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President's Message

Inman Park Cool Cat

BY DENNIS MOBLEY • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG



I have previously, scientifically, estimated the population of Inman Park at around five thousand (5,000) humans. I would venture a guess that we have thousands of dogs and cats and in the case of our VP of Communications chickens.

So many of you can relate to the sadness Faye and I feel at the loss of our beloved cat Weslee, whose photo (from better days) our Advocator editor agreed to run last month in place of my usual mug shot. Weslee lived to be almost eighteen (18) years which is a long time in cat terms. Nonetheless, having to say goodbye at Inman Animal Hospital was a sad affair, as old age had very much overtaken her.

I promise I will not devote the entirety of this month's message to a eulogy of my cat, however cathartic that would be. On the other hand, as I reflect on our time together, she had been with us almost as long as we've lived in Inman Park, and so her life was shaped by the uniqueness of our neighborhood.

Our son Rusty brought her down to our DeGress Avenue house, unannounced, in early 1998 from Dalton GA where he used to work. She and her brother Tigger had been abandoned, and he decided to keep Tigger and bring us the sister.

At the time we were the quintessential DeGress Avenue household: our roof was torn off, the back half of the house was cordoned off as the "Job Site", and we lived huddled in the two rooms in the front under a huge tarpaulin, as the contractor set about building a master suite upstairs. The lead

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Butterfly Ball – Bogey and the Viceroy are back!!

BY COOPER PIERCE • BUTTERFLY BALL CHAIR 2016 • C3PIERCE@YAHOO.COM

2016 Festival planning is underway, and so is the planning for our yearly kick off extravaganza, Butterfly Ball.

This year get ready to eat, drink and dance to the tunes of BOGEY AND THE VICEROY. Yes, they are back to get us started with a night full of fun and dancing.

Butterfly Ball will be Friday night, April 29th from 8 p.m. to Midnight in the big tent on Euclid Avenue. The tent is located on the Euclid overlooking Springvale Park between Elizabeth and Waverly. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Bold American Catering will once again be providing us with epicurean delights, and yes, more desserts this year. Yes, we will have vegan and gluten-free choices. Cash bars will be available and non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary.

Now, what to wear? Well, it's a ball.

It doesn't matter—short or tall,

Put on your ritzy dancing gear.

This is your chance, so have no fear.

Get all dressed up and sip a beer

The 45th B-Ball is near!

As you know, this event has sold out every year for the last five years. Since we sell tickets only to Inman Park Neighborhood Association members, I encourage each and every household to sign up for free membership at www.inmanpark.org.

Remember how I started this by saying "planning is underway", well that includes how the tickets will be sold and when. Look for an article next month for updates. When we get closer, I will utilize the new website to email those who signed up. **M**

Polar Plunge 2016 photos

See some familiar faces in the photos!

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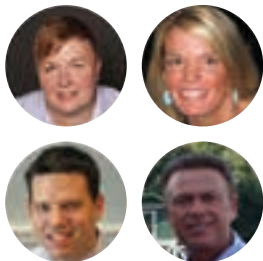
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IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2015

BY BEVERLY MILLER • IPNA SECRETARY • SECRETARY@INMANPARK.ORG

President Dennis Mobley called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and carried to add to the agenda the formation of a nominating committee for upcoming IPNA officer vacancies.

Newcomers: **Sara Maffey Duncan**, resident on Edgewood for a year and a half; **Anne Owens**, Director, Grand Champion BBQ in Krog Street Market; **Scott Frishman** and **Michael Kirk** from Nature's Garden, opening soon in Krog St. Market; **Keith Taylor**, resident on Alta for one year; **Collins Goss**, Horizon Theater Co; **Joe McFadden**, Director of Operations, Pure Taqueria.

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the December Minutes.

Announcements: **Oreon Mann** announced that IP Book Club meets next Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Melanie Guthrie, 522 Morgan Street, to discuss *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share and a beverage.

Police officers' reports: **Investigator Watkins** reported a recent carjacking; the investigation is still open. He advised residents to be alert and if something seems suspicious to call 911. With every incident people usually say they saw something but didn't want to call 911 because it didn't seem like an emergency. There has been no upswing in car break-ins or burglaries.

Elected Officials' Reports: Sr. Assistant DA Keith Lamar handled two area break-in cases recently. The case of Anthony Davis may go to Court Watch due to a break-in at Home Grown. Another case resulted in incarceration without bond for a person who has broken into many homes in the area.

IPNA officers' reports: **Dennis Mobley, President**, motioned to form a nominating committee to provide a slate of officers for president, VP of Planning, Treasurer, and VP of Zoning. Meghan Holder, Neel Gupta and Andy Coffman will serve on the committee. The motion was seconded and passed. Dennis also announced that this is the month to renew residential parking permits.

Brian Roof, V.P. Historic Preservation: Dennis reported for Brian, announcing three certificates of appropriateness: 1) Adam Stillman presented an addition at 223 Degress requiring no variances. The addition is not visible from the street and was approved unanimously by six immediate neighbors. A motion was made, seconded and carried to support the immediate neighbors. 2) Adam Stillman presented an addition at 409 Sinclair with no changes visible from the street and approved unanimously by six immediate neighbors. A motion was made, seconded and carried to support the immediate neighbors. 3) Dan Hanlon presented plans for 193 Battery Place, requesting variances for a 7-foot setback and lot coverage increase from 51.1% to 51.8%. This revised plan replaces a plan previously not approved by immediate neighbors. Three immediate neighbors voted, all in favor. A motion was made, seconded and carried to support the immediate neighbors.

Barbara Leach, Treasurer, reported receipt of a \$20,000 donation split between IPSP and Beautification and also a monthly net income of \$2,229.

Michaela Kendall, V.P. Planning, nothing to report

Rick Bizot, V.P. Zoning, announced a request for renewal of the liquor license for Pure Taqueria due to change of ownership. **Joe McFadden** announced that his company, Pure III, LLC, has been involved since the restaurant opened in 2009 and is the designated franchisee for future stores. A resident asked that they pick up trash on Highland Ave; he responded that they will and to notify manager Evan Forster and call Joe if nothing is resolved. Another resident asked about safety of the valets due to poor parking lot lighting. Joe said they will address lighting and they have added additional cameras and are improving security. Their immediate neighbors' meeting resulted in a vote of two in favor of the license renewal and none opposed. A motion was made, seconded and carried to support the immediate neighbors.

Chris Coffee, V.P. Public Safety, reported he met with John Wolfinger from Virginia Highlands, which has 120 street captains.

James McManus, V.P. Communications, reported IPNA is accepting online payments for IPSP. Residents will receive email requests to update their accounts. Much of the information in the old database is incomplete and outdated. Soon enrollment will open to new members.

Danny Feig-Sandoval, Transportation Committee Chair, reported: 1) renewatlantabond.com features the plans for projects funded by the recent referendum; there is also a new director for the bond money, an encouraging sign; 2) Danny met with the commissioner of public works to try to get IP projects addressed. 3) Next Tuesday night at the Wrecking Bar, PEDS will hold its 20th anniversary party. Dennis added that **Tim Keane**, Commissioner of Planning and Development, plans to be at the February IPNA meeting.

Cathie Berger, chair of Lifelong IP, reported on an excellent educational session on end-of-life decisions. The *Advocator* contains the committee's schedule. Their focus is now expanding to include walkability; more people are needed to join in this new effort.

Dennis reported on a recent meeting concerning modernizing the Atlanta zoning code, which dates to 1980. A consultant is advising on changing zoning from use-based to form-based, which attempts to limit the height and size of buildings to encourage mixed-use development. Some cities are using a hybrid system with bits of both elements. Tim Keane and others assured Dennis that IP zoning will remain in keeping with historic preservation. **Jonathan Miller** added that the Atlanta City Council is on board with making changes in the current zoning.

Beverly Miller, Secretary, nothing to report

Old Business: none

New Business: none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. 

Other Happenings to Note

Georgia Aquarium Winter Fest – Live Music Thursdays

Feb. 18 & 25 • 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • Georgia Aquarium • georgiaaquarium.org

Live Music Nights are for the whole family, but you can add a little more spice to your visit! Cash bars featuring local winter craft brews will be placed throughout the Atrium and small plates will be available for purchase in Café Aquaria.

StoryCorps Atlanta - WABE

Tuesdays and Saturdays • Atlanta History Center • storycorps.org/atlanta

StoryCorps is partnering with the Atlanta History Center and Public Broadcasting Atlanta to record, preserve, and share the stories of communities in Atlanta. Our mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share, and preserve the stories of our lives.

A Capella Books presents a Joel Grey Book Signing – Master of Ceremonies

February 18 • 7:30 p.m. • Marcus Jewish Community Center

www.acapellabooks.com/event/joel-grey-book-signing

In the memoir *Master of Ceremonies*, actor Joel Grey, best known as the Tony and Academy Award-winning “Master of Ceremonies” in the musical *Cabaret*, finally uncovers the man behind the stage make-up and tells his remarkable life story both in and out of the limelight.

Fiddler’s Green Coffeehouse

February 20 • 8:00 p.m. • Epworth UMC at Candler Park • www.aaffm.org

The musicians of Balalaika Fantasie perform on authentic Russian folk instruments. The group’s repertoire includes Russian, Ukrainian, Gypsy and Jewish folk music. Just Be’Cause consists of Jerry Brunner, Cyndi Craven, and Bruce Gilbert, all veterans of the Atlanta contemporary folk music scene. Presented by Atlanta Area Friends of Folk Music (Aaffm). Admission is \$10 for general admission. Check or credit card at door.


Atlanta St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Saturday, March 12 from noon to 1:30 p.m. • Midtown • atlantastpats.com

The Atlanta St. Patrick’s Parade honors the history and traditions of the Irish people. This year marks the 100th anniversary of Ireland’s 1916 Easter Uprising, a critical moment on the path to Irish independence. The parade’s emphasis is on children and families in celebration of all of Atlanta’s diverse backgrounds on a day when everybody is Irish.

The Power of Information

March 15 • 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. • The Carter Center • cartercenter.org

Part of the “Conversations at the Carter Center” series, this talk reminds us that “without information, it is almost impossible to ensure your rights are protected, improve your economic situation, or make your voice heard,” especially for women in Liberia, Guatemala, and Bangladesh. Check the website for more information. 

Get Well Soon

Well wishes to Windell Keith, Edgewood, who is recovering from surgery.

IPNA Calendar

Feb 17 **IPNA Meeting**
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Feb 18 **Festival Committee Meeting**
860 Euclid Avenue
7:30 p.m.

Feb 23 **Book Club**
7:00 p.m.

Feb 25 **NPU-N Meeting**
L5P Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Feb 26 **Porch Party**
7:30 p.m.
See page 13 for details.

Mar 16 **IPNA Meeting**
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Mar 17 **Festival Committee Meeting**
860 Euclid Avenue
7:30 p.m.

Mar 24 **NPU-N Meeting**
L5P Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Mar 29 **Book Club**
7:00 p.m.

Volunteer Profile – Security Patrol



Name: **Bradley Smith**
Street: **Sinclair Avenue**
Job: **Real estate appraiser and part-time musician**
Favorite Sports Team: **1970's Pittsburgh Steelers.**
Volunteer Position: **Sinclair Avenue Street Captain.**
How long have you lived in Inman Park? **Since 2009.**
What is your favorite thing about living in Inman Park?
The sense of community and small town feel.
What made you volunteer to be on the Public Safety Committee? **Our car was stolen out of our driveway.**
What does the safety of Inman Park mean to you? **Our children's ability to enjoy a safe childhood.** **M**

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity – January 2016

Directed Patrols.....	717
Drop Ins	46
Susp. Person.....	9
Parking Complaints.....	5
Alarm	4
Vehicle Impounds.....	2
Info. for Officer	2
Demented Person	2
Person Injured	1
Gun Shots.....	1
Theft from Auto	1

Interview with Deputy Chief Spillane

BY CHRIS COFFEE • VP, PUBLIC SAFETY • PUBLICSAFETY@INMANPARK.ORG

Hello Neighbors! With the shooting incidents recently in the news, I was curious what the Atlanta Police Department (APD) was doing to train for such an event. To find out, my VaHi counterpart reached out to a contacts in the APD. Deputy Chief Joseph P. Spillane responded with great detail.

- ALL Police Officers are trained to react to situations with individuals who may be armed. APD deals with armed individuals on a daily basis. APD has seized over 1500 firearms this year from encounters on the streets of Atlanta.
- We have Active Shooter for the entire department scheduled in our 2016 In-Service Training.
- We have several units in APD that train on Active Shooter more frequently than regular beat officers. APEX, SWAT, CERT and other specialized teams train more frequently on Active Shooter than line officers.
- We have a Patrol Rifle Program; these Units in the field are trained and equipped in our Patrol Rifle Program and are qualified to carry an AR-15 based platform weapon daily. There are over 110 regular patrol officers with this qualification trained on Active Shooter.
- We have an additional 60 patrol rifles on order to train additional personnel for the Patrol Rifle Program.
- We have several active shooter drills throughout the year. These include actual drills at locations. The next drill involves the Atlanta Streetcar this month.

APD feels we are prepared to respond to any incident that occurs in the City of Atlanta and continues to train our personnel to be equipped and effectively trained in any situation. APD's Homeland Security Unit provides intelligence and threat assessments to APD. We also rely heavily on our Federal and State partners to provide us intelligence on any potential target. **M**

Join the Inman Park Security Patrol

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Polar Plunge Photos - January 1, 2016 - Inman Park Pool

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Delia Schroeder of Degress and Jo Anderson of Alta



Christel Sundin and Rob Craig of Euclid



Grace Dwyer



Lots of polar bears ready to jump



Polar Plunge Zephy Schroeder, Jo Anderson and Delia Schroeder



The Schroeder Family (John, Delia and Zephy of Degress, and John's brother Brian)



The jumping Schroeder Family (John, Delia and Zephy of Degress, and John's brother Brian)



Festival Design Announcement

BY JEN MARIE • JENANDBACON@GMAIL.COM

The Inman Park Festival Committee is proud to present the 45th Annual Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes design!

This year's winner of the Inman Park Festival Design Contest is Cooper Pierce, a local architect, who has been an Inman Park resident for 24 years. This marks the second time Cooper has won this Design Contest. Get to know him through our personal interview with Cooper below!

Cooper, where are you from, originally?

Jacksonville, FL

Where do you currently live, and how long have you been in the atlanta area?

Inman Park, I've been a resident here since September 1992.

What motivated you to enter the 45th Annual Inman Park Design Contest?

I'm always sketching ideas, and this is just a fun outlet to develop a design. After producing a winning design a couple of years ago, I've had some encouragement to keep at it.

How did you acquire your design talents?

The good Lord blessed me with the ability and love to draw, along with a few creative family genes. You really don't get good at anything unless you practice it; I've been practicing at it for about 50 years.

What was your creative inspiration for this design?

It's all about the butterfly. The symbol for the neighborhood is also a universal symbol of rebirth. On the 45th anniversary of the first home tour and festival put together by those initial pioneers who shared a vision to bring this neighborhood back, look at it now! It's time to celebrate and what better way to commemorate that effort and this neighborhood than to promote the butterfly? I took the Inman Park symbol and envisioned it being made out of stained glass and then developed the design from there.

What is your favorite thing about the Inman Park Festival and Tour Of Homes?

The community and camaraderie of the volunteers that put this festival on every year is my favorite thing. Many people talk about this being their favorite festival for many reasons, but being a part of it is even better than just being a bystander. You get out of life what you put into it. Volunteering and being involved in this event is tremendous! This community effort is what made this place what it is – cool! The only way to be cool is to participate and get involved. That's how you keep it going.

How do you enjoy spending your free time?

Porch sitting when the weather allows. I might have my sketchbook and a refreshment to pass the time and people watch. Who knows, I might see neighbors and before you know it, we have a porch party.

Tell us at least one fun fact about you.

I'm married to the Mad Hatter AKA the Hat Lady. Don't believe me, ask her. 





Saturday, April 30, 2016

under the Festival Tent on Elizabeth Street

7:30 p.m.

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BY ADVOCATOR STAFF • ADVOCATOR@INMANPARK.ORG

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Pool Manager at Inman Park Pool

April 1 start date with 10 hours per week until May. Hours increase to 20 hours/week through October. Responsibilities include hiring and managing lifeguard personnel, overseeing clean-up of the facilities and maintenance of safety equipment, conducting safety checks and ordering supplies. Salary range is \$20-\$24/hour. Interested applicants can send their resume and a cover letter to inmanpool@gmail.com.

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The Trolley Barn Update

BY STEVE HAYS • PRESIDENT, ATLANTA AND EDGEWOOD STREET RAILWAY COMPANY • ATLBARN@BELLSOUTH.NET

The Atlanta & Edgewood Street Railway Company continues to communicate with Invest Atlanta as we work towards the sale of The Trolley Barn to AESRC. The various steps involved with this endeavor are progressing and we look forward to closing on the transaction in the very near future.

Again, thanks to all who have supported AESRC in this endeavor. **M**

Book Club Calendar

The Inman Park Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. to discuss the featured selection. Please bring a covered dish to share, and contact Jan Keith (404-688-7330) with any questions.

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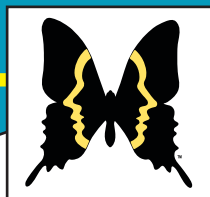
Everything I Never Told You
by Celeste Ng
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Inman Park Sidewalks - Attend the neighborhood meeting to find out the Rest of the Story



the next

Porch Party

February 26 • 7:30 p.m.

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211 Hurt Street

Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage to enjoy.



Your porch wants to host a party!
Call Pat or Richard Westrick to get on the schedule.
404.523.4801

Our Sympathy & Condolences

Barry Smith of Hurt Street passed away
on January 31, 2016.

Wesley Wright of Waverly Way passed
away on January 16, 2016.

New Development at 725 Ponce

BY JESS HUNT • PONCEY HIGHLANDS NEIGHBOR • JESS@JESSHUNT.COM

On January 20, 2016, Jim Irwin, the developer behind the new Kroger and office building development, presented at the Poncey Highland Neighborhood Association meeting. He expressed interest in getting feedback from the community and creating a monthly newsletter to update everyone of progress. In the interim, here's an overview of what was discussed:

Logistics

Kroger at 725 Ponce is planned to close mid-May 2016 and demolition is planned to start by June 2016. The construction will follow roughly same daily schedule that PCM did: No construction earlier than 7 a.m. with workers finishing up in the late afternoon most days. For noisy construction around Ford Loft, no earlier than 8 a.m. start.

This development has multiple phases and owners. Kroger/725 Ponce will build first followed by the Ford Lofts BeltLine-level retail development. After that, townhome development at Somerset/North (medium density residential transitioning to lower density on single-family Somerset), and another unidentified building behind Green's (16-story condo or hotel tower is also planned for 2017 atop Ponce City Market's new parking deck). Kroger/Ford/Green's/PCM have been zoned for 185' (16 to 17 stories) commercial development since 2014.

New Kroger

The new Kroger will be 10' above its current elevation to accommodate customer parking underneath the new building. It will have a green roof and is aiming for LEED Silver certification.


The Kroger building will extend to the BeltLine and will have a 55' grand entry with bike valet and tables for dining. The revamped store will offer restaurant-style meal bars/stations.

Before releasing these plans to the public, Kroger confirmed that all current Kroger employees would be set up with alternative employment until the store's reopening. This may help explain part of why details about this project have been under wraps. From what I gathered, Kroger has also never developed a store quite like this, so the project has had a lot of moving pieces as they begin to explore mixed-use solutions.

Ford Lofts

Ford sold part of its parking lot to Kroger for the 725 expansion, and their management is reinvesting the money from this sale to build retail level with the BeltLine along the back side of their building. This project will also be managed by Jim Irwin.

Traffic and Access

Somerset Terrace vehicular access to Kroger will be eliminated. Delivery/trash will be rerouted to a curb cut on North Ave that goes underneath building and out through Ponce-side parking lot. Scissor sidewalks on North will take pedestrians up to a Beltline Bridge or down to PCM. A second bridge will be completed over North: one for streetcar and one for pedestrians/cyclists. Jim expressed interest in expanding PCM's current shuttle system to encourage tenants, residents, shoppers to catch a ride to or from the North Avenue Marta station. Jim mentioned that he knew that Somerset residents have been trying to get City of Atlanta to increase safety at North/Somerset for pedestrians for a while, and that he would like to help push this along. 

CHaRM Recycling Facility Accepts Hard to Recycle Material


BY YVONNE MERKEL • ADVOCATOR STAFF

CHaRM, or the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials, is a permanent drop-off facility from Live Thrive Atlanta that accepts a wider range of items than typical curbside recycling and, in doing so, keeps hazardous materials out of our air, water and soil.

CHaRM is located at 1110 Hill Street in Atlanta, about 1.5 miles from Zoo Atlanta. The facility accepts the following hard-to-recycle materials, among others: batteries • carpet • chemicals/pesticides • electronics • expired medications • fats/oil/grease • film packaging • paint (latex/oil) • light bulbs • mattresses • plastic bags/wrap • tires • Styrofoam. CHaRM is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Additionally, CHaRM accepts items such as: shoes, books, musical instruments, sports equipment, bikes, textiles and building materials that can be reused and distributed to local nonprofits that work with children or other groups in need.

The CHaRM facility complements the two recycling events in Buckhead and Old Fourth Ward each month by Keep Atlanta Beautiful, which also accepts many hard-to-recycle items. For more information on each program, visit livethrive.org and keepatlantabeautiful.org. 

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President's Message

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carpenter, a middle-aged fellow named John R. Smith (may HE rest in peace as well) would from time to time call out to someone named Wesley. "He did it again, Wesley. That board over there is crooked and needs to come out." After about a dozen calls out to Wesley over a period of weeks, we had to ask him, "John, who the hell is Wesley?" "Oh, he's a foreman I used to work for. He was a stickler for perfection, and every time I see a mistake I call it out to him."

So we named our new cat Wesley and took him (our ex-daughter-in-law proclaimed him male) to Doc Fowler at Inman Animal Hospital. After the requisite shots and neutering, Doc Fowler said, "Oh, by the way, he's a she. Do you want to change its name?"

I still wanted to honor the old foreman, so I decided on the spot to change her spelling to Weslee, the only thing I could think of.

Weslee enjoyed spending time with the workers and also loved roaming our backyard. Then she began sneaking under the gate and venturing towards the street. Susan Crawley lived next door at the time and worked out of the den overlooking the driveway between us. Weslee would sneak on her belly, Susan would tap on the window, and Weslee would retreat. Eventually the two of them worked out a deal where Weslee would stay in her front yard or on her front porch, promising not to play in the traffic.

So Weslee was a huge part of our lives on DeGress, where people really do look out for each other, including furry family members. The day a bunch of DeGressians had a drug dealer arrested across the street, Weslee watched approvingly as at least a dozen police cars and at least a hundred neighbors, assembled on the spot.

When we plotted our move to Grinnell, we initially selected a top-floor corner unit overlooking the BeltLine. But one day in late 2007, we wandered into Unit 208 while killing time during an Open House on DeGress. We knew the long balcony overlooking North Highland would give Weslee enough room to roam and to meet and mingle with her new neighbors here in what we now call the "village district" of Inman Park.

Next time you or your carpenter mess something up, call it out to Weslee. She's probably having a ball being invisible behind our building on the BeltLine, hiding in all those tall wildflowers.

Life after Weslee goes on. Happy New Year, Inman Park! 

Welcome New Neighbors

Arman and Stephanie Tolentino
Dekalb Avenue

NPU-N Update

BY RICK BIZOT • NPU-N REPRESENTATIVE FOR IPNA
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Notes from the January 28, 2016 meeting:

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Department: Major Peek reported that they are in an aggressive hiring campaign; they hope to add 300 new officers in the near future.

MARTA Police: Sgt. Fuentes reported that they will be opening the South Lot of the Inman Park/Reynoldstown station during weekdays.

Parks Department: Tom Cullen reported that they are investigating a potential signage encroachment issue on park land between Seminole and Highland.

Mayor's Office of Special Events: NPU-N Chair Chris Jenko reported that Outdoor Festival application reviews will be moving from MOSE to the Parks Department. There will be a presentation regarding this change at the February NPU-N meeting.

Atlanta Citizen Review Board: Gerald Souder reported that the ongoing activities of the Board can be found at www.acrbgov.org

SPECIAL EVENTS / OUTDOOR FESTIVALS:

Atlanta Taco Festival (May 1, 2016; Candler Park). Applicant not present; deferred at the start of the meeting.

LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

Joseph McFadden (Pure Inman Park, 300 N. Highland Ave, Inman Park); Change of Ownership request for liquor license (existing location). Applicant received support from IPNA. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT:

479 Candler St (V-15-340, Candler Park); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required front yard setback from 35 feet to 18.5 feet. CPNO supported the application; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

512 Sterling St NE (V-15-357, Candler Park); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required front yard setback from 35 feet to 30 feet, to reduce the half-depth front yard from 17.5 feet to 5 feet, and to reduce the required south side yard setback from 7 feet to 1 foot 6 inches to construct a 2nd story addition to an existing single family residence. CPNO supported the application; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

1099 North Ave NE & 579 North Highland Ave NE (rear) (V-15-358, Poncey Highland); seeking a variance from zoning regulations to (1) reduce the west transitional yard setback

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from 20 feet to 7 feet, (2) increase the height of the primary structure from 35 feet to 43 feet within the transitional height plane and (3) increase the paving in the east transitional yard setback from 10 feet to 20 feet for **1099 North Ave** to allow for a multi-family development. Applicant also seeks a variance to (4) reduce the east transitional yard setback from 20 feet to 5 feet, (5) increase the paving in the east transitional yard setback from 10 feet to 20 feet, (6) increase the height of the primary structure from 35 feet to 45 feet within the east transitional height plan and (7) to increase the paving in the north transitional yard setback from 10 feet to 20 feet (adjacent to 1095 North Ave zoned R-LC) for **579 North Highland Ave (rear)**. PHNA voted to support the application with the conditions that (1) no height variance shall be granted for 1099 North Ave and (2) no reduction in the east transitional yard nor height variance shall be granted to 579 North Highland (rear); NPU-N voted 5-0 (with 3 abstaining) to support with like conditions.

828 Fulton Terrace SE (V-15-369, Reynoldstown); seeking a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the required front yard setback from 30 feet to 11.6 feet and reduce the required West side yard setback from 7 feet to 6 feet to construct a new two-story single family residence. Applicant not present; deferred at the start of the meeting per applicant request.

1137 Ponce de Leon Ave NE (V-15-394, Poncey-Highland); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to 1) reduce the required west side transitional yard from 20 feet to 5 feet and 2) reduce the rear transitional yard from 20 feet to 2 feet to allow for the construction of a multi-family dwelling. Applicant did not appear; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to defer to next month.

1983 Tuxedo Ave NE (V-15-398, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required west side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet for an addition to the second story of an existing single-family dwelling. Applicant not present; deferred at the start of the meeting per applicant request.

1121 Boulevard Dr SE (V-15-399, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required west side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet for the construction of a duplex. Applicant not present; deferred at the start of the meeting per applicant request.

1719 McLendon Ave NE (V-15-403, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required west side yard setback from 7 feet to 4 feet for the construction of a second story addition on an existing single family dwelling. LCN supported, conditioned on the 12/22/15 site plan; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support with like condition.

2025 Tuxedo Ave NE (V-15-404, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required west side yard setback from 7 feet to 5 feet for the construction of a second story addition on an existing single family dwelling. LCN supported, conditioned on the 12/22/15 site plan; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support with like condition.

ZONING REVIEW BOARD (ZRB):

151 Flat Shoals Ave SE (Z-15-068, Reynoldstown); seeking rezoning from R-5 to MR-3 for construction of a single-

NPU-N Members

The citizenry advisory council of this neighborhood planning unit includes representation from the following areas:

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cabbagetown.com

Candler Park
candlerpark.org

Druid Hills
druidhills.org

Inman Park
inmanpark.org

Lake Claire
lakeclaire.org

Poncey-Highland
ponceyhighland.com

Reynoldstown
reynoldstown.net

L5P Community Center
l5pccc.org

L5P Business Assn
little5points.com

family home. RCIL supported the application, conditioned on the 12/22/15 site plan and renderings; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support with like conditions (substantial conformance with 12/22/15 site plan and renderings).

LEGISLATION FOR INFORMATION, REVIEW AND COMMENTS (NO VOTE)

Water Meter Fee Amendment (15-O-1528); An Ordinance to amend Chapter 154, Article III, Division I, section 154-68, and appendix B, of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances to amend water connection fees based on the costs of installation and connection to the water system; and for other purposes. Per City notice: "This measure will ensure the City charges the appropriate fees to cover installation costs so that residential customers are not subsidizing commercial developments and to provide the services required to install water meters. As a result, most residential meters installed directly in front of the home will actually see a reduction in installation fee... A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 9, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. during the City Utilities Committee meeting." For more information, contact Katherine Dingle at 404-330-6091 or kdingle@atlantaga.gov.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 NPU Grants have been awarded to NPU-N for neighborhood maps and easels, as well as new bike racks in the NPU-N communities. Suggestions for bike rack locations for community benefit are welcome.

NEW BUSINESS

Jonathan Miller was unanimously approved to continue as the NPU-N delegate to the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance (OLPA).

NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, January through October. The November and December 2016 meeting dates will be: Tues., Nov. 22 and Thurs., Dec. 29, 2016. The meetings begin at 7:00 pm in the Little Five Points Center for Arts & Community, 1083 Austin Ave NE. All are welcome to attend. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 25, 2016. M

Agenda

February 17, 2016

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available
The Trolley Barn • 963 Edgewood Ave. NE

- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Police Officers' Reports
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Historic Preservation
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Planning
 1. NPU-N Report
 - E. Zoning
 - F. Public Safety
 - G. Communications
 - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn



Good to Know

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership:

Available to those who live within, own property within or operate a business within the boundaries of Inman Park. Membership is free with online registration at inmanpark.org. Membership allows you to vote (see bylaws online for details), gives you access to the directory and makes you eligible for special neighborhood events. In addition to being a member of IPNA, you may register for the Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP) which staffs off-duty Atlanta Police officers to patrol our neighborhood. There are four levels of commitment starting at \$50 per year.

IPNA meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Trolley Barn.

IPSP membership is based upon a rolling annual membership term. Your renewal date is one year from your membership date and again every year after that.

Websites

InmanPark.org
InmanParkFestival.org
Facebook.com/InmanPark

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L5P Mini-Precinct: 404-658-6782

L5P Business Association

www.little5points.com

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