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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnett

I am just coming off of Festival week-end and still feeling warm and fuzzy about how this amazing event occurs each year like clockwork, all due to the cooperation and camaraderie of nearly 1,000 neighbors! More than once over the years we got asked who we hire to run our event. There is no event planner in the world who could put on the show we do, because its great success is rooted in the love and respect each of us have for this neighborhood. So thank you, thank you, thank you to the entire Festival organizing committee, every volunteer and every homeowner willing (crazy) enough to let us traipse through your house.

Now I realize that, with the end of Festival, I am at the end of my tenure as your IPNA president. It has been two challenging but amazing years. I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet and work with so many neighbors I had not known before, and I appreciate so much everyone's confidence in me to go out and represent Inman Park to the larger Atlanta community.

I want to extend some personal thanks to the two boards I was so lucky to have served with the past two years. I have endless gratitude to **Stephanie McCaa, Bill Goodman, Megan and Trevor Wilson, Cameron Childress, Bill Hagan, Bob Sandage, Chuck Clarke, Adam Stillman, Drew Evans, Amy Higgins**, and also to our NPU reps **Jonathan Miller and Megan Holder**. It has been an honor and privilege to work with all of you to make crucial decisions about our neighborhood. Each of you has been intelligent, thoughtful, professional, and above all delightful to work with. It would not be worthwhile if volunteering did not involve respect and fun.

In addition, it has been wonderful to work with all of our reliable committee chairs and their committee members, many of whom I rarely even talk to because they are so competent in their roles, they carry them out with no need for interference on my part.

Finally, I want to thank all of my neighbors. I have been told that we have had a "perfect storm" of challenging and controversial issues in the past two years. I

don't believe that, and while I wish that the future involved nothing but calm waters, I know that it will not – it is the nature of our intown community that we face changes from outside, that we work hard to balance our history with our growing present, and that we all care enough to disagree on occasion. I wouldn't have it any other way.

I wish the best of luck to the new IPNA Board in 2010-2011. I'm not going anywhere, and promise to be around to help the neighborhood and IPNA any way you need me.

2010 Friends of Festival

InTown Animal Hospital
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www.intownanimalhospital.com

Mariposa Lofts@Inman Park
100 Montag Circle
www.mariposaloftapt.com

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918 Austin Ave.
www.thealbertatlanta.com

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433 Moreland Ave NE
www.bondcu.com

Broadway Across America
1708 Peachtree Street, Ste. 410
www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/atlanta

Highland Bakery
655 Highland Ave #10
www.highlandbakery.com

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245 N. Highland Ave NE Ste 140
www.HighlandCigar.com

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BECAUSE PAT WESTRICK ASKED

By Regina Brewer

Have you ever gotten a call from Pat Westrick where she asks you to do something completely insane like opening your house for the Tour of Homes while you have 10 major renovation projects happening or host a porch party in the middle of a blizzard and you find yourself saying "yes" even though your spouse will likely divorce you and you remember you don't actually have a porch, front or rear? Yep, that's what happens when Pat calls. So, Pat calls and asks me to be the President of IPNA. Actually, she asked me at a meeting which is even more effective. And, even though I knew my husband Joe might threaten to divorce me and that my children would be neglected vagrants begging for an ice cream fix in front of the Zestos in L5P, I found myself saying "Yes". Pat Westrick is like crack to people who love to volunteer in this neighborhood. You know you have no time to volunteer, you know you should just buy a book on saying no to Pat Westrick. But you can't help but say yes because you just can't say no.

So, I am running for President of Inman Park. I'm very excited about this wonderful challenge to forge new partnerships, re-connect with old friends and other neighborhoods, and find new opportunities during these tough economic times. Plus, our festival is turning 40 next year! Locally, we have a new mayor and a new city council and will soon have a new Fulton County Commissioner. We need to continue to work with our local government officials to ensure that the quality of life we have come to enjoy in Inman Park continues and, hopefully, improves. There are some good opportunities to look at our master plan for the neighborhood while the pressure of development is largely on an unpaid vacation. We also need to create a board of institutional knowledge. Our history is long and complex. We've won and lost many battles and made decisions that impact our lives everyday. We need to be able to tap into the institutional memories of our neighbors to understand where Inman Park has been before we decide where we go next.

So these are just some of the reasons I would be honored to serve as IPNA President. And because Pat Westrick asked.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| DATE | DAY/TIME | EVENT | Pg. | LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER |
|---------|----------------|--|-----|--|
| May 14 | Fri. | | | |
| May 15 | Sat. | | | |
| May 16 | Sun. | | | |
| May 17 | Mon. | | | |
| May 18 | Tues. | | | |
| May 19 | Wed. 6:30 PM | Meeting on <i>Advocator</i> and Membership Directory | | Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave. |
| | 7:30 PM | IPNA Meeting | | Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood. Av. |
| May 20 | Thurs. | | | |
| May 21 | Fri. | | | |
| May 22 | Sat. | | | |
| May 23 | Sun. | | | |
| May 24 | Mon. | | | |
| May 25 | Tues. | | | |
| May 26 | Wed. 7:00 PM | Book Club, <i>There's No Me Without You</i> | | 235 Pearl St (Cabbagetown) |
| | 7:00 PM | IPNA Board Meeting | | 484 Sinclair Avenue |
| May 27 | Thurs. 7:00 PM | NPU-N Meeting | | L5P Community Center, 1083 Austin Ave. |
| May 28 | Fri. | | | |
| May 29 | Sat. | | | |
| May 30 | Sun. | | | |
| May 31 | Mon. | Memorial Day | | |
| June 1 | Tues. 7:00 PM | Springvale Park Seeting Committee | | Trolley Barn, 9963 Edgewood Ave. |
| | 10:00 PM | <i>ADVOCATOR</i> Deadline | | theadvocator@bellsouth.net |
| June 2 | Wed. | | | |
| June 3 | Thurs. | | | |
| June 4 | Fri. | | | |
| June 5 | Sat. | | | |
| June 6 | Sun. | | | |
| June 7 | Mon. | | | |
| June 8 | Tues. | | | |
| June 9 | Wed. | | | |
| June 10 | Thurs 5:30 PM | Literacy Volunteers of Atlanta: Spellabration | | The Fabulous Fox Theatre |
| June 11 | Fri. | | | |
| June 12 | Sat. 8:30 PM | Oakland Cemetery Landscape Workday | | 248 Oakland Ave. |

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JUSTICE DELAYED

By Richard Shapiro

On May 22, 2007, shortly after midnight, 47-year-old Terry Williams, a neighbor who had worked and lived in and around the community for decades, a beloved and loyal friend to many, was walking home from the Yacht Club with Eric Stalker, whom he had met that night. He had offered his new friend a couch to sleep on (typical Terry) and was just about to enter his apartment on Seminole Ave. near L5P when the two were victims of an attempted armed robbery. During the crime Terry was shot in the face; he never regained consciousness from the bullet damage to his brain and died seven days later. Ironically Terry was thrilled to have recently moved to Inman Park, which he knew to be a much safer area than where he had been living. On June 8, 2007, 19-year-old Cori Williams (no relation) was arrested and charged for the crime.

Terry Williams was uniformly regarded as a truly remarkable person, with a unique blend of exceptional intelligence, quick wit and genuine kindness towards people. He had been a sculptor, set designer for television and movies, artisan for the Smithsonian and Carlos museums, writer of stories and screenplays, bartender at the Yacht Club, and regularly attended Epworth Methodist Church in Candler Park.

The trial finally began on April 12, 2010, after nearly three years, multiple delays, two judges and four District Attorneys, and having one witness die. The defendant was charged with seven counts: Malice Murder, Felony Murder, Criminal Attempt To Commit Armed Robbery, two counts each of Aggravated Assault With Intent To Rob and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. In another sad twist of fate, on April 8, Terry's father T.L. Williams, fell at church while attending Maundy Thursday Service, broke his hip and was not able to attend the trial.

At the trial, three of the defendant's acquaintances all testified that Cori Williams confessed to them that he had shot a man in the face in Little 5 Points on that night. They said he had followed the two men thinking they had money, asked them for a light, and when one (Eric Stalker) asked for his lighter back, he put a gun four inches from his face with the hammer cocked, and demanded money. The other man tried to calm and defuse the situation (typical Terry), telling the gunman that he didn't have to do this and they had no money to give; but, when tensions escalated and the situation deteriorated, Terry lunged for the gun. At that point, Cori turned, shot Terry in the face, and ran. All three gave details of the crime and a description of the weapon that were never made public—details only the perpetrator, the other victim and the police knew. Those three witnesses also did not know each other particularly well, had no animosity towards the defendant, received no benefit from their testimony and clearly did not want to be testifying at all.

The defense put up no witnesses, testimony or evidence, but did assail the witnesses' credibility and imply in closing arguments there might have been some sort of conspiratorial reasons for their testimony. It was felt by those in attendance that the case against the defendant was strong and very well presented.

The jury began deliberations on Wednesday. One of Terry's friends sent this e-mail that evening:

Jury deliberations began today at about 11:30AM. The jury did not reach a verdict today, so will resume again tomorrow at 9 AM.

During their deliberations today, the jury came back with 3 requests:

- 1. They asked whether the State could force the defendant to testify. The answer was no.*
- 2. They wanted to review paperwork on one of the witness' convictions. This was never offered as evidence, nor entered into evidence, so was not provided to the jury. They must rely on the witness' own testimony about his convictions.*
- 3. They wanted a copy of the definition of reasonable doubt.*

Based on the above, I'd say that the jury is not overwhelmingly convinced of the State's case against the defendant. Hopefully, they will get it sorted and return a just verdict tomorrow.

Theresa

On Thursday at about noon the jury sent word that they were deadlocked with a vote of 7 to 5. The judge sent them back to deliberate some more. Then, in discussions between the prosecution, the defense, and Terry's family, a plea arrangement was made. Cori Williams plead guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony; thus he publicly admitted to the crime, removing any doubt that the correct person had been convicted. He has no right to appeal. He was sentenced to 20 years—14 to serve, followed by 6 on probation. Having been incarcerated for 3 years, he has 11 more to serve. Cori's family were asked if anyone wanted to speak. His father stood up and apologized to Terry's family and loved ones. The defendant did not make a statement.

That evening, Terry's folks wrote:

We want to thank you all again for being there for us and Ter. You may wonder why we would agree to a plea, but these three years have been so hard we couldn't stand the thought of doing it again. We are praying people and we prayed for a plea. We understand it looks as if it is a small price to pay for what he did but we also knew he could go free and never tell the truth of what happened. We also pray that the Lord will change Cory's heart during these years. We still miss Ter so much and the trial didn't change that but we do not have that dread of going thru it. We know Ter understands.

May God Bless you all,

Joan & T.L

I spoke with the prosecutor a few days later. I was in court for most of the pertinent testimony and was baffled that the jury could have been that split. I'd always heard that it's impossible to get a conviction in Fulton County, but this case seemed very strong. She told me that some of the jurors thought that Eric Stalker should have been able to identify the assailant *despite* the fact that it was night-time, he'd had a few drinks, there was a gun stuck in his face, interracial identifications are often inaccurate, and that Terry was shot right in front of his eyes. (He was off on the age and height and couldn't pick him out of a photo line-up.) Some jurors also felt that, despite zero evidence or motive, there could have been some sort of conspiracy between the police, the prosecution and the three friends Cori confessed to. Also, those three friends all had previous (non-violent) felony convictions, which some jurors felt could have affected their truthfulness—but those were the kind of guys the defendant

hung around with, would have told, and again no motive for them to lie. The jurors were not allowed to know about Cori's previous conviction in an armed robbery.

Given all that transpired, I am glad that Terry's family (who have shown remarkable dignity, grace, decency and strength throughout this horrible ordeal) is comfortable with the outcome of this case; I know I am. A hung jury would have meant another trial and the possibility of the defendant's release, while a jury conviction could have resulted in years of appeals. The

sentence is not insignificant and is in line with what most other States would decide for a similar crime (Georgia has harsh sentencing and it does not have different degrees of murder and manslaughter).

Terry Williams died a hero. Terry's last act on earth was sacrificing himself to protect someone he had just met. I once heard an attorney say that "a gun can make a small man big and a big man small." Terry Williams was a big-hearted man and instead of a pointed gun making him small, he grew bigger still.

MINUTES OF THE INMAN PARK APRIL 21, 2010, IPNA MEETING

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette welcomed the group and asked that newcomers introduce themselves and **Laura Lancaster** from Austin Ave., although not a newcomer, did.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Pat Westrick** said there will be no porch party in April because of Festival, but the parties will continue in May. **Amy Higgins** asked if there were any slots open to host a porch party this year. Pat said there was one spot left and to contact her.
2. **Nick Franz** announced it was not too late to volunteer for Festival.
3. **Oreon Mann** said the Beltline trail was great and encouraged everyone to try it. (You can access it on Irwin Street behind Icebox). The trail to Piedmont Park is two miles.

POLICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Major Dalton reported on the three recent pedestrian robberies as well as the continuing car break-in problem. **Bob Sandage** said **Lt. Brent Schierbaum** had told him an undercover narcotics operation in Little Five Points had made an arrest. **Lou Arcangeli** reported there was a case of aggravated assault in L5P by one homeless man on another. **Karen Goeckel** asked **Major Dalton** if they had any leads on the March 22 robbery on Colquitt. He said no but that APD has increased patrols in the area. **Amy Higgins** said she has noticed an increase in speeding on Dekalb Ave. **Lt. Schierbaum** said he is working on that issue. Someone said the worst offender is the MARTA police. **Lisa Burnette** asked that discussion on the parking issue be deferred until **Jay Tribby** arrived for discussion later in the meeting.

IPNA OFFICER'S REPORTS

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Adam Stillman

1. 849 Virgil: **Adam Stillman** said that since the project was presented last month, there have been two immediate neighbors' meetings to review the revised plans. At the second meeting, the neighbors voted 7-2 in favor of the plans, and 7-2 in favor of the variance. **Ute Banse** and **Rick Bizot**, the architectural team for the project, thanked **Adam Stillman** for his leadership and thanked the neighbors who participated in the process. Ute reported that they met with the City Arborist to determine which trees could be saved. They explained why they need the variances for this project. One is to increase the side-yard setback because the lot is wider than the neighboring lots. This is not an issue for the neighbors. The second variance is to allow for an increase in allowable height of the house from 21 feet to 22 feet 6 inches. This is because of the slope of the property. This increase in height will ensure it is in line with the progression of roof peaks going down the street. A question arose as to why two neighbors voted against the plans. Ute answered because of the 18-inch height variance and a dispute over a property line location. A motion to support the Certificate of Appropriateness for the project was made, seconded and unanimously approved. A second motion to support the variances was made, seconded and unanimously approved.
2. 352 Sinclair: Because **Adam Stillman** is under contract on this lot and will be the architect, **Amy Higgins** presented the project. Adam is requesting a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to build a new house on an empty lot and a variance to decrease the rear-yard setback by 10 feet for a deck. He received unanimous support at the imme-

mediate neighbors' meeting. Adam explained the architectural drawings. The house will look like a one-story house from Sinclair Ave. Because the property grade drops so significantly in the back, the house will actually be two stories with a basement garage. **Jonathan Miller** asked if the front porch will be the same size as the house that was originally on that lot (it burned down a few years ago). Adam said the porch is bigger, but the house overall is slightly narrower to provide more space between neighboring houses. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness and the variance for the setback.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bob Sandage

Bob reminded everyone to send in their membership and security patrol fees. When you are patronizing local businesses, please ask them if they are members of the Security Patrol. **Greg Scott** said the businesses are really supporting the patrol. He showed a sticker that will now be displayed in the front window of participating businesses. **Diane Floyd** said **Betty Ridderhoff** will continue to keep the IPNA mailbox at her house (167 Elizabeth Street) so please use it for membership applications. **Richard Shapiro** gave an update on the trial of **Cori Williams** for the murder of IP neighbor **Terry Williams** in 2007. Even though the evidence was overwhelming, the jury was deadlocked around the fact that the witness who was with Terry couldn't identify the assailant. The judge sent the jury back. The end result was a plea bargain of voluntary manslaughter and commission of a crime with a firearm. He was sentenced to 20 years with 14 to serve. He is given credit for the three he has already served. **Richard** said that the details in the trial revealed that Terry died a hero. The gun was pointed in his friend's face and Terry lunged for the gun to save his friend.

TREASURER: Cameron Childress

Cameron presented the expenses for the month. All these expenses were budgeted:
Advocator: \$2,143.80
Public Safety: \$12,432.28 (officers, fuel)
Beautification: \$1,620.00
Treasurer: \$389.94
(accounting software, meeting babysitter)
Trees Atlanta: \$9,998.00
Website: \$315.00
Total: \$26,899.02

SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa

If you want to pick up a banner or flag before Festival, e-mail or call her to pick one up. Also, it is membership time so please submit your membership application.

PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette

Lisa announced that, due to Betty Ridderhoff's recent health issues, Diane Floyd will now be taking over all the Advocate duties. Diane Floyd introduced herself and said that she would welcome all comments and suggestions about possible updating and changing of the Advocate to meet the current needs of the readership. She is planning on having a separate Advocate meeting to discuss issues such as an electronic version and advertising revenue. She will post information about this meeting once the time and place has been set. Also, if you have any suggestions about the directory, please let her know as well. You can email her directly at theadvocator@bellsouth.net.

PLANNING: V.P. Bill Goodman

Bill recommended that everyone take the Beltline tour. You can sign up for the tour at www.beltline.org. The next available tour is June 18 and the next open Saturday tour is July 10. The tour lasts approximately three hours and meets at the Inman Park MARTA station. Cameron Childress said even if it's booked, it's worth a shot to just show up at the station because sometimes there are no-shows. Sandy Hoke said there are also walking tours and biking tours.

ZONING: V.P. Amy Higgins.

Thomas Stevens from Pure Taqueria announced he would like neighborhood support for an outdoor event for a Cinco de Mayo celebration the weekend of May 1 and 2. He has informally talked to his neighbors and they support this event. The plan is to erect a tent and have a band. The party will be 1-6 pm on both days. They will also be taking donations for the Security Patrol. Lisa Burnette said that, procedurally, this is not an IPNA issue for a vote. It is just a notification. She thanked him for the courtesy of sharing his plans.

Brian Harris, general manager of The Brew House Cafe in L5P, introduced himself and shared information about a month-long event his establishment is hosting during World Cup, June 11-July 12. There will be a tent in the parking lot and live music and small events during the evening. They have all the permitting and paperwork completed. The live music will only be Friday and Saturday nights until 11pm. Again, procedurally, this is just a notification. Lisa Burnette thanked him for the courtesy of informing the IPNA.

Jonathan Miller announced that Cabbagetown has a soccer festival June 12.

Amy Higgins reported on the immediate neighbors' meeting for the outdoor dining at Suced, the restaurant on Edgewood Ave. There were concerns that the outdoor grill would create smoke issues. Ria Pell, the owner, has moved the grill off-property as requested. Danny Feig-Sandoval asked if they now need new parking permits. No, they requested enough parking in their initial permit. A motion was made, seconded and carried to support the immediate neighbors' support of the application.

Bob Sandage reported on the recent meetings regarding the Wrecking Bar Pub and Brewery on Moreland Ave. Bob hosted an immediate neighbors' meeting regarding a special exception permit for parking. He received the immediate neighbors' support. There are two issues. The first is parking for the brewery space (which is the warehouse in the back). The requirement is 18 spaces but he's asked for just one because there will only be one brew master on duty at any given time. The other issue is the parking for the brewpub and event space. The pub requires 36 spaces and the event space requires 23 spaces. There are 21 spaces on-site. Bob has contracted with the BP station on Moreland to rent 8 spaces. He's also contracted with 1083 Euclid Ave. to use 9 spaces. He also has a letter of intent from Front Page News to lease 25 spots. These 25 spots would primarily be used for event parking and there would be a shuttle. Someone asked what would happen if the status of 1083 changed? Bob said that as with all the parking leases, he would have to find other options. How will the patrons find the extra parking? Bob said there would be signage and, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, there would be the option of valet parking. A neighbor asked what provisions he has made for neighbors who won't be able to park in front of their house and how he will handle the behavior of the patrons. Bob said that he will encourage people to be respectful of neigh-

bors. He also emphasized they will not be closing late (11pm on weekdays and 12am on weekends). The pub will also be working closely with the security patrol. A neighbor asked if he was going to coordinate with other establishments who might need the security patrol as well. He said yes, in fact, they are thinking of offering a shuttle service for the Moreland, Euclid, Austin loop to keep as many people off the street as possible. A motion was made, seconded and passed to support the immediate neighbors' support of the special exception.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NPU: Megan Holder announced they will vote on the NPU by-laws in June. Other issues include a review and comment session on car towing. There is discussion about setting a cap on what a towing service can charge. The other issue is the parking ticket issue. Megan is going to ask that NPU defer the vote until they can do some research on what is working and what isn't. There are lots of little details that will be changed such as expanding residential parking to 12 hours a day. There are lots and lots of questions about this issue. Please e-mail specific concerns to Megan. Lisa Burnette will post the current ordinances on the IPNA blog for everyone to see.

Another ordinance coming up for review regarding regulation on how you can board up an abandoned building.

There is also a proposed ordinance for inefficient plumbing. If you have a rental property and a new tenant needs to get the water turned on, you will have to update your plumbing first.

Another issue is that if you decide you want to modify or remove traffic calming devices, you will have to pay to remove them.

Karen Goeckel asked what to do about the sidewalks that are being destroyed during gas line work. Also, there are some water meter covers that are missing and it's become very hazardous to walk. Jonathan Miller said to contact him regarding any water meter cover issues and he will give a list of complaints to his contact, Janet Ward. Lisa Burnette will also contact Kwanza Hall.

Festival: Nick Franz asked that you please volunteer and buy a lot of beer. If you see anything suspicious, please contact security immediately.

Nominating Committee: Pat Westrick announced there are three positions that will be vacant as of June on the IPNA board: President, Secretary, and V.P. planning.

There will be a slate of candidates presented at the next IPNA meeting however, if you are interested in any of these positions, please contact her.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORT

Lisa Burnette started the discussion by saying that this issue is so big that it will require a separate meeting, however, she did want to give the representatives from PARKAtlanta the chance to speak since they were kind enough to attend the meeting. Lisa wants to have a separate meeting because many of the people impacted by this issue are not in attendance right now.

Anderson Moore, program manager for PARKAtlanta introduced himself. He said that he realized there are some big issues and that he regrets this is mainly stemming from poor communication. He said their objective is to serve the residents, especially those living near mixed use areas. He said that they don't want to come in and just randomly write citations. Please contact them if you have certain events where you need enforcement. They want to be an asset not a hindrance.

Sandy Hoke asked if they could enforce Friday and Saturday nights, when we need the residential parking permit rule enforced, not weekday mornings, when they are coming now. Anderson said that he'd like to talk to us about our specific needs.

George Gary reminded everyone that Anderson said he will take care of any tickets that we have been issued so far. George also reminded everyone that we put the residential program in place. We don't want this to become a situation where an outside entity is using us as a revenue stream. So far George has been gratified by the response he's received from PARKAtlanta. Someone complained about the bureaucracy of getting a residential parking permit. PARKAtlanta has nothing to do with issuing permits; that's the responsibility of the City. People asked Anderson how they can contact PARKAtlanta regarding a ticket. He said there is an enforcement division where they can override citations without having to go to court. Look on the back of your citation for the customer service number. Anderson promised everyone that they would receive written confirmation that their violation has been made null and void.

Karen Goeckel asked if PARKAtlanta handled traffic violations other than parking. No, that is handled by the APD. Anderson said to please contact him with your concerns and suggestions at www.parkatlanta.org or 866-219-8702. He said he is working on training his people to handle customer interactions courteously.

Jay Tribby arrived at the meeting and announced that **Kwanza Hall** is introduc-

ing, on Monday, a resolution to put a moratorium on the parking enforcement until it has been reviewed and fixed. He said it has been a disaster and his office has been fielding an incredible number of calls. He gave credit to Anderson's team and said they have been trying to work with them. Jay said that Public Works needs to get their act together. This was a time bomb left by the previous administration with no oversight, planning or communication.

Someone asked what the time limit on the moratorium might be. Jay said it will depend on how long it will take to fix the problems. **Will Sellers** from Councilman **Lamar Willis'** office thanked Anderson Moore for attending the meeting. He said that privatization is the wave of the future and, unless you want your taxes to continue to increase, programs like these will have to be successful. He said he will have a thorough report of the budget cycle next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Oreon Mann asked for an update on the Community Garden. **Lisa Burnette** said there is nothing active right now.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is May 19 at 7:30 pm. There was a motion to adjourn. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

2010 JOEL AWARDS

Each year at Butterfly Ball, Inman Park gives awards, named in honor of Joel Hurt, the man whose vision and dedication gave the City of Atlanta its first Garden Suburb. These awards are given to individuals whose efforts go beyond the call of duty to make our community a better place to live.

*Leadership, activism, concern for the environment,
Politics, the law, friends and community
– especially her community.*

From an early exposure to volunteering and the importance of contributing to the greater good, this native Inman Parker embraced the outdoors through Outward Bound, river clean ups, tree plantings and a deep respect for natural resources.

From Georgia's capitol to D.C., from local campaigns to national, her passion for politics has resulted in leadership and initiative. She has maintained her Inman Park heritage through three decades of participation in its Festivals, work days, parties, elections, recycling and home ownership rolls – and, yes, even its garbage as our Festival Trash Queen.

*She is the stuff of which urban leaders are made.
She is Inman Park's past and its future.
Her neighborhood is proud to honor her
with this Joel Award.
She is our*

JANE BRADSHAW

*When tasks arrive to be pursued
He doesn't ask for recognition.
You want info for a city issue?
He'll say "meet me in the kitchen."
Excessive water bills, no problem.
Trash delays, he's got it covered.
Who can he call to solve the mayhem?
Whatever it is he'll have it answered.
He's the Chief of Staff or right-hand-man,
The one that gets things done,
For us and for our City Councilman,
The only and the one.*

JAY TRIBBY

*With an eye for a smile, style and panache
This shutterbug covers every event with a flash.
From party to polar jump to festival parade
He clicks and he shoots and memories are made.*

*Got a bug or a virus that makes you see red?
Or an internet connection that's gone dead?
You can call anytime on the famous Sir James.
He arrives as your personal Sherpa and tames.*

*For electronic issues that go bump in the night
Your back up and working at dawn's first light
Thank you James Mc Manus of the Avenue of Lake
You've captured our lives with the photos you take.*

JAMES MC MANUS

*From the day he took charge in 2008,
We knew things would be different, right out of the gate;
First, he cleaned house and fired the lot,
Then hired some back, but some he did not;*

*He took our patrol, which had never arrested,
And then set a record that won't soon be bested;
No more sitting, parking, and using up gas;
His troops drove the 'hood' and began kicking as ...*

*They took perps downtown, and the word got around:
Smart folks don't mess with our Sgt. Schierbaum;
Now promoted to Lieutenant in the APD,
He's still trying to be all that he can be;*

*Yet, whenever Brent leaves for bigger and better,
Our Inman Park Patrol will forever be his debtor.*

SGT. BRENT SCHIERBAUM

*He's been in Inman Park for 33 years.
Through happiness and sorrow, and one or two beers.
He's had three different homes, been on Tour four times
And done renovations that were nerve wracking at times.*

*As three-time Festival Treasurer, on him you can bank.
For Trash Patrol duty, he's always top rank.
Leaf blower in hand, he readied the tent—presto!
When he partnered with Ann on Theatre Al Fresco.*

*His engineering skills tamed unruly tent flaps
Which would have baffled lesser men, perhaps.
For his willing commitment and tireless attitude,
We give this Joel Award with our heartfelt gratitude.*

*Because at the end of the day, when we want something done
We can always count on this guy!*

DAVID HUDSON

FESTIVAL 2010

By Nick Franz

Festival 2010 has come and gone. Saturday started out overcast and, for the first time in a number of years, Mother Nature came calling and made Saturday more challenging than it has been in several years. One thing the weather did not dampen was the Inman Park spirit. In spite of the weather, I witnessed volunteers selling beer, picking up garbage, prepping the main tent for a day of music and much more. The best parade in Atlanta marched forward in a driving rain! Theatre Night went off without a flaw and raised a record amount for our four neighborhood theatres.

We will never be able to control the weather but we can always control the face we show the many visitors to our community. The difficult weather conditions brought out the best in Inman Park. After 39 years, a little thunderstorm certainly would not quell our enthusiasm. Sunday brought us a gorgeous day and the crowds were out *en masse*. We had a record day selling beverages and I spoke to several vendors who said it was one of their best days ever. And, by Sunday at 10 pm, our neighborhood was back to normal. One more Festival in the books.

This weekend would not happen without the tireless efforts of many. Let me thank our sponsors and the Festival Committee for their outstanding efforts. The planning for this event starts months in advance and the Festival Committee Chairs are the driving force behind our success. Finally, thanks to all the volunteers who showed up to pour beer, serve as house sitters, pick up garbage and keep our streets clean, sell merchandise and tickets and the many other roles that required volunteers. My heartfelt thanks goes out to each and every one of you. Your spirit and willingness to serve is what the Inman Park Festival is all about.

Festival 2011 is now less than a year away! Our 40th Festival planning will begin soon and we look forward to another fantastic weekend.

BUTTERFLY BALL

By Karin Mebium

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful time at Butterfly Ball this year. As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who helped putting it together.

First of all, my special thanks to **Laura Salazar**. Laura has been our ticket queen for several years now and she put in a lot of time and effort to make that process run as smoothly as ever.

Karen Heim and **Megan Holder** helped a great deal, amongst other things with the set-up. **Megan** has kindly offered to organize Butterfly Ball next year and I expect great things from her.

Cooper Pierce and **Doug Miller** toiled all afternoon carrying around tables and chairs, while **Andre de Winter** helped with the balloons. Thank you so much, guys!

Thank you to **King Sized**, the **Marching Abominables**, **Carol Parks catering** and **Premier Events** for the fabulous entertainment, food and bars.

Also **Steve Ray**, **Cliff from Rathbuns** and **Liz from Adaptations flowers** sponsored the plants and table decorations which looked great and for which I was so very grateful.

Every year there are many people who deliver the invitations around the neighborhood (you know who you are) and I would like to acknowledge and thank them as well.

And last but not least a big thank you to **Nick Franz** for taking on the Festival chair task. Even with the rain, we had such a wonderful time and I am already looking forward to next year's Festival!

2010 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

The Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m.

Bring a covered dish

May 26

There's No Me Without You

By **Melissa Fay Greene**

Hosted by **Tara Burdeslaw**

235 Pearl St. (Cabbagetown)

June 23

Loving Frank

by **Nancy Horan**

Hosted by **Marnie McMurry**

466 North Highland Ave. Unit 1

July 28

The Art of Racing in the Rain

by **Garth Stein**

August 25

The Gift of Rain

by **Tan Tan Eng**

September 23

The Forgotten Garden

by **Kate Martin**

October 27

The Vanishing Act of Esme Lenox

by **Maggie O'Farrell**

For Information: 404-688-7330

APRIL PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

by Bob Sandage

Inman Park VP of Public Safety

Through the first three months of 2010, all of Inman Park, Little Five Points, and APD beats 604/605 were running about 50% of the violent crimes that occurred during the same period of 2009. I guess we can attribute much of that to the unusually long winter weather! With the warming weather of April, the single-month tally in 2010 puts Beats 604/605 about on par with 2009. And unfortunately with six of the incidents occurring in Inman Park, the stats are now worse for our neighborhood in 2010 than the previous year. Tabulated below is a comparison of the same periods in 2009 and 2010 (©**John Hines** 2010).

| | Apr 2010 | Apr 2009 | YTD 2010 | YTD 2009 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Inman Park Assaults and Robberies | 6 | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| L5P Assaults and Robberies | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| All of Beat 604/605 | 8 | 1 | 19 | 21 |

In four of the six incidents there were domestic assaults, victims that couldn't later identify Inman Park, and victims getting robbed three feet within Inman Park boundaries after taking pictures of the Krog Street tunnel at midnight! I do not mean to trivialize any of these incidents, but several are of a nature that they should not be showing up on our crime reports. Even so, this means that there were a couple incidents where victims were robbed at gun point right in the heart of Inman Park, and this is two more than we should have during any month. The Inman Park Security Patrol has adapted some of their logistics in further attempt to deter this type of crime.

As for Security Patrol membership:

1. We are maintaining the existing managed property relationships well with the addition of **Shannon Harris** as Managed Property Liaison.
2. **Greg Scott** has restructured the Security Patrol fees for Inman Park businesses and asked for restaurant commitment in the form of the summer Dine Out for Inman Park Security Patrol. This restructuring has been successful in getting quite a few more businesses involved.
3. In residential renewals for the three months ended 3/31/2010, we were almost identical to the same period in 2009. **Diane Floyd** is now handling incoming membership forms although we continue to use the mailbox at 167 Elizabeth Street. Because of the transition we are a little behind and trying to catch up for April.

As a reminder, you CAN send in your membership renewal at ANY TIME during the year. We push to have memberships before the start of the historical Security Patrol year starting in May, but will take money at any time! We also will likely have street captains contacting residents on their street, and may send out renewal invoices as well. The Security Patrol is helping take a bite out of crime in Inman Park, and it is only through memberships that we are able to do this.

Until next month, please stay safe!

| INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL APRIL 2010-ACTIVITY REPORT <i>By Lt. Brent Schierbaum</i> | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Directed Patrols | 270 | Info for Officer | 3 | Prowler | 1 |
| Drop Ins/Park and Walks | 128 | Abandoned Auto | 3 | Car Accident | 1 |
| Suspicious Person | 28 | Open Door or Window | 2 | Public Indecency | 1 |
| Residential Alarm | 17 | Damage of Property | 2 | Roadway or Sidewalk Obstruction | 1 |
| Parking Complaint | 11 | Person Stabbed | 1 | Wanted Person | 1 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 7 | Burglary in Progress | 1 | Armed Robbery | 1 |
| Noise Complaint | 6 | Apartment Fire | 1 | Criminal Trespass | 1 |
| Fight/Disturbance | 5 | Lost Person | 1 | Gun Shots | 1 |
| Theft | 4 | Animal Call | 1 | Officer Needs Assistance | 1 |
| ARRESTS | Public Indecency | 1 | Felon in Possession of Weapon | 1 | |
| | Parking Citations | 6 | Vehicle Impounds | 1 | |
| Association Member Contacts | | | | 15 | |

INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR APRIL 2010

By Greg Scott

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

Another Festival has come and gone and we are happy to say that we made it through without any major incidents. Unfortunately the warmer weather saw an increase in robberies this month. Overall this is a very short crime report. Our

thinking is that the Security Patrol, coupled with the increase in discretionary units deployed by the Zone 6 commander, are helping keep the car break-ins and burglaries to a minimum.

As is the case regularly, many of the crimes listed here could have been prevented. Please practice good safety habits by not leaving anything of value in your car, lock your doors and, if you feel the urge to take photographs of the Krog Street tunnel, try to do it during the daytime!

Thanks to all who consistently support the Security Patrol and to those who have signed up for the first time this year. We appreciate you helping us keep our neighborhood safer.

| DATE | TIME | CRIME | BLOCK LOCATION | NOTEWORTHY |
|-----------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 4/5 | 2:00 PM-3:00 PM | Theft from Auto | 100 Block Montag Cir | GPS stolen from unsecured car. |
| 4/6 | 9:45 PM | Robbery | Poplar Circle | Victim was walking to the MARTA station through the park when he was jumped and beaten by 2 men and his backpack, wallet and cell phone were stolen. |
| 4/7-4/8 | Overnight | Theft from Auto | 200 Block Elizabeth | Window of truck smashed. Handgun and other items stolen. |
| 4/9 | 5:00 AM | Theft from Auto | 1000 Block Euclid | Small hole cut under door lock of car and entry made. Radio stolen. |
| 4/10 | 7:30 PM | Theft from Auto | 1000 Block Edgewood | Suspects approached valet at location to ask for directions. While valet was distracted suspects took unlisted items from car with windows down. |
| 4/10 | 10:15 PM | Robbery | Austin @ Euclid | Three victims were walking together being followed by a group of 4-5 black males. One of the suspects ran up in front of victims, produced a handgun, and stole a backpack and cellphone from victims. |
| 4/11 | 6:30 PM | Aggravated Assault | Carmel@Sinclair | Victim got into an altercation with suspect over victim's dog not being leashed. Suspect produced a handgun and threatened victim. |
| 4/12 | One month period | Theft | Delta Place | Victim last noticed license plate on trailer a month ago. Plate is now missing and presumed stolen. |
| 4/12 | 12:00 AM | Robbery | 700 Block DeKalb | Victims were taking pictures on street at midnight when 2 suspects pulled up in a maroon sedan, produced a gun and stole a hat, cell phone and sunglasses. |
| 4/13-4/14 | Overnight | Theft from Auto | 300 Block N. Highland | Auto door lock damaged and car rummaged through. Nothing taken. |
| 4/14 | 3:30 PM | Aggravated Assault | 400 Block Seminole | Two subjects were in a fist fight when third subject stabbed one of them. All appeared to be intoxicated. |
| 4/21-4/22 | Overnight | Theft from Auto | 900 Block DeKalb | Driver's door lock broken out and handgun stolen. |

To receive more in-depth crime reports for the whole 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."

**2010 SECURITY PATROL
BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP
UPDATE**

by Greg Scott

The Inman Park Security Patrol is happy to announce that we have had an unprecedented response to our 2010 Membership Drive. After revamping the fee structure by focusing more on fundraising for Restaurants and Bars, and by lowering the cost of membership for retail and professional offices, we were able to get more businesses than ever before to commit to helping keep Inman Park safer. This year, restaurants and bars were asked to pay an initial fee of \$300 (the same amount paid by Residential Gold members) and were required to commit to the Dine Out for Security Event to take place in late July, donating 20% of their dinner service sales during the event to the Patrol, as well as to participation in the Residential Members' Discount Program, which will be rolled out this year. The response from the restaurant community was extremely positive towards this new approach, and we are looking forward to working with them as a true community team.

The businesses that have committed to the program as of this writing are:

Restaurants/Bars

- The Albert
- Fritti
- The North Highland Pub
- Parish
- Park's Edge
- Pure Taqueria
- Sauced
- Savi Urban Market
- Sotto Sotto
- Zaya

Other Businesses

- Adore Hair Studio
- Intown Business Center
- Justice Center of Atlanta
- Small Carpenters at Large
- New Image Dentistry

New this year as well is the "Business Member" window sticker you'll see in participating businesses. They look just like smaller versions of the yard signs. Look for them when you are choosing which Inman Park business to support.

By participating in the Security Patrol, these businesses are helping keep the Patrol active, allowing us to increase patrol hours and maintain the patrol car, and telling us, the residents, that they are proud to be a part of our beautiful neighborhood, value our patronage and are part of the team. Show your teammates some love the next time you go out the neighborhood.

Is your favorite Inman Park business not on this list? It's never too late for them to join – just tell them to contact me at wedfoto390@yahoo.com.

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Cynthia Tin-oo**
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Friday, May 28,
7:30 PM

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WE HAVE A SLATE OF CANDIDATES!

By Pat Westrick

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present a great slate of candidates for the 2010-2011 IPNA Board. They are:

Regina Brewer for President *

David Laube for Vice President for Planning

Amy Higgins for Vice President for Zoning (second year**)

Adam Stillman for Vice President for Historic Preservation (second year**)

Bob Sandage for Vice President for Public Safety (second year**)

Cameron Childress for Treasurer (second year**)

Barbara Black for Secretary

You'll find additional information about one of the candidates to the right. The election of officers will be held this month at IPNA's annual meeting on May 19. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

* Please see the front page for an article from Regina Brewer, candidate for President.

** To ensure continuity, members of the IPNA Board normally serve staggered two year terms.

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY:

BARBARA BLACK

The IPNA Secretary baton/laptop is being passed a few houses down on Waverly Way. I will be stepping into Stephanie McCaa's shoes as the new Secretary. Stephanie, thank you for your hard work!

I have lived in the neighborhood since 1988, initially on Lake Avenue and in 1997 moved to Waverly Way. I am an architect with Surber Barber Choate & Hertlein Architects and have 25 years experience in adaptive reuse and preservation work and hold a great affection for our historic neighborhood. Some of you may know me as the one who drew the houses for the House Tour Tickets many years ago. My daughter, Jessie, is a graduate of the IPCP, Mary Lin, and Inman, and she is now a freshman at Grady.

Please introduce/reintroduce yourself at the neighborhood meetings. Poke me if I fall asleep in meetings, forgive my spelling errors, and tell me to be quiet if I overstate my opinion. I look forward to making new friends in the neighborhood and making a new contribution to the incredible volunteer machine that makes this a vibrant community. You can find me at 184 Waverly Way, the red house near the pond, call 678.772.2058 or e-mail bblack@sbcharch.com.

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By Adam Stillman, Vice President for Historic Preservation

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

| UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES | APPLICATION DEADLINE | HEARING DATE |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | May 18 | June 9 |
| | June 1 | June 23 |
| | June 22 | July 14 |

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

- **851 Virgil Street (aka 849 Virgil, 0 Hale) – Approved with conditions**
- **352 Sinclair Avenue - Approved with conditions**

Applications Scheduled for AUDC:

May 12:

- **158 Elizabeth street** - Application for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (HD-09-241) for a variance from the requirement to use asphalt shingles (required by the compatibility rule) to allow the installation of standing seam metal roof (proposed).

Please see the agenda on the back cover for applications scheduled for this month's IPNA meeting.

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

NPU-N UPDATE

By Megan Holder-Chandler

As many of you are aware, parking has been a hot topic as of late in the neighborhood. Parking is a subject of discussion at the NPU level as well because of a new Residential Permit Parking Ordinance that we are being asked to vote on. (A copy of the proposed ordinance has been posted on the Inman Park Blog.) Given the proposed moratorium on PARKAtlanta, at the April NPU meeting we postponed a vote on the ordinance until a series of meetings could be held at city and community levels related to parking. I would like to hear from those of you who have Residential Permit Parking... questions about changes, what works, what doesn't work. At this point the ordinance seems vague in terms of hours of enforcement and the process by which a street applies for Residential Permit Parking. I look forward to hearing from you before we take our vote on the ordinance in May.

NPU-N's By-laws will be voted on in June. Before we take a vote on approving the by-laws in June, please take a moment to review them. Let me know if you have any questions, comments, or proposed changes before the IPNA June meeting. The by-laws can be found at the following weblink: http://inmanpark.org/doc/NPU-N/NPU-N_Bylaws.2007v2.pdf.

INMAN PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

By Megan Holder-Chandler

Be part of the new Inman Park Community Garden and get great exposure for your artwork!!! The Inman Park Community Garden Board is currently accepting entries for logos for the garden. The winning logo would be used on all official communications from the garden, posted on signage at the garden, and posted on any future website or social networking sites.

Please send submissions to: Inman Park Community Garden, 877 Euclid Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30307 or inmanparkcommunitygarden@gmail.com. A winner will be selected no later than June 30, 2010. Submitted art will not be returned. Digital submissions must be high-resolution pdf and jpeg. Submissions will be considered based on originality and adaptability of use on varying media. The butterfly logo is the official logo of Inman Park. Incorporation of the butterfly is encouraged.

TREE OF THE MONTH

by Amy Higgins, Arboretum Committee Co-chair

This month let's consider the Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*). A native to the eastern United States, it's an eye-catching ornamental tree with purplish-pink blossoms. It's also one of the easier trees to identify. Look for the heart-shaped leaves.

One noteworthy variety of the Eastern Redbud family is the "Forest Pansy". Bill and Kathy Hagan have a lovely specimen in their yard. Its leaves emerge bright red and gradually turn to maroon as they mature. Due to its red heart-shaped leaves and multitude of pink blossoms, my kids have nicknamed it the "Valentine Tree".

Other varieties of Eastern Redbud include "Alba" (white flowers), "Pinkbud", "Flame" (double flowers), "Purple Leaf" and "Silver Cloud" (leaves variegated with white). Tree Watch planted 4 different varieties of redbud in the planting strip in front of Lizzie Chapel a few years ago. The next time you go by, see if you can identify them.

BIG PLANS A BREWIN' AT FORMER WRECKING BAR

by Bob Sandage

Designed and built in 1901 by famous architect Willis Denny, the property at 292 Moreland Avenue (commonly referred to as "The Wrecking Bar") was originally owned by Victor Kriegshaber. Kriegshaber also owned a terra cotta business in Atlanta and was prominent in several other businesses and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce in the early 1900s. From the 1930s through 1960s, the house was many things including a church and a dance studio. From 1970 through 2005, The Wrecking Bar architectural antiques retail shop operated there. Since that time, the National Historic Register property has seen decline through vandalism and has been in a state of continuing disrepair.

My wife and I are residents of Inman Park and have purchased the property with the purpose of revitalizing the building back to its original splendor by creating (a) an events facility on the main floor of the house and (b) a brewpub / restaurant in the lower level of the main house and the warehouse. We intend to call the main floor and thus events center, "The Marianna" just like Victor Kriegshaber who had named the house after his daughter. Also in keeping with historical context (and because it is a great brewpub name!), "The Wrecking Bar Pub and Brewery" will be the brewpub / restaurant's name. The events center and brewpub will each have capacity of approximately 100-125 patrons.

Type I Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) approval has been given for aesthetic improvements and in-kind repairs. If you have not noticed, graffiti removal has begun, as well as roof and masonry repair. Type II AUDC approval is now being sought for items such as doors, windows, balustrades, etc. Our intent is to restore the property as close to historic authenticity as possible.

Additionally, we are asking to modify the Atlanta Municipal Code to allow a brewpub within 300 feet of a private residence. Currently Section 10-88 of the Atlanta Municipal Code allows a restaurant to serve alcohol within 300 feet of a private residence. However, this section does not specify the same for a brewpub (a restaurant that produces their own beer only for on-premise consumption with limits of 40% of revenue coming from sales of alcoholic beverages). Unanimous support from the immediate neighbors and Inman Park Neighborhood (through vote at IPNA) has been received in response to this request. Specifically, we are asking for an exception for brewpubs to operate within 300 feet of private residence, with the limitations of closing hours of 11 pm on weekdays and midnight on weekends.

Another challenge with this project is to satisfying the parking requirements which are different for each intended use:

- Brewpub (brewing facility) – 18 spaces by City guidelines for the warehouse to be used as accessory structure for brewing. Proposing a reduction from 18 spaces to one space for the brewmaster; as no additional personnel will be working in this space.
- Brewpub (restaurant) – 36 spaces by City guidelines for lower level of main building. Actual on-site parking is 21 spaces. Off-site parking has been contracted within 500 feet of the space and a Special Exception has been requested for this off-site parking.
- Events – 23 spaces by City guidelines for the main level. By nature of the events with arrival and departure at more deterministic times, a valet and/or shuttle will be used with

contracted lot parking on the east side of Moreland Avenue. This is also part of the Special Exception requested.

Depending on outcome of legislation and City approvals, planned opening is early 2011. Please become a fan on Facebook at Wrecking Bar Brewpub to stay updated on construction and logistics progress!

CITY HALL EAST UPDATE – May 2010

By Jonathan R. Miller, Chair of NPU-N

A few months ago, I asked for your support for a letter to be sent to the Mayor by the Chairs of the Neighborhood Planning Units (NPU's) E, F, M and N to urge the City of Atlanta to move forward with the sale of City Hall East, the former Sears building on Ponce de Leon in the Old 4th Ward. The main concern of the Chairs of these four NPU's whose borders meet very near to City Hall East was that, with all those occupants still remaining in City Hall East about to leave, the building would deteriorate without an owner with the future of the building in mind. Well, even as the ink was drying on the letter, the wheels were turning. As it turns out, a new suitor (Green Street Properties - www.greenstreetproperties.com) was in the process of making an offer on the property. While several months ago the four Chairs thought we were trying to help push the bus up a hill, we now are just trying to hang on.

About six years ago, when the City started to sell the property, re-zoning of the property was determined to be necessary. Representatives from NPU's E, F, M and N came together to provide input into the process because of the size, history and expected impact of the project. Out of this effort came a list of criteria to be considered. (Neighbors Judy Clements and Tamara Jones were a part of this collaboration, for which the four NPU's won an award from the Urban Design Commission.) In November of 2005, ordinance 05-O-0897 (introduced by Debi Starnes) was approved by City Council and the Mayor to re-zone the properties at 675 North Avenue (City Hall East building) and 641 North Avenue (the empty lot across North Avenue to the south of City Hall East) to the Mixed Residential Commercial-category 3 classification along with a site plan and 20 conditions (MRC-3C) based on the criteria provided by the working group of the four NPU's.

Fast forward to the present. It has become clear that some of the conditions of the current MRC-3C zoning need to be changed. Much had changed in terms of what kind of development will work. The BeltLine project, barely more than idea from a Master's thesis at Georgia Tech, has become an actual project. (Recall that the City Hall East site is bounded to its east by the BeltLine.) And the condo market has tanked. At some point, the City took the lead and proposed an ordinance (10-O-0776: introduced by our council person Kwanza Hall) to change some of the conditions. No changes to the zoning category or the site plan approved in 2005 have been proposed, but three changes to the conditions are contemplated, as follows:

- Change the maximum floor area for retail uses from 50,000 square feet to 150,000 square feet in Condition 2. Criteria for locating for digital industry switchboards within the main building were added.
- Eliminate a portion of Condition 13 which forbids sidewalk arcades encroaching into sidewalk clear zones.
- Add a Condition 21 to allow up to 50% of the required Usable Open Space for the City Hall East property to be re-located to the parcel across North Avenue, the BeltLine

Corridor, and/or the Historic 4th Ward Park that is currently under construction.

As there is some urgency to move this process along, the City has scheduled a special Zoning Review Board (ZRB) hearing for May 25, 2010 to consider this proposal. There will be a number of meetings over the next few weeks for people to weigh in on this proposal. I will be attending these meetings along with several others from Inman Park and Poncey-Highlands so that NPU-N can be kept up to date on the progress of the re-zoning. While NPU-N will not have the opportunity to vote on this proposal before the ZRB hearing, there are still opportunities to participate as the ordinance moves from the ZRB to the Zoning Committee of City Council. While NPU-M's vote is the one that matters (City Hall East is in NPU-M), NPU-N will be looking to make sure that the impacts of the proposed changes are understood. This is of great concern to our sister neighborhood Poncey-Highlands because City Hall East is a stone's throw from their western boundary. Inman Park also needs to understand what is proposed because City Hall East is only about half a mile away.

This process is moving quickly, remarkably so for a re-zoning. I expect some revisions to the proposed changes between when I write this and when you read it. I will try to keep people apprised as things evolve and will endeavor to explain what the proposed changes mean as we consider them. One thing is clear from proposed change 1 above: think big box retailer. Stay tuned!

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

By Diane Floyd

Before I say anything else, let me first give Betty Ridderhoff a **VERY BIG THANK YOU** for guiding the *Advocator*, as well as the Membership Directory, for seventeen years. Most of you cannot imagine how much work that represents, month-in-and-month-out, wrestling the publications into shape, coping with late articles and applications, ads of all sizes and shapes, computer software that didn't always do what it was supposed to do, but **NEVER ONCE** being late to the printer. Now it's time to return the favor. With Betty pretty much confined to her house, at least for the foreseeable future, don't forget to give her a call, stop by for a short visit, write a note or send a card. AND don't forget to do the same thing for your other neighbors. Too often we get caught up in our hectic lives. "Reach out and touch someone," preferably a neighbor!

As I begin the task of taking over the jobs that Betty performed so admirably, I'd like to take this opportunity to ask for your input. **Come to a meeting at 6:30 PM immediately before the May IPNA meeting to discuss your ideas, concerns, criticisms and corrections for the *Advocator*.** And let's also talk about the Membership Directory!

There is still a little time left to re-join IPNA and the Security Patrol and get your name published in the Membership Directory. Didn't do it last year!? It's not too late. Surely you can find the Application Form in this issue of the *Advocator*. If not, surely you have an old *Advocator* that has a copy. Still can't find an application (or can't make heads-or-tails of this one), send a check to "IPNA, 167 Elizabeth St." for at least \$5/person (\$1 if you're one of our "seniors") for membership and something for the Security Patrol (preferably \$200 for Bronze, \$250 for Silver or \$300 for Gold Level membership but anything you can afford is always welcome). Include your name(s), address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and the names and ages of your children.

One issue that seems to be particularly perplexing to residents of Inman Park has to do with the "membership year." "We used to" (oh how I know many of you hate that phrase!) have to re-join IPNA each year before the May meeting when the annual election for officers takes place. Then came the Inman Park Security Patrol and it suddenly seemed like we were getting asked for something almost every month. In an attempt to reduce the number of solicitations you receive, it was decided to combine Security Patrol with IPNA Member

ship. Then there were questions about who could vote on controversial issues and it was decided that you had to be a member of IPNA for 30 days before you could vote. Hence the deadline for membership was "moved up" to April 30. However, the new Membership Directory cannot be published until after the May IPNA meeting when the new Board is elected so the April 30 deadline suddenly "lost its teeth" and you still have time to join!

IPNA MEETING

**Inman Park United Methodist Church
1015 Edgewood Avenue**

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 19, 2010**

**BUSINESS MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 p.m.
Babysitting available during the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.**

MAY AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers**
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting**
- III. Announcements**
- IV. Police Officers' Reports**
- V. Elected Officials' Reports**
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports:**
 - A. Zoning**
 - 1. NPU Report**
 - B. Public Safety**
 - C. Historic Preservation:**
 - 1. 292 Moreland Avenue (aka Wrecking Bar)**
 - 2. 826 Edgewood Avenue**
 - 3. 970 Waverly Way**
 - D. Treasurer:**
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures.**
 - E. Secretary**
 - F. President**
 - G. Planning**
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**