to be wholly negated by what at best could be characterized as naïve observations (or at worst, patronizing commentary) from members of an organization representing neighborhoods far removed from the property in question, and apparently uninterested in considering the matter in a context of how its circumstances might have been reliably viewed by a peer group very different from their own, or about which they have cynically substituted their parochial or even personal bias in the guise of objective deliberations.

As a long-serving member of this board, I have always tried to discharge conscientiously the minimal prerogative I felt was traditionally reserved to any neighborhood in matters more clearly and directly affecting another NPU-N members' constituents. However, this latest action of NPU-N's board has sent a clear and ominous message to all that its opinions henceforth will have substance only if the most fundamental notions of reciprocal interests and precedent are wholly discounted. Although I intend to continue as CPNO's zoning officer, and may occasionally be called to act as its alternate NPU-N representative, in the face of such contempt for a duly rendered and reported opinion of such a large and responsible organization as CPNO, there now seems little point to such efforts. I hope that something

may still be done to restore CPNO's sense of fair play as it relates to NPU-N affairs, but feel strongly that this decision has so damaged the very premise of NPU-N as its representative forum for public planning input, that I must recommend that CPNO's board and members consider the unprecedented action of withholding or actively opposing certification of NPU-N's by-laws in June.

While I am certain NPU-N members should not be charged with an intentional prejudice against CPNO, and remain earnestly supportive of each NPU-N neighborhood's prerogative to vote its conscience under less compelling circumstances, there can be no serious argument offered to my constituents that, based on merits of this case and the events of last evening, they would not be better served by direct participation in their affairs at the NPU level. I trust you and the executive board will accept these comments in the same constructive spirit in which they are intended; I respectfully request that my objections serve as CPNO's formal dissent from that part of the permanent record and your official report of these proceedings, in the hope that the legitimacy and consistency of future NPU-N deliberations will not be permanently compromised. Rather than standing as an example of blatant dismissal of those we seek to engage and accurately represent, I also welcome your and other board members' suggestions on how the effects of this seriously flawed decision can be reconciled with my fundamental concerns regarding its circumstances and rationale. Thanks for your continued professionalism and any thoughtful consideration of this issue that might engender a relevant and respectful future dialog with CPNO.

Walt Weimar

GREEN SPACE

With the hot summer months and landscape watering season right around the corner, now is a good time to think about conserving water. Although the Atlanta area is officially no longer experiencing drought conditions, our rainfall has been below average for the year and water restrictions remain in effect.

Rules adopted last year by the Georgia Board of Natural Resources set a permanent outdoor watering schedule:

- * Odd-numbered addresses may water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

- * Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses may water only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

This schedule applies year-round, during periods of drought and periods of adequate rainfall.

Abiding by the water restrictions is the least that we can do to conserve our most precious natural resource. Here are some additional outdoor water-saving tips:

- Maintain three to five inches of mulch on your landscape. Mulch holds moisture in the soil and prevents evaporation from the soil surface. Fine-textured mulches, such as pine straw, mini-nuggets and shredded hardwood mulch do a better job of conserving moisture than coarse-textured mulch.
- Water early in the morning (before 5:00 a.m., if possible). As much as 30% of water can be lost to evaporation when watering in the daytime.
- Avoid shallow watering. Shallow frequent watering encourages a weak root system and reduces the drought tolerance of plants.
- Use drip or trickle irrigation or a soaker hose. Drip irrigation uses 50% less water than conventional sprinkler irrigation and applies water slowly and directly to the root system.
- Raise the lawn mower blade to at least three inches. A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture better than a closely-clipped lawn.

For more information on water conservation and outdoor water use, check out these resources:

- * <http://www.atlreg.com/water/>
- * <http://www.conservewatergeorgia.net>
- * <http://www.georgiadrought.org>

-- Bryan Sells

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LAND USE ISSUES

The following land use issues are scheduled to be heard and voted on at the June CPNO meeting. Land use issues to be voted on at the July meeting must be submitted prior to June 26.

515 Clifton Road - (V-05-??) - Benjamin Franzen, owner and occupant of a single-family residence at 515 Clifton Road (currently zoned R-4) seeks a variance to reduce the north side yard setback from 7 feet (required) to 3 feet to allow for a second-story expansion. Applicant has advised that the proposed construction is required, in part, to repair damage suffered during recent storms.

344 Sterling Street - (V-05-131) - Esther Lippman, owner and occupant of a single-family residence at 344 Sterling Street (currently zoned R-4) seeks a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 30 feet (required) to 24 feet, and the south side yard setback from 7 feet (required) to 5 feet, to allow for a room addition. Applicant has advised that a portion of the proposed construction is to repair damage suffered during recent storms. While a portion of the project in front of the dwelling will not expand the building's "footprint", an additional portion to expand the structure within the back yard will increase the footprint, but without increasing existing structural encroachments within a required setback.

1291 McLendon Avenue - (V-05-??) - Bryan Sells and Deneta Howland, owners and occupants of a single-family residence at 1291 McLendon Avenue (currently zoned R-4) seek: (1) a special exception to allow for the construction of a wood fence in excess of six feet in height along the west side of the rear yard and along the south side of the rear yard; and (2) a variance to reduce the required side-yard setback along the west side of the rear yard from the required seven feet to zero feet to allow for the construction of an arbor and platform for a whirlpool spa; (3) a special exception to allow for the placement of a whirlpool spa in the rear yard adjacent to the street; and (4) a variance to increase the allowed lot coverage from 50 percent to 55 percent to allow for the construction of an arbor and platform for a whirlpool spa.

421 Clifton Road - (V-05-??) - Ed Arnold, owner and occupant of a single-family residence at 421 Clifton Road (currently zoned R-4) seeks a variance to reduce the south side yard setback from 7 feet (required) to 0 feet (proposed); to reduce the rear yard setback from 7 feet (required) to 0 feet (proposed); and other possible variance, special exception and/or zoning/use changes to allow for construction of a new 2-car garage in the southeast corner of the property. Applicant will advise CPNO board of additional details regarding this proposed construction, not available at the time of Messenger publication, prior to CPNO's general meeting in June - please contact Walt Weimar or Amy Stout, or review an update of this announcement on CPNO's website, for supplemental information.

377 Moreland Avenue - (V-05-176) - Jimmy Livaditis, agent for Zesto Enterprises, Inc., operator of property located at 377 Moreland Avenue (southeast corner of Moreland and McLendon Avenues) in Little 5 Points (currently zoned NC-1 Neighborhood Commercial) seeks approval of (1) a variance to reduce the rear transitional yard from 20 feet (required) to 9 feet for a cooler/freezer addition to the existing Zesto's restaurant; and (2) a special exception to reduce parking from 13 spaces (required) to 10 spaces. Applicant has advised that there will be no impact from the proposed project to the existing mature tree in the rear of the property.

NPU-N ISSUES

NPU-N meetings are held at 7PM, on the 4th Thursday of every month at Epworth Methodist Church. Candler Park residents are welcome to attend. For the time being contact Walt Weimar at 404-377-1411 regarding any regularly-scheduled voting or agenda matters.

The sole land use matter considered during its May 26th NPU-N meeting, the variance and special exception application of Cornerstone Missions, Inc. for property located at 1250 Euclid Avenue, was approved on motion of representatives of Poncey-Highland (seconded by Inman Park) by a vote of 7 - 1, with 2 abstentions. CPNO's earlier motion to deny the application, pursuant to its unanimous neighborhood opposition to its approval, was overwhelmingly defeated by a vote along similar lines. Most NPU-N board members - despite being clearly advised that applicant had long refused to cooperate or negotiate with neighbors; to demonstrate justification sufficient to meet hardship criteria required by municipal zoning ordinance provisions regarding approval of variance applications; or to offer evidence supporting applicant's contention that unauthorized construction of the improvements was based on applicant's lack of understanding of the need for a building permit - were critical of CPNO's inability to foster dialog between residents and representatives of applicant. The NPU-N majority, including all members other than Lake Claire and L5P Business Association, seemingly dismissed concerns expressed during public commentary that this application's approval would clearly establish precedent that residents needn't bother with obtaining adjacent property owner approval, or demonstrating any required variance justification, while also relieving an applicant of any responsibility for ignorance or intentional disregard of legal building permit procedures, and thereby impairing NPU-N's power to disapprove or condition such land use matters as arbitrary and capricious. For the record, prior to approval of minutes at the next NPU-N meeting, a strenuous objection to the board's decision is being addressed to the NPU-N chair, in order to confirm the NPU's utter disregard for CPNO's unanimous decision, and to clarify the board's new criteria for disapproval of any future land use applications.

CRIME REPORT

Reported 4/16-5/21, 2005, Zone 6 police records. Compiled by Gregg Reinhardt.

400 block Moreland Ave, 4/10, 9am, Sun., credit card, ID and money stolen from purse.

1300 block Iverson St, 4/15, Fri. overnight, refrigerator stolen.

1300 block Iverson St, 4/17, Sun. overnight, auto stolen, 2005 Saab 90, later recovered.

300 block Moreland Ave, 4/20, Wed. overnight, auto broken into, items stolen.

400 block Candler Park Dr, 4/25, Mon. overnight, auto stolen, 1991 Chevrolet Caprice, later recovered.

1300 block Euclid Ave, 4/29, 3Pm, Fri., suspects seen leaving construction site. Alert citizen notified police and 3 arrests were made.

400 block Candler St, 5/1, Sun. overnight, auto stolen, 2003 Honda Accord, later recovered.

1300 block Benning Pl, 5/1, Sun. overnight, auto broken into, items stolen.

Moreland Ave & Euclid Ave, 5/2, Mon., wallet stolen at laundromat.

300 block Moreland Ave, 5/3, Fri. early afternoon, auto broken into, items stolen.

400 block Page Ave, 5/5, 9pm, Sun., auto broken into, items stolen.

300 block Moreland Ave, 5/6, Mon. early afternoon, auto broken into, items stolen.

600 block Page Ave, 5/9, Mon. overnight, auto stolen, 1990 Honda Accord.

400 block Moreland Ave, 5/11, Wed. very early hours, auto stolen, 1994 Honda Accord.

1300 block Dekalb Ave, 5/11, Wed. overnight, auto broken into, items stolen.

400 block Moreland Ave, 5/11, Wed. evening, purse snatching, arrest was made.

1200 block Euclid Ave, 5/12, 10pm, Thur., burglary.

300 block Moreland Ave, 5/16, Mon., very early morning, apartment broken into and ransacked, nothing stolen.

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HOUSE REPAIR - Int/ext painting, sheet rock repair, window/rotted wood repair, trim carpentry. Candler Park res. 13 yrs. Free est. Lee Nicholson, 404-378-1343.