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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnette

When I was elected to the IPNA president position, it was suggested to me that each president had a theme or agenda for his or her term in office. I didn't have any agenda, just that I didn't want to mess up anything the Boards that came before me had accomplished -- the tried and true "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". There's certainly nothing broke in our neighborhood; but as we've settled in, the IPNA Board and I have identified some areas we'd like to work on this year.

I am cheering on the new Information Management Committee in their efforts to upgrade our website in such a way that it will become a useful daily Internet stop for many neighbors. I hope to soon see it develop into a place you can go to see a calendar of events, to find answers to your "how to" questions related to neighborhood, city, county, and state services; to sign up for IPNA membership, security patrol, and the like; and to learn about things that affect our neighborhood and your lives every day, not just once a month. The *Advocator* will always be an invaluable communication tool, but I look forward to using the website to expand communications and to appeal to a broader audience.

I would also like to continue to bridge the gap between old and new as we continue to welcome new neighbors, residential and commercial, to our community and to assure everyone feels they have a place in IPNA.

The Board also wants to strategize on how we can put teeth into the neighborhood's requests and decisions when we are asked to support zoning changes, liquor licenses, and development and renovation under our historic guidelines. If we attach conditions to our approvals, how can we assure those conditions are met, maintained, and not forgotten?

The Board also will continue to support our blossoming security patrol efforts, increasing membership and community outreach while reducing crime. Also, our Planning Committee is already getting involved in how the Inman Park sub-area of the Beltline will develop and will soon begin work on plans for Bass Fields and more.

There are many other areas we hope to work on in the coming year. Remember, we are *YOUR* Board. If you have ideas, please let us know.

Fortunately, we didn't have to come into our positions to chants of "Change!" Instead, we are in the enviable position of building on a great and successful neighborhood organization

2009 INMAN PARK FESTIVAL FIRST MEETING

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

Hard to believe, but it's already time to start planning for the 2009 Inman Park Festival. The Festival next year will be April 24, 25, and 26, 2009.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn.

We typically meet every second Thursday of the month at the Trolley Barn and our planning meetings are open to everyone. If you would like to get involved with chairing a committee or helping in any way, please join us. The meetings are always informative and can be quite entertaining. They are an excellent way to meet a great bunch of neighbors who, year after year, put so much time and energy into making Festival such a huge success.

If you want to get involved but can't attend the meeting(s), please call me at : 404-791-8497 or e-mail me at danny@smallcarpenters.com.

To volunteer, you can sign up on-line at: inmanpark.org, then click on 'Volunteer'.

ALL BUDGET REQUESTS MUST BE IN BY

AUGUST 26, 2008

THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE DEADLINE.

**REQUESTS TURNED IN AFTER THIS
DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED
FOR THE 2008-2009 BUDGET**

DO IT NOW!

CHAT AND CHEW

with Fulton County Commissioner

NANCY BOXILL

at the meeting on August 20

She will be there at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and to update us
on the business of the Fulton County Council, its budget, and our Fulton County taxes.
Questions will be welcomed.

SEPTEMBER IS SIDEWALK SUBSIDY MONTH

By Millie Astin

The IPNA Sidewalk Committee is gearing up for Phase 5 of our Sidewalk Subsidy Program. We have been working with Inman Park homeowners since 2004 to repair and replace treacherous sidewalks. So far, over 88 homeowner sidewalks and five large public sidewalks have been replaced. Your sidewalk could be next!

What exactly is the Sidewalk Committee offering? The subsidy will pay for 50% of individual sidewalk repair up to \$2,000. For example, if your sidewalk repair costs \$3,000, the subsidy would pay \$1,500. For a sidewalk costing \$3,880, it would pay \$1,940. For a sidewalk costing \$4,000 or more, it would pay a maximum of \$2,000. If you are on a corner lot and are replacing both sidewalks, the subsidy will pay up to \$4,000.

Additionally, to encourage multiple expanses of sidewalks being completed, contiguous homeowners can receive larger subsidies. Two contiguous neighbors will receive a 55% subsidy up to \$2,200. Three or more contiguous neighbors will receive a 60% subsidy up to \$2,400.

Some frequently asked questions are:

Q. *What does a sidewalk cost?*

A. Our contractor charges approximately \$8-\$9/square foot. Prices vary some-what depending on site conditions and complexity of the job. Prices for the stamped concrete run slightly higher.

Q. *Can I use another contractor?*

A. Not if your sidewalk is to be replaced with pavers or brick. When we began the subsidy program, we obtained estimates from several contractors. Based on price, quality of work, and neighborhood recommendations, we chose **Peter Coyne** of Oakview Landscape Construction to do these various types of sidewalks. We have been extremely happy with this contractor. He has offered reasonable prices, obtained the required permits, demonstrated superior workmanship, and has been very easy to work with (despite occasional homeowner irascibility). So, we plan to stick with Peter.

Q. *What if I need to have my sidewalk replaced with stamped concrete?*

A. Because prices for stamped concrete, are higher, you may use our contractor, the City, or your own contractor. However, keep in mind that all work must be permitted by the City. We will not reimburse you without proof of having obtained City permits for the work. Also, keep in mind you will have to work out your own arrangement for the payment with your contractor or the City.

Q. *Do I have a choice about what kind of sidewalk I get?*

A. Not really. The City, as well as Historic Regulations, mandate we be as consistent as possible. We look at what material has been used and the style of your current sidewalk, the sidewalks to your immediate left and right, and the overall blockface. Usually, being consistent is very straight forward. However, in a neighborhood where you have pavers, bricks, concrete, stamped concrete, and, sometimes, no sidewalks, occasionally we run into gray areas. We'll try to work with homeowners to their satisfaction within these parameters.

Q. *If I have to pay my portion of the cost up-front, what assurance do I have that the work will be done to my satisfaction?*

A. The contractor will not be paid until both the City inspector and homeowners have approved of the work. Remember, we do have a track record with this contractor and 88 happy sidewalk owners.

Q. *So, how does the Sidewalk Subsidy Program work?*

A.

1. When we have a group of interested homeowners, **Peter Coyne** of Oakview Landscape Construction, our sidewalk contractor, will visit each site and provide an estimate to replace the sidewalk.
2. The Sidewalk Committee then contacts the homeowners (preferably by e-mail) to let them know how much it will cost for their sidewalk to be replaced and how much of this they will be responsible for. Shortly thereafter, the contractor will send out contracts to all the homeowners and provides a deadline for the contracts to be returned.
3. Homeowners who decide to go forward with the sidewalk project sign their contracts and send them directly to the contractor.
4. When all of the contracts have been received, the contractor obtains permits from the City and schedules inspections.
5. Two or three weeks before work is to begin, the Sidewalk Committee will contact you to ask you to send your portion of the sidewalk cost directly to the contractor. No work can begin until payments are received. These depend on the amount of your

subsidy. The percentage to be paid up-front cannot be negotiated.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2008, IPNA MEETING

By *Stephanie McCaa, Secretary*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette recognized **Diane Floyd** and the staff from the church for their great work in always providing dinner. She asked for newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Sandra Pfefferkorn** on Colquitt St. (has lived here for 21 years but new to the meeting), **Eric** and **Katie Goldberg** on Hurt St., **Anna Dodd** and **Scott Eakin** on Waddell St., **Leslie Samuelson** who is the new pastor at Inman Park United Methodist Church and **Jay Swift** from his new restaurant 4th and Swift in the Old Fourth Ward.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

A motion to accept the minutes from last month's meeting was made, seconded, and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Oreon Mann** announced this month's book club. The book is *Animal, Vegetable, Mineral* by **Barbara Kingsolver**. The Book Club will meet at **Al** and **Ruth Caproni**'s house at 1065 Washita Ave. on Wednesday, July 23, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish.
2. **Judy Clements** announced she is part of a group of women who are furnishing an apartment for a refugee family. If you would like to donate furniture and linens in good, clean shape, please contact her at 404-523-9922 or e-mail judyclements@bellsouth.net. The organization is called Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA). It serves refugees from places like Bhutan, Burma, Iraq, and Sudan.
3. **Pat Westrick** announced this month's porch party, Friday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of **Cathy** and **Bo Bradshaw**, 206 Hurt St. Porch parties are always the last Friday of each month and are a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Bring a drink and a dish to share.
4. **Cathy Bradshaw** announced Atlanta Celebrates Photography (ACP) is celebrating their tenth anniversary and has announced the "ACP 10 Public Art Project". There will be a sound and video installation at the water tower at the intersection of Auburn Ave. and Irwin St. in the Old Fourth Ward. There will be an opening for the public on October 4 at StudioPlex on Auburn Ave. and the show will run the entire month of October.
5. **Kaycee Emertz**, a graduate student in urban planning at The University of Florida, asked for assistance from the neighborhood for her thesis on public involvement in the local planning process. She has a short, 12-question on-line survey she would like IPNA members to complete. If you would like to participate, please e-mail her at: kemertz@ufl.edu.
6. **Bob Sandage** shared the sad news that **Dennis Mullen** (a police officer who has worked Festival security for 20+ years and was instrumental in putting the security plans together) will be taken off of life-support this week. The funeral will be next week. **Lisa Burnette** thanked **Kristine Sandage** for providing updates on Dennis.
7. **Bob Sandage** suggested checking out the Yahoo group and inmanpark.org for specials with area businesses as part of the new Security Patrol initiatives.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Lou Arcangeli introduced **Sgt. Brent Schierbaum**, an officer in Zone 5 of the Atlanta Police Department. Sgt. Schierbaum will be taking over as Chief of the Inman Park Security Patrol. He has worked in both Zone 5 and Zone 6 and has had extra training in handling the special needs of the homeless. Sgt. Schierbaum will be a strong leader in creating a personalized community police service. He said he recruited many officers who were already working in Zone 6 so they know the community, the geography and the criminals. The new patrolmen started July 1. Their new policing approach includes getting out of their patrol car and walking and talking with neighbors. He encouraged everyone to join the Security Patrol and emphasized filling out the vacation form at inmanpark.org. The IPP will check your house twice a day while you are gone and call you when you return. They will also be focusing on residents with special needs such as the elderly or those with medical conditions, to ensure they have what they need during extreme weather conditions. Currently the patrol runs two four-hour shifts daily. If you have any questions, please contact him at dbs@webincredible.com. **Lisa Burnette** thanked him and encouraged everyone to fill out the Security Patrol form in the *Advocator*. Several questions were asked, including: Does the IPP hear 911 calls? Yes, they hear the same calls as the beat car and in many cases will arrive at the scene before the beat car gets there. **Jonathan Miller** asked whether the officers have pictures of people who have been banned from the neighborhood. Yes, there is a book in the car with photos and details of criminals.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Kwanza Hall, City Hall District 2 Council member (contact: 404-330-6038 or khall@atlantaga.gov) gave an update. He reported the cell tower in Bass Fields will not be built, and he received a round of applause. He commended **Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Dianne Harnell Cohen** for her hard work on this issue and suggested IPNA write to thank her. He said the City Council could not completely roll back taxes but he feels good about the progress made. He also thanked the residents of Inman Park for help in emphasizing financial fitness. Kwanza introduced legislation to have monthly financial reports submitted from every City department. It was passed unanimously. He is also introducing the "Bain II" study. This is in reference to an earlier study by Bain on how to turn the City around. He said 80% of the study was implemented but the other 20% that was not is what has gotten the City in trouble. The Bain II should help ensure the other 20% is a focus of the upcoming elections. Kwanza commended **Jay Tribby**, his chief of staff, for his commitment to the City of Atlanta. Other than fiscal fitness, public safety is his highest order of business. He talked about clean-up efforts in Zone 5 and said real estate investment in that area could help turn it around. Kwanza highlighted the Old Fourth Ward Master Plan that is modeled after Inman Park. **Judy Clements** asked about staffing cuts the Council asked the mayor to restore in code enforcement and planning. He responded the cuts in code enforcement and public defenders have been restored, but not in planning.

Marge Hays thanked him for his work on preserving the Crum & Forster Building. **Sandy Hoke** mentioned the non-response on many calls regarding a broken water main. Kwanza asked that those issues be e-mailed to him. Sandy also mentioned the problem with cars blocking the bike lane on Edgewood. Kwanza said the master plan for the Old Fourth Ward should help with that issue.

Will Sellers, from Councilman Willis' office, had nothing to report.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

TREASURERS: Megan and Trevor Wilson were unable to attend so **Lisa Burnette** spoke on their behalf. Regular disbursements were made for Springvale Park for \$1,000 and \$980. \$200 was given to the Savannah College of Art and Design to help sponsor an art contest for a poster for the "Districts Group," an ad hoc group of representatives of Atlanta's landmark, historic and conservation districts (this was approved at the meeting last month).

Lisa emphasized the urgency of submitting budget requests from all committees or individuals. The Board will put the budget together in mid-August. If you have a request, please contact Megan or Trevor Wilson or Lisa.

PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette

She thanked all who helped with the Fourth of July picnic, especially **Bo Bradshaw** and **Lauren Justice**. If you are interested in volunteering to oversee this celebration next year please contact Lisa. She also mentioned the need for someone to replace **Jonathan Miller** as the IPNA NPU (Neighborhood Planning Unit) representative since Jonathan was just elected chairman of the NPU by its Board of Directors. This is very important as it gives Inman Park the potential to have two voices on the committee. If you are interested, please contact Jonathan.

Lisa also announced we have a Newcomers Committee and we are looking for someone to chair the committee. If you are interested, please contact Lisa. Two groups have approached the neighborhood about road races. One is proposed for September, only involves 200 runners and impacts Waverly Way and Euclid Ave. The other 5K road race/kid fun run slated for November 22, will include 800 runners and will impact Hurt St. and Euclid Ave. to Cabbagetown. Some of the proceeds from this run will benefit Cabbagetown relief. If you have objections to these runs, please let Lisa know. Lisa passed along the thanks she received from **Dennis Mullen's** family for the gift cards provided by IPNA and individual neighbors.

SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa

The new directories have arrived. Thanks to **Betty Ridderhoff** for an excellent job in putting the directory together. They are available for pick-up in the trunk on Stephanie's front porch at 156 Waverly Way and at Betty's house at 167 Elizabeth St. in a basket hanging on the brick column to the right at the top of the stairs leading to the porch. **Sandy Hoke** and **Lisa Burnette** seconded the thanks to Betty.

PLANNING: V.P. Bill Goodman

Bill Goodman announced a new planning committee being formed that will hopefully be meeting next week. Top of the list of concerns for the committee is Bass Fields and what the neighborhood would like to see there if the school board were to ever sell it. If you have any concerns, please e-mail him at: billgoodman@comcast.net

Bill Hagan and **John Wolfinger** (who heads the Virginia Highlands security effort) are talking about a neighborhood summit to discuss public safety and planning best practices. The goal is to have this meeting sometime this summer. Information will be listed on the Yahoo group if you would like to attend.

ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans

Drew Evans opened up a discussion about the liquor licensing process to determine how we want to handle this as a neighborhood. **Judy Clements** said the top priority is how the immediate neighbors are impacted (i.e. concerns regarding hours, parking, and placement of trash containers). The question was raised as to whether there is a limit to the number of licenses allowed in Little Five Points. Drew said there is an allotment, and he will find out by the next meeting if L5P is nearing its limit.

Cathy Bradshaw said she saw signs for a new restaurant in the old post office building on Euclid Ave. (near El Myr). Cathy mentioned an earlier application for a restaurant in that space was declined. Judy also mentioned follow-up on license renewals. If we have a problem with a certain business, the time to negotiate is during this renewal process. Cathy emphasized calling 911 for all complaints so there is a record that can be used during this renewal process.

Jonathan Miller reported on NPU.

1. The City of Atlanta Assistant Solicitor, **Warren Atkinson**, attended the IPNA meeting last month. He has a group of young adults with one non-violent offense who have been offered a community service program in lieu of jail time. They are available for neighborhood clean-up. Contact him if you have a need for these individuals.
2. The City of Atlanta Planning Department will not be sending representatives to NPU meetings any more. This is a trend in the City. The NPU is trying to put pressure on the City to get NPUs staffed with a City Planning member. The next NPU meeting is Thursday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Little Five Points Community Center. The only agenda item that immediately impacts Inman Park is that The Porter goes up for a liquor license application.
3. Jonathan highlighted all the increases in City fees for permits, applications etc. He encouraged everyone to come to NPU meetings so your voice will be heard on these types of issues. The NPU agenda is on the City website or e-mail Jonathan for more information at: millernkelly@mindspring.com.
4. The proposed fall festival on North Highland Ave. has been moved to another location out of the neighborhood. Jonathan Miller also announced a festival in Cabbagetown will be held on October 11 called "Halloweenie."

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke

1. 507 North Highland Ave. - not ready to present because they will be revising plans because of difficulty with the alley access.
2. 756 West Ashland Ave. - not ready to present.
3. 169 Hale St. - not ready to present.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan

Bill Hagan was not able to attend due to knee surgery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Festival.** **Danny Feig-Sandoval** presented IPNA with a check for \$82,000 from the 2008 Festival. He mentioned it was not quite as large as anticipated because of a few unexpected large invoices. The Festival Committee will be meeting again in September or October to start Festival planning for next year. There are lots of issues including rising costs and new sponsors.
A motion to re-elect Danny as Festival Chair was made, seconded, and carried. Danny spoke about the search for Festival chair for 2010. If you are interested, please contact him. The best practice is to “shadow” Danny during Festival 2009 to be prepared to take over the next year. Also, Danny is looking for Festival Committee chairs. His e-mail is: danny@smallcarpenters.com.
2. **Traffic calming.** Danny is still waiting to receive a new report from the City.
3. **Information Management Committee.** **Jonathan Miller** reported the committee had met again this month. **Yvonne Merkel** did an excellent job in creating a proposal for website needs.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

New Business:

No new business.

Old business:

1. **Lisa Burnette** thanked **Jay Tribby**, **Kwanza Hall** and **Chuck Clarke**, for their help on addressing the T-Mobile cell tower proposal.
2. **Chuck Clarke** reviewed a proposal from developers regarding the Lizzie Chapel site on Euclid Ave. The current plan for three homes will not happen and he's not sure why. The property owner now wants to sell to a developer who wants to build a luxury inn. Chuck met with the developer then coordinated a meeting with immediate neighbors. The proposal includes a four-story, 50-room inn with underground parking. The chapel would be torn down. They have big hurdles with regard to zoning and rezoning. The developer is also looking at the Lake/Elizabeth/North Highland site and has spoken with **Peter Hand**. Chuck will keep us updated.
3. **Nan Orrock**, State Senator, thanked everyone for their support in her re-election. She said her priorities are the tax and water situations. Her agenda also includes Alzheimer's work, accessible housing, and the foreclosure problem. She encouraged everyone to visit her website at nanorrock.com, to call her, or come to see her to discuss your concerns.
4. **Ayanna Reid** shared information about the Atlanta Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 519 Memorial Drive. Habitat for Humanity, an organization that builds houses for working families, is celebrating its 25th anniversary and building its 1000th and 1001st houses in Atlanta. The ReStore sells anything to do with home improvement indoors and out at prices that are 50-75% off the normal retail price. All proceeds go to the Atlanta Habitat for Humanity. The store also takes donations including gently used furniture or home improvement items.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting will be August 20 at 7:30 p.m. **Lisa Burnette** announced Fulton County Commissioner **Nancy Boxill** will join the meeting for dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn. Lisa adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

NPU-N UPDATE – AUGUST 2008

By Jonathan R. Miller, Chair of and IPNA's Representative to NPU-N

Everything costs more these days, and that includes just about anything requiring a permit from the City. As I pointed out last month, City Council very quickly (for them) adopted increases in all types of permit fees. And the Mayor quickly approved them, as indicated below.

Of particular interest to Inman Park are the increases in residential parking permit fees (and making them annual renewals) and the institution of fees for Urban Design Commission applications.

Hang on to your wallet! And thanks again for allowing me to be your NPU-N representative.

ORDINANCE NO. (ZRB NO.)	DESCRIPTION	COMM. *	STATUS (AS OF AUGUST 1, 2008)
06-O-2697 (Z-06-144)	Affordable Housing ordinance.	ZN	Held in Committee.
07-O-0078	Allow License Review Board to not meet in December.	PS	Revised by C.C. in Jan 2007; held in committee; sent back to NPUs.
07-O-0611 (Z-07-52)	Limit the height of retaining walls.	ZN	Pending before ZRB.
07-O-0621 (Z-07-54)	Create Code Section 16-28.023(a) titled "Transfer of Development Rights" in the BeltLine Planning Area.	ZN	Pending before ZRB (may have to be re-written).
07-O-1087	Water and Wastewater City Service Credit Card, On-line Payment, Electronic Check User Convenience Fee {\$4.50 per use}.	FE	Held in Committee for comment from Finance Dep't (probably moot because fee tacked onto a recently-enacted ordinance – see 08-O-0744).
07-O-1521	Outdoor dining areas regulations.	UT	Held in committee.
07-O-1522	Revise dog restraint requirements.	PS	Held 7/31/07 at the request of the author for further review.
07-O-1795	Regulate the transportation of hazardous materials through the City.	PS	Held in Committee.
07-O-2418	Establish procedures for the permitting and regulations of Valet Parking Services.	TR	<i>Adopted by C.C. on July 21.</i>
08-O-0196 (Z-08-010)	Regulations re: appearance of public decks.	ZN	Pending before ZRB.
08-O-0201	<i>Spacing requirements and parking regulations for liquor licenses.</i>	ZN	<i>Adopted by C.C. on July 21.</i>
08-O-0744	Set water rates and add \$4.50 fee for convenience payments.	UT	Adopted by C.C. on June 19.
08-O-0870	2009 Budget.	FE	Adopted by C.C. on June 26.
08-O-0871	Increase fees for installation by the City of sidewalks.	UT	Adopted by C.C. on June 16; <i>approved by Mayor on June 24.</i>
08-O-0872	Increase fees and require annual renewal for residential parking permits.	TR	Adopted by C.C. on June 16; <i>approved by Mayor on June 24.</i>
08-O-0873	Establish fees for use of City parks.	CD	Adopted by C.C. on June 19.
08-O-0874	Add fees for subdivisions and replatting lots.	CD	Adopted by C.C. on June 16; <i>approved by Mayor on June 24.</i>
08-O-0875	Raise building permit fees.	CD	Adopted by C.C. on June 16; <i>approved by Mayor on June 24.</i>
08-O-0876	Increase fees for maps and planning documents.	CD	Adopted by C.C. on June 19.
08-O-0877	Increase/add fees for use of city parks and recreation centers.	CD	<i>Substitute held in committee (public hearing held; Second hearing on June 12; Third hearing on July 1.)</i>
08-O-0880	Increase permit fees for contractors installing water/sewer lines and meters.	UT	Adopted by C.C. on June 16; <i>approved by Mayor on June 24.</i>
08-O-0881	Reinstate regulations and increase fees for permits to block streets/sidewalks during construction activities.	UT	Adopted by C.C. on June 16; <i>approved by Mayor on June 24.</i>
08-O-0883	Increase permit fees for contractors installing sidewalks, driveway aprons, curbs, and gutters.	UT	Adopted by C.C. on June 16; <i>approved by Mayor on June 24.</i>
08-O-1001	Establish fees for UDC applications.	CD	Adopted by C.C. on June 16; <i>approved by Mayor on June 24.</i>

* City Council Committee code: CC=Committee on Council; CD=Community Development/Human Resources; FE=Finance/Executive; S=Public Safety and Legal; TR=Transportation; UT=Utilities; ZN=Zoning; and *italics* indicates newly-listed or revised since last month.

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By Chuck Clarke, Vice-President for Historic Preservation

Please note: If you wish to do any construction work (beyond routine maintenance) on the exterior or site of a home or building in the Inman Park Historic District, **you must contact AUDC** to begin their review/approval process. Once a project is submitted to AUDC, please contact me (at historic.preservation@inmanpark.org) so that neighborhood meeting(s) can be set up. Thanks!

UPCOMING AUDC DEADLINES	HEARING DATE	APPLICATIONS DUE	
		Type II	Type III/IV
	Sept. 10	Aug. 25	Aug. 18
	Sept. 24	Sept. 8	Aug. 29
	Oct. 8	Sept. 22	Sept. 15

Recent AUDC Actions on Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness (CoAs):

- 756 W. Ashland Ave. – *approved with conditions*- Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-192) to allow the construction of a screened/glass porch addition and other renovations.
- 836 Euclid Ave. – *approved with conditions*- Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-224) to allow revisions to plans.

Applications Scheduled for This Month:

- 507 N. Highland Ave. – Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (HD-08-110) for a variance to allow a reduction of the rear yard setback from 44 ft. (required) to 10 ft. (proposed); and (HD-08-111) to allow the construction of site improvements, addition, and other renovations.
- ! 122 Hurt St. - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-262) to allow replacement of windows.

Applications Expected But Not Yet Scheduled (as of press deadline):

- Luxury Inn

AUDC CONTACT INFORMATION			
Website:	http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx		
Address:	Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) 55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 3400 Atlanta, Georgia 30335-0331		
Phone:	404-330-6200	Fax:	404-658-6734

GOOD MOVES MOVES!

By Carolyn McLaughlin

August is a big month for us at Good Move. It is the start of the new Season. Here are some highlights mixed with a bit of news.

Ed Source held its first ever Scholarship Audition on Sunday, August 10, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This was an audition for girls and boys age 7 and up who are interested in dance. They arrived in moveable clothes and bare feet. The audition was at The Dance Space at Inman Park United Methodist Church, 1015 Edgewood Avenue. This space may be better known to you as the IPNA meeting space.

Ed Source will begin classes on Tuesday, August 19, 2008. The Fall/ Winter Semester will run until mid-December. We are offering classes in Creative Movement for ages 3 and 4, Athletic Movement for Boys ages 7+, Pre-Ballet for ages 5 and 6, and several levels of Ballet for ages 7+. These classes are offered at the rate of \$10 per hour and Good Moves never charges a registration or performance fee. We are pleased to announce we have received two project grants from the Georgia Council for the Arts.

The first will support the Consort's Fall repertory Concert, *Food Chain Reaction*. This concert will be presented at 7 Stages on Saturday, November 22, and Sunday, November 23, 2008.

The second grant will support the production of new repertory for this concert including:

The Prince
A Pauper and QUEEN
Buffet Buffett
Ballet de Boynton

Please visit us at our website at:

www.goodmoves.org.

There is a load of great new information, a new organization calendar, and video uploads

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Betty Manley**, a long time neighbor and friend who lived for many years on Austin Ave. near Moreland Ave. Betty made her transition on Sunday, August 3, at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Many of you know Betty had a heart transplant in 1999. She got more mileage out of those nine years than most of us get in a lifetime. Betty had an M. Ed. and J.D. degree and ran a small company training mediators both in the U.S. and abroad.

She loved the mountains of North Carolina and enjoyed kayaking around St. Simon's Island, but didn't limit her travels to the U.S. Greece was among her favorite destinations. She participated in the Transplant Olympics in 2000 and 2002, won a silver medal in the World Transplant Games in France in 2003, and a gold medal in the world games in London, Ontario, in 2005.

Betty only drove convertibles, she loved tomato sandwiches, and played a serious game of Scrabble. Her movie collection could supply a video store. She was rarely seen without her miniature schnauzer by her side, but one of her favorite animal stories may have been about her time spent with the elephants in Thailand.

She was a true "Inman Parker" and a very special person. We have lost a great friend.

A memorial service was held for Betty Manley at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, at the Inman Park United Methodist Church followed by a reception in the Community Room.

2008 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

The Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish.

AUGUST 27

The Summer We Got Saved by **Pat Cunningham Devoto**

Hosted by **Oreon Mann**

877 Edgewood Ave.

SEPTEMBER 24

The Zoo Keeper's Wife by **Diane Ackerman**

Hosted by **Charlotte Steeh**

1303 Iverson
in Candler Park

OCTOBER 22

People of the Book by **Geraldine Brooks**

Hosted by **Cathy Jamison**

805-B Edgewood Ave.

NOVEMBER

No Book

Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER 3

Holiday Party and Book Exchange

Bring a book wrapped in holiday paper
plus bring your covered dish.

Hosted by **Sarah Combs**

1561 Crossway Dr. (Brookhaven)

Happy New Year

2009

January 28

Atlas Shrugged By **Ayn Rand**

February 25

Them By **Nathan McCall**

For Information: 404-688-7330

“ON LIFE’S REGRETS, FISHING, & MORE”

By Bill Hagan

Going on the offensive. Do you have any regrets? Perhaps I should have a few more, or, at least, have a bit more guilt about some things I’ve done. Yet, quite frankly, I have very few regrets in life. Among the strongest (and to many readers, strangest) of these is something I likely share with few here: I was not an infantryman. Called—as in drafted—into being a coerced volunteer into the Army in 1969, I realized too late to change my course from a tanker to a judge advocate that I was really called to the infantry. So, it almost brought a sentimental pang when I got an e-mail the other day from an Inman Parker, who mentioned that he had served in the “Queen of Battle.” In fact, some of that experience probably prompted his message to me.

“As I walked downstairs at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday night, and noticed the police car and small crowd standing around a pile of glass shards on the ground, I wondered to myself, isn’t there anything we can do?”

“Why,” he then not unreasonably asked, “do we constantly play defense?”

He continued, “At the porch party in June here, I joked with several residents about the stupidity of people to leave valuable items in their cars. I have been a victim three times myself of broken car/truck windows over the five years I have lived in Inman Park. Now its just second nature to me to ask my guests if they left anything in their car. Tuesday it hit me that I am in retreat and shooting over my shoulder wildly. WHEN WILL WE PLAY OFFENSE?????”

This resident then asked several specific questions:

Can’t we have the security patrol officers set up a sting of some kind?

- Would the community prosecutor give us advice?
- Wouldn’t the word get out that Inman Park does this sort of thing?
- Wouldn’t surrounding neighborhoods hear of our success and copy us to lock these losers up?
- I would volunteer my sidewalk, my living room window, and my video camera (just not my car window) to catch these punks!!!

That sort of understandable frustration deserves answers, so here is a short version response, based on my conversations with several players—**Sgt. Brent Schierbaum**, our Security Patrol “Chief,” and others.

Yes, of course, the Security Patrol and the APD, can set up “sting” operations with various cars, bicycles, and other tempting items as “bait.” And, yes, the Community Prosecutor, **Warren Atkinson**, is glad to help; and, yes, the word will get out to the criminal subculture; and yes, others would emulate us (or suffer for their lack of resolve and action); and, finally, yes, we may just take you up on those offers of sidewalk, window, and camera.

But, as with everything else—including infantry operations—one must do a cost-benefit analysis. Random stake-out operations are like playing the slots at Biloxi. Yeah, you occasionally hit, but mostly you feed the casino owner’s kids ... or send ‘em to Harvard! But, one of the great changes made in the past few weeks, and which came with **Sergeant Schierbaum’s** top-to-bottom study and actions in revamping the Security Patrol, has been in-depth crime analysis and focus on crime where it happens ... and where it’s likely to happen again. As an example, we now have patrols based not on officers’ convenience and schedules, but on our needs. So far—and it’s been a short “far” as yet—we don’t have a sufficient pat-tern on any crime, even the ubiquitous car break-ins, to justify the cost for a gambling-odds benefit of setting up surveillance.

But, there’s an up side to this. First, we expect patterns to become clearer, so we can target patrols more effectively. But the real question was, “WHEN WILL WE PLAY OFFENSE?????”

Here’s the reality: we’ll play offense as soon as we can afford it. If we—infantrymen, sailors (Lordy, I suppose they are good for something), airmen, marines, and noncombatant Inman Parkers of all stripes—will renew, join, and even toss in a few extra bucks, we can afford some hours of just what this resident suggests, i.e., a stake-out with bait and a 9mm Beretta hook to reel some of these bottom-feeders who prey on us. Heck, think of it as a new twist on Sonny’s “Go Fish” Georgia program, and we’ll be catching—and not releasing—piranhas.

The “New & Improved” Security Patrol: Greg Scott recently complimented **Officer Alejandro**, one of our new members on the Security Patrol, on the Inman Park Yahoo discussion board at <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/inmanparkga/messages>. I saw her sitting in our patrol car the other day on Waddell St. at Edgewood Ave. filling out paperwork. Turns out she’d just arrested a sex offender! **Officer Alejandro** is just one of the several new energetic and caring officers that **Sergeant Schierbaum** has recruited for our little force. That morning’s arrest is but one of quite a few. In fact, we have had more Security Patrol arrests in the past month than in the preceding year and more!

This offensive—to carry on the theme from the previous section—is based on “managing” suspicious persons (Signal 54 on the activity sheet for you police groupies). As **Sergeant Schierbaum** stresses to the patrol officers: “before a car is broken into -a 54 is in the area, before a home is burglarized -a 54 is in the area, before a robbery occurs - a 54 is in the area.” By stopping and questioning suspicious persons, crime can and will be deterred. Warrant checks of the persons “just walking through” has already resulted in the arrest of three persons in Inman Park last month. Figure the odds that one of those three, if not all, would have walked out of Inman Park with something they didn’t walk in with.

911 v. the Security Patrol Cell Phone. It’s time to clarify the Security Patrol cell phone and 911. The main message is: **WE RECOMMEND CALLING 911 FIRST... AND IN ALMOST EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE.**

The patrol car cell phone—404.844. 1004—is primarily for service and informational reasons, e.g., escort to door, questions on follow-up to incidents, neighborhood issues, etc. And, of course, there is nothing wrong with calling the patrol car for any suspicious person and crime in progress *after* you have called 911.

But, calling 911 creates a formal record, allows police to “piece together” information that is not known to the caller such as prior crimes, recent incidents, and chronic offenders, and also means a “pin” on the map, which means resources to us. In that regard, bear in mind, too, that our Security Patrol is a supplement above and beyond what the City of Atlanta provides, not a replacement.

APD officers have training to assist “homeless” people as well as (on a basic level) sort out the psychiatric needs from the urban campers from the recently paroled or from the career felon. Know, too, that the Security Patrol officers, when on duty, monitor the Zone 6 radio, and are “checked in” with the dispatcher to be available to respond to such calls. In other words, they can often respond to the scene quicker than the Beat 604 officer, and, in any event, when on duty, are back-up.

When you call 911, you will get a faster response if you are ready with a street address/cross street/landmark. If that is not possible, ask the police to respond to your (the caller’s) location to be directed to the person needing help/advice/investigation.

As soon as I send this draft article to **Betty Ridderhoff** for flyspecking and publication, I’m sending another “bonus” check of \$140 to the Security Patrol to buy four hours of patrol hours for an extra officer to “go fishing” in Inman Park. On that note, while I may always regret missing my calling, I can say to you, as they do in the Infantry, “*Follow Me!*”

INMAN PARK CRIME BULLETIN FOR JULY 2008

By Greg Scott

Below is a summary of July's criminal activity in our neighborhood. If you are thinking of moving to Inman Park and are reading this report, don't despair... we are an active and pro-active neighborhood and a wonderful place to live.

We take our safety seriously. We work in partnership with neighbors and the police to keep our neighborhood safe. If you already live here, be aware and use this information to change your behavior so we can all be safe.

Burglaries are still way down, but we are still seeing a lot of car break-ins – we are seeing some improvement in Inman Park, but the surrounding areas are still getting hit very hard.

Like I said last month, the dip in crime can be partially attributed to our new and improved Security Patrol. Hopefully you've had a chance to meet at least one of the new officers while they are out keeping us safe.

If you have not joined the Security Patrol, make it a priority. Remember, the more members we have, the more hours of patrol we can pay for.

Unfortunately, there was one armed robbery to report. Luckily, the victim was not hurt, but it reminds us all to be on the lookout for suspicious people, and to be aware of our surroundings. The scary part is that the suspects in this incident were very young.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
6/22	2:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Theft from Vehicle	700 Block Edgewood Ave.	Rear cargo window of Jeep smashed. Lawn chairs taken.
6/22	Overnight	Theft from Vehicle	Spruce St.	Driver's window smashed. Nothing taken.
6/23	Overnight	Theft from Vehicle	100 Block Montag Circle	Ex-boyfriend slashed ex-girlfriend's convertible top and stole her gate access cards, after leaving a nasty note on her car.
6/26	7:30 a.m.	Burglary	300 Block Elizabeth St.	Window of commercial location smashed. Sirius radio taken.
6/29-7/7	I week time frame	Theft from Vehicle	1100 Block Colquitt Ave.	Passenger side window smashed. In-dash stereo taken.
7/2-7/4	Two day period	Auto Theft	100 Block Montag Circle	BMW stolen from parking deck.
7/6	Overnight	Theft from Vehicle	400 Block North Highland	Side window smashed. GPS system taken.
7/6	8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Theft from Vehicle	Waverly Way @ Edgewood Ave/	Passenger side window smashed with a rock. iPod taken.
7/6 – 7/10	4 day time frame	Burglary	200 Block North Highland	Flat screen TV and stereo taken from apartment. No signs of forced entry. Maintenance man suspected.
7/7	12:00 noon	Theft from Vehicle	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Suspect broke small rear window and stole GPS system, then fled on a bicycle.
7/8	6:30 p.m.–midnight	Theft from Vehicle	1000 Block Dekalb Ave.	Passenger side window smashed. Wallet, SS card, birth certificate taken.
7/8-7/9	Overnight	Theft from Vehicle	Waverly Way	In-dash stereo and iPod taken from unsecured vehicle.
7/10	Overnight	Auto Theft	500 Block Seminole Ave.	Car stolen from street.
7/10	4:00 p.m.	Theft from Vehicle	300 Block Sinclair Ave/	Victim found suspect on property and told him to leave. Suspect then went to victims' vehicle, opened the door, and fumbled around. Suspect was arrested. Nothing taken.
7/12	7:00 a.m.	Auto Theft	100 Block Austin Ave.	Paper delivery person's auto taken while it was left running during paper delivery.
7/20	4:00 p.m.	Theft from Vehicle	100 Block Hurt St.	Car window smashed. Debit card, gift card, checks, and GA ID stolen. Car was left unattended for only 15 minutes.
7/21	Overnight	Theft from Vehicle	800 Block Edgewood Ave.	Door damaged. In-dash stereo taken.
7/22	9:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.	Theft from Vehicle	1100 Block Austin Ave,	Purse taken from vehicle.
7/22	5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Theft from Vehicle	1000 Block Edgewood Ave.	Passenger window smashed. GPS taken.
7/23	Overnight	Auto Theft	1100 Block Euclid Ave/	Unlocked car stolen from street
7/24	2:00 a.m.	Burglary	100 Block Krog St.	Front door of restaurant smashed. Two bottles of Grey Goose vodka stolen.
7/24	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Theft from Vehicle	700 Block Lake Ave.	Window smashed. CD player taken.

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7/24	Overnight	Burglary	100 Block Hurt St.	Drill and saw taken from apartment being renovated.
7/24	12:00 mid-night	Robbery	900 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim was arriving home to apartment when two young black males approached her brandishing a silver pistol demanding money. Blackberry cellphone taken.
7/25	Overnight	Theft from	900 Block	Two vehicles broken into. Two stereos, leather bag, GPS, and cell

7/28	Overnight	Vehicle Auto Theft	Euclid Ave. 400 Block Sinclair Ave.	phone taken. Car stolen from street.
7/28	9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Burglary	Brickworks Circle	Door damaged. Nintendo Wii, 25" TV taken.
8/2	5:00 p.m. -- 6:00 p.m.	Theft from Vehicle	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear window smashed. Lap top, iPod, and GPS stolen (the trifecta!!!)

To receive more in-depth crime reports all of Zone 6, subscribe to the Inman Park Yahoo! Group or the inmanpark.org mailing list:
 -To subscribe to the Yahoo! Group, go to www.yahoo.com, click on "Groups" and type "inmanparkga" in the "search groups box. After you click on the group URL just click on "join this group" and follow the instructions.
 -To subscribe to the inmanpark.org mailing list, go to www.inmanpark.org and click on "Subscribe". Fill out the form and click on "subscribe."

BABY ALPHONSE NEEDS A NEW HOME

By Bob Eberwein

I'm afraid my baby ficus, Alphonse, has grown into manhood and must leave the nest. He's currently sun-lounging on my deck and is quite worried because he knows he won't fit back in through the door for the coming winter. So he's looking for a new keeper. Baby Alphonse comes free, but his keeper is asking the modest sum of \$50 for his pot, a pretty garlanded clay vessel.

Baby Alphonse is a handsome de-vil, almost 8 feet tall, floor to top leaf, and has a 5 foot shoulder-spread. He is multi-stemmed and well muscled. I think he's pot-bound but seems to enjoy bondage and discipline. He's kinky that way.

Baby Alphonse molts every winter about two-thirds of his foliage, so you will have an opportunity to do indoor raking, about 80 pounds of molt. But he always "springs" back. Frankly, he's a drinker, consuming a couple bottles a day, but other than that he has no serious vices.

If you have a BIG EMPTY SPOT in a lighted location and plenty of breathing room that is just crying for a strapping (but kinky) ficus tree, Alphonse may be your ticket. So give a ring to Bob Eberwein at 404-523-5804. perators are standing by waiting for your call now!

Now, I know there are lots of you out there with obscenely large houses that can provide this big hunk a perfectly lovely playroom, so don't try to hide. However, you will be checked out to make sure that Baby Alphonse gets lots of room, light, and love, and that he doesn't suffer mistreatment. He's a real charmer.

To move Alphonse, it will require two men and a truck. (Or three hearty women and a stretch golf cart.)
 I may require visitation rights.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM AUGUST 16 TH , 2008, TO APRIL 24, 2009				265 DAYS
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER	
Aug. 16	Sat.	DON'T BE CAUGHT WITHOUT FUNDS FOR YOUR COMMITTEE NEXT YEAR TURN IN YOUR BUDGET REQUESTS BY AUGUST 20, 2009 LATE REQUESTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!		
Aug. 17	Sun.			
Aug. 18	Mon.			
Aug. 19	Tues.			
Aug. 20	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave.	404-581-0576
Aug. 27	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club (Pg. 9)	877 Edgewood Ave.	404-688-7330
Aug. 29	Fri. 7:30 p.m.	Porch Party (Pg. 13)	992 Washita Ave.	404-523-4801
Sept. 01	Mon. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net	
	Mon.	LABOR DAY		

TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
08/12/08	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details.	404-523-4801
09/09/08	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details.	404-523-4801

AGENDA FOR AUGUST 20, 2008 IPNA MEETING

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Police Officers' Reports
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. INPA Officers' Reports
 - A. Public Safety
 - B. Treasurer
 - 1. Budget Requests Due
 - C. President
 - D. Secretary
 - E. Planning
 - F. Zoning:
 - 1. Liquor License: General Process
 - G. Historic Preservation
 - 1. Luxury Inn - discussion only.
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment