

The Messenger

News for Candler Park

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March 2006

MEETINGS*EVENTS

CPNO MEETING MARCH 20 @7 PM

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization meetings are open to all. We meet the third MONDAY of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Avenue in Fellowship Hall. Please use Mell Avenue entrance.

MARCH MEETING AGENDA:

- Welcoming Remarks
- Approval of the Agenda
- Vote on February Minutes
- Officer, Committee Chair and Rep Reports
- Vote on variance for 375 Candler Park Drive
- Vote on variance for 567 Oakdale
- Vote on Moreland Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Proposal
- New Business
- Announcements
- Open Forum

TO SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM for the March meeting, contact any CPNO officer (see list on page 2). Deadline is March 26, 2006.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, March 11 * 9 - 11am

CPNO/FOCP Candler Park Workday
Candler Park (meet at park entrance)

Monday, March 13 * 7pm

CPNO Board of Directors Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church, 3rd Floor
1561 McLendon Ave
Open to All

Monday, March 20 * 7 PM

CPNO Regular Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
1561 McLendon Ave
Open to All

Thursday, March 23 * 7 PM

NPU-N Meeting
LSP Community Center
Corner of Euclid & Austin Ave.

Saturday, April 1 * 9AM

2nd Annual Candler Park K9 Fun Run
Start at Candler Park Pool

Wednesday, April 5 * 7PM

CPNO Zoning Committee Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church, 3rd Floor
1561 McLendon Ave
Open to All

Zoning Committee Report

During the month of February, the zoning committee, on behalf of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, worked successfully towards having Candler Park added to the neighborhoods being protected on the infill-housing moratorium, being reviewed by the Zoning Committee of City Council and eventually before the Atlanta City Council.

Last month, the cover article in the Messenger did not accurately reflect all that took place prior to the moratorium and the zoning committee could not have submitted an accurate article until after the deadline for the Messenger had passed. Members of the zoning committee received numerous inquiries regarding the article that was published.

During the weekend before the vote on the moratorium, representatives from the zoning committee attended meetings with Councilperson Norwood, who had entered the moratorium for a vote before both bodies of the city council. Councilperson Norwood indicated that our organization needed to communicate with Councilperson Fauver and indicate the neighborhood's desire to join the moratorium.

Prior to this time, the zoning committee had voted unanimously to join the moratorium, however this did not appear to be fully representative of the neighborhood and Councilperson Fauver, insisted on a more representative approach. The zoning committee was provided a list of the active members of the neighborhood organization and conducted a poll via e-mail. The initial e-mail to members was sent on Saturday, January 28th and responses were tabulated on Monday evening, January 30th.

The results of the vote of members were quite telling. Of the one hundred fourteen members polled, eighty-seven total votes were counted. Nine of those members responding voted against

Candler Park joining the moratorium and the remaining seventy-eight members voted in support of Candler Park joining the moratorium.

On Tuesday, the results of this vote were submitted to Councilpersons Fauver and Norwood and at that time, Candler Park was actually added to the vote by both the zoning committee of council and the city council. We appreciate the efforts of Fauver in taking the initiative to add Candler Park to the moratorium legislation and Norwood's efforts, on behalf of the neighborhoods in proposing and advocating this legislation.

At the time of writing this article, neither the zoning committee of council nor the city council voted to support the moratorium and the legislation did not pass. While this outcome is quite unfortunate, as a result of the ongoing deliberations at all levels across the city, the mayor has insisted that the zoning ordinance be restudied and that the possibility of some new guidelines related to infill housing might be adopted at the city level.

In February, the CPNO voted to support the documents that were developed by the zoning committee, including zoning committee general information, related to the standard process for submitting and reviewing documents. These materials also included a submittal checklist and a sample presentation format. Each of these materials shall be posted on the web site for reference and use.

During the month of March, the zoning committee will be reviewing two proposed variances that have been submitted to date. The first application is V-06-36, 375 Candler Park Drive for a reduction a side yard setback. The second application is V-06-47, 567 Oakdale Road, also seeking a vari-

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Zoning Report cont.

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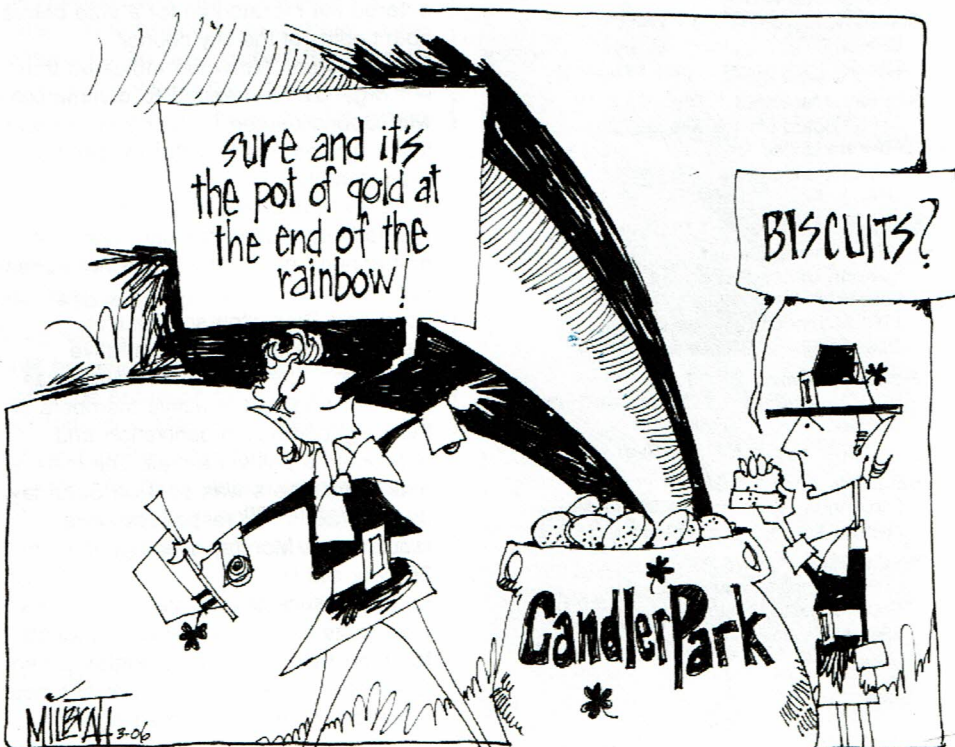
The zoning committee will present a draft resolution to the board hoping to modify the voting procedures with regards to how zoning matters are to be approved by the neighborhood. Currently, the zoning committee has the authority, under the current bylaws to review, recommend and vote on zoning matters. Committee members believe that it would be more appropriate to review the applications, make recommendations to the neighborhood and have the formal votes take place at the neighborhood level after a brief presentation at the regularly scheduled meetings of the neighborhood organization.

The committee will review zoning matters on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at the regularly scheduled zoning committee meeting. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, at seven in the evening, at the Epworth Church.

If you would like further information on any of these issues, please feel free to contact Randy Pimsler, Chairperson at rpimsler@hotmail.com.

-- Randy E. Pimsler, AIA

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath



Corrections... From The Editor

I made a couple of mistakes in last month's edition of the Messenger and I would like to correct them. The first was omitting my name as the author on the cover article. That was an error made in the rush of getting everything together and I apologize for the confusion the omission may have created. The second was the incorrect statement "Despite her belated assurance however, Candler Park was not added to that which the City Zoning Committee voted." in reference to our Council Person Anne Fauver. I had a disclaimer placed on the Candler Park website but I realize many may not have seen it. It stated:

--Note from the Messenger Editor:

The front page article on the moratorium in the February issue of the Messenger had a statement, though based on my knowledge at the time, was not correct. Where it states that our Council representative, Anne Fauver, did not ask to have the Candler Park neighborhood added to the list of covered neighborhoods during the Zoning meeting, she did. I apologize for the misstatement.

-- Mark Carson

Join CPNO!

Thank you to the 169 residents who have joined CPNO since the new membership registration process started in November.

CPNO is for everybody! The Membership Committee is currently

planning a 2006 membership drive and brainstorming ways to add more benefits to membership. If you have any ideas or would like to be a part of this working group, please let me know! Also, a financial hardship fund

has been established to ensure that everyone is able to join, regardless of their financial situation. Contact the membership secretary to apply for funds to cover your annual dues.

-- Amy Alford, Membership Secretary

CPNO Membership Application

Name (as you wish it to appear): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____ Email: _____

Minor Children (names and ages) _____

Please indicate what, if any, of the above information you do NOT want published in the neighborhood directory: _____

* If business representative, please list the name, address, and phone number of the designated representative above.

Annual Dues

Annual dues are \$15 for each adult 18 years or older, \$5 for each adult age 65 or older. Make checks payable to Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO). We want to ensure that no one is unable to join due to financial hardship. If you are unable to pay dues, please check the appropriate box below and/or contact the membership secretary to apply for funds to cover your dues. Please indicate:

_____ New Enrollment (Include a one-time \$10 initiation fee per adult in addition to the \$15 dues.)

_____ I would like to apply for the financial hardship fund to cover my annual dues

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Address of business: _____

Membership Involvement and Interests

Please check any below that you may be interested in helping with.

_____ New neighbor welcome	_____ Newsletter/Messenger	_____ Historic Preservation	_____ Candler Park/Environment
_____ 5K/Road Races	_____ Land Use/Zoning	_____ Tour of Homes	_____ Flyer Distribution
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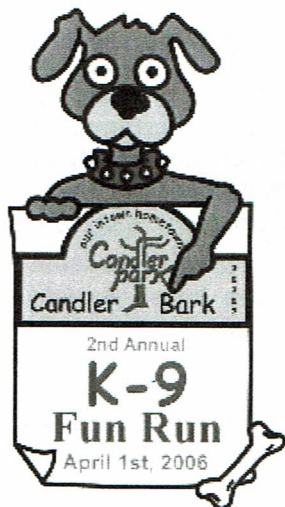
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Each entry receives one short sleeve Candler Bark K9 Fun Run t-shirt. All 4 legged participants get a grab bag to share with their running partners provided by the Kirkwood Feed and Seed.

After the race, enjoy complimentary bagels and fruit and stay for the raffle and awards ceremony. Awards will be given for the top 10 male and female runners as well as awards such as fastest tail wagger. We will also have a Dog Trick contest. First prize will be a movie starring your dog provided by Short & Sweet Studios. For more information please visit www.cprunning.com

Date: April 1, 2006

Time: 9 am

Where: Candler Park, Atlanta, GA

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EVENT: [] 1 mile run/walk [] 2 mile run

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Owner's Name _____

Street Address _____

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Dog Name _____ **Dog Age:** _____ **Breed:** _____

Current rabies vaccination no. _____

Please keep in mind the following:

Dogs must be leashed for the duration of the event

Rabies vaccines must be up-to-date

Event officials reserve the right to refuse aggressive dogs

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Race day registration and race start will be at the Candler Park pool.

Mail to Candler Park Running Club

1445 Benning Pl

Atlanta, Ga 30307

Contact info (404) 327 7738 or (404) 688-6275

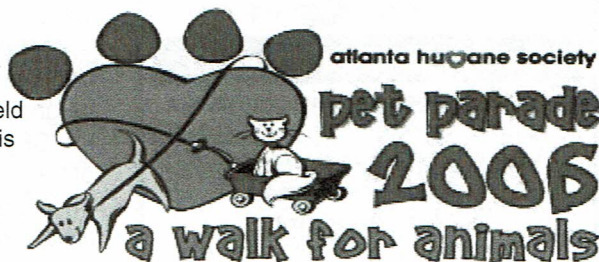
Waiver (Entry not valid unless signed.) "In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned do waive and release any and all claims, causes of action and any liability whatsoever, for myself and my heirs, against the Candler Park Pool Association, The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, Road Race Services, any sponsors and all officials of this race for any injury, illness or other damages of any kind which may arise out of or result from my participation in the 2006 Candler Bark K9 Fun Run. I know that running a road race with my dog is a potentially hazardous activity. I further state that my dog and I are in proper physical condition to participate in this event. Warning: I understand that high heat and humidity can be extremely dangerous. I will not overexert myself or my dog(s) under these conditions.

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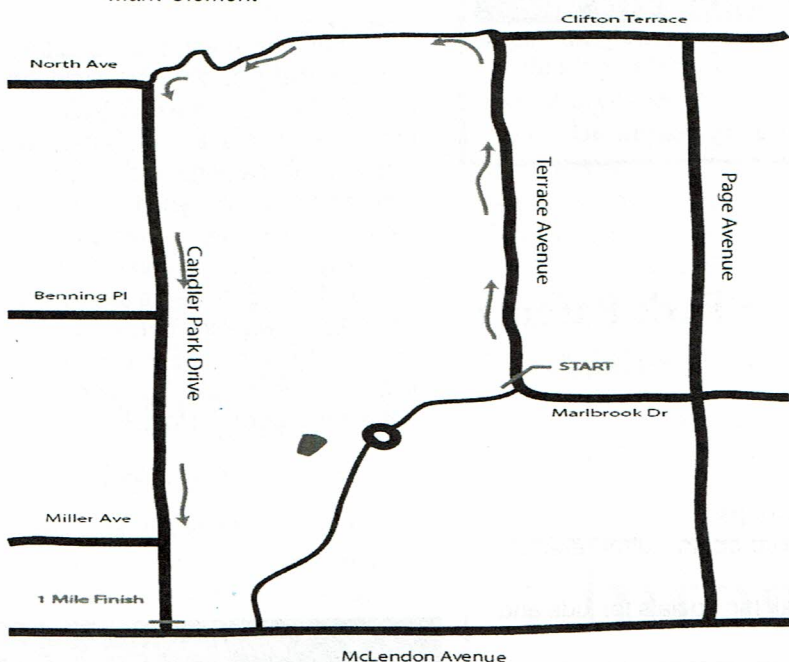
The Atlanta Humane Society's pet parade will be held on **April 15th**. The Pet Parade is the premiere walk-a-thon for animals in the Atlanta area in terms of public awareness, participation and awareness and revenue.



Activities at the pet parade provide something for every one. Participants follow a scenic route through Candler Park and enjoy all of the special features of the pet festival. The pet parade audience will be amazed by demonstrations by the Greater Atlanta Dog and Disc Club, Us Customs Canine Enforcement and the Canine Academy & Playschool's Agility course. Also Contests for Best trick and pet owner look alike will be held after the walk.

The Pet Parade is the largest pledge walk for animals. Registration is required. Each participant must collect a minimum in pledges. For more information please visit <http://www.atlantahumane.org>.

-- Mark Clement



Route for both Candler Bark K9 Fun Run and 17th Annual Atlanta Humane Society Pet Parade

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Bookclub Calendar

The Candler Park Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Light dessert will be served. Please join us for a lively discussion of the following books.

- **MARCH 9th**

Money By Martin Amis

- **APRIL 13th**

A Prayer For Owen Meany

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- **MAY 11th**

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From The Board...

Open communication between the
CPNO board and the neighborhood is
important. We strive to inform resi-
dents and post issues affecting our
neighborhood via the Messenger and
the CP website as we become aware
of them.

We understand that there is
always room for improvement.
Therefore, the board created a com-
munications review committee, which
has been charged with improving
neighborhood communications. We
encourage all interested residents to
contribute to this working group. We
are also currently working with the
editor of the Messenger to include
meeting minutes and membership
updates that we believe are vital
elements of communication in the
neighborhood.

It is of utmost importance to the
board that all Candler Park residents
are able to participate in CPNO
meetings, events, and activities. We
welcome all residents to the board
meetings and invite you to share your
ideas and/or concerns with us.

Each of us has volunteered our
time and energy to serve as officers
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-- Amy Alford



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Bridge Over Moreland?

About ten years ago when Freedom Park was being developed there was discussion of a pedestrian/bike bridge over Moreland Avenue. This issue proved to be very contentious and the bridge was never implemented. Ten years later, current time, the Freedom Park Conservancy is trying to decide whether to revise the idea. The crossing at Moreland Avenue is a fairly dangerous intersection and Moreland Avenue serves to separate the Candler Park section of the park from the other neighborhoods. At the same time there is concern about a massive bridge over Moreland Avenue.

The purpose of this vote is to decide if the neighborhood groups with representation on the Freedom Park Conservancy board (Inman Park, Poncey Highland, Druid Hills, Lake Claire, The Old Fourth Ward, and Virginia Highland) are in favor of building a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Moreland Avenue. There will be no designs to share and not even a discussion of exactly where the bridge would be located. These issues will be addressed at a later date if there is consensus to move forward. These designs will be reviewed and approved by the neighborhoods before any bridge is built. You are encouraged to attend now and make your voices heard so time and effort will not be wasted on this endeavor only to have the concept rejected at a later date.

-- Eric Dusenbury



A Bible Study

You asked for it, you got it: in response to several requests, a Bible study for Candler Park neighbors has formed and people of any belief or faith are welcome to participate. The study meets at the home of Scott and Kerstin Armstrong, Thursdays, 7:30-9 PM, 405 Clifton Rd. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Scott Armstrong at 404-840-7498 or e-mail him, karisdaddy@hotmail.com.

-- Scott Armstrong

Communications Committee

Interested in learning more about what is happening in your neighborhood? The CPNO Communications Committee wants to hear from you about what matters most to you. Take the Communications Survey on the Candler Park website and give us your feedback. One lucky person will win a \$25 gift certificate to neighborhood restaurant, Asada. The survey will be posted on www.candlerpark.org on March 15 and will be accessible through March 31.

-- Lauren Norton

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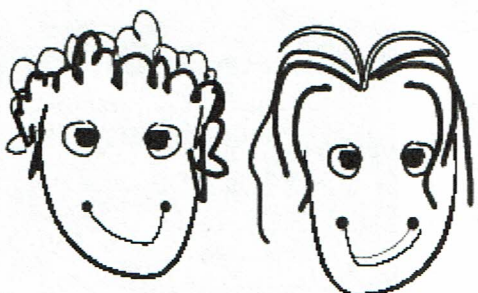
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McLendon Avenue Project Prepares To Break Ground

Mark your calendars! The McLendon Avenue Beautification Project will officially break ground at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2006, for the first phase of the Project's effort to revitalize the bulbout gardens along McLendon Avenue. Coffee and Doughnuts provided. Volunteers will meet at the entrance to Candler Park. Please contact June Deen at to volunteer.

Last Fall, the CPNO received a \$500 micro-grant from Park Pride to revitalize the 23 bulbout gardens, some of which have seen little planting since construction in 2004. The CPNO matched the grant with another \$500 and went one step further with a pledge to match individual contributions up to an additional \$500.

Project organizers held open meetings in January and February at which neighbors discussed their vision for the gardens. Landscape Architect Kieth Thieme of Urban Green Landscape Architecture & Garden Design donated his services to design a plan, which he presented at the February CPNO meeting. Thieme noted during his presentation that he gave a special eye toward drought tolerance and motorist visibility (low height) when selecting plants for the plan, which will also allow local residents to add some seasonal color if they wish. The CPNO voted overwhelmingly to support the plan and go forward with the design. (A photo of Thieme's design is available on the CPNO website: .)

The first phase of the plan calls for the revitalization of four bulbouts chosen for their prime location: Josephine East, Josephine West, Oakdale East, and Brooks West. Each garden is expected to cost approximately \$300 to \$400 in materials, with labor donated by neighborhood volunteers. The plan calls for the revitalization of other bulbouts as the Project is able to raise money to pay for the plantings. Hopefully, all of the bulbouts can be cared for in a similar fashion. If you like flowers and gardening in small spaces, please consider joining neighbors on your street in the adoption of the nearest pair of bulbouts.

To volunteer for the March 11 event, or to join neighbors on your street in the adoption of the nearest pair of bulbouts, please contact June Deen. To make a donation, please send a check to: McLendon Avenue Beautification Project, c/o CPNO, PO Box 5418, Atlanta, GA 31107. You can restrict your non-deductible gift to a particular bulbout or to the general Project fund.

-- Bryan Sells

McLENDON AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT/Sign me up

NAME _____

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I will volunteer to organize/support my bulbout location at: _____

Selected Highlights From February Meeting Minutes

Selected Highlights from the Minutes of the February 20, 2006 Meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization.

Officer Pierre from APD reported another robbery at Zesto's and 2 thefts of car stereos on Harold Avenue.

Anne Fauver's new assistant Ebony Barley attended.

Dirk Botterbush from Candler Park Market donated \$250 from last wine tasting.

Designs for four bulbout gardens were approved (two at Josephine, one at Oakdale, and one at Brooks). Plantings will be drought-resistant, colorful, and less than two feet high. Date for installation is Saturday, March 11.

CPNO had \$11,482 on Jan 1 and \$10,538 on Feb 1. Jan expenses: ~\$1,700 (print Messenger, gift to watershed mural project, deposit to the Fallfest account, etc.) Jan income: \$795 (\$290 donations to bulbout fund and rest membership dues). Now have ~\$1,600 to fund bulbout gardens.

Would like volunteers to serve on the Tour of Homes Committee, to show their home on the tour, and invite suggestions of homes to include on the tour. Contact Amy Alford.

Zoning Committee has developed new procedures and guidelines. Two variance requests for consideration next month (375 Candler Park Dr and 567 Oakdale Rd). All invited to next meeting of the Zoning Committee, Wed, March 1.

Last month Zoning Committee polled members regarding inclusion of CP in the proposed moratorium on demolition permits that City Council considered. Committee received responses from 87 of the 114 members on the rolls at the time. 78 votes in approval, 9 votes in opposition. Info forwarded to Councilmembers Fauver and Norwood. CP was added to the list of neighborhoods that would have been covered by the moratorium if the legislation had passed.

Complaint: vote on variance request at last meeting was not advertised in The Messenger. Response: vote was advertised on

website and membership voted to approve request, although current bylaws do not require this.

Chair of the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Committee Richard Ford summarized the Feb 9 charrette on traffic calming for Clifton Rd. Neighbors want stop signs. City is investigating it and doing a traffic study. Neighbors reluctant to accept pedestrian refuges at this time. City will come back with illustrations of other options if stop signs are not approved. City will want CP to vote on any proposal and will require a petition signed by 75% of Clifton Rd residents. Not clear if there's funding though. Mr. Ford invited attendance at the committee's next meeting, where they will discuss future charrettes and sidewalks.

Complaint by Julia Brooke: not adequate notice of the charrette so I produced a flyer to inform neighbors of the meeting. Per J.B., sign-in sheets indicate ~75 people attended, including ~30 from Clifton.

Board of Directors' report: At last meeting, board endorsed the new instructions and procedures developed by the Zoning Committee and voted to recommend approval of resolutions 2006-006 and 2006-007 (see below).

Resolution 2006-006 was adopted by the CPNO unanimously.

This resolution gives the Treasurer authority to disburse funds up to \$600 per month without prior authorization in order to pay costs associated with printing The Messenger.

The group debated Resolution 2006-007. Ultimately, the motion carried.

This resolution gives nonmembers the right to participate in CPNO meetings. In summary, nonmembers who are otherwise eligible for membership in the neighborhood organization shall have the right to speak in debate at regular and special meetings of the members of the neighborhood organization and shall have the right to make motions, to speak in debate, and to vote in meetings of the Committee of the Whole.

NPU-N representative Amy Stout made a report. (see back page of

Messenger)

Walt Weimar gave an update on the Candler Park Brook Watershed Improvement Project. Project is behind schedule. Contractor not chosen yet. With delay, construction may occur in the Spring, and many plantings may not survive. \$300K in funding from city will expire if don't break ground by May.

Resolution 2006-008 was approved, granting authority to Mark Clement to produce the 2nd annual Candler Park K9 Fun Run on April 1.

Payment of \$50 to L5PCC was approved to pay CP's share of the rent for NPU-N mtgs.

Lauren Norton discussed her concerns that realtors and builders would dominate the task force set up to overhaul the zoning ordinance and asked Ebony Barley if neighborhood organizations would be represented. Ms. Barley reported that Steve Cover, Charletta Jacks, and Alice Wakefield from the city would be on the task force but that she had no other details.

Curt Flaherty said Hands On Atlanta and corporate sponsor willing to provide 200 workers for 4-5 hours for a proposed work day in Candler Park on June 9, but offer may be withdrawn if there is heavy equipment/construction work associated with the CP Brook Project. Proposed projects: new volleyball court, improvements to picnic pavilions. Mr. Flaherty said pool was scheduled to receive \$600,000 in improvements this winter, but nothing done yet. Amy Stout: understood that pool would be repaired next winter as part of the Opportunity Bonds. Mr. Flaherty noted that the pool may not be able to open this summer without repairs.

Open Forum: Reminders: free dirt and mulch available from Dekalb County and sidewalks are responsibility of property owner. Bryan Sells: have rec'd complaints about article on the front page of The Messenger and did not write it. Julia Brooke complained about anonymous articles.

Announcements: Alonzo Church will chair new Communication Committee. Volunteers sought for this committee and new Tree Committee.

-- Amy Stout

Neighborhood Hawks Update

The Red-tailed Hawks who successfully reared two young in 2005 are nesting in the same pine tree behind 614 Page Avenue. After months of building they have created a new, more compact nest. Unfortunately, their nesting efforts remain in jeopardy because a section of their small habitat was illegally destroyed during the first week of February, 2006. At that time the builders/owners of 1585 and 1595 Clifton Terrace decided, once again, to ignore the tree ordinance. Without obtaining permits, developers Mr. Mechlowitz & Mr. Meyer, and contractors Brunning & Stang cut six trees near the nest. Most of the trees were around thirty inches in diameter, and some were actually on an adjacent property. Kristin Loomis, arborist for the city Atlanta, issued at least five citations for violations of the tree ordinance. Not deterred, the builders continued illegal grading on the adjoining property until the city cited them for jumping the property line.

As of this writing, the hawks have not abandoned their efforts at the nest even as their immediate habitat shrinks. In spite of the encroaching machinery and construction noise, the prospective parents seem indefatigable: the nest grows one carefully beak-sawn twig at a time.

-- Paige Harvey



Some of the remaining stumps left by the illegal tree cutting and grading by the developers of 1585 and 1595 Clifton Terrace.



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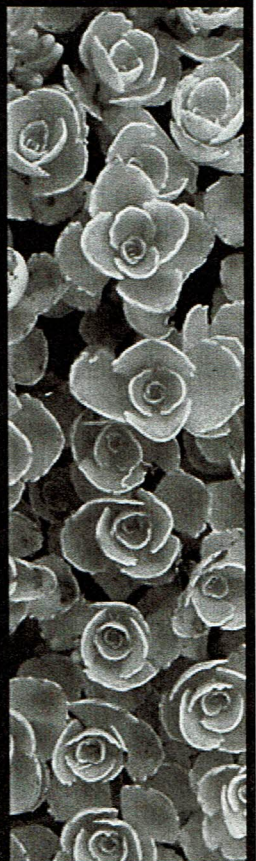
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Editor's Note: This article was swiped from the Inman Park Advocate without their permission. Something similar or perhaps the same was sent to the Messenger but was unreadable so I swiped their copy.

Critical News On The Little 5 Points Mini-Precinct!

We will shortly be closing the Little 5 Points Atlanta Police Mini-Precinct, which has been located on Gregory Davis Plaza for the last seven years!

Now that I've gotten your attention with that cheap trick, the great news is that the Mini-Precinct will be reopened in a new and much better location: the old Pink Flamingo's location overlooking Findley Plaza (don't worry Pink Flamingo is still in business two doors down). And there is even more good news. Officer **Terry MacFarland**, who did an outstanding job as the officer assigned to our Mini-Precinct is now back in Atlanta after completing his tour of duty in Iraq. By his request, Major Propes' request and our request, Officer MacFarland has been reassigned to the L5P Mini-Precinct.

We have no doubt that what seems like just a small move around the corner will yield a big improvement in the L5P environment—similar to the transformation that occurred around the current Mini-Precinct site on Davis Plaza. Davis Plaza went from a dark, dangerous hangout for some of the worst criminal elements in our community, to a clean, bright and friendly environment.

The Mini-Precinct is a public/private partnership between the City of Atlanta and the community. The Police Department provides the officers, equipment, supplies, video surveillance, etc., while the community renovated the space and continues to pay for rent, utilities, and other operating costs. Substantial funding comes from businesses in L5P, the Inman Park and Candler Park neighborhood associations and in checks from individual households like yours. Moving the facility will be costly, and there will be a slight increase in operating costs. This attrition of 18 funds puts the continued operation of the L5P Mini-Precinct at risk. We are going to need your help.

We need more folks than ever to contribute this year, as well as all previous contributors to continue sending funds. A yearly contribution of \$35 or more is suggested. Please invest in your community and send your check to:

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-- Richard Shapiro

LAND USE ISSUES

See front page article titled Zoning Committee Report.

NPU-N ISSUES

NPU-N meetings are held at 7PM, on the 4th Thursday of every month at L5Pts Community Center (Crm Euclid and Austin Ave.) Candler Park residents are welcome to attend. Contact Amy Stout at 404-371-0505 regarding any regularly scheduled voting or agenda matters.

NPU-N Actions

At their January 26 meeting, the NPU-N executive board approved Adam Wheeler's request for a variance at 426 Clifton Rd, consistent with the earlier approval by CPNO. NPU-N approval was contingent on the same the four conditions requested by Candler Park with the added stipulation that the total lot coverage not exceed 55%. At this meeting, Major Propes from the Atlanta Police Dept reported the recent arrest of two juveniles thought to be connected to as many as six recent armed robberies of pedestrians, including some that occurred on McLendon Ave, and near the intersection of DeKalb Ave and Oakdale Rd.

At their February 23 meeting, NPU-N voted to approve the Atlanta Humane Society's application for a special event permit to hold their annual Pet Parade in Candler Park on April 15, just as CPNO previously supported this application.

On March 10, NPU-N representatives (myself included) will host the new Commissioner of Planning and Community Development, Steve Cover, and other City of Atlanta Dept heads on a tour of our neighborhoods. If you have particular concerns you would like me to share with these city officials, please let me know.

Proposed Ordinances

There are two pieces of legislation currently being held in committee by the Atlanta City Council that may be of interest to Candler Park residents. Ordinance 06-O-0494 is a proposed amendment to Atlanta's Tree Protection Ordinance that would allow property owners to remove one tree every year without any requirements to replace the tree or pay recompense.

CRIME REPORT

Reported 1/21/2006-2/8/2006, Zone 6 police records. Compiled by David Bruce.

400 block Page Ave, 1/27, Fri. morning, Auto theft, The Victim went outside in the morning, and found that her vehicle was stolen from the location. The Victim reported that her credit card was used at 3:00 A.M.

1500 block Dekalb Ave, 1/30, Mon. evening, Auto theft from parking lot. The owner reported parking the vehicle in the parking lot and when he returned it was gone.

300 block Sterling St, 2/8, Wed. morning, Auto theft from residence. Victim reports someone took her vehicle from the driveway.

400 block Sterling St, 2/9, Thur. morning, Larceny from auto. Front window broken. Items taken.

1500 block Dekalb Ave, 2/8, Wed. noon, Pedestrian robbery. Weapon: Knife, Suspect called for a taxi. When the victim arrived, the suspect got in the cab and grabbed the victim around the neck. Subject held a knife to the victim's throat and demanded his money. Suspect: B/F, 30-35 YOA, 5'05"-5'09", 135-150lbs.

NPU-N ISSUES CONT.

There are no limitations on the size of the tree that can be removed under this proposal, and no provision that the tree be unhealthy or hazardous. Ordinance 06-O-0470 would require an applicant to post notice when applying for a demolition permit for a residential structure. The notice would have to be posted for 10 days before the demolition permit would be issued. It is not clear if either of these will be going through the NPU system for citizen input, but I will post any additional information on the bulletin board if I learn more. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns.

Infill Housing Forum

There will be a city-wide citizen forum on infill housing hosted by the Atlanta chapter of the American Institute of Architects on Saturday, March 25, from 9am to 4 pm in the Piedmont Room of the Civic Center. As more details become available, I will post them on the bulletin board, but I encourage everyone who is interested in the topic to attend this session and/or share your concerns with me, your NPU-N representative.

-- Amy Stout

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