

The CANDLER PARK MESSENGER

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Monthly Report of the Candler Park Neighborhood Association

From the President

The Historic Guidelines Committee has asked that a vote on the Historic Guidelines be scheduled for the November 10th Meeting. To facilitate this process, Pratt Cassidy, a Preservation Services Coordinator, will give a presentation at the October meeting. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Draft copies of the guidelines are available at Etcetera in Little Five Points. Copies of the final document will be available by October 15th. If you would like a copy but cannot visit Etcetera during their business hours, please call me at 522-7130.

Following the Historic Guideline presentation, we will hear a request for a variance at 1651 McLendon Avenue. If approved, the request will allow the Flying Biscuit Restaurant to have sit down seating in their expanded restaurant.

The agenda also includes a presentation of officer candidates. Please call me if you are interested in becoming an officer or would like to nominate someone else. CPNO elections will be held at the November meeting. We will also hear a request for funding the Sevananda Mural.

Finally I would like to encourage everyone to participate in this years SPOOKY Tour of Homes. The tour is a great fundraiser and a chance to show off our neighborhood. We are coordinating the tour with the Clifton at McLendon Business District. This will allow people purchasing a ticket for the tour to receive 2 for 1 entry to the Haunted House. The Little Five Points Festival will also be held the same weekend. I urge everyone to get into the spirit by volunteering to help out with the tour and by decorating your yard in the Halloween theme!

-Eric Dusenbury

CALENDAR

Tuesday -10/11, 7:30 p.m. CPNO Meeting
Tuesday -10/18, 7:30 p.m. CPNO Executive
Committee Meeting
Tuesday - 10/18 Messenger
Deadline
Thursday -10/27, 7:30 p.m. NPU-N Meeting

CPNO Meeting October 11

The Candler Park Neighborhood Organization 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
Presentation of Officers
Money for Sevananda Mural
Historic Guidelines
Variance at 1651 McLendon

Volunteers Needed for the SPOOKY Tour of Homes!

At least 20 volunteers are needed for the Candler Park SPOOKY Tour of Homes on October 30th. Volunteers will work as housesitters in primarily 2 hour shifts taking tickets and keeping an eye on the house. Each volunteer receives one free ticket for the tour. So round up all your friends for a fun afternoon. For more information, please call James Culton at 659-5021.

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Candler Park SPOOKY Tour of Homes

The Tour is almost upon us! This year's tour will be on Sunday, October 30th from noon to 6:00 p.m. and should prove to be an exciting afternoon. Over nine homes will be on this year's tour including one which predates 1900 and is one of the oldest two-story homes on McLendon Avenue. Although the homes will not be haunted houses, the neighbors will be decorating their houses. The business district at Clifton and McLendon will be hosting their annual Halloween Party with T-shirts, give away's, and their own Haunted House for which any Tour ticket holder will receive 2 for 1 tickets.

The Tour tickets will be sold at the Little Five Points Pharmacy, Intown Hardware on North Highland, and the Horizon's Deli on McLendon Avenue. Tickets will be available at next month's CPNO meeting too! Tickets are \$7 if bought before October 30th and \$9 the day of the tour. All tickets are tax deductible and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Council of Intown Neighborhood Schools (CINS) which includes Mary Lin, Inman and Grady. For more information, please call James Culton at 659-5021.



Neighborhood Security Patrols

Crime prevention has been one of the primary topics discussed by members of the Neighborhood Business Alliance (NBA). The NBA is a steering committee consisting of representatives from the Lake Claire and Candler Park Neighborhood Organizations as well as owners and businesses in the Clifton at McLendon area. The NBA is considering a proposal to establish paid security patrols in Candler Park and in the business area.

These patrols would be coordinated with the existing security patrols managed by the Lake Claire neighborhood. Further, the proposal would recommend the Lake Claire, Candler Park, and the Clifton at McLendon businesses co-manage the patrol project in an effort to reduce overall costs and to maximize resources.

Residents of Lake Claire voluntarily pay \$25.00 a quarter (four months) for two off-duty Atlanta police officers who spend 8 hours each week patrolling the neighborhood. Several suggestions have been made regarding ways in which the costs and services could be equitably distributed to residents and businesses. A brief presentation of this project will be presented at the next Candler Park Neighborhood Organization Meeting. Those wishing to contribute ideas or time to plan this project should call Robert Reed at 371-8487.

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Why We Should VOTE YES for Historic District Guidelines

- To preserve the quality and architectural integrity of our historic neighborhood
- To retain and enhance property values
- To ensure that desirable affordable housing is of quality design
- To conserve the aesthetic values of the architecture which attracted many of us to Candler Park in the first place
- To provide design guidance for home improvement

Historic Guidelines do NOT impose one individual's, or a committee's, or even the 'majority's' taste on an individual homeowner; rather, the Historic Guidelines are based on national, tested, and widely accepted standards for rehabilitation intended to maintain the integrity of our individual residences and street scenes.

Candler Park is and will remain a highly pluralistic and multi-faceted historic neighborhood; the Historic Guidelines will serve us, not restrict us. Many of us were attracted to this neighborhood by the very character which the Historic Guidelines are intended to conserve.

The Candler Park Historic District application and the preparation of Historic Guidelines have been underway for years. Please do not lose the vote by not being at the November meeting to vote.

And vote YES.

- Robert Craig

Reasons to VOTE NO for the Historic Guidelines

● They're not 'guidelines', they're enforceable LAWS. Why not have true guidelines - - suggestions to help people who choose to maintain historical designs and materials? Because this is about imposing a single aesthetic on everyone -- forcing conformity on a non-conformist neighborhood.

● Candler Park is a living, breathing, dynamic neighborhood -- not a calcified fossil. History is alive, and each one of us has something to throw into the mix. So will our children in their own ways.

● We are Americans, guaranteed the right of free expression. Right now, this includes how we shape our own homes --as long as our plans don't harm our neighbors. Why would we throw that freedom away? So all our homes can look the same from the street?? Yikes.

● The committee takes the attitude that it knows better than you when it comes to that little bungalow you're breaking your back to buy. This type of thinking must, on principle, be discouraged in the strongest terms.

● Candler Park is one of the only neighborhoods in Atlanta that has any architectural diversity AT ALL. This visual diversity affirms our embrace of neighbors who have wildly different dreams, gardens, life goals, and plans for the perfect porch. This is a beautiful thing!

If you agree, please vote NO, and encourage your neighbors to join you.

- Carol Cassidy

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