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President's Message

Olympic Endurance

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I want to return to the topic of my last column: we should use our budget surplus to finance a bid to host the next Olympic Games. If we are serious about realizing this dream, we must consider our branding—specifically our logo and mascot. Of course, you remember the 1996 mascot, Whatizit. I'm sure you, like me, have tried to forget it, but that darn blue blob is burned into my retina forever.

I suggest a more domesticated mascot. I have always thought of Inman Park as a dog kind of neighborhood. I'm sure many of you (Randy Bailey) think that under the present administration, the neighborhood has gone to the dogs. Thus, I propose that we adapt the classic image of dogs playing poker. In fact, our Inman Park dogs play better poker than certain Grolsch-swilling neighbors.

Watching the Rio Olympic Games, I was particularly impressed with the endurance events. The marathon is a great example. It has come to be dominated by Kenyans and former Kenyans who are born and raised and train at altitude. As a result they can run flat out for over two hours. I say it's high time that Inman Park introduced the world to our own endurance specialty: the marathon meeting. Let's face it, we live and train at "meeting attitude." If the world is impressed that a solitary individual can run hard for a little over two hours, imagine what they will think when they see our collective capacity to discuss and debate and deliberate for hours on end. Last month we went two and a half hours without breaking a sweat. (Actually, I think quite a few people did break a sweat due to the continuing air-conditioning issues at The Trolley Barn.)

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Two Views of the BeltLine: The Proposed Development at 670-690 DeKalb Avenue

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At present, Atlanta BeltLine Inc. (ABI) is considering two radically different alternatives for transit along the BeltLine. One alternative faithfully carries out the original vision of the BeltLine concept by keeping the proposed streetcar transit and the pedestrian path side-by-side. The other alternative would separate the streetcar line from the pedestrian path, sending the line as a streetcar heading west on Irwin Street and meandering through Old Fourth Ward (without a dedicated right of way) past the MLK Center MARTA stop down to Memorial Drive and eventually rejoining the BeltLine pedestrian path somewhere in Grant Park.

The proposed development at 670-690 DeKalb Avenue has the potential to seriously impact, or even to effectively determine, which alternative prevails. The 670-690 DeKalb parcel is the last remaining undeveloped parcel along the BeltLine in Inman Park. It straddles the path of the BeltLine between Edgewood and DeKalb. For that reason, it demands the attention not only of the neighborhood, but of everyone who cares about the future of the BeltLine. The major issue as it relates to the development is whether the site plan protects the viability of future installation of a rail line alongside the BeltLine pedestrian path.

Ryan Gravel, our Inman Park neighbor and the originator of the BeltLine, favors the development alternative that keeps the transit and trail together. He has raised questions about whether the site plan of the proposed development will render it prohibitively expensive to implement transit through the parcel. If so, then development of the site as proposed would effectively eliminate this alternative and ensure that ABI will opt for the alternative that separates the trail and streetcar transit. He has submitted a short piece, reproduced below, that sets out his concerns.

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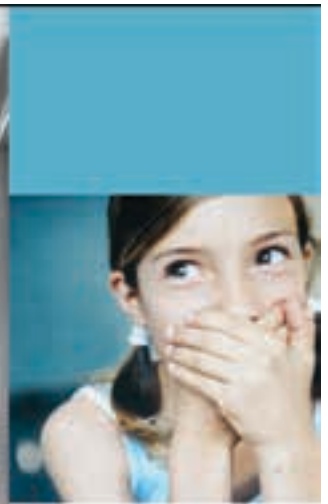
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IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - August 17, 2016

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

President Neil Kinkopf called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., thanking James for officiating at the previous two meetings. It was moved, seconded and approved to amend the agenda to include the following:

- 1) Thai-5, 1150 Euclid, Application to Sell Alcoholic Beverages, Change of Agent
- 2) Beetlecat, 280 Elizabeth, Application to Sell Alcoholic Beverages, Additional Facilities
- 3) Amara, 870 Inman Village, Application to Sell Alcoholic Beverages, New Applicant

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the July 2016 IPNA Minutes.

Announcements:

Pat Westrick announced the Porch Party on August 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Meredith and Tim Cope's, 197 Hale. Bring a dish to share and a beverage. **Kahle Davis**, President, L5P Association, announced the Halloween parade on October 15. **Nancy Morrison**, Lifelong Inman Park, reported 1) a September mindfulness program to be announced on NextDoor; 2) a presentation by the Atlanta Regional Commission this Thursday at Inman Park Church; 3) a walk Saturday morning at 8:00 beginning at Poplar Circle. **Jan Keith** announced IP Book Club will meet at Sandye Dunlap's, 933 Faith Avenue, Glenwood Park, on August 27 to discuss *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War* by Karen Abbott. Bring a dish to share and a beverage. **Nakia Shaw**, pharmacist at MacArthur's Apothecary, announced its opening on Edgewood. **Lauren Welsh**, Candler Park Neighborhood Association Board, announced they would like to collaborate with IPNA. **Ro Lawson** announced Wine Stroll tickets go on sale August 20.

Police Officers' Reports:

Officer Jared Watkins announced fewer car break-ins and increased bike patrols.

Elected Officials' Reports: **Keith Lamar**, Zone 6 Prosecutor, announced Derek Smith, who robbed a gym on N. Highland, is jailed with no bond. **Jay Tribby** announced 1) passage of the TSPLOST referendum in November could allow BeltLine expansion, including light rail and improved MARTA bus service; 2) Kwanzaa Hall and Lifelong Inman Park are devising a master walkability plan; 3) estimates are ready for projects requested during the infrastructure bond application process. **Chris Coffee** asked about legislation regarding criminal justice reform for quality-of-life crimes. Tribby said the City Council is exploring creating social services in lieu of jail time for non-violent crimes.

IPNA Officers' Reports:

Chuck Clarke, V.P. Zoning:

- 1) Amara, 870 Inman Village Pkwy, Application to Sell Alcoholic Beverages, New Applicant: Immediate neighbors voted 12 in person, 1 by absentee, to support the license. It was moved, seconded and approved 29-0 to support the immediate neighbors.
- 2) A vote on the Beetlecat, 280 Elizabeth,

Application to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at an outdoor bar was deferred because their representative did not attend.

- 3) Presentation on proposed development at 670-690 Dekalb Avenue - Airline Street: **Richard Munger** of North American Properties, **Sharon Gay** of Dentons and architect **Ben Hudgins** of Brock Hudgins Architects presented plans to combine several parcels on opposite sides of the proposed BeltLine. The proposed development at 670-690 Dekalb Avenue will require that the BeltLine be routed through the middle of the mixed-use development, with residential/commercial buildings on one side and office buildings on the other. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI), is applying to the city to transfer the rights to their parcel to North American Properties. They will request approval from IPNA at the September meeting. The project will require variances to meet zoning density restrictions. Developers are pursuing two separate parallel tracks to get the necessary variances approved to allow higher density: 1) cleaning up the brownfield portion on one of the parcels to required standards; 2) applying for a special use permit to transfer 30,000 sq ft of less dense development further up the East Side Trail. Ryan Gravel, resident of Inman Park and original creator of the BeltLine, stated his concerns that the plans have implications for the BeltLine as a whole, including keeping neighbors from the north of the Marta line from directly accessing the south and vice versa, disenfranchising residents south of the site who are looking forward to the BeltLine as it was originally planned and who would need an additional hour on public transportation to reach the same destination. Gravel explained that the dimension of the space North American Properties proposes to allot for the BeltLine is too small for transit to run alongside the path as discussed for the past 15 years. Gravel's original plans route the BeltLine through a tunnel below Hulsey Yard, which Gravel thinks will be redeveloped at some point. Several previous plans for developing the site in did not preclude the design calling for light rail to parallel the path. ABI's currently proposed diversion for the path through the Krog St. tunnel could become permanent, creating a bottleneck since statistics predict that within 20 years, Atlanta's population will grow by 2.5 million people and the city population itself will double. A wider trail with transit included is what Gravel envisions to meet future needs. Adding transit along the BeltLine after the construction of this proposed development would require the development's partial demolition, necessitating a much greater cost to build a tunnel there and making transit on the BeltLine unlikely. Gravel said money will come for changes if the upcoming TSPLOST referendum passes. Gravel suggests: 1) the trail through the planned development be widened in order to prepare for the future tunnel; or 2) the tunnel be routed under one part of the building, a situation that also exists on GA 400. Catherine Owens, Principal Engineer, ABI, explained that 1) the organization is legislatively obligated to hear ideas but considers the current proposed design to be consistent with their master plan, which they developed with community involvement; or 2) ABI continues to maintain the option of routing a tunnel through the development to provide transit but considers

the better connection to be made by routing the light rail not along the BeltLine but in the street (like the existing streetcar) to King Memorial and that this connection would allow ABI to apply for federal grants. Gravel stated that it is unlikely ABI would obtain federal money for routing the light rail to King Memorial Station because the BeltLine is about city-building and not the shortest distance between two points. A resident asked if ABI is considering combining transit and trail. Owens answered yes. She admitted that it is not practical to combine them with this proposed design. A resident asked if it is premature to lock in such a narrow plan for the trail. Gravel pointed out ABI is a party to the redevelopment, which could constitute a conflict of interest. A resident asked why not incorporate the original BeltLine plans into plans for the proposed development. **Brian Roof** pointed out the BeltLine is a valuable asset to the city and suggested the current design plans for the development be altered because routing the path through the Krog Street tunnel is not a good long-term solution. Owens explained that the design calls for office space to be separate from residential so that the office building has access to the streets and cars are not required to cross the BeltLine. **Beverly Miller** voiced concerns with the current plan and asked why the space planned for offices could not be a park instead to eliminate the need for cars to access it. Owens answered that studies call for density in the area. A resident pointed out that the building is attractive and includes 20% affordable housing. When asked whether this standard would apply to all of the housing, Munger clarified that it would apply only to the parcel currently belonging to ABI. Kinkopf pointed out that the design can still be changed to accommodate the shorter tunnel routed under the current Hulsey Yard and he inquired as to who is the deciding entity. Munger, Gay and Owens answered that ABI will dictate that. The special permit application for transfer of BeltLine rights will come before IPNA on September 21 and NPU-N on September 22.

Brian Roof, V.P. Historic Preservation: no report.

Chris Coffee, V.P. Public Safety: no report.

David Adams, Treasurer: Neil Kinkopf, for David Adams, asked for submission of 2017 budget proposals.

James McManus, V.P. Communications: no report.

Beverly Miller, Secretary: no report.

Committee Reports: Cathie Berger of Lifelong Inman Park announced the following: 1) a meeting with Tim Keane; 2) a September Inman Park walk-through for city officials; 3) a September 29 public workshop at 7:00 p.m. at The Trolley Barn to determine how to implement the master plan.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m. **M**

Other Happenings to Note

Opening Night of Freed Spirits

Friday, September 23 • 8 p.m. • Horizon Theatre • horizontheatre.com

Oakland cemetery has a ghost. A freak tornado cuts a swath through Atlanta's historic graveyard, exposing buried clues and evoking eerie sightings. Tour guide Susan and steampunk survivalist MJ unite with a geeky spirit photographer and a retired pathologist to solve the mystery. Buy your tickets in advance online or at the box office before they sell out!



Sunday Afternoon Shrimp Boil for Freedom Farmers Market

Sunday, September 25 • Noon – 3 p.m. • Wrecking Bar Brewpub • freedomfarmersmkt.bpt.me

This annual event is a great way to give back to the farmers that grow food for you! Enjoy a family-style meal with boiled shrimp and fresh vegetables prepared by local restaurant chefs. Proceeds go to Freedom Farmers Market's efforts to double the dollars for SNAP recipients and to general market operations. Buy tickets in advance online.

Atlanta Streets Alive

Sunday, September 25 • 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. • Intown Neighborhoods • atlantastreetsalive.com/sept_25_route

Atlanta Streets Alive takes over Virginia Highlands, Inman Park and Old 4th Ward by closing the following streets to cars: North Highland Avenue, Highland Avenue and Boulevard. The event kicks off at 2:00 p.m. with a bicycle parade!

Circus Spectacular

Saturday, October 1 • Noon - 8 p.m. • Findley Plaza in Little 5 Points • facebook.com/littlefivepointsartsalive

Little Five Arts Alive favorites, the Imperial Opa and Circus Bitties, lead the charge of talented artists bringing a day filled with fun circus events of all kinds. Learn how to fall like a professional clown, pick up a few juggling basics and be amazed.

Atlanta Edgewood Mac & Cheese Festival

Saturday, October 8 • 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Walker Park • atlmacandcheesefestival.com

The Edgewood neighborhood is organizing the inaugural Mac & Cheese Festival at Walker Park to raise money for Neighbor in Need, a non-profit organization that provides home repairs to long-time residents in the Edgewood neighborhood. This tasting event will showcase more than 20 vendors. Tickets are \$20.

Atlanta Pride Festival & Parade

Saturday and Sunday, October 8 & 9 • Parade is at Noon on Sunday. • Peachtree & 10th Sts. • atlantapride.org/pride

Come out to the 46th annual Atlanta Pride Festival, the largest pride event in the southeast and the largest event in the country to coincide with National Coming Out Day.

Little 5 Points Halloween Festival & Parade

Saturday, October 15 • Noon – 1 p.m. • Parade at 4 p.m. • Little 5 Points • l5phalloween.com

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IPNA Calendar

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IPNA Meeting
The Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

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

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Wine Stroll on the BeltLine
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Sold Out!

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Book Club
7:00 p.m.
See page 15 for details.

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Lifelong Inman Park Strategic Workshop
7:30 p.m.
The Trolley Barn

Sept
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Porch Party
7:30 p.m.
See page 11 for details.

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Neighbors' Stroll
8 a.m.
Meet at Poplar Circle

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14

Ageing Well Information Session
9:30 a.m.
Inman Park Church

Oct
19

IPNA Meeting
The Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Benefiting the IP Security Patrol and Springvale Park.

Two Views of the BeltLine *continued*

North American Properties (NAP) is the site developer. Their statement responding to Ryan Gravel's concerns is published below. They have also submitted a map showing the site plan and the proposed path of transit and tunnel. That too is reproduced here for your consideration.

Atlanta BeltLine Inc.'s comments on the proposed development by Ryan Gravel

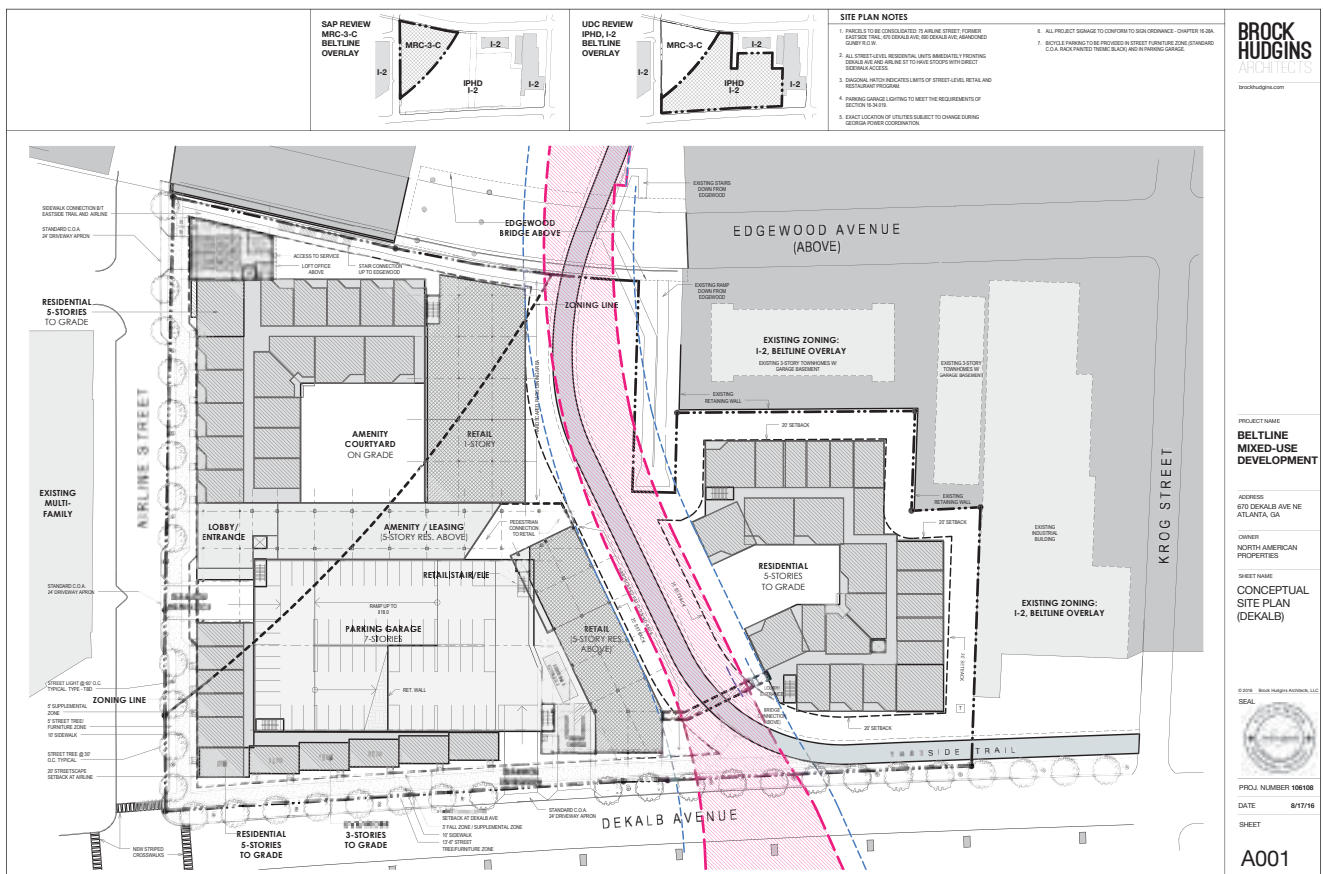
We can engineer ourselves out of any problem. But at what cost? And why? We own this parcel of land. So why would we constrain the alignment of the transit and trail, making it narrow and therefore expensive to build? This is especially important because this particular parcel is a critical link in the Atlanta BeltLine and our ability to deliver on its promise. Because of that, we need to be extremely careful. Why not figure out exactly how the transit and trail can work before we obligate ourselves into building a very long and expensive tunnel to solve a problem that we never should have created? Why don't we draw it – with lines that show exactly where it will be? Why don't we design the new tunnel to prove to ourselves it will work? Or are we not really planning to build it?

In a way, this sounds like a technical issue. But because of its potential to disenfranchise so many neighborhoods from the promise of the Atlanta BeltLine, it is also a philosophical one: Do we want the proposal we've been promised? Or are we willing to settle for less?

North American Properties' response by Richard Munger

Atlanta BeltLine Inc. (ABI) has led a collaborative process for the past 18 months with North American Properties (NAP) and nearby residents to create a high-quality, mixed-use redevelopment project on DeKalb Avenue, resulting from a Request for Proposal (RFP) process conducted by ABI. As with all new projects, the site plan evolves and is refined through the development process. This refinement of the site plan is being conducted in consideration of ongoing dialogue with the community and key stakeholders. As recently as August 24th, ABI CEO Paul Morris and staff met with Council Member Kwanza Hall, Planning Commissioner Tim Keane, NAP, and board members of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association as a continuation of the community engagement process. As clearly articulated in the meeting by ABI's leadership and staff, the proposed redevelopment preserves the ability to construct the Atlanta BeltLine via a future combined pedestrian and double-track transit tunnel under DeKalb Avenue. Furthermore, ABI will diligently maintain a feasible path to construct the future Atlanta BeltLine trail and transit via a tunnel through this area.

It would be speculative at this time for ABI to comment on the exact configuration and length of the tunnel, as those details depend on the presence of Hulsey Yard at the time of transit implementation. However for further clarity, the site plan we have provided shows ABI's tunnel zone as it traverses the development and splits the MARTA track bridge columns adjacent to Hulsey Yard. North American Properties looks forward to continued collaborative efforts with the neighborhoods and working at the direction of ABI to create a community-driven destination that will enhance the BeltLine experience. **M**



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President's Message

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This coming month, our neighborhood meeting may give us a chance to prove just how healthy our meeting stamina is. We have two crucially important issues to consider: the proposed development at the end of the Inman Park stretch of the BeltLine (670-690 DeKalb Ave.) and the FY2017 budget. At our last meeting, we discussed at length the site plan for the proposed BeltLine development. The parcel at issue sits at a critical location for the BeltLine, because it is the last parcel on the North side before the trail crosses the MARTA and CSX rail lines. Much of the discussion focused on whether the proposed development would render rail development along the trail prohibitively expensive, requiring a long tunnel under the rail yard. I was extremely proud to be an Inman Park resident that night. Not one of the comments made was based in narrow, parochial interests. Rather, everyone involved was concerned about making sure that development along the BeltLine would be pursued in a way that maximizes its benefits for the entire City.

Since that meeting, members of the IPNA board have met with Councilman Kwanza Hall and representatives of Atlanta BeltLine Inc. (ABI) and North American Properties (the developer of the parcel). BeltLine officials have assured us that the site plan has been developed in a way that protects the option of adding transit service alongside the pedestrian trail. They have told us that this is specifically included in their contract with North American Properties. (These parties have not closed on their agreement yet. Once they do, the contract will become a public document.)

These are all positive developments, but we are not out of the woods. As we will discuss further at the next neighborhood meeting, ABI

is still considering two alternatives for the future development of transit: one would remain with the BeltLine pedestrian trail and the other would separate from the BeltLine to meander as a streetcar through Old Fourth Ward to Grant Park. It is no exaggeration to assert: the choice between these two alternatives will determine the future of the BeltLine. This issue of the *Advocator* includes an exchange of views between BeltLine Mastermind and Inman Park resident Ryan Gravel and North American Properties. I encourage everyone to read the exchange and study the accompanying site rendering in preparation for the next meeting.

As if that is not enough, the IPNA board will present the FY2017 budget for the neighborhood's consideration and discussion. (The vote will not take place until the October meeting.) Please take time to review our proposal below, and come to the next meeting prepared to offer your views. As you will see, we are proposing a substantial increase in spending. Over the years, our predecessor IPNA boards have carefully managed our treasury. As a result, we have healthy surplus. The budget reflects our judgment about how to put this surplus to best use for the neighborhood. We look forward to a constructive discussion of the budget at the next meeting.

I am well aware that covering these issues is apt to take more time than a reasonable person would like to spend at a meeting. But these issues are vital to our neighborhood. The most important thing to do is to take whatever time we need to make good decisions about the BeltLine and the budget. We also ask that you refrain from using any performance enhancing supplements. Just think of Lilly King and how good it will feel to win clean in the Team Endurance Meeting competition. **M**

IPNA 2016-2017 Proposed Budget

		<i>FY15 Budget</i>	<i>FY16 Budget</i>	<i>FY17 Budget</i>	<i>Notes</i>
REVENUE	IPNA Security Memberships				
	Individuals - Online	0	0	120,000	61K received (2/1/16 - 7/31/16)
	Individuals - Checks	116,300	120,000	7,000	3.5K received (2/1/16 - 7/31/16)
	Inman Park Village	0	0	0	
	Inman Mews	0	0	2,070	
	IronWorks	0	0	950	
	Krog Condo	0	0	750	
	Waddell Street Lofts	0	0	400	
	Jennie's Cleaners	0	0	300	
	IP Animal Association	0	0	300	
	Other Multifamily	0	0	10,000	
	Interest	0	25	15	
	Festival	157,500	181,250	185,000	185K received 8/20/16
	IPNA Flags & Banners	750	500	500	
		\$274,550	\$301,775	\$327,285	
EXPENSES					
<i>Public Safety</i>	Police Officers	135,000	157,500	135,000	
	Vehicle Expense	15,000	15,000	15,000	
	Signs/Stickers	1,000	1,500	1,750	
	Graffiti Removal	500	500	500	
	Telephone	1,000	1,000	900	
	Officer Appreciation	0	0	10,000	Meals & Recognition
	Subtotal	152,500	175,500	163,150	

IPNA 2016-2017 Proposed Budget *continued*

		<i>FY15 Budget</i>	<i>FY16 Budget</i>	<i>FY17 Budget</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Communications	Advocator	100	100	250	
	Website	16,000	4,500	5,000	5K Memberclicks Subscription
	Hospitality	500	500	1,500	
	Directory	2,500	2,500	1,000	
	Subtotal	19,100	7,600	7,750	
Planning	NPU-N Mtg Space	50	50	50	
	Lifelong Inman Park	0	0	1,550	
	Neighborhood Study	0	0	5,000	City to fund remainder
	Traffic Calming	15,000	3,000	1,000	
	Archives	0	0	0	
	Subtotal	15,050	3,050	7,600	
Beautification	Beautification Maintenance	18,000	20,000	18,000	
	Beautification Enhancements	0	0	10,000	
	Springvale Maintenance - General	7,500	12,000	8,000	
	Springvale Maintenance - Phase 3	0	0	7,000	
	Homeowner Sidewalk Subsidies	7,000	25,000	55,000	
	Lights - Freedom Park/Euclid	0	0	87,000	
	Grant - Tree Watch	0	0	2,000	
	Sign Toppers	0	0	2,000	
	Subtotal	32,500	57,000	189,000	
Executive	General Board Expenses	3,000	3,000	4,000	
	CPA - Audit Expense	1,000	1,500	4,500	
	CPA - 990/Tax Preparation	0	0	2,500	
	CPA - Account Monitoring	0	0	1,500	
	Insurance - E&O for Officers	1,700	4,600	4,600	
	Insurance - Liability/Umbrella	0	0	20,000	RFP in process by Brian
	Bank Charges	100	100	100	
	Trademark	60	60	60	
	Corp Registration	50	110	150	
	Legal	7,190	8,000	20,000	
	Gordon Park Expenses	100	255	250	
	Subtotal	13,200	17,625	57,660	
Social	IPNA Flags & Banners	750	750	500	
	Porch Parties	150	150	500	
	Holiday Party	11,000	12,000	12,000	
	4th of July Party	800	600	450	
	Subtotal	12,700	13,500	13,450	
Grants	Little 5 Mini Precinct	5,000	5,000	5,000	
	Freedom Park Conservancy	5,000	5,000	5,000	
	Education - Grady	10,000	8,000	8,000	
	Education - Inman Middle	0	3,500	3,500	
	Education - Mary Lin	0	3,000	3,000	
	Education - Hope Hill	0	500	2,500	
	Ponce de Leon Library	500	500	500	
	Trolley Barn Investment	0	30,000	0	
	MLK Library	500	500	500	
	Art on the BeltLine	0	1,000	1,000	
	Dad's Garage	5,000	0	0	
	Inman Park UMC	0	0	2,000	For handicap accessibility - ADA
	PEDS	2,000	2,000	2,000	
	Discretionary Grants	1,500	3,500	30,000	Includes 34K Education Requests
Subtotal	29,500	62,500	63,000		
Total Expenses		\$274,550	\$336,775	\$501,610	
Shortfall				(\$174,325)	



Lifelong Inman Park

Aging Well Session for October

BY NANCY MORRISON • AGING WELL COORDINATOR

Please join us!

**Complementary and Integrative Approaches to Health
October 14th • 9:30am
Inman Park Church – enter through middle door**

This is an opportunity to learn and explore another approach to well-being that includes mind and body therapies, exercise and movement, clinical nutrition, lifestyle counseling, acupressure and more.

Presenters: Miranda Costa, ND, MS & Oshin Worthington, ND from New Health Wellness in Old Fourth Ward

The Aging Well Series is provided through the Lifelong Inman Park Committee to offer informational programs that are interesting, practical, useful and often introduce new resources and approaches. These series are also intended to provide a forum to discuss issues of interest and common concerns and identify and work together to find solutions. **M**

WALKABLE INMAN PARK NEIGHBORS' STROLL

OCTOBER 1 @ 8:00 a.m.
Meet Up in Poplar Circle
(Euclid at Hurt)



The young professional walking group, Syp, walked to a wine tasting for their first meeting on August 25. They are proud to be a part of Walkable Inman Park. Find out more and sign-up here: <http://eepurl.com/b8zTUL>

Lifelong Neighbors' Workshop

BY CATHIE BERGER • LIFELONG IP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON
LIFELONG@INMANPARK.ORG

**Lifelong Inman Park Strategic Plan Workshop
Thursday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.
The Trolley Barn**

Inman Park neighbors are invited to a workshop to help design our Lifelong Inman Park Strategic Plan. The workshop will be conducted by TSW Planners and the Lifelong Inman Park committee.

City Council Representative Kwanza Hall, with support from IPNA, engaged TSW to develop a strategic action plan to make Lifelong Inman Park a reality.



Workshop agenda will include:

1. Data detailing the status of neighborhood sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, housing, potential development sites, services and demographics
2. IP's Lifelong Community readiness assessment
3. Exercises and breakout sessions focused on meeting Lifelong Community goals

This workshop moves us toward realizing the lifelong community we all desire. Your participation is important for our success. We hope to see you on September 29. **M**

We are in Atlanta Magazine!

BY KATHLEEN BUSKO • LIFELONG IP PUBLICITY

In case you missed it, Lifelong Inman Park got terrific publicity in the September issue of Atlanta Magazine (pgs. 126-127). The article names the Atlanta Regional Commission, which is involved with Metro area Lifelong initiatives, as a finalist for its Groundbreaker Award. It spotlights our Lifelong Inman Park Committee's work to demonstrate what folks can do help make their neighborhoods livable for residents of all ages. **M**





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G3 Robotics Team Seeks IPNA Grant

By ANDY COFFMAN • GRADY HIGH PARENT • A_COFFMAN@ATT.NET

There are some great things happening with the Grady High G3 Robotics Team so they seek a one-time grant of \$5,000 from IPNA. Founded in 2004, this team, headed by high school students, has been rocking robotics competitions across the country. They believe that Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are the keys to solving the big problems of today and tomorrow. This request would be outside of the generous IPNA education budget that supports our neighborhood schools.

The Grady Robotics Team provides unique opportunities for Atlanta students in Grady High's vibrant and diverse urban cluster of K-12 schools. Robotics nurtures a lifelong love of STEM in an integrated setting outside of the classroom. G3 Robotics was founded by 10 Grady High students and a team of three mentors who still work with the 60-member team today.

The vast majority of G3 Robotics funding comes directly from the parents of the participants. And that is how it should be. However, a grant from IPNA would have a meaningful impact since the total G3 Robotics budget is only with an annual budget exceeding \$125,000. The funds support the construction of robots for competitions, the costs of materials, travel, competition fees and scholarships for students whose families cannot afford the steep costs of being a part of this exciting opportunity.

The G3 Robotics Team positively impacts students, including many here in Inman Park by exposing them to STEM on a very practical level. Students develop problem-solving, time-management and project-management skills. They learn to design using CAD and other software development tools. Students learn to use shop tools. They even learn marketing and presentation skills to sell their ideas.


Some of the program's accomplishments include:

- Mentoring over 30 Atlanta-area K-8 robotics teams
- Hosting an annual FIRST Lego League competition for 32 K-8 student teams
- Teaching leadership, engineering and communication via VEX and FIRST Robotics competitions



- Engaging students in the G3 Drones for Good project where grades 6-12 develop innovative applications for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) alongside their teachers and mentors
- Expanding from 15 to 60 members since 2011 (40% female and 30% minority students)
- Winning the Georgia Southern Classic Regional Tournament in March 2015, qualifying G3 to compete against the top 20% of all teams internationally at the 2015 FIRST World Championship

In addition to serving on the board as President, my wife, Alex, and I served on the festival committee for over 15 years. I appreciate that our hard-earned festival dollars must be invested wisely to improve the greater Inman community. There are no better investments than those that immediately and positively impact the budding entrepreneurs and engineers among us.

In short, this is a worthy cause and I urge you to find room in our budget to support it! Attend the IPNA meeting on September 21 to support this cause. 

Attend our Breast Cancer Awareness events in October. Join our doctors and fellow survivors to learn more about breast cancer care.

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Supporting the Grady Cluster Schools

BY INMAN PARK EDUCATION COMMITTEE • EDUCATION@INMANPARK.ORG

Incredible things are happening in the schools that are part of the Grady Cluster. Inman Park children attend Mary Lin Elementary, Inman Middle and Grady High, which offer outstanding educational opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. These programs often require community support, and the Inman Park Education Committee hopes that IPNA will agree with the funding requests we have made for fiscal year 2016-17. Our schools are one of the best reasons to live in Inman Park and their continued success means success for all our children.

At Mary Lin Elementary, the addition and renovation completed last year relieved the overcrowding and gave the students and teachers some much needed space. This year, the school would like to install sail shades (much like those over the baby pool at the Inman Park Pool) to bring some welcome relief to the front of the school (where the teachers and staff manage the carpool line) in full sun. Additionally, the original outdoor classroom created many years ago was lost when the school footprint was expanded. There are plans for a new outdoor classroom to foster interest in the environment, and the school would be very grateful for funding to help with this.

Inman Middle, through Dr. Betsy Bockman's award winning leadership and the teachers' hard work, is considered one of the best middle schools in the state of Georgia. Offering a diverse array of connection classes including language, music, art and JROTC, the school works hard to create an academic and culturally rich student body. The science program is one of Inman's best-kept secrets. Each year the 7th grade students go on a field trip to understand the ecology in our ocean and rivers. In past years, the students have gone to Cumberland Island, but the education cabins and classroom there are currently being renovated. Students now travel to the Coosa River School of Science, which offers an extraordinary learning opportunity. Inman leaves no child behind, so requested funds will support

students who cannot afford the \$200 to visit the Coosa River School of Science.

Grady High is the jewel in the crown of the cluster. With 27 different pathways and more Advanced Placement Courses than any high school in Georgia, its reputation for academic excellence and college preparatory success is well-known. One of its greatest pathways is the Theater Arts program. The quality of the productions at Grady is outstanding, including the play *W;t* by Pulitzer prize winning author and Inman Middle teacher, Maggie Edson! The theater where these productions are held is also used for community meetings and is in serious need of upgrading. The audio-visual equipment needs replacement and Atlanta Public Schools simply does not have the funds for this. The cost to remove and install all new equipment is around \$52,000. The Grady Foundation (started by Inman Park residents John and Midge Sweet) is raising money to help with this effort. We are also asking for money to continue our support for the Grady College and Career Connection center.

Additionally, we believe that Inman Park should support its neighboring school Hope Hill Elementary. At Hope Hill, 98% of the student population is eligible for free and reduced lunch. Many of the children arrive woefully behind in academics, and bringing them up to appropriate grade levels requires a big effort. The Hope Hill Foundation is raising money to purchase a mini bus to transport children home from afternoon tutorials intended to improve their academic performance. It is vitally important that these children are prepared for the academic challenges they will encounter when they merge with Mary Lin students at Inman Middle and Grady High.

The education committee is very grateful for IPNA's support for our schools and for all of the children who attend the Grady Cluster. We know there are many worthy projects to fund, so thank you for your consideration and support. **M**



Students at Grady High prepare for college



April 17 Mary Lin Playground Dedication

NPU-N Update

By RICK BIZOT • NPU-N REPRESENTATIVE FOR IPNA • NPU.N@INMANPARK.ORG

Notes from the August 25, 2016 meeting:

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Department: Major Timothy Peek reported a continued overall reduction in crime. He cautioned owners of push-button-start cars to be alert at gas stations; he recommends putting the key fob in your pocket and locking the car while filling up.

Community Prosecutor: Keith Lamar reported that the Vortex homicide trial will be starting Monday, August 29. Community members are encouraged to contact Citizens' CourtWatch and attend.

SPECIAL EVENTS & OUTDOOR FESTIVALS:

Fall Festival on Ponce (October 15-16, 2016, Druid Hills); Druid Hills NPU representative was not present at the meeting; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to take no position.

LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

Ryan P. Coppole (Rize Artisan Pizza and Salads, 675 N. Highland Ave, Poncey-Highland); New business request for liquor license (beer & wine only) in new building at corner of N. Highland & Blue Ridge. Applicant received support from PHNA. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

Sandeep Kothary, SB Hospitality, LLC (Amara Restaurant, 870 Inman Village Pkwy, Inman Park); New business request for liquor license. Applicant was not present at NPU-N meeting; representative was advised that applicant needs to be personally present. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to defer to the September meeting.

William Ford Fry (Beetlecat dba Rocket Farms Restaurants, LLC, 280 Elizabeth St, Inman Park); Additional facility request for liquor license at existing business. Applicant stated that the City is requiring an additional license for one of the bars in the restaurant, but that there had been no change from the plans originally reviewed and supported by IPNA and NPU-N. IPNA did not meet with applicant for this application so could not support, but given the circumstances of no substantive change from a previously approved plan, NPU-N Board voted 4-0 (with 3 abstaining) to support.

Wichian Songsakul (Thai 5 Restaurant, 1150 Euclid Ave, Inman Park and L5P); Change of agent request request for liquor license (existing business); no change to business operations. Applicant received support from IPNA. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

Bob Sandage (Wrecking Bar Brewpub, 292 Moreland Ave, Inman Park and L5P); license for growler sales at a brewpub; applicant stated that most sales will be to patrons already dining in the restaurant. Applicant received support from IPNA. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

NPU-N Members

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

Cabbagetown
cabbagetown.com

Poncey-Highland
ponceyhighland.com

Candler Park
candlerpark.org

Reynoldstown
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Druid Hills
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BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT (BZA):

440 Hardendorf Ave NE (V-16-149, Lake Claire), **183 Cleveland Ave SE** (V-16-181, Reynoldstown) and **440 Candler St NE** (V-16-197, Candler Park) were deferred to the September NPU-N meeting.


ZONING REVIEW BOARD (ZRB):

1240 Euclid Ave NE (U-16-015, Candler Park): Applicant seeks a Special Use Permit for a daycare, to update the school name, extend the previous special use permit and to allow for a modular classroom building in the front yard, concealed by landscaping. Applicant received CPNO support, conditioned on 1) site plan dated 5/24/16, and 2) a 3-year limit to this special exception. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application with like conditions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming applications in Inman Park include:

- Varuni Napoli (new liquor license for restaurant Krog Street Market)
- 670-690 DeKalb Avenue (Special Use Permit for transfer of development rights, 30,000 SF residential floor area to the subject property).

NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, January through October. The November and December 2016 meeting dates will be held on Mon., Nov. 28 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, September 22, 2016. 

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.

**Sept
27**

Circling the Sun
by Paula McLain
Shirley Brown,
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NEW HEALTH OLD TRADITIONS

We Stopped the Road!

By JJ WILLIAMS AND CATHY BRADSHAW • ROAD FIGHTERS • CBRAD999@BELLSOUTH.NET

Has it really been 25 years since the Honorable Judge Clarence Seeliger issued an order requiring mediation to end the Presidential Parkway dispute? The answer is YES, though for many of us, it seems like only yesterday.

For those of you who don't know, the road we stopped was put on the Department of Transportation's (DOT) plans in 1939, and formalized when the General Assembly of the State of Georgia created THE STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. In 1949, the interstates 85, 75, 20, 285 and 485 were added to highway maps. The highway which bisected in-town neighborhoods went through several name changes: Stone Mountain Tollway, Stone Mountain Expressway, Presidential Parkway, and Freedom Parkway. Its purpose was to connect national highway 78 at the foot of Stone Mountain to the Boulevard-Glen Iris "stub" downtown at I-75/85. It was to be a four-lane commuter road with elevated bridges, high-speed traffic and 42 cul-de-sacs that would parallel Scott Boulevard and Ponce de Leon Avenue and bisect many in-town historic neighborhoods including Old Fourth Ward, Poncey-Highland, Inman Park, Candler Park, Lake Claire and Druid Hills. Through the efforts of groups such as Citizens Against Unnecessary Thoroughfares in Older Neighborhoods (CAUTION), Olmsted Parks Society of Atlanta and Roadbusters, along with local civic and neighborhood associations, more than ten years of rallies, fundraisers, meetings, political campaigns, parades, protests, hearings, arrests and hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent on one goal: Stop The Road! This unprecedented battle won against the formidable efforts of former President Jimmy Carter to build his presidential library on free land that had been cleared of over 500 homes in the 1960's, former United Nations Ambassador and Atlanta Mayor Andy Young, the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the Atlanta Constitution and most of the Atlanta business community.

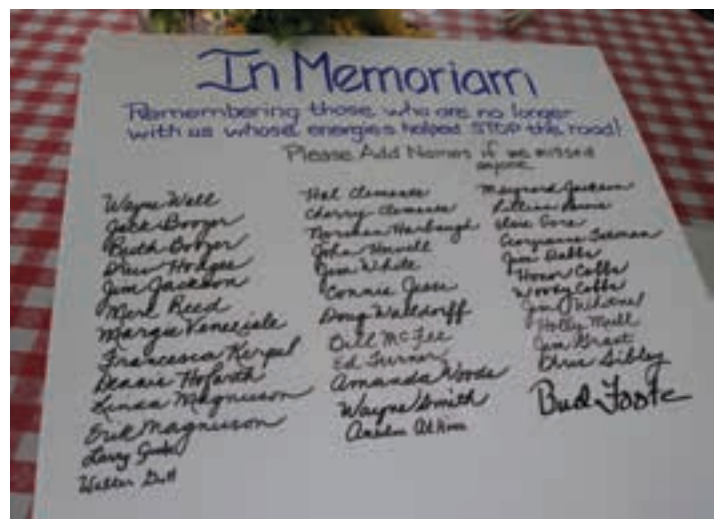
A 25th anniversary reunion and celebration of the end of the road fight was held in Dellwood Park on August 7, 2016. Dellwood is one of five segments of the Olmsted Linear Park in Druid Hills that would have been destroyed had the road been constructed.

The celebration included BBQ and all the fixins, cool drinks, musicians who led some of the original road protest songs, Roadbusters and CAUTION veterans, politicians and neighbors as well as representatives from Freedom Park Conservancy, Candler Park Conservancy and Olmsted Linear Park Alliance. A special panel presenting various narratives spoke about what it was like "back then" without internet and without e-mail—just phone trees, leaflets, going door-to-door, marches, protests, and peaceful non-cooperation with the DOT's bulldozers. CAUTION - the umbrella organization that brought all elements of the road fight together - raised considerable amounts of money and recruited an impressive team of lawyers to challenge the DOT in the local, state and federal court systems.

An early rain on August 7th failed to dampen the spirits of the guests coming to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of "No Road."



Cathy Bradshaw of Inman Park, former CAUTION president Kevin Steward, who helped plan the Road Reunion event and Sandra Kruger, Director of Olmsted Linear Park Alliance



Many participants of the road fight were remembered at the event



Memory Boards showed the history of the Stop the Road movement

We Stopped the Road! *continued*

As more than 300 visitors gathered, the rain stopped, the air cooled and the festivities began. There was a special message from local hero, former Atlanta City Council Member and Honorable US Congressional Representative John Lewis, who helped so much in keeping the road out of in-town neighborhoods. Lewis was the honorary chairman of the event.

“Memory Boards” displayed a timeline of events that was assembled by a group of road fight veterans. Visitors could walk along the posters that were clipped to an overhead clothes line and learn the history of the actions, events and protests that ultimately caused the demise of the highway.

In addition to the multiple activities, the day was a time for a “reunion” of neighbors who had played a significant role in defeating the road. Emotions showed on faces as friends saw each other for the first time in years—some not recognizing the changes in people that 25 years brought—and some resuming old friendships as if the time lapse had not happened.

It was a glorious celebration and a coming together of friends who fought the battle 25 years ago, or those who wanted to learn about the history of the Road Fight. Most of all, it was a gathering of many in-town neighborhoods who stood up for each other to fight a destructive and unnecessary intrusion and who won an astounding and historic battle against an expressway. **M**



Founder and President of the Olmsted Parks Society of Atlanta, Sally H. Harbaugh, who helped put Olmsted on the map and prevented the road from destroying the linear park

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Agenda

September 21, 2016

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available

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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Police Officers' Report
- III. Minutes of Last Meeting
- IV. Announcements
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Planning
 - C. Zoning
 - i. Liquor license application for 99 Krog St, Restaurant: Varuni Napoli, Applicant: Luca Varuni
 - ii. 670-690 DeKalb Ave. 3 matters:
 - 1) Type III Certificate of Appropriateness application to UDC for new construction, lot consolidation, and height variance
 - 2) Special Use Permit application (U-16-020) to transfer excess residential development rights from other BeltLine property to this property
 - 3) Application by ABI and NAP to abandon Gunby St. right of way from DeKalb Ave. to the foot of the new pedestrian bridge
 - D. Historic Preservation
 - i. Renovations at 835 Virgil
 - E. Public Safety
 - F. Communications
 - G. Treasurer
 - i. FY2017 Budget
 - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

Check inmanpark.org the day of the meeting for any agenda updates.



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

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L5P Mini-Precinct: 404-658-6782

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