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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Jerry Tillery, President@CandlerPark.org

Welcome to the September issue of the Candler Park Messenger. We have quite a few interesting articles in this month's magazine so make sure you take a look at all it has to offer.

The year is winding down and as summer draws to a close, I hope you can all enjoy the cooler weather. This will be a good opportunity to enjoy all the local parks and greenspaces before the chilly fall and winter weather move in. We have already had groups of volunteers doing cleanup in many of the local parks to make them more inviting for our residents and visitors.

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization board continues to monitor the Covid guidance so we can make the right decision on when to resume face-to-face meetings. We will update the membership once a determination to resume in person meetings has been made. I look forward to this as I would like the opportunity to meet more of the membership face-to-face.

Fall Fest is just around the corner. The committee and volunteers have been putting in a

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lot of time and energy into the planning to make this Fall Fest fun for the entire family. I'm sure many of you are looking forward to this opportunity to spend some time with neighbors and enjoy all the different aspects of Fall Fest. Don't forget that after Fall Fest we can move right into Halloween, and we expect to have another fun year of house decorations.

I want to remind everyone that the Nominating Committee has been designated to find the board members for 2022. I've learned a lot more this year I've spent on the board of just how important the CPNO board is to the neighborhood and how we fit into the greater Atlanta government process. If you have anyone you would like to nominate for the board, make sure you reach out to the committee with the individuals name.

I hope you all have a safe and happy September!

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MEETINGS

CPNO Members Meetings are held every third Monday at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive.

Committee meetings take place at The Neighborhood Church, 1561 McLendon Ave., unless otherwise announced (enter from the street level door and ring the bell if you're late).

All are welcome. Only registered members are eligible to vote at monthly meetings. Membership applications must be received by Membership Officer by the first day of the month of meeting.

Find specific meeting information on page 6 and a complete list of CPNO meetings at www.candlerpark.org.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

1 CPNO Zoning meeting, 7 pm, Location TBD

6 POOL Closes for the season.
APS Labor Day Holiday

10-11 CPNO Music Festival

11 APS - ACT Exams

11 50th Anniversary Sickle Cell 5k 7a - East Point City

13 CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, Location TBD

13-17 APS - Midtown HS ACCUPLACER college assessment

15 Deadline to submit content for The Messenger!

20 CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, via ZOOM

20 APS - NNAT Gifted Identification testing ES |MS|HS

OCTOBER

1-31 CPNO 2nd Annual Halloween Yard Contest (register by 10/22)

2-3 CPNO FALL FESTIVAL

6 CPNO Zoning meeting, 7 pm, Location TBD

7-11 APS Fall Break

11 CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, Location TBD

15 Deadline to submit content for The Messenger!

17 2021 World Peace Pyramid building event @ the First Existentialist on Candler Park

18 CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, via ZOOM

NOVEMBER

2 CPNO Zoning meeting, 7 pm, Location TBD

2 APS Election Day Break

14 CPNO Board meeting, 7 pm, Location TBD

14 2021 World Peace Pyramid building event @ the First Existentialist on Candler Park

15 Deadline to submit content for July Messenger!

20-28 APS Thanksgiving BreakMessenger!

21 CPNO Members Meeting, 7 pm, Location TBD

DeKalb Avenue Undergoing Wonderful Transformation

December 3, 1910

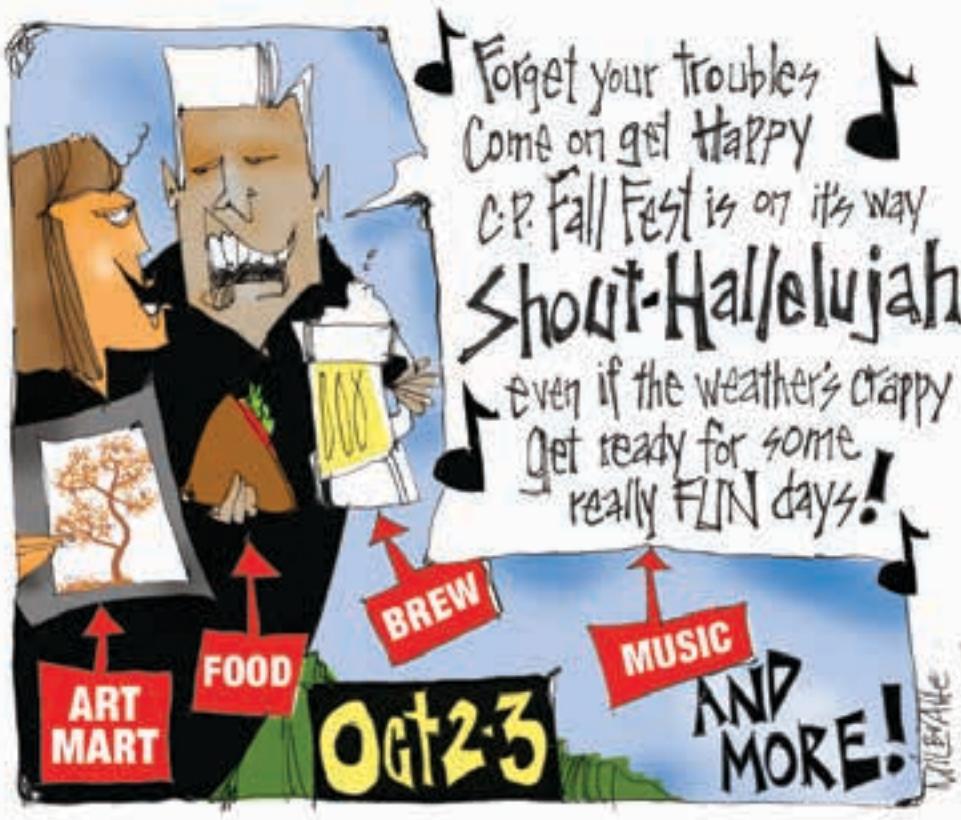
News many of us would like to hear today was actually getting done back in 1910! "Getting done" had still taken its time of course, DeKalb, which was a dirt road, had been "one of the worse driveways in the country... of recent time it became so bad that vehicles could no longer go over it in safety" - sound familiar? In 1910, DeKalb had just had a "large trunk sewer" put in. It was being paved from Yonge Street (today William Holmes Borders Dr. in Sweet Auburn) to Moreland Avenue by Fulton county with a bitulithic pavement, which was a relatively new paving system at that time, a type of "hot mix" paving materials which usually contained about 6% bituminous cement and graded aggregate in various proportions which created a more fluid binder than previously used for sheet asphalt. An older type of pavement, "macadam with an oil binder," was being put down by the city "from Moreland Avenue to Mayson Avenue" (Candler Park Drive/ MARTA station). The rest of DeKalb, to the city limits and on to Decatur would be paved by DeKalb County and that type of pavement was not mentioned. Of big import at this time was a new underpass at Whiteford and an at-grade crossing at Moreland Avenue, which, by the way, was already paved.

You might think that was the end of it, and maybe it was, sometimes it seems as if DeKalb hasn't been paved since 1910... by Emily Taff

▼"Pavement history" found at pavementinteractive.org



▲ Images of DeKalb Avenue c.1910 by Francis E. Price for the Atlanta Journal Constitution, Dec. 3, 1910. The top photo is at an undetermined location, on DeKalb looking toward Atlanta; the bottom photo is a view toward Decatur on DeKalb Avenue from around Ferguson showing the location of the proposed underpass under the Georgia Railroad at Whiteford (marked by the cross mark).



Welcome and Thanks!

By Roger Bakeman, membership@candlerpark.org

CPNO welcomes new member:

- Barbara Robinson
- Andrew Keenan
- Patrick and Janice Pence
- Jean Pembleton and Will Waterman
- Matthew Chavis (Apotheos Roastery)
- Patter and Sean Byrne
- Jess and Logan Thore
- Jamie and Jeramy Butler

...and three others who wished to remain anonymous

CPNO thanks members for their donation:

- Anjie and Andy Woodworth
- Andrew Keenan
- John & Donna Brady
- Jennie Ashcraft Berman
- Gigi Miller

...and four others who wished to remain anonymous



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Park bathrooms, benches & kudzu removal funded!

By Ken Edelstein the Candler Park Conservancy's Development Chair

Thank you, Candler Park Conservancy members. As part of the Councilmember Amir Farokhi's Candler Park Decides program, you voted to fund seven great projects for our favorite greenspace!

Kudos also to Farokhi, who came up with a grassroots scheme that allowed the Conservancy and other nonprofits to line up matching money to leverage the CP Decides grants. This will enable us -- together with the city Parks Department -- to implement badly needed, high-profile improvements.

Additional CP Decides money is going to other greenspaces in the neighborhood. But the largest chunk -- especially when you add in matching funds from the Conservancy -- is going toward these seven planned improvements in the park itself:

Bathrooms!

\$12,500 toward a \$34,000 project

For years, visitors have had to hold it in because the Candler Park's bathrooms have been closed and have fallen into disrepair. Now, we're a couple of big steps closer toward solving that problem.

For nearly a year, CPC has led a drive to work through issues surrounding the bathrooms and to identify funding. We're happy to announce that the Conservancy has made great progress in lining up \$21,500 to be added to the \$12,500 CP Decides allotment.

The long list of repairs include timer locks, new steel doors, unbreakable mirrors and a fresh paint job. In addition to the CP Decides grant, the Conservancy secured an \$8,500 commitment toward the repairs from the Parks Department and a \$1,000 contribution from ContactPoint Play Day.

Next step: Please help Conservancy volunteers Brittany Schwartzwald and Kate Sandhaus raise the funds needed to complete this work. If you've ever really, really had to go, please type in go straight to candlerparkconservancy.org/bathroom to dedicate a tax-deductible donation exclusively to this project.

Pool improvements

\$10,000 toward \$22,000 project

The second-biggest CP Decides grant goes toward making the Candler Park pool more attractive and comfortable. Four tables with umbrellas will be added, the grounds will get a facelift, and the pool house will be painted. Even sweeter: An artist (or artists) will be commissioned to paint the drab retaining wall that dominates the pool.



The Conservancy has budgeted a \$12,000 match toward this project. Go to <https://candlerparkconservancy.org/Support-Us> to become a member or to give a tax-deductible donation to support the pool improvements and other projects.

Active Lawn slope restoration

\$5,000 toward \$24,000 project

Trees Atlanta and the Conservancy united to fund the balance of this overdue improvement on the embankment to the west of the Active Lawn, off Candler Park Drive.

The idea is to do it right: Trees Atlanta will lend its expertise to remove kudzu and other invasive species, follow up with treatments for several years, and replant the hillside with native trees and shrubs. The organization will provide a \$10,000 in-kind contribution for the plantings, while the Conservancy will pay Trees Atlanta another \$9,000 for the rest of the work.

Go to <https://candlerparkconservancy.org/Support-Us> to become a member or to give a donation. Your help will support the restoration of Rose Hill and other projects.

Snazzy Bike Racks

\$4,000 toward \$5,500 installation

Two distinctive new bike racks near the pool and soccer fields will serve as functional art and encourage cycling to and from the park. The artistic yet functional racks will be designed to

say "Candler Park" in the wheel (see photo). The Conservancy will provide \$1,500 matching grant and will manage installation.

Repair & move benches

\$2,750 toward \$4,000 in repairs

We'll repair, repaint and in some cases relocate benches that are in terrible shape inside the park. The Conservancy will provide a \$1,250 matching grant and will manage installation.

Urban orchard

\$1,980 toward \$4,265 total

Twenty fruit trees will create a new urban orchard just west of the pool house. Trees Atlanta is providing the \$2,285 in in-kind services as a match for this project. The Conservancy will work with Trees Atlanta to ensure that the fruit trees are placed in a way that will enhance future improvements already planned for this area.

"Beaver Buddy" public art

\$1,500 toward \$2,500 installation

A fiberglass "Beaver Buddy" sculpture will be installed near the playground and painted by a local artist. The project will highlight the beaver's keystone contribution toward the improved ecology of the watershed and the golf course. The Conservancy will provide a \$1,000 matching grant and will manage installation.



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All of Who I Am Is Welcome

By Sarah Roberts (she/her), Neighborhood Church Board Chair

Five years ago, my dear friend told me about this new church in the neighborhood and asked if we would join her one Sunday. I had been “shopping” around for a church home for years. I could never quite find what I was looking for, encountering churches and church cultures that I did not perceive as welcoming. I was so intimidated by these experiences, always feeling like an outsider and, more importantly, never finding a church community aligned with my beliefs, values, and priorities. I was looking for a welcoming place to worship, love, and learn – what I found at Neighborhood Church was so much more. I found perspective. I found care and compassion. I found a community of people willing to accept me on my best days and my worst days. I found a community of people who challenge my thinking, take me out of my comfort zone, and who have shown me how to truly love my neighbor.

One of my first Sundays in Lent at Neighborhood Church is a day that I reflect on often. Pastor Anjie discussed the purpose of Lent and that it is a time of examination and self-reflection. She talked about what it meant to wrestle with your demons and to ride the monsters rather than ignore them. More importantly, she talked about wrestling with HER demons. Growing up in more traditional, conservative churches I can never recall witnessing such truth and honesty shared with a congregation. It was at that moment that I knew I was where I belonged. I was in a place where I could learn, grow, be vulnerable, and wrestle with MY demons. Of course, over time I have so many other moments that validated my decision to join Neighborhood Church.



One Sunday, I accompanied Pastor Andy to Wesley Woods where we help once a month with their evening worship service. I eagerly volunteered to be a “helper” although I was not positive what the help would entail. Andy needed assistance with Holy Communion and I was apparently going to carry the juice. With no instruction, tips, or guidance we set out running around the room. Andy breaking the bread and me trying to hold the juice steady. Needless to say, I spilled that cup of juice on every single one of the unsuspecting residents at Wesley Woods. I thought for sure Pastor Andy would not invite me back or inform me that I was “doing it wrong.” Andy did none of those things. Instead, Andy appreciated me, my clumsiness, and accepted my help happily and without judgement. It was an experience that still makes me smile and I couldn’t wait to go back and “help.” What an incredible community to be in, to feel that my gifts, regardless of how unpolished and rough they may be, are welcome at Neighborhood Church. All of who I am is welcome at Neighborhood Church.

Neighborhood Church is truly a community of Christian neighbors building relationships for community and for justice. All of who you are is welcome at Neighborhood Church. We hope you’ll come celebrate our 5th Birthday on September 12, marking five years of getting to be in community with incredible neighbors like you – more info at neighborhoodchurchATL.com!



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The Universe Delivers

By Lexa King

Do you have magical conversations with people? I do, fairly regularly. A longtime friend and I just hung up on one of those conversations that left me shaking my head in disbelief. We were having a chat about miracles. I told her about my most recent delightful surprise, aka "miracle".

My yard person and helper-of-many-things fellow was here yesterday and completed a task we had been working on for weeks. While grocery shopping a few months ago I found a box of cascading lights for my porch. I think it was called "a curtain of lights". The perfect place for them existed on my porch. Seems like they were about \$10. They became a necessity to me. Buy a pole, hang them from the pole. Easy peasy.

First the pole. Certain that I had an old curtain rod that would work, I spent a couple of weeks searching corners where I am known to stash things too good to throw out. I finally relented and Lowes got another \$10 or so from me for a slim curtain rod. Attempting to force screws into 100+ year old wood was the next challenge. I found 2 small hand saws and a sander, but my drill remains MIA. Had to borrow the drill from a neighbor (thanks for the save, Adam). It took a little effort to find the right attachment, but, finally, success!

The kit included 6 "s" hooks. About 12 were needed. The hooks kept sliding on the pole, leaving the lights clumped together at various places along the pole. What would happen when the wind blew? You know the answer. Tape was my answer. Heavy duty, transparent tape substituted for the lack of sufficient hooks and also permanently stabilized the position of the lights.

The last remaining challenge was the electrical source. An adapter for the ceiling light nearby allowed the installation of a plug. But the chain to turn it on and off was about 3 inches long and remained at ceiling height. I went scavenging in the laundry room-storage closet. Ribbon seemed to be the closest thing. Then I spotted the bright orange, plastic ear buds from a long ago airplane trip. The result of searching pockets prior to washing a pair of slacks, they had been laying on the side of the washer for some months. Perfect! I don't know how Joe attached them to the little chain. I probably don't want to know. I know it works. I can now turn those lights on and off at will. THAT is a miracle! Some of you may not agree. But after weeks of road blocks of various natures, that little plastic line showing up at the right time in the right place occurs as a miracle. And I get to say. That's the thing about miracles. The individual affected gets to make the call!

Not to be outdone, my friend, Felicia, had to share one of her miracles with me. Years ago she was visiting Laguna Beach, California. Touring an art exhibit in a gallery, she fell in love with the work of an exhibiting artist. The price of her work, of course, was prohibitive. But Felicia picked up a trifold brochure about the exhibit which she stashed in a "Dreams" folder in her office back home.

Years later, Felicia was assisting a friend in setting up her art studio here in Atlanta. A huge floral painting hung in the space, a remnant of the previous tenant. Felicia remarked that it was reminiscent of a piece she had seen, and loved, in California years ago. The new studio occupant said she was welcome to it since it did not match her decor. A few days later, she showed up at Felicia's with the painting in the back of her truck! Dream delivered. When she pulled out the brochure for the original art exhibit, Felicia confirmed that not only was her new acquisition by the same artist, it was the piece featured in the brochure that was the object of her admiration. That, Friends, is a miracle.

Some call it a fluke. Some coincidence. Some manifestation. Some of us call them miracles. We get to say. The thing is, one has to remain open to their appearance in your life. I recently welcomed a whole new group of people in my life through Candler Park Forever. Each one is a miracle. Want a similar experience? Reach out to cpforever@candlerpark.org. Right now I'm working on having a new-to-me car show up. Either a Toyota or Subaru. I'm open.

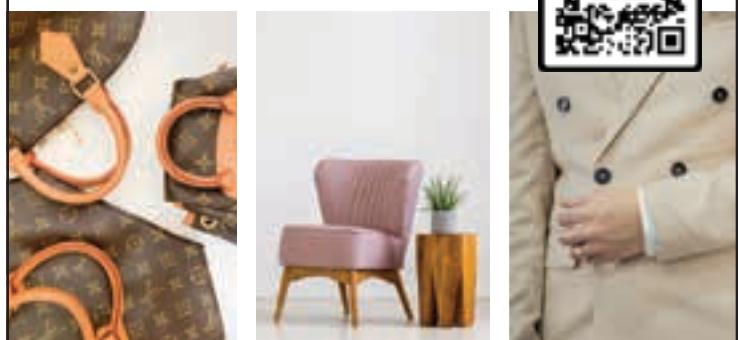


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2021 World Peace Pyramid in Candler Park

By M Bill Reed, Candler Park resident and First E member

Can you envision a pyramid of golf balls that is 5' 6" tall/wide and weighs 2,242 pounds?

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of World Peace Day on September 21, 1981 by the United Nations... a 2021 World Peace Pyramid is being assembled in the R. Lanier Clance Woodland Memorial Sanctuary at the First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta on Candler Park Drive.

Assembly of the pyramid base of $40 \times 40 = 1,600$ balls starts on September 21 and then additional balls will be added in October, November, and December until the pyramid of 22,140 golf balls is completed. See the October Messenger for dates and times that will be available for Candler Park neighbors and children to participate in the pyramid building process.

Upon completion, the 2021 World Peace Pyramid will be a new Guinness World Record for number of balls of any kind used in a pyramid. The current pyramid record of 16,206 golf balls was set in 2014 by a school in Tyler, Texas...using new balls that were donated.

Thus it is noteworthy that all of the 22,140 golf balls in the 2021 World Peace Pyramid were actually played at Candler Park golf course over the years before eventually being lost and then eventually being found again. So, a special thanks to the golfers and neighbors of Candler Park who have made the 2021 World Peace Pyramid possible.

L5PCAC - Blind Willie McTell Mosaic

By Kelly Stocks, Hello@l5pba.com

The original mosaic was commissioned by the City of Atlanta in the early 2000's for Findley Plaza. It was originally supposed to be a stage. The mosaic is based on a rare photograph of the blues and ragtime singer, Blind Willie McTell. Jason Evers Johnson, the artist, was proud to honor this musician with his art. He learned about Blind Willie while street performing with Mudcat in L5P in the 90's.

Jason was flown to Atlanta from his current home in Perugia, Italy, to move the 2000 pound artwork to its permanent home at L5PCAC. Jason has emulated an ancient Japanese technique to repair the mosaic called kintsugi, the art of repairing broken pottery by mending the areas of breakage with lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold. Kintsugi advocates embracing the flawed or the imperfect, and sees breaks and repairs as part of the history of an object (or person) which adds value and is not something to be hidden.

It's important to recognize Blind Willie McTell as a prolific street musician of Atlanta in the 1950's and blues legend to fans around the world. WRFG radio station, a tenant in the L5PCAC, has hosted a long-standing blues show since the 1970's. As a result, L5PCAC seems like a natural home for the Blind Willie McTell mosaic.

To offset the cost of moving the mosaic, the L5PCAC is taking tax deductible donations for engraved bricks and other items. Go to <https://L5PCAC.Square.Site> for more information!!



▲Here is a picture of the mosaic and the artist during the restoration



What Your “Brain Fog” Is Telling You And How to Deal With it

After more than a year of unparalleled anxieties, loss at a global scale, economic downturns, new ways to work, new ways to school, and now-maybe, finally-some new glimmers of hope, it's no surprise at all that many of our brains are, to put it lightly, tired. Experts describe the way many of our brains feel these days with the term “brain fog,” and it's a term that's definitely clicked. So what exactly is brain fog?

Brain fog isn't a medical diagnosis, and it typically describes a temporary feeling—though it can extend into long periods of time. Symptoms of brain fog include:

- Low energy or fatigue
- Irritability
- Trouble concentrating
- Headaches
- Forgetfulness or confusion
- Low motivation or hopelessness
- Mild depression or anxiety
- Trouble falling asleep or staying asleep

WHAT CAUSES BRAIN FOG?

This won't be too surprising, but the most typical cause of brain fog is a lack of sleep. If you're not getting your solid 7-9 hours each night, you're more likely to deal with brain fog. Sleep is vital for thinking clearly and feeling active, and even more in children and teenagers.

If you know your sleep habits aren't to blame, your diet could be the culprit. Your brain fog might be letting you know you're dealing with some

deficiencies, such as a lack of some major vitamins or nutrients. Brain fog can also be a side effect of too much sugar, caffeine, or alcohol in your diet.

If your sleep and diet aren't to blame, you could be dehydrated. Try adding a few more glasses of water to your day and see if it boosts your brain power.

When these common causes aren't to blame for your brain blues, look to your hormones. Think of brain fog as just another way of talking about inflammation affecting your cognitive health, and this inflammation is caused by changes to your levels of dopamine, serotonin, and cortisol. Cortisol is in charge of keeping you awake and thinking. It's your body's “fight or flight” hormone. Dopamine and serotonin, on the other hand, keep you calm and capable of joy. Your body's parasympathetic nervous system relies on a complex balance of these hormones, as they work to keep each

other in check at all times.

If your hormones are thrown out of wack, your brain could very easily start to feel foggy. It's easy for your system to get thrown off-balance too. A low-carb intake could cause your serotonin to drop, or a high stress event might spike your cortisol.

HOW CAN YOU DEAL WITH BRAIN FOG?

Because brain fog isn't a medical diagnosis, but rather a grouping of symptoms, you can address the symptoms through some adjustments to habits in your life.

INTRODUCE GUT-HEALING FOODS TO YOUR DIET

Bring in food medicine like bone broth and probiotic-filled fermented foods like sauerkraut or kombucha to provide your microbiome with good bacteria.

BOOST YOUR VITAMIN D

A deficiency in vitamin D could contribute to decreased memory and brain fog. Sunshine is your best source of vitamin D, but if going outdoors isn't an option, turn to foods like salmon, tuna, and mackerel.

GET MORE AEROBIC EXERCISE IN

If you're not already, make sure you're doing aerobic exercises at least four times per week for thirty minutes each session. Aerobic exercise increases brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) which promotes brain and

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THE CPNO INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HAS FORMED

The CPNO infrastructure committee has officially been formed. Our members include Walter Brown, Naoya Wada, Jonny Newburgh, and Hallie Meushaw. The quality of life and safety in our neighborhood is interdependent with infrastructure concerns. How Candler Park connects with city initiatives regarding bike infrastructure, roadways, and public transit could potentially affect our neighborhood for years to come. We look forward to serving the neighborhood! Email infrastructure@candlerpark.org with any questions or concerns. -Christina Hodgen

CPNO NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2022 BOARD FORMED

The CPNO bylaws require that a nominating committee of five members be formed to find a candidate or candidates for each of the nine board positions and report to the membership at the October meeting. Elections are held in November and in accordance with bylaws can also allow nominations from the floor. This year's nominating committee consists of Terry Moy (chair), Ken Edelstein, Cate Morrill, Sareeta Parker, and Anita Roberts. Email terrymo.engineering@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. -Bonnie Palter



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CPNO Officer and Committee Report for August

External Affairs Officer: Report from July 2021 NPU-N Meeting

by Amy Stout

There were no voting items on the agenda for the July 2021 NPU-N meeting that were specific for Candler Park, but there were two presentations of interest.

The Freedom Park Conservancy gave a presentation on the new Master Plan for the park. They indicated that they will incorporate all of the feedback letters that they received from area neighborhood organizations. The revised draft will include a table showing how they have modified the Master Plan to address these community concerns. They are asking for a vote of support at the August NPU-N meeting.

The Little Five Points Community Improvement District gave a presentation on their Mobility Study. The primary emphasis is on improvements for Euclid Avenue. Potential improvements to Moreland Avenue are also considered, but the status of Moreland as a state road makes changes more challenging. Finally, the report includes a discussion of potential development ideas for the Bass Field which include a parking deck, but only in combination with the construction of other features such as office space and residential units and with the removal of surface lots in the district. They are also asking for a vote of support at the August NPU-N meeting.

Membership-Roger Bakeman

Current membership is 535, so we are nearing the 560 we had at the end of 2020. About 48% are compound members (e.g., Chris & Pat) or members who share an address. In reviewing the membership file, I noticed several members who share an address but only one of whom had renewed for 2021. If your partner renewed but you didn't, I encourage you to renew as well. I hope to exceed 560 this year.

Zoning-Emily Taff

V-21-178 for 466 Page Ave - Variance request to 1) reduce the required front yard setback from 35 feet to 16.8 feet in order to construct steps off the front of the porch, and 2) reduce the required north side yard setback from 7 feet to 3.4 feet in order to add a "garden window" on this elevation. The existing home is being renovated with a addition on the rear. Neighbors have all been notified and are supportive. The Zoning Committee voted unanimously to recommend support of this variance request on the condition that the applicant attend the August CPNO and NPU meetings and that they adhere to the plans as submitted to the city and presented here.

Next on the agenda was a review and comment session for the proposed rezoning legislation by Amir Farohki, the full information on which can be found at candlerpark.org. 10-15 residents attended the Zoning meeting expressly for this discussion. There was a mix of support for this legislation overall with most residents against it. Concerns about tree protection and lack of neighborhood input through the traditional variance process were high. It was pointed out that MR-MU zoning has minimum setbacks which, as currently written, could allow a large portion of the lot to be developed. Concerns about eliminating parking requirements, and about infrastructure being able to handle increased density were also top concerns. Most of the concerns related to this legislation had to do with new construction too, as it was expressed that this legislation would increase developer incentive for demolition and new construction. In support of increasing density and affordability it was pointed out that a few multi-unit dwellings do exist already and provide additional affordability, these tend to be altered existing homes to contain multiple units and could be good examples of ways CP might support increased affordability/density. One neighbor in attendance was supportive of the legislation as it stands, others were generally supportive of finding increasing affordability/density in the neighborhood, while others were against any changes.

The Zoning Committee does not have a stance at this time but does not support the legislation as it is written.

August 16 CPNO Members meeting (Virtual) - Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Emily Taff, acting President. The motion to adopt the agenda passed. The motion to approve the July minutes as displayed on the screen passed.

Guest Speaker(s):

APD representative was not present.

Announcements:

1. The Board appointed Terry Moy as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Need volunteers to be members of the committee.
2. Don Bender reported that the Blind Willie McTell art piece has been moved to Little Five Points Community Art Center. Unveiling will be September 29th at 4pm. To purchase bricks (\$100 before Sept 29; \$150 after Sept. 29th) go to l5pcac.square.site.

New Business:

1. Freedom Park Master Plan-Amy Stout, External Affairs Officer
Neighborhood comments have been incorporated into the document.
2. Little Five Points Mobility Plan-Amy Stout, External Affairs Officer
Motion to support the Little Five Points Mobility Plan passed.

Treasurer Report-Ryan Anderson for Karin Mack, Treasurer

There was \$350 in donations; \$200 in merchandise. No expenses in July.

Zoning- Emily Taff, Zoning Officer

1. Motion to support the application for V21-178 contingent on following the site plan as presented and attending the NPU meeting passed.
2. Discussion concerning the proposed MR/MU zoning changes
Motion to end discussion of MR/MU zoning change passed.

FallFest Update-Matt Hanson, Chairman

Changes for 2021 were explained.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Bonnie Palter, Secretary

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12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lou Walker Senior Center
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Lithonia, Ga. 30058

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Redan High School
5247 Redan Rd.
Stone Mountain, Ga. 30088

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Scott Candler Library
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12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Recovery Consultants of Atlanta
3423 Covington Dr.
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5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Exchange Recreation Center
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