

The CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CANDLER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

From the President

Discussion of the historic guidelines are on hold until September while we give Robert Craig and David Schenck time to enjoy well deserved vacations. A dissenting opinion appears in this months messenger in an effort to spark interest in and debate of the guidelines. Robert and David did not believe that it was necessary to print a response as they had stated the purpose and benefits of the guidelines several months ago in the *BOND Community Star*. I encourage you to get and read a copy of the historic guidelines if you have not already done so.

After several months of waiting, we have received comments from the Bureau of Planning and the Urban Design Commission on our draft of a Special Public Interest (SPI) Zoning for the D.O.T. land that was to become The Presidential Freeway. The SPI committee will be meeting to revise the document so that it may be submitted to City Council for passage. Most of the comments received were suggestions to simplify the document and to make it easier to enforce.

The garden club has begun its park improvement plan using money raised from April's golf tournament. In the coming months you should see new plantings around the front entrance as well as planters by the pool and improvements to the volleyball court. Other improvements will be made depending upon monetary constraints. Please call Christine Stanton at 584-7878 if you are interested in volunteering or can provide discounted landscaping materials.

Calendar

Tues., 8/9 - 7:30 p.m. CPNO Monthly Mtg.
Tues., 8/16 - 7:30 p.m. CPNO Exec. Com. Mtg.
Tues., 8/16 *Messenger* Deadline
Thurs., 8/25 - 7:30 p.m. NPU-N Monthly Mtg.

CPNO Meeting August 9th

The Candler Park Neighborhood Org. meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1561 McLendon Ave.

This month's agenda:

7:00 - 7:30 — Refreshments
7:30 - — Officer Reports
— Variance Request

In conclusion, I am happy to announce the revitalization of the Speed Guerrillas task force. Lloyd Potter has volunteered to head up the committee and hopes to develop a comprehensive plan for improving the flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the neighborhood. People interested in joining this effort should give Lloyd a call at 659-8552.

—Eric Dusenbury

CPNO Officers

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On Tuesday, August 2nd, neighborhoods throughout Atlanta are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "11th Annual National Out" crime/drug prevention event. National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support and participation in local anticrime efforts; (2) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and Police-community relations; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The CPNO is sponsoring a cookout in the pavilion next to the parking lot in Candler Park in celebration of national night out. The cookout will begin at 7:00 on Tuesday, August 2. The CPNO will provide food and drinks plus entertainment including volleyball and safety demonstrations from the city police and a home security company. Please plan to attend as it is a great chance to meet your neighbors.

Candler Park Tour of Homes

The CPNO Tour of Homes is scheduled for Saturday November 5, 1994. We are looking for at least ten houses to be included on this years tour. The last tour was a great success and the people who had their houses on the tour obviously enjoyed themselves, including myself. We will be having a planning meeting on Thursday, August 11, at 7 p.m. at 329 Candler Street for all interested parties. Please plan on attending if you are interested in putting your house on the tour or if you can help in the massive staging of the event. Please call James Culton at 659-5021 if you would like to volunteer your time or house but cannot attend the meeting.

CPNO Meeting August 9th

Just a reminder. There will be a CPNO meeting in August. This meeting is normally not held in lieu of National night out. However, we are holding one this month to address a request for variance at 1462 North Avenue. The applicant is requesting a reduction in set-back from 50 feet to 35 feet.

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Candler Park: A conformist Neighborhood??

The following letter was sent to the *Candler Park Messenger* regarding the historic guidelines. The Historic Guideline Committee did not submit a counter article as they felt that they had expressed the benefits of the Historic Guidelines in previous articles that appeared in the *BOND Community Star*. Hopefully this article will encourage you to pick up a copy of the guidelines so that you can make an informed decision when the neighborhood votes on the issue.

People gathered at a recent public meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization called certain homes in our neighborhood "ugly", "tacky", "offensive", and "inappropriate".

So what? Each person is entitled to his or her opinion, right?

The trouble is, some of your neighbors don't respect your opinion, and they're working hard to make their preferences into law.

The "Historic Preservation Guidelines" committee has drawn up a 24-page document listing restrictions on what you can do with your private property. Copies are available at Copies ETC., on Euclid Ave., just east of Moreland Ave.

The document stresses "conformity" as a goal, and targets people who want to make eccentric, innovative, modern, or non-conformist changes to their home and property.

The City of Atlanta already has extensive laws preventing you from doing work on your home that impinges on your neighbors' rights.

The proposed "guidelines" would add another layer of rules to the existing restrictions. Under the extra rules, if your home is more than 50 years old, and you want to make a renovation or change that can be seen from the street, you have to win a "Certificate of Appropriateness" from the Atlanta Urban Design Commission. If committee members don't like your idea, they can stop you, and force you to change your plans.

The goal is to enforce conformity on the streets of Candler Park. The restrictions forbid an array of changes, from enclosed porches, to skylights, to bay windows, to roof-top solar panels.

Committee members call these "guidelines" -- but if they are voted in, they will have the force of law.

As one of the group said, "People need help with their taste."

If you don't need help with your taste, and you value individual freedom over committee rule, and you cherish the diversity, eccentricity, and non-conformist nature of Candler Park, you will have a chance to vote down the restrictions.

The vote will be held during a future meeting of the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, date to be announced in a future version of this newsletter.

Please show up and vote. The soul of Candler Park is at stake.

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