

The Messenger

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April 2006

MEETINGS*EVENTS

CPNO MEETING APRIL 17 @ 7 PM

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization is for all Candler Park residents and businesses, and meets the third MONDAY of each month at Epworth United Methodist Church at 1561 McLendon Avenue in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Please use the building entrance from Mell Avenue.

APRIL MEETING AGENDA:

- Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from March Meeting
- Officer, Committee Chair and Rep Reports
- Vote on Amendment to Bylaws Regarding Authority of Zoning Committee (see Article inside for complete text)
- Presentation on Candler Park Brook Project
- Information from the Atlanta Police Dept. regarding Storage Containers on City Streets
- New Business
- Announcements
- Open Forum
- Adjourn

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, April 10 * 7 PM

CPNO Board of Directors Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
1561 McLendon Ave
Open to All

Monday, April 17 * 7 PM

CPNO Regular Meeting
Epworth United Methodist Church
1561 McLendon

Thursday, April 27 * 7 PM

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

April Presentation on Candler Park Brook

The April regular meeting of CPNO will feature a presentation by project principals of the Candler Park Brook Project, under the direction of Park Pride and the City of Atlanta Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Recent developments in the project include the successful conclusion of the contractor selection process. A team comprised of a civil construction firm (Heavy Constructors, Inc.) and a stream restoration consulting engineering firm (Environmental Services, Inc.) was chosen in March, following a formal request for proposals and meetings with qualified bidders. Several members of the project's long-standing steering committee (comprised of Paul Hayward of Paideia School; Jim Harrison of the US Environmental Protection Agency; Jack White of Southeast Waters; Barrett Walker of the Walker Foundation; and Walt Weimar of CPNO), along with Walt Ray of Park Pride; Sushma Dersch and Paul Taylor officials with the City of Atlanta - Park Design; and Alvin Dodson of the City of Atlanta Finance Department were integral in developing and completing the vendor selection process.

Scheduling of the project construction has been adjusted to allow for the time that was needed to complete the contractor selection process. However, the project is currently scheduled to begin no later than April, with some initial staging of materials and equipment to be expected sooner.

Many in Candler Park who have attended earlier presentations to CPNO and NPU-N by the project steering committee and project design firm (Environmental Services, Inc.) will recall that the project was launched through efforts of members of the steering committee and former CPNO Environmental VP and Peavine Watershed Alliance representative Susan Grider Montgomery, whose efforts were further complemented by her PWA successor Nancy Boyd. Funding for the project was

obtained through a grant program of the US Environmental Protection Agency known as Section 319, which provides for rehabilitation of streams impacted by urban development to help recover both biological habitat and improve water quality. The EPA grant is being coordinated through the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, along with partial matching funding from the City of Atlanta's Quality of Life bond proceeds.

A primary objective of the project, in addition to supporting community education and participation in watershed management, is to create a naturalized, sinuous stream to replace the aging concrete culvert stormwater system that is most evident along the west side of the 5th and 6th fairways of the Candler Park golf course. Underground pipes that feed northward into the culvert will also be replaced in some areas further to the south, and aesthetically designed features complementing the golf course and other park activities have been incorporated into the overall project budget of over \$800,000.

More recent announcements of proposed funding of several hundred thousand dollars in capital improvements to the Candler Park pool, tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2006, and for implementation of a large-scale irrigation project throughout the Candler Park golf course signal a greater commitment by City officials to the importance of Candler Park and its patrons. Together with grassroots efforts of groups like Friends of Candler Park and the many neighborhood volunteers who have participated in park workdays to remove litter and invasive species, plant trees and generally help to establish a vision and priorities for park planners and managers, these projects should help to secure and enhance the safety, beauty and diverse functionality of this historic urban park for many years to come.

- Walt Weimar

The Messenger

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Zoning Committee - Bylaws Change

The CPNO Zoning Committee has proposed a change in the bylaws of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization to remove the exclusive authority of the committee to decide land use matters, and to instead make its decisions into recommendations to the organization.

The current bylaws state as follows: "There shall be a zoning committee which shall be responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the neighborhood organization on land use and zoning issues. All applications for zoning variances and special exceptions and rezonings related to properties within the neighborhood shall be automatically referred to the zoning committee, which shall have the authority to act on behalf of the neighborhood organization with regard to such matters without notice as otherwise required. The zoning committee shall have no fewer than three members and no more than seven members. The zoning officer

shall chair the zoning committee, and the board of directors shall appoint the other committee members. All meetings of the zoning committee shall be open to any member and to nonmembers at the discretion of the chair."

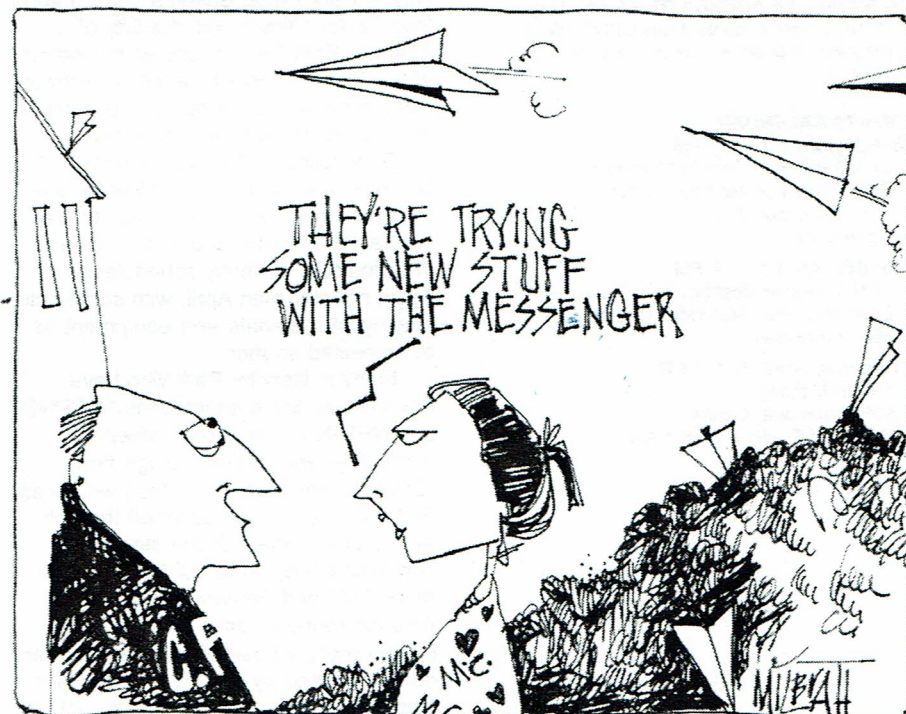
With the proposed amendment, the second part of the second sentence would be deleted (starting at "which shall have ...") and replaced with the following: "... prior to being brought before the general membership. The zoning committee shall present the application and its recommendation as to the appropriate action to be taken on the application to the general membership for approval. After such presentation, the general membership shall vote whether to adopt or reject the recommendation of the zoning committee."

In addition, the final sentence would be changed to instead read as follows: "All meetings of the zoning committee shall be open to any member and, at the discretion of the chair, to nonmembers."

Please attend the April 17 meeting to learn more and to vote on this proposal.

- Amy Stout

Laughter in the Park by Deb Milbrath



Join CPNO!

Thank you to the 192 residents who have joined CPNO since the new membership registration process started in November!! If you haven't yet joined, please consider supporting your neighborhood in this important way.

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 vital working group, please let me know!

- Amy Alford, Membership Secretary,
404-610-5220, amy.alford@emory.edu

CPNO Membership Application

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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 contribute dues, please check the appropriate box below and/or contact the membership secretary to apply for funds to cover your dues. Please indicate:

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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
_____ Fall Fest _____ Parent/child groups _____ Social events _____ Other (specify) _____

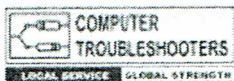
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March CPNO Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization Inc. was held on Monday, March 20, 2006, in the fellowship hall of Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 with the President Walt Weimar in the chair and Recording Secretary Amy Stout present. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at ~7:05 pm. The chair announced that Bryan Sells had resigned as President and that he had filled this vacancy as dictated by the organization's bylaws. The Membership Secretary Amy Alford welcomed new members. The proposed agenda was adopted (Attachment 1), and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Officer Pierre from the Atlanta Police Department reported that the perpetrator of two home invasions in Candler Park early last month had been caught two days later when he attempted a similar crime in Inman Park. He also indicated that one of the two men responsible for two recent armed robberies at Zesto's had also been apprehended. The Treasurer Alonzo Church announced that CPNO had \$10,538 at the start of February, 2006 and \$11,290 at the end of the month. He shared copies of his full report outlining income and expenditures for the month. (Attachment 2). Special Projects Officer Mark Clement reminded everyone that the Atlanta Humane Society would be holding their annual Pet Parade in Candler Park on April 15 and that Candler Park would host a K9 Fun Run on April 1. He stated that last year's Fun Run raised ~\$2,800 for the pool and indicated that they hoped to raise even more money this year with all proceeds going to the CPNO. He asked for a volunteer to wear the AHS's Hop Along Hound costume on April 1. Julia Brooke suggested that in the future all flyers for the event should indicate that the proceeds would go to the neighborhood organization.

NPU-N representative Amy Stout reported on their February meeting. At this meeting, the group approved the AHS's application for a special event permit to hold their annual Pet Parade in Candler Park on April 15. Ms. Stout informed the group about two pieces of proposed legislation she learned about at this meeting. One, an amendment to Atlanta's Tree Protection Ordinance, would allow residential property owners to remove one tree per year without any requirements to replace the tree or make compensation into the Tree Trust Fund and without any restrictions as to the size, age, or species of the tree. She indicated that it was unlikely that this ordinance would come through the NPU system for input but reported that the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board, a body composed of representatives from all 24 NPU's, had passed a resolution requesting City Council not approve this change at their March 18 meeting. The second piece of proposed legislation would require an applicant to post notice when applying for a demolition permit for a residential structure. Ms. Stout reported that the chair of NPU-N, Anna Copello, had spoken in favor of this change before City Council's Community Development/Human Resources Committee last week and that Ms. Copello had also suggested additional changes to strengthen and reform the demolition permit process. Ms. Stout noted that this ordinance has been revised since that meeting and that the revised legislation will be brought before the CDHR committee again. Ms. Stout also announced that Randy Pimsler will be representing NPU-N at the city-wide citizen forum on infill housing hosted by the Atlanta chapter of the American Institute of Architects on March 25 and that the next NPU-N meeting will be Thursday night at 7pm at the Little Five Point Community Center.

The Board of Directors' report was skipped over. Zoning Officer Randy Pimsler announced that the board of directors had appointed Tom Painter to the Zoning Committee. Resolution 2006-009 was adopted by the CPNO unanimously. **CPNO Resolution 2006-009: A resolution adopting a standing rule outlining the procedures and documents the Zoning Committee will use for reviewing applications.** "IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization adopts the following standing rule: Standing Rule 2. The Zoning Committee shall use the procedures and documents dated February 4, 2006 (General Information.pdf Submittal Checklist.pdf; Neighbor Affidavit.pdf Presentation Sample.pdf) to review applications. Mr. Pimsler indicated that he will ask to have the updated procedures placed on the website. Randy Pimsler summarized Stacey Collier and Mark Nevins's request for a variance at 375 Candler Park Drive (zoned R-5) to reduce the north side yard setback from 7 ft to 3 ft to allow the addition of a second story and a wooden deck to their residence. Mr. Pimsler indicated that the existing structure is already within the setback. He reported that the applicants had documented the support of six surrounding neighbors (including Ted Werthman who was present in the audience) and that the Zoning Committee had approved this application, V-06-36. He moved that the CPNO also approve the request. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 16-0. Mr. Pimsler then summarized Kevin Byers and Sarah Cpok's requests for variances at 567 Oakdale Road (zoned R-4) to reduce the north side yard setback from 7 ft to 6 ft, to reduce the south side yard setback from 7 ft to 2.6 ft, and to increase the total lot coverage to 53% to allow a 22.5 ft extension to the rear of their residence. Mr. Pimsler indicated that the existing structure is already within the setback. He reported that the applicants had documented the support of five surrounding neighbors (including Gregg Reinhardt and Joyce Durand who were present in the audience). He noted that the Zoning Committee had approved this application, V06-47 with the condition that the gutters/downspouts be tied into French drains. Walt Weimar moved that the CPNO approve the request. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 16-0. Eric Dusenbury made a presentation to the group regarding a possible bridge over Moreland Ave connecting parts of Freedom Park. Mr. Dusenbury said that when the park was originally created ~10 years ago that some neighborhoods strongly opposed the idea of a bridge like this. He wanted to hear from the group whether there was any interest in revisiting this plan to deal with this dangerous intersection. He did not have any plans or designs. He indicated that some adjustments are planned for this intersection, including a median/pedestrian refuge, regardless. He indicated that the bridge would be at least 12 ft wide, would be for bicycles and pedestrians, would probably require grading work in the park, and would require approval from the DOT. The committee of the whole voted 17-0 in favor of a Mark Clement's motion stating that Candler Park residents are in favor of exploring the concept of a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Moreland Ave at Freedom Parkway. In response to a question from the audience, Mr. Dusenbury indicated that fundraising efforts for this year's Art in Freedom park were not going well.

As part of the New Business/Announcements/Open Forum section of the meeting, Paige Harvey proposed CPNO adopt a mechanism for residents to purchase a lifetime membership. Deneta Howland announced that the Communications Committee had posted a survey on the Candler Park website and encouraged all to submit their opinions. She indicated that the Communications Committee had had their first meeting and that they were going to look at all aspects of communication. Walt Weimar announced that the former editor of the Messenger had chosen to leave his position and that a new editor will be chosen. Mr. Weimar announced that he will be in charge of production of the April issue of The Messenger. Tom Painter asked if the Communication Committee would be reporting the results of the survey to the membership and if they planned to produce a paper edition of the survey to be inserted into the Messenger. Julia Brooke also requested that the survey be put in the newsletter, and Ms. Howland was amenable to both suggestions. Walt Weimar indicated that the Little Five Points mini-precinct was moving to a new location and had requested a large donation to assist in these efforts. Mr. Weimar moved that CPNO donate \$499 to the mini-precinct, and the motion was seconded and approved 16-0. Mr. Weimar announced that the contract had been signed for the Candler Park Brook Project and that the contractors should break ground next month. He said that the contractors will try to minimize impact on park users. Mr. Weimar also announced that the City of Atlanta will soon hire a private company to manage the Candler Park Golf Course. Mr. Weimar announced that Hands On Atlanta will sponsor a work day in the park on June 9 and asked for suggestions for what the volunteers should work on. Deneta Howland stated that Friends of Candler Park had previously done a survey about possible improvements and that she could analyze the survey responses to help answer this question. Amy Stout announced that the Candler Park Market will be closed for three days this week to allow filming in the store. Elizabeth Sullivan thanked everyone who worked on the bulbout gardens and complimented them on the improvements. Alonzo Church announced that contributions to the bulbout fund were welcome at any time. Julia Brooke asked if the final plans were available for the Candler Park Brook Project, and Walt Weimar indicated that there would be a presentation on this at next month's meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

- Amy K. Stout, Recording Secretary

Book Club 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.

- **APRIL 13th**

A Prayer For Owen Meany

By John Irving

- **MAY 11th**

The Tender Bar

By J. R. Moehringer

Contact Nicole Forde for meeting location (luckysevens@comcast.net)

Best-Selling Authors Coming to Carter Presidential Library

Best-selling Authors are coming to the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library for free lectures and book-signings in April. On Wednesday, April 19th, Greg Mortenson will talk about "Three Cups of Tea", the story of his incredible journey from a failed attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain, to taking on the mission of fighting extremism by building schools, especially for girls, throughout the breeding ground of the Taliban. "I don't want to teach Pakistan's children to think like American," Mortenson says. "I just want them to have a balanced, nonextremist education."

On April 20th, author Annabelle Gurwitch presents an all-star line-up of people who, at one time or another, have been fired from their job. "Fired! Tales of the Canned, Cancelled, Downsized and Dismissed" is a collection of hilarious-but-true tales of being axed, outsourced, booted and terminated. Even if you've never been pink-slipped, you'll enjoy hearing how others have turned their worse moments into something they can laugh about.

All Author lectures and book-signings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public at no charge.

Candler Park Tour of Homes

It's that time again! We are looking for houses of all types to feature on this year's Tour - big and small, short and tall, old and new, red and blue ... you get the idea. The Tour will be held Sunday, Fall Fest weekend, October 15th, from 12:00 - 6:00 PM.

We're getting an early start this year to incorporate some surprises that promise to make this year's Tour even better. We hope to have nine houses selected by June 1st. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering your house or if you would like more information.

- Amy Alford
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Park Priorities Considered

What do you want for our parks? What are the most pressing needs related to parks and recreation in our neighborhood? How would you prioritize spending for infrastructure and amenities? What improvements would you like to see in Goldsboro, Freedom, Candler, and Iverson Parks? The Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs seeks input from all 24 NPUs in order to create a prioritized list of projects to include in the next revision of City of Atlanta's Comprehensive Development Plan. Please help compile a wish list for Candler Park residents to be included with others from NPU-N (Amy Stout, npurep@candlerpark.org, 404-371-0505). Also, consider attending the Commissioner's quarterly meeting with citizens on Wednesday, April 26th on the 8th floor of City Hall East from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Public Comment on BeltLine

From now until May 3rd, the Atlanta Development Authority will be collecting data from the public about their preferences for the future of the BeltLine.

Visit the online survey at www.beltlinecommunity.com for surveys on:

- Parks and Trails
- Transit
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Workforce Housing
- Public Art
- Historic Preservation



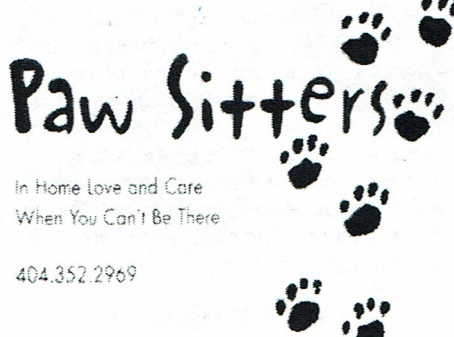
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Zoning Committee Report

In March the CPNO zoning committee reviewed two applications for variances in our neighborhood. The application for 375 Candler Park Drive involved expansion of an existing structure into a two-story residence and required a side yard setback reduction. The application for 567 Oakdale Road involved a reduction in side yard setback along with a variance to exceed the allowable percentage of lot coverage for an expansion to the rear of the existing structure. After reviewing application materials, meeting with the applicants and offering suggestions readily accepted by the applicants, both applications were unanimously approved at committee and neighborhood levels.

CPNO members voted in March to formally adopt documents developed by the zoning committee, including zoning committee general information, related to the standard process for submitting and reviewing documents. These materials included a submittal checklist and sample meeting presentation format, and these materials shall be posted on the CPNO web site for reference and use.

The zoning committee did 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 will be reviewing proposed modifications to the wording of the resolution with the hope of presenting this to the board and the neighborhood, during the month of April, for review and comment.

Tom Painter, a long-time resident of Candler Park was appointed to the Zoning Committee, which looks forward to having Tom join upcoming meetings with his insights on process, real estate and general concerns regarding development in our neighborhood.

The committee will not meet in April, as there are no applications for review. Meetings are typically held the first Wednesday each month at 7PM, upstairs in the Wesley Room at 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

Organizers Cancel Art in Freedom Park 2006

Organizers of Art in Freedom Park regrettably announced cancellation of the 2006 exhibition, initially planned to open May 7. Loss of a significant founding sponsor in December 2005 has forced postponement of the exhibition until September 2006, with no replacement sponsors on the horizon and no Atlanta arts funding organization willing to offer financial support.

Alternative venues, or relocating the exhibition to another park as suggested by potential replacement sponsors, are not favored by AiFP's task force, which is strongly against such options, according to project director Evan Levy. Levy selected Freedom Park several years ago as an under-utilized urban park in close proximity to downtown Atlanta and the MLK and Carter Centers, and felt its linear geography presented the opportunity to showcase world-class sculpture and site-specific installations that offered close interaction with families and joggers frequenting the park, and which could be easily viewed by passing traffic. Dept. of Transportation estimates some 45,000 cars traverse Freedom Parkway and Moreland Avenue daily.

Levy believes scattering the exhibitions throughout several Atlanta parks would dilute the experience, noting last year's event exhibited 30 sculptures and site-specific installations from Georgia based artists in a condensed display that made a strong impression on residents and drivers along the two-mile corridor of Freedom Park from Candler Park Drive at North Avenue and extending intown toward Highland Avenue and Sol LeWitt's renowned "54 Columns."

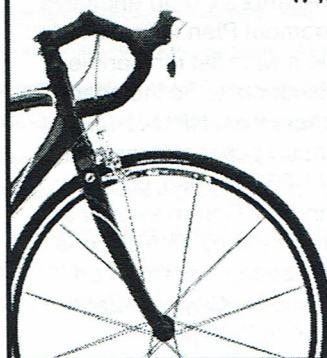
Many proposals for the 2006 exhibition were large-scale sculptures and installations which would have allowed organizers to select a similar number of projects, but extend the exhibition into Candler Park / Inman Park. The long-term goal of Art in Freedom Park is to utilize the entire six-mile park for a world-class gallery of contemporary art. Ninety-eight (98) proposals were received for the 2006 exhibition, and the RFP caught the interest and imagination of artists across the US and abroad. Due to the high quality of proposals received, if organizers are able to secure a major sponsor for the 2007 exhibition, the independent selection committee will consider all of the 2006 proposals.

Organizers hope the unfortunate cancellation of this year's event helps unite artists and local residents to notify city officials that cancellation of Art in Freedom Park poses a significant loss to Atlanta's cultural portfolio. On its Art in Freedom Park website <http://www.artinfreedompark.org> visitors can learn more, and access a sample letter which concerned supporters may send officials.

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CPNO Communications Survey

The CPNO Communications Committee has developed a survey to help improve the effectiveness of media used to communicate information about the neighborhood organization to its members, and all those eligible for membership or just interested in local issues and events. Although the deadline for online responses to the survey ended on March 31st, all readers may still forward their comments or suggestions in response to the questions below to the committee (c/o committee chair Alonzo Church).

1. RANK THE FOLLOWING CANDLER PARK TOPICS IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE TO YOU:
 - § SOCIAL
 - § ENVIRONMENT
 - § ZONING
 - § SAFETY
 - § CITY-WIDE POLICY

2. WHICH AREA DO YOU THINK CPNO COMMUNICATIONS IS FOCUSING ON TOO MUCH?
 - § SOCIAL
 - § ENVIRONMENT
 - § ZONING
 - § SAFETY
 - § CITY-WIDE POLICY

3. WHICH AREA DO YOU THINK CPNO COMMUNICATIONS IS NOT FOCUSING ON ENOUGH?
 - § SOCIAL
 - § ENVIRONMENT
 - § ZONING
 - § SAFETY
 - § CITY-WIDE POLICY

4. HOW DO YOU CURRENTLY LEARN ABOUT EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN CANDLER PARK?
 - § THE MESSENGER (NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER)
 - § CANDLER PARK WEBSITE
 - § EMAILS FROM CPNO OFFICERS OR MEMBERS
 - § WORD OF MOUTH
 - § POSTINGS IN LOCAL BUSINESSES

5. HOW WOULD YOU PREFER TO LEARN ABOUT EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN CANDLER PARK?
 - § THE MESSENGER (NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER)
 - § CANDLER PARK WEBSITE
 - § EMAILS FROM CPNO OFFICERS OR MEMBERS
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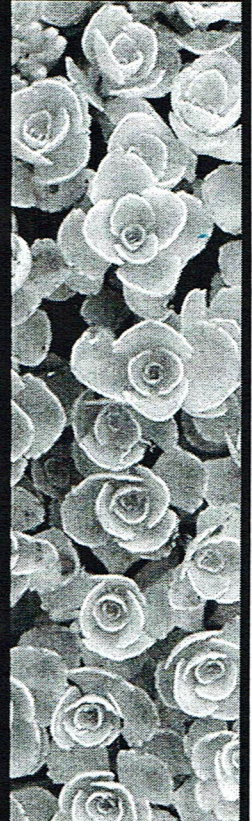
6. PLEASE SHARE ANY OVERALL THOUGHTS OR CONCERNS YOU HAVE ABOUT CPNO COMMUNICATIONS.

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NPU-N AIA Infill Development Statement

Introduction

NPU N consists of seven neighborhoods including Poncey Highlands, Druid Hills, Lake Claire, Candler Park, Inman Park, Reynoldstown and Cabbagetown. Of these seven neighborhoods, three (Druid Hills, Inman Park and Cabbagetown) have a form of Urban Design Commission protection in place, one (Reynoldstown) has a long-range master plan in place. Residences in these neighborhoods range from the turn of the century to the early twentieth century and range from shotgun style, to bungalow to federalist and Victorian mansions. Redevelopment activity continues to be widespread in the neighborhoods and includes, single family, multi family, retail and commercial uses. The predominant form of residential zonings in NPU N consists of R 4 and R 5. Major roadways run through the NPU including Dekalb Avenue to the south, North Avenue and Ponce de Leon to the north, Moreland Avenue and the eastern portion of the Freedom Parkway.

1. Incompatible Development

Based on feedback received from the individual neighborhood organizations, it appears that for the most part the neighborhoods with the historic designations are experiencing the lowest levels of incompatible development. Other neighborhoods have concerns regarding the demolition of existing structures, which, for the most part, tend to be original structures on existing parcels of land, for the development of large, oversized residences that appear to fill the lot and are disproportionate in size and scale to the adjacent residences.

Each neighborhood recognizes the need for new development, including remodels, renovations and new construction to support the needs and desires of the new residents and families entering the city at this time. It is clear that new guidelines must be developed to help direct this development in a meaningful way. The neighborhoods and the NPU as a whole, believe that a set of comprehensive guidelines or ordinances that fully address the issues of compatibility, including but not limited to size and scale relating to a contextual framework would help to remedy many of the apparent problems with the infill development currently underway. Each area of design must be addressed carefully with an emphasis on context and surrounding structures.

2. Compatible Development

Compatible development does exist in each of the neighborhoods within NPU N. It was apparent from the feedback received from each neighborhood that there is less of a concern for the incompatibility of development along major roadways where infill and new development are actually realizing signs of positive impact, including mixed use and live work types of development. Issues related to these developments tend to focus on the transitional areas where these developments abut the existing residences and the domino type of effect that may take place as the adjacent neighbors feel pressures from the higher use developments. There are a few scattered infill homes that seem to respect the adjacent residences and the context within which they are built. Residential remodels and additions to existing structures tend to facilitate a sense of context and a less overbearing presence, when handled well. Improperly handled and we have the same issues of scale, mass and proportion that inappropriate infill tends to bring to mind.

3. Improving Regulations and Procedures

If the concerns at this time are about infill, perhaps one of the first steps should be to evaluate the need for demolition of existing structures. The existing structures set the context within which we are framing the discussion of appropriateness. There actually exists little vacant land in NPU N and by establishing means of controlling active demolition, perhaps property owners are encouraged to more carefully evaluate the reuse of these existing older structures.

NPU N wholly supported the infill legislation and would like it strengthened rather than weakened, prior to adoption, to better address a more comprehensive look at some of the design issues raised in this brief summary statement. The diversity of neighborhoods in NPU N and as represented throughout the remaining twenty three NPUs, suggests that a system of overlay regulations that tend to vary, based on a clear set of compatibility issues determined at the neighborhood level, might be appropriate.

New regulations need to be developed which are comprehensive and present a clear framework for development. Context, including the presentation of the residence to the streetscape, must be emphasized along with the issues related to compatibility of development to adjacent properties. In NPU N, and in many of the neighborhoods therein represented, these types of compatibility rules would actually allow for a wide range of residences in varying sizes and styles, providing for the types of structures homeowners are currently seeking.

- Randy Pimsler, AIA

Atlanta Infill Development Public Reporting Forum Held in March

Saturday, March 25, 2006, certainly provided for numerous informational meetings related to issues in the city. Four separate programs took place, including reports by the Atlanta Regional Commission, an update on the Beltline projects, presented by the Atlanta Development Authority and a Transportation Town Meeting at city hall. The American Institute of Architects sponsored a public hearing on the issue of Infill Housing.

As an alternate representative of NPU N I was pleased to represent NPU N at the Infill Housing Forum. Opening remarks commenced at eight thirty in the morning and the final presentation concluded at two thirty in the afternoon. Each of the twenty four NPUs in the city presented concerns related to infill development, code enforcement, zoning matters, tree protection and water runoff, throughout the day.

It was fascinating to hear individuals with varying backgrounds, speak to these topics, attempting to articulate the concerns of scale, mass, proportion, height and their related impacts on both the built and the natural environments. Opinions were widespread and varied as some land lots in the city are quite large and readily allow for larger scale residential development and yet others are so small that almost any development impacts the land and the adjoining properties negatively.

Several presenters were asked why the neighborhoods had not chosen to gain protection from inappropriate development via the Atlanta Urban Design Commission regulations. While historic districting, of any kind, does solve many of the problems inherent in inappropriate infill development, most representatives noted that the neighborhoods seemed to be opting for a less stringent and more "middle of the road" approach towards solving the problems related to this type of development. It is clear that many neighborhoods are talking more readily about forms of protection, at this time.

An executive summary, outlining the concerns presented by NPU N accompanies this brief introduction.

If you would like additional information our would like to discuss any of these important issues, please feel free to contact Randy Pimsler, CPNO Zoning Chairperson at rpimsler@hotmail.com.

- Randy Pimsler, AIA

Peavine Watershed Alliance Explains Rain Garden Benefits

Rain Gardens! What are they? How might rain gardens benefit me and my neighborhood?

The Peavine Watershed Alliance (PWA) has identified rain gardens as one means to (a) improve water abatement (retard runoff) as well as (b) beautify our lawns and even add property value.

Working in partnership with the EPA, free workshops are available on how to design and install rain gardens. To help demonstrate the effectiveness of rain gardens, the EPA is offering, based on approval, funding to support the installation of some rain gardens on a pilot basis.

The next step is to assess community interest, which will begin at the next CPNO regular meeting, and to schedule a Rain Garden Workshop based on the level of interest.

Neighborhood residents and property owners are encouraged to contact CPNO Peavine Watershed Alliance Representative Gene Luckey at gluckey@mindspring.com.

- Gene Luckey

Park Pride's Annual Parks and Greenspace Conference

On March 27th, Park Pride sponsored the 5th Annual Parks and Greenspace Conference, with the theme of "Building a World-Class Park System."

The conference focused on creating public-private partnerships designed to improve our parks and quality of life. Leadership was provided by notable experts in the field, and brought together residents, community leaders, and professionals to work current parks and greenspace issues.

CPNO was represented at the conference by Peavine Watershed Representative Gene Luckey. For more information on the conference or PWA activities, please contact Gene Luckey at gluckey@mindspring.com.

- Gene Luckey

LAND USE ISSUES

There are no land use issues scheduled to be heard and voted on at the April CPNO meeting.

NPU-N ISSUES

NPU-N meetings are held at 7PM on the 4th Thursday of every month at L5P Community Center (Euclid at Austin Avenue). Candler Park residents are welcome to attend. Please contact Amy Stout at 404-371-0505 regarding any scheduled voting or agenda matters.

At the March 23rd meeting of NPU-N...

The executive board approved Stacey Collier's request for a variance at 375 Candler Park Drive, and the request of Kevin Byers and Sara Cook for a variance at 567 Oakdale Road, consistent with the earlier approvals by CPNO (see minutes from CPNO March meeting for more details).

NPU-N also voted in favor of Paideia School's request to host their annual Field Day in Candler Park on Friday April 21st. Also approved was a special event permit for the 11th Annual Reynoldstown Wheelbarrow Festival to be held June 14-18. [You can enjoy music, food, beer and other entertainment at this fundraiser for the Reynoldstown Revitalization Corporation to be held at the Land Carson Center].

Joe Shifalo outlined the Candler Park Golf Association's concerns with Ordinance 06-O-0705, pending legislation that describes how American Golf Corporation will manage Candler Park Golf Course on behalf of the City of Atlanta for the next ten years. The CPGA seeks reassurances that the City will continue to mow and maintain the course and will minimize course closures during the upcoming Candler Park Brook Project, and the group would like the agreement to include a more appropriate annual fee for the CP course. NPU-N voted to write a letter to City Council in support of CPGA's requests.

NPU-N learned that American Apparel will be opening a store in Little Five Points in the space formerly occupied by Acapella Books and Tea Space, as they came before the executive board requesting a variance to reduce the number of on-site parking places from 14 to 0. The request was approved on the condition that the store lease off-site parking nearby.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 06-O-0494, a proposed amendment to Atlanta's Tree Protection Ordinance that would allow residential property owners to remove one tree per year without any requirements to replace the tree or make compensation into the Tree Trust Fund and without any restriction as to the size, age, or species of the tree, is still being held in committee. At their March 18th meeting, the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board, a bod composed of representatives from all 24 Neighborhood Planning Units, voted in favor of a resolution requesting that City Council not approve this ordinance in its current form.

Ordinance 06-O-0470 would require an applicant to post notice when applying for a demolition permit for a residential structure. NPU-N's Chair, Anna Copello, spoke in favor of this change before City Council's Community Development/Human Resources Committee on March 14th and suggested additional changes to strengthen and reform the demolition permit process. This ordinance has been revised since its initial introduction, and the revised legislation will be brought before the CDHR committee again.

Our elected City Council Members can better represent us if we provide them with our feedback on proposed legislation such as this.

- reported by NPU-N Rep Amy Stout

CRIME REPORT

Reported 2/9 - 3/18 2006 Zone 6 Atlanta Police Dept. records, as compiled by David Bruce.

400 block Moreland Ave, 2/15, Wed Day Shoplifting, Subject left the store without paying for items. Suspect: B/M, 25-35 YOA, 5'2"-5'3", 150-160 lbs.

300 block Moreland Ave 2/24 Fri Eve Larceny from auto. Parking lot. Side passenger window was broken and items taken. Video shows a possible suspect: B/M, 25-35 YOA, 5'10"-6'01", 175-185 lbs.

300 block Moreland Ave. 2/19 Sun Eve Robbery Commercial, Weapon: black semiautomatic Glock pistol. Victims stated two black males demanded money. One of the victims threw an unknown amount of money at the subjects. Subjects fled the area in a white 1990s 4-door Cadillac. Suspect 1: B/M, 25-29 YOA, 6'1", 220-240 lbs.; Suspect 2: B/M, 20-25 YOA, 5'10" - 6'0", 190-210 lbs.

1400 block McLendon Ave 3/1 Wed Day Burglary Residence, Victim suspected that her ex-boyfriend went through the kitchen window and took items. Prints recovered.

1500 block McLendon Ave, 3/3 Fri Burglary Residence, during day items taken, prints recovered.

400 block Oakdale Rd., 2/28 Tue Burglary at residence early morn. Victim states a loud noise woke him up. When he went to investigate he found the suspect at the front door. The suspect had already ransacked the victim's house, but did not take anything. Victim's front door had been kicked in, and the light bulb on the front porch had been unscrewed. Suspect: B/M, 30-36 YOA, thick mustache.

400 block Callan Circle, 2/28 Tue Robbery, at residence early morn. Front door kicked in. Victim woke to find the suspect in her home. When the victim screamed "get out", the suspect fled. Suspect pushed the victim as he fled. Cash taken. Suspect B/M, 30-35 YOA, 5'9"-5'10", 190-200 lbs.

1300 block North Ave, 3/8 Wed Burglary at Residence during day items taken.

1600 block McLendon Ave, 3/18 Sat Eve , Auto Theft.

1300 block McLendon Ave, 3/15-3/16 Theft from auto, items taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPWORTH UNDERGROUND - New Contemporary Service starting Easter Sunday April 16th at 9:30 AM. Begin your morning with us in a casual atmosphere and experience lively music, meaningful worship, fellowship and a great cup of locally roasted coffee. We're currently forming a praise band for weekly worship. If interested in playing or singing, please contact Alexis @ 678-983-2705.

INMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S "SCREEN ON THE GREEN" presents Napoleon Dynamite under the stars on Saturday, April 22, 7-10 PM. PTA will have food and drinks for sale or bring your own picnic! Located behind Inman Middle School at the corner of Greencove and Virginia Avenue. Neighborhood fund for all ages!

CANDLER PARK PARENTS CONNECTION:

Parents and parents-to-be - join us in a new effort to meet and support each other. Play groups, sitting co-op and sitter referral lists, casual fun socials for kids and parents. Great information and a chance to connect. CPPC Spring Fest in May!! Contact Christie Kuropatwa 404-521-2899 or kurpatwa@comcast.net

CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

ATTENTIVE, QUALITY HOME CLEANING AND ORGANIZING SERVICES - Pet friendly. Call Pat Felty 404-822-8043. Serving my intown neighbors since 1989.

DRUID HILLS BEAUTY SHOP: 1101 Ponce de Leon Ave. Just Below N. Highland. Men & Women. Wednesday - Saturday At Present - 404-872-0164.

NOOK & CRANNY MAID SERVICE - 404-688-3766. "Let us do your dirty work!" Est. 1990. Dependable, personalized service, neighborhood references. Licensed, Bonded, Insured.

FOR SALE - TWIN SIZE TRUNDLE BED with bookcase headboard. Teak. Mattress included. Mint condition. \$250.00 Call 404-378-3357.