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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Regina Brewer

Short and sweet - - that's my motto for the summer IPNA meetings. So, for the months of June, July, and August, we're going to try to have meetings that end by 8:30 p.m. Now I know that many of you love those long, drawn-out meetings that have endless discussions, but you will have to wait until the fall for those.

What's happening in Inman Park in the summer? I can think of two great events:

1. Our fabulous July 4th picnic in Springvale Park. We provide the chicken and everyone else brings great salads, sides, and desserts. We have games for the kids and an inflatable jumpy that causes every parent's heart to race. **BUT WE NEED HELP FOR THIS TO HAPPEN!** Carrington Moore, who is in charge of the event, will be out of town on that day. She is in desperate need of people to help on the day of the Picnic. Send her an e-mail at [carringtonmoore@gmail.com](mailto:carringtonmoore@gmail.com) if you can help!
2. The Inman Park Security Patrol Dine-Out on July 28. Our neighborhood restaurants donate a percentage of their proceeds to support the Inman Park Security Patrol. I'm told that groups of neighbors hop from one venue to the next, socializing, supporting our patrol, and bringing business to our wonderful restaurants. Put this one on the calendar and book that babysitter now!

And, in keeping with my new motto, this article will be short and sweet also. See you at the June IPNA meeting on the 16th!

## FROM YOUR EDITOR

By Diane Floyd

At the meeting to discuss the *Advocator* held last month one suggestion was to publish a "Vent" column about issues important to quality of life issues in Inman Park. Here goes the first one . . .

When you walk your dog around the neighborhood:

- Please come prepared to clean up after it does its "business." Carry your own plastic bag (a great, guilt-free way to use all those grocery store bags you accumulate because you just can't remember to carry your cloth bags with you)!
- Do NOT "borrow" the plastic bag protecting your neighbor's newspaper from the elements!
- Do NOT deposit the used plastic bag into the paper leaf bag your neighbor has put on the curb awaiting pick-up by the City! The trash collectors WILL take it out and deposit it on your neighbor's curb, leaving them with both your dog "c - - p" AND a plastic bag to dispose of.
- Do NOT allow your dog to use your neighbor's carefully planted shrubs as its porta-potty! They WILL die and have to be replaced!
- DO take the time to notice that a newspaper is still lying on your neighbor's lawn at 10 a.m. and take the time to carry it to their porch so that the criminals can't see that they are out of town.
- DO take the time to smile and say hello to the other people who are walking at the same time.
- DO take the time to pick up that piece of trash that someone else left behind. You've got a built-in trash bag in your hand, don't you!
- DO take the time to make a mental note to call someone about that hazardous condition you just dodged! Don't know WHO to call? Check the inside back cover of your Membership Directory or the back of your most recent *Advocator*.
- DO make a mental note to make a call to a friend whose house you just passed who you haven't seen recently.

## CITY HALL EAST UPDATE

By Jonathan R. Miller, Chair of NPU-N

Where was I? Let's see. When I wrote last month's article I knew two things for sure about the proposed re-zoning of the City Hall East (CHE) property. First, things were moving very quickly for a re-zoning application. Second, the original proposal was likely to change. The re-zoning proposal evolved from the initial proposal I wrote about last month to the proposal I discussed at Inman Park's May meeting. And it changed again between that meeting and the Zoning Review Board (ZRB) meeting on May 25, 2010. Much to my surprise, after a few more meetings and numerous e-mails, the final proposal put forward by the City met with no opposition and was supported by the ZRB unanimously with very little discussion. We were in and out in less than an hour!

What did the final proposal include you ask? Three of the current 20 conditions on the MRC-3 zoning of the City Hall East property were changed and two new conditions were added:

- Condition 2a was changed to allow up to two 150,000 square feet retail establishments (at least one within the CHE building) and up to two 100,000 square feet retail establishments (at least one within the CHE building). Other retail establishments of the CHE building can not exceed 50,000 square feet, and retail establishments in other buildings can not exceed 25,000 square feet. Finally, to alleviate concerns that the site would be transformed into a Mall of Georgia, a cap of 390,000 square feet on the total space for retail establishments was established. The current condition places a cap on retail establishments of 50,000 square feet, which most people now realize would not allow the site to be redeveloped due to the change in economic conditions. As the CHE building itself is over 2 million square feet, the new proposal leaves a lot of room for residential and office uses.
- Condition 2c was changed to allow for up to 20% of the CHE building to be

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used for “digital industry switch boards” and related equipment. Such uses are to be restricted to the fourth floor and up and will not be allowed within 20 feet of an exterior wall or window.

- Condition 13(b)(i), which restricted the construction of sidewalk arcades, was deleted. (This was the only condition in the initial proposal that did not change substantively during the discussions.)
- A new condition 21 was created to deal with the potential to re-locate open space requirements to the south of Ponce de Leon if necessary while requiring that 25% of the property be maintained as open space. What does this mean? Well no one is really sure if this will even be an issue as the re-development of the site is still being worked out. But there will be open space and the re-development will follow closely to the conceptual site plan approved when the site was re-zoned in 2006 to include walkways and numerous new streets within the site.
- At the request of the Poncey-Highland neighborhood, a new condition 22 was added which requires that the City re-visit the traffic study performed by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) when the site was re-zoned previously. In conjunction with the current condition that requires that a Transportation Management Plan be developed, measures can be developed to handle the expected increase in traffic.

The elephant in the room is (drum roll please!) ... parking. That’s right, everyone’s favorite subject. The original plan for the site was nearly 80% residential. With the change to a higher percentage of retail and office use, the parking requirements must be re-visited. And with the BeltLine Overlay zoning that was approved since the site was re-zoned previously, a new issue has risen: because of its proximity to the BeltLine, the site is subject to parking maximums. (No, that is not a typo; I meant maximums.) A Special Exception application has been filed to raise or eliminate those maximums. More information is expected as this novel wrinkle gets *ironed out*. (Get it? Come on, if you have read this far you needed that!) So, more to talk about over the next month as the re-zoning and special exception applications make their way through City Council and the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA), respectively. Don’t change that dial!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBERR
June 14	Mon.		
June 15	Tues.		
June 16	Wed. 7:30 PM	IPNA Meeting	Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave.
June 17	Thurs.		
June 18	Fri.		
June 19	Sat. 8:30 AM 3:00 PM	Rocket Run 5K SoNo-Midtown District Tour	Mary Lin Elementary, 586 Candler Park Dr. 659 Peachtree Street
June 20	Sun.		
June 21	Mon.		
June 22	Tues. 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Springvale Park Visioning Meeting IPNA Board Meeting	Trolley Barn 484 Sinclair Avenue
June 23	Wed. 7:00 PM	Book Club, <i>Loving Frank</i>	466 North Highland Ave., Unit 1
June 24	Thurs.		
June 25	Fri. 7:30 PM	Porch Party	1130 Alta Avenue
June 26	Sat.		
June 27	Sun.		
June 28	Mon.		
June 29	Tues.		
June 30	Wed.	Deadline Community Garden Logo Contest	877 Euclid Avenue
July 1	Thurs. 10:00 PM	ADVOCATOR deadline	<a href="mailto:theadvocator@bellsouth.net">theadvocator@bellsouth.net</a>
July 2	Fri.		
July 3	Sat.		
July 4	Sun4:00-8:00 PM	FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC	Springvale Park

July 5	Mon.		
July 6	Tues.		
July 7	Wed.		
July 8	Thurs.		
July 9	Fri. 6:30 PM	Durid Hills Twilight Tour	1410 Ponce de Leon Avenue
July 10	Sat. 6:30 PM	Ansley Park Twilight Tour	1235 Peachtree Street
July 11	Sun.		
July 12	Mon.		
July 13	Tues.		
July 14	Wed.		
July 15	Thurs. 6:30 PM	Inman Park Twilight Tour	889 Edgewood Avenue

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### 2010 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

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

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m.

Bring a covered dish

#### 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

Hosted by Cathy Jamison

805-B Edgewood Ave.

#### August 25

*The Gift of Rain*

by Tan Tan Eng

Hosted by Oreon Mann

877 Edgewood Ave.

#### September 22

*The Forgotten Garden*

by Kate Martin

Hosted by Pam Gannon

469 Carter Ave (East Lake)

For Information: 404-688-7330

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 Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party!  
 Porch Party!

**June Porch Party**  
 at the home of  
**Danny & Lori Feig-Sandoval**  
 1130 Alta Avenue  
 Friday, June 25, 7:30 PM

BRING A DISH TO SHARE  
 AND YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE(S)

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**INMAN PARK  
CELEBRATES  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
WITH A  
NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC!**

**COME ONE, COME ALL,  
BIG AND SMALL!  
SPRINGVALE PARK \*  
FROM 4:00 P.M. 'TIL DARK (8 P.M.)  
SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2009**

BBQ chicken from Fox Brothers, Fried Chicken from Publix and  
BBQ Tofu from Dynamic Dish will be provided,  
as well as cold soft drinks and "other" beverages.

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE, SOMETHING TO SIT ON,  
AND YOUR PATRIOTIC SPIRIT!**

Compete against your neighbors for big prizes in an old-fash-  
ioned  
sack race, three-legged race, and water balloon toss!  
KIDDIES, Check out the "Space Shuttle"!

\* Rain location will be the Trolley Barn. A notice will be sent out  
on the Yahoo Group by 2 P.M. with the actual location.

# Minutes of the May 19, 2010 IPNA Meeting

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

**Lisa Burnette** welcomed the group and asked any newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Katy** and **Mark Stedina**, Edgewood Ave.; **Ian Jones** and **Caleb Wheelus**, who will be opening a sandwich shop on Elizabeth St.; **Eric Martin**, campaign manager for **Joan Garner**, candidate for Fulton County District 6; **Constance Harrell** and **Jacob Shreckengost** from Sinclair Ave.

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made, seconded, and carried.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Oreon Mann** announced this month's book club will be hosted by **Tara Burdeslaw** Wednesday, May 26 at 235 Pearl Street in Cabbagetown. The book: *There's No Me without You* by Melissa Fay Greene.
- **Pat Westrick** announced this month's porch party will be hosted by **Dan Fishbein** and **Cynthie Tin-Oo** at 776 Dixie Ave, May 28 at 7:30 p.m.. Please bring a covered dish to share and your favorite drink.

## POLICE OFFICERS' REPORT

**Lt. Brent Schierbaum**, Zone 6 precinct and Captain of the Inman Park Patrol, thanked everyone for his Joel Award. He shared a photo of a suspect who is wanted for robberies at the L5P Starbucks, Ben & Jerry's in Virginia Highlands and a Long John Silver's restaurant. His profile has appeared on Crimestoppers twice, but no one has called to report his whereabouts. He is very calm when he commits the robbery. If you notice the suspect or sense anything suspicious, call 911 immediately.

Someone threw an incendiary device into the yard of a home on Lake Ave. Luckily, neighbors were able to put out the fire with a garden hose. This type of crime has also happened twice in Kirkwood. If it happens again, the APD will dedicate some officers to this specific case. If you are at the gas station and you see people filling up small bottles with gas, call 911 immediately.

Lt. Schierbaum also announced the deployment of a Code Enforcement Officer. He will inspect homes that are aban-

doned and will also look for squatters. The police often find stolen items (laptops, GPSs) in these houses. If you see a house you would like inspected, let the APD know.

The APD is very concerned with the imminent close of the Peachtree Pine shelter; they are being proactive in preparing for that closure. There have been four recent house break-ins. The APD did arrest some suspects last week.

**Bob Sandage** introduced **Officer Bandy** as Inman Park Patrol Officer of the Month. He presented her with a \$50 gift card and detailed her arrest of a drunk driver in Inman Park.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORT

**Will Sellers** from Councilman **Lamar Willis'** office introduced **Kelly Jackson**, a Willis' office staff member who will be reporting at IPNA meetings in the future. Will and Kelly both reminded everyone to call their office if you have ideas, suggestions or need help. **Lisa Burnette** thanked Will for past participation at IPNA meetings.

## IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

### ZONING: V.P. Amy Higgins

**Amy Higgins** introduced **Judy Hunsucker** who is interested in converting 325 North Highland (the abandoned duplex next to Soto Soto) into an office for her real estate tax consulting firm. It is presently zoned R5. She has not purchased the property and wants to gauge the neighborhood support before doing so. **Lisa Burnette** said that if she was living there as well, there might be some precedent for a home office situation. **Judy Hunsucker** said she would not be living there; it would be purely office space. **Pat Westrick** said that historically IPNA has opposed rezoning to commercial. **Steve Hays** suggested a show of hands to give her an indication of how we would probably vote. The show of hands was firmly against the idea of rezoning.

**Amy Higgins** introduced **Caleb Walton** who is planning on opening Victory Sandwich Bar in the old Johnny's Pizza space across from Savi Market on Elizabeth Street. They will be open from lunch to late evening. They will offer bicycle delivery of sandwiches to the neighborhood and will offer discounts to non-driving patrons. They are applying for a full liquor license. They plan on serving on their outdoor patio until 11 p.m. and inside

until 2 a.m. and will serve food the entire time.

**NPU: Jonathan Miller**, Chairman of NPU-N, filled in for **Megan Holder** who could not attend. He announced that next month the City of Atlanta will be revealing their capital improvement program. Next month NPU-N will also vote to reaffirm their by-laws.

He said there are development plans in the works for the Patterson Lumber Site in the Old Fourth Ward. The plans call for 58 townhomes and no planned road between the Beltline and the development. The developers are working with the City to connect Elizabeth Street to the property. **Cathy Bradshaw** said this is a big concern. This plan is a lot bigger than the plan that was proposed five years ago. **Cathy** said we need to start providing input now about our concerns because if we wait until there is a final plan then we only have the power to review and comment. She asked **Jonathan** to use our influence at NPU to address these concerns.

**Mary Lin Elementary School** will be receiving \$4.1 million to renovate the school (upgrade the administration areas, fix the roof, build classrooms and address the pick-up, drop-off area). There is a 5K run June 19 to benefit the **Mary Lin Foundation**.

The date for the 2011 marathon has been set for March 20. The name of the sponsor has not been revealed, but it will not be ING.

NPU-N will vote next week on the special exception for 292 Moreland Ave. (the Wrecking Bar property).

NPU-N will also be reviewing the residential parking issue. Much discussion ensued about how we would want to support a residential parking ordinance. The leading issues were signage and specified times for resident-only parking. Another issue was the recent change to a one-year renewal vs. a two-year renewal for the residential parking pass. Someone asked about guest passes. The answer is that you are issued a certain number of guest passes per year. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to support an ordinance that would specify resident parking for twelve hours from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m.; enforcement of the residential parking permits; signage that listed the hours of residential parking; and a return to a two-year renewal schedule.

Other issues coming before the NPU include a new housing code for commer-

cial, industrial and institutional landlords who aren't taking care of their properties; a potential increase in the business tax for large companies; and the \$4.95 surcharge that the City of Atlanta is charging for paying bills on-line.

City Hall East has a new development suitor, Green Street Properties (who did the Glenwood project). The plan for redevelopment has changed from primarily residential to mostly retail including big box retail. However 25% of the City Hall East property will be open space. There will be a special zoning review board meeting on May 26. The main concern is the increase in traffic. They will need to revisit the traffic plan. Jonathan will give **Lisa Burnette** updates to put on the blog. The next NPU meeting is May 27.

**Elected Official Commissioner John Eaves**, Chairman of Fulton County, introduced himself and announced that the 2008 vote for a bond to renovate and build new libraries starts in 2011. Eight new libraries will be built and two (the Ponce de Leon and Downtown branches) will be renovated.

He also discussed the regional transportation/transit plan that covers Fulton and DeKalb Counties. There is also a proposal for Fulton County to take over the City of Atlanta Jail. This will be a win-win as Fulton County needs more jail beds and the City can cut the expense from their budget. He asked to please contact him at 404-730-8206 if you have any input.

Someone asked where the Beltline was in the transportation plan. He said they will be prioritizing the projects in the process and that the Beltline can be one of those projects. **Lisa Burnette** said we would like to schedule a time before a future IPNA meeting for a Q&A session with Commissioner Eaves.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bob Sandage**

**Bob Sandage** reported that it's been pretty quiet in the neighborhood (except for the Lake Ave. incendiary device incident). He does not have exact figures with regard to residential security patrol memberships right now because of the transition process with files since **Betty Ridderhoff's** retirement, but he believes we are trending towards the same number as last year. **Greg Scott** has done a great job in increasing business memberships. Almost every restaurant in Inman Park is participating in the Dine-Out promotion to benefit the Security Patrol July 28 (the exceptions being Rathbuns and Il Localino.) If you patronize those two restaurants, Bob suggested that you ask

them why they are not participating. The increased revenue the restaurants received in last year's promotions offset the contribution they made to the Security Patrol. **Bob Sandage** said **Shannon Harris** is also doing a wonderful job with managed properties.

The question was raised as to whether businesses in L5P join the patrol. **Bob Sandage** said that the IPP could not handle the addition of covering L5P. Bob did say he'd like to see more coordination between the L5P mini-precinct and the IPP. **Richard Shapiro** pointed out that the border of Inman Park runs right down the middle of Moreland Ave. **Bob Sandage** pointed out that 99% of the IPP money is generated by residential memberships so the focus needs to be there. **Bill Goodman** commented that he lives near L5P and sees the IPP car patrolling his area and notes that they are very responsive. **Cameron Childress** did point out that IPNA contributes to the mini-precinct budget every year. He pointed out that our relationship is not adversarial; we complement each other and work together. **Jonathan Miller** announced that Candler Park is considering a security patrol.

#### **Historic Preservation: V.P. Adam Stillman**

- 970 Waverly Way: Removed from the agenda.
- A motion to add 225 Degress Ave. to the agenda was made, seconded, and passed. **Danny and Lori Feig-Sandoval** have purchased the property and will be renovating it to sell it. It has been abandoned for a few years. He explained he will need to get approval from the UDC for enhancements such as adding a gable, re-siding with hardy plank, and adding skylights and solar panels in the back of the house. He is not requesting any variances. The immediate neighbors all voted to support his proposed renovation. A motion was made, seconded, and moved to support the immediate neighbors' support.
- Rick Bizot reported they have two applications before the UDC for the Wrecking Bar property.
- **826 Edgewood Ave.:** **Amy Higgins** is presenting this project because **Adam Stillman** is the architect on the project. The proposal is for a new single-family house to be built on the vacant lot where Druid Circle, Edgewood Ave. and Euclid Ave. all converge. They are requesting a Type

III application to build. There were 9 immediate neighbors at the meeting and 6 voted in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstained. The house itself requires no variances. They are requesting a variance to move a carriage house farther from the alley from 1.2 feet to 21.5 feet. Of the immediate neighbors, 6 voted in favor and 3 opposed. They are asking for one more variance: to reduce the set-back on the right side of the lot from 50.4 feet to 7.5 feet. Of the immediate neighbors, 4 voted in favor, 4 were opposed and 1 abstained. Compatibility is based on Edgewood Ave.

**Holly Mull**, an immediate neighbor, said she feels the project has just moved too fast. They would like to defer the vote for one month to work out the differences they have with the proposal. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** asked them to discuss their concerns. **Klaus Roesch** indicated his opposition to the carriage house because there was not historically a carriage house located on the lot, and also expressed concern about an additional household using the shared alley to access parking. **Adam Stillman** answered that the presence of the historic structure at 814 Edgewood (Whitespace Gallery) established the precedent per the compatibility rule for accessory structures on the block, and that the historic regulations allow and encourage use of alleys for off-street parking.

A motion was made and seconded but did not pass to defer for the IPNA vote for one month regarding the two parts of the variance related to the carriage house. A second motion was made, seconded, and passed to support the Type III application. A third motion was made, seconded, and passed to support the first part of the variance to move the carriage house farther from the alley from 1.2 feet to 21.5 feet. A fourth motion was made, seconded, and passed to support the second part of the variance to reduce the set-back from 50.4 to 7.5 feet.

**Adam Stillman** said to please contact him if you have questions or concerns.

- 214 Hurt St.: This property has been abandoned for 21 years and is deteriorating. **Adam** expressed special thanks to **Eric Goldberg**, who is spearheading the campaign to encourage the owners to restore and maintain the property or sell it.

Adam also announced there is now just one application for Type II and Type III applications, and it comes with a checklist of all things that you need to help you through the process. You can find this information at the UDC website at:

www.atlantaga.gov.

**TREASURER: Cameron Childress**

**Cameron Childress** reviewed the budgeted items that were paid.

\$12,071 - security patrol  
100 - babysitter (April/May)  
\$12,171 - total

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to pay all bills over \$1,000.

**SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa**

Nothing to report.

**PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette**

**Lisa Burnette** congratulated all the Joel Award winners. She also thanked everyone who made the Festival so great. There are no hard numbers yet, but it looks like Sunday was a record-breaker.

**PLANNING: V.P. Bill Goodman**

Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Nominating Committee: Pat Westrick** announced the nominees for the 2010 IPNA Board: **Regina Brewer** for President, **Barbara Black** for Secretary,

**Cameron Childress** for Treasurer, **Adam Stillman** for V.P. Historic Preservation, **Amy Higgins** for V.P. Zoning, **David Laube** for V.P. Planning. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve all the nominations. **Lisa Burnette** thanked **Pat Westrick** for heading up the nominating committee.

**Springvale Park: Amy Higgins** announced the first public meeting of the "Visioning" process will be June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at The Trolley Barn. The meeting should last approximately 1 ½ hours and Park Pride will discuss the process and begin accepting input from the neighborhood about our priorities for the park.

**Membership/Advocator: Diane Floyd** announced she will still be accepting membership applications through the end of May for IPNA membership and Security Patrol for inclusion in the printed directory.

**NOTE: New Security Patrol applications are accepted year-round. IPNA membership is due each year by April 30 for the following year.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

The City Council passed legislation placing a moratorium on ParkAtlanta meter enforcement. There is lots of interest in this neighborhood about the enforcement. **Lisa Burnette** asked if a couple of neighbors could volunteer to attend the public meetings and represent us. If you are interested in this role, please contact Regina

Brewer. (FYI, all parking citations have been forgiven, and they are in the process of taking care of them.)

**Holly Mull** and **Ed Dreistadt** announced the Highland Avenue Beerfest, August 21, from 12 noon until 7 p.m. North Highland Avenue will be closed to traffic from Elizabeth Street to the Inman Park Village Parkway. Tickets come on sale mid-June and will be \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. They are working with all the businesses and residents along the Highland Corridor to ensure that it goes smoothly. The total capacity for the event will be 1500 people. They are encouraging people to take MARTA and have organized parking with **Peter Hand** (Dad's Garage will receive a portion of the revenue). There will be 60 different types of beer, food from local restaurants, and live music from local bands.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Jonathan Miller** thanked the Board for their service.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The next IPNA Meeting is June 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

**SPRINGVALE PARK  
"VISIONING" PROCESS  
IS BEGINNING**

*by Amy Higgins and Brett Lauter*

Please join us on Tuesday June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn. Park Pride and the Springvale Park steering committee will be hosting a meeting to describe the "Visioning" process and begin to gather input from the neighborhood about priorities for the park.

If you follow the Inman Park Yahoo Group, you may remember that questions were asked earlier this spring about what was being planned for the park and why we had entered into this process with Park Pride. Let me start out by expressing thanks to the neighbors who began the revitalization of Springvale Park during the 1970s and 80s. They reclaimed the park from decades of neglect and decay and their efforts are much appreciated. In true Inman Park spirit, neighbors worked together to hire consultants, landscape architects, and contractors to restore the park to a configuration similar to the 1903 Olmstead plan. We hope to build on their work.

It's been nearly 15 years since the last major park revitalization. Like old houses, parks need constant attention and regular maintenance to remain in good condition. Our lovely Springvale is beginning to look a little careworn. Part of the lake wall is deteriorating and the lake itself is eroding around the edges, the paving is broken and scattered, the fountains work only intermittently, and the playground equipment is wearing out. Also, it's important to note that the last effort included only the north side of the park and didn't address any issues in the south side of the park between Euclid and Edgewood. This area could use a little attention too.

The first step is to determine what we, as a neighborhood, want for Springvale for the long-term. Do we want:

- pedestrian-scale lighting instead of highway lights?
- new sidewalks, pathways and benches?
- durable commercial-grade fountains?
- safe and entertaining play equipment for our neighborhood children?
- a reconnection of the two halves of the park via a tunnel – could we even imagine Euclid as a bridge instead of an earth embankment?!

Now is the time to dream big! Park Pride will provide the professional guidance to help us prioritize our goals and construct the improvements in the correct order so we don't have to undo and redo work. For example, they'll help us make sure we have adequate underground utilities in place *before* we plant or pave. They'll also help ensure that the improvements we choose to make are sustainable. Wisdom comes with experience so who better to help us than Park Pride. They've assisted in both the creation and rehabilitation of dozens of neighborhood parks around Atlanta.

The "Visioning" process will include four neighborhood meetings. Upcoming meetings are tentatively scheduled for June 22, August 22, September 21, and October 24. By Christmas time we should be ready to start the hard work – FUNDRAISING!

## **NPU-N REPORT**

*By Megan Holder-Chandler*

In the world of NPU-N, June is by-laws month. We will be voting at next month's IPNA meeting to approve or reject the proposed NPU by-laws. It will be a good old fashioned paper ballot, so please be sure to fill one out at the monthly meeting. To review the proposed by-laws prior to the June IPNA meeting, visit the following website:

[http://www.inmanpark.org/doc/NPU-N/NPU-N\\_Bylaws.2007v2.pdf](http://www.inmanpark.org/doc/NPU-N/NPU-N_Bylaws.2007v2.pdf)

At the May NPU-N meeting we approved the Residential Parking Ordinance (10-O-0468), with the following conditions as requested by IPNA:

- Permits should be valid for two years from issuance.
- The hours of enforcement for Inman Park should be 4:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.
- Signage adequate to inform visitors of the hours is necessary.
- Proper enforcement is required.

We had the opportunity to review and comment on a few other ordinances, one of which we voted to oppose. Ordinance 10-O-0876 would allow the City to recapture the fees charged to them for use of the remote payment system. We voted to oppose because we felt that charging a fee for any remote payment process or account access is a deterrent to the consumer to adopt this newer and more efficient technology and payment methods and is counter-intuitive if you are trying to reduce collection rate and staff time costs and to expedite payment processing.

## **SAPs, SEPs and SUPs**

*By Amy Higgins, VP of Zoning*

Last December I wrote an article about zoning procedures and acronyms. As you might remember, these articles are intended to help new folks understand more about IPNA and its function in the neighborhood. This month let's continue the discussion with a review of permits and variances. Not super exciting I know, but important to our quality of life.

Under the Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, there are 3 types of special permits that allow exceptions to the prescribed requirements of a zoning district:

- Special Administration Permits (SAPs) which involve a Board of Planning (BOP) review and do not require public notice.
- Special Exception Permits (SEPs) which are ruled upon by the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) and do require public notice.
- Special Use Permits (SUPs) which are ruled upon by the Zoning Review Board (ZRB) and do require public notice.

When SEPs and SUPs are applied for within Inman Park, look for an immediate neighbors meeting and IPNA review and comment. Along with liquor licenses, these constitute the majority of zoning activity for IPNA.

We also conduct immediate neighbors meetings when a variance is requested. Keep in mind that a variance is not a change to the zoning code. It is simply an exception granted to a specific property for reasons of unusual topography, site shape or size. It allows compliance with the *spirit* but not necessarily the *letter* of the zoning ordinance. Variances may also be granted when following the strict letter of the zoning ordinance would destroy a mature tree. That's great news for a tree canopy.

## **TREE OF THE MONTH**

*by Amy Higgins, Arboretum Committee Co-chair*

This month I've chosen to highlight a recent (and very extensive) planting by Tree Watch – Spruce Street between Edgewood and Dixie and Edgewood in front of Sugar Magnolia B and B. Over the winter, Tree Watch partnered with Trees Atlanta and Georgia Power to remove the dying Bradford Pears and replace them with hardier species. Many thanks to Georgia Power who donated the labor to remove the dying trees and grind the stumps.

In March I featured the new Merrill Magnolias in front of Sugar Magnolia. This month let's consider the Japanese Snowbell (*Styrax Japonicus*). We now have 13 of these trees planted along the east side of Spruce between Edgewood and Dixie. This small deciduous tree is a native of Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines. It was introduced to the U.S. in 1860s and has adapted well. The cultivar of Japanese Snowbell planted along Spruce is the "Snowcone". Known for its delicate bell-shaped blossoms, this tree produces a wonderful fragrance; it reminds one a little of honeysuckle. It grows to approximately 20 feet in height making it a good candidate for use under utility lines – always an important consideration for Inman Park street trees.



## MAY PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

by Bob Sandage

Inman Park VP of Public Safety

Well, it was a little more quiet this month than in April in regards to violent crime. There were two cases of physical intimidation (no weapon) with one victim being robbed. Also, disturbingly, on May 16<sup>th</sup> someone driving through the neighborhood threw incendiary devices onto property, resulting in small fires. A related incident in a surrounding community damaged about 1/3 of the victim's home. Fortunately, the fires were contained with very minimal damage in Inman Park.

	May 2010	May 2009	YTD 2010	YTD 2009
Inman Park Assaults and Robberies	2	4	11	10
L5P Assaults and Robberies	1	1	3	6
All of Beat 604/605	4	11	23	33

As can be seen from the data above (© John Hines 2010), violent crime is down significantly in our APD Beat (and also city-wide). Were it not for the unusually high number of violent crime incidents in Inman Park during April, our neighborhood would also be sharing in this trend.

For the period of January through May 2010, we have had 239 residents send in applications for Security Patrol in the amount of \$60,350. The number of applications and dollars are both an approximate 20% increase over the same period in 2009. THANK YOU to all have joined or renewed, and please keep continuing to tell your neighbors about the benefits of Security Patrol. Business memberships are over double last year; from \$2,200 in 2009 to over \$5,000 so far this year. And, commitments by Inman Park restaurant members for the Dine Out on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> will likely bring in another \$6-10,000. Many kudos to **Greg Scott** for managing to bring in this new business! Lastly, managed properties are running about the same as last year under the guidance of **Shannon Harris**, so overall this is shaping up to be a good year for Security Patrol.

Until next month, please stay safe!

## INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL MAY 2010-ACTIVITY REPORT

By Lt. Brent Schierbaum

Directed Patrols	327	Officer Needs Assistance	2	Animal Complaint	1
Drop Ins/- Park and Walks	199	Abandoned Auto	2	Prowler	1
Suspicious Person	15	Roadway Obstruction	2	Burglary	1
Residential Alarm	14	Disturbance	2	Open Window/Door	1
Suspicious Vehicle	4	Damage to Property	2	Criminal Trespass	1
Theft	3	Burglary in Progress	1	Car Break-in in Progress	1
Intoxicated Person	3	Reckless Driver	1	Person Injured	1
Parking Complaint	3	Person Armed	1	Fire	1
Noise Complaint	3	Public Indecency	1	Disorderly Juvenile	1
<b>ARRESTS</b>	Entering Auto (Criminal Attempt)	1	Possession of Marijuana/Wanted on Warrant	1	
	Parking Citations	2	Vehicle Impounds	1	
<b>Association Member Contacts</b>			10		

## INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR MAY 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 proactive 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.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, this report only has three weeks worth of data, but even so it's quite short for that amount of time. Once again, many of the crimes listed here could have been prevented by folks taking simple, common sense precautions. A reminder to everyone: just because it's

light outside doesn't mean it's safe to leave items in your car. Several of the "theft from auto" listings this month took place in broad daylight in busy areas. Don't leave valuables in your vehicle, period.

The Inman Park Patrol continues to make a difference. Many thanks to those that continue to support the patrol. Keep in mind that it is never too late to join - the May 1 deadline is only for inclusion in the directory, not for joining the patrol. If you haven't joined yet, fill out the application in the Advocate and send it in to begin taking advantage of the benefits of the patrol (vacation patrol, street to door escort etc...)

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
4/27	9:00 AM-6:00 PM	Theft from Auto	800 Block Inman Village Pkwy.	License plate taken off of vehicle while in parking deck.
4/27	1:00 PM-3:45 PM	Theft from Auto	300 Block Elizabeth St.	Driver's window smashed and gym bag stolen
4/28-4/29	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Block Montag Circle	Windows smashed on three vehicles in parking deck and GPS, sunglasses, computer bag, suitcase and amplifier taken.
4/29	9:30 PM	Commercial Robbery	500 Block Moreland	Suspect entered coffee shop, pointed a gun at employees and demanded the safe be opened. Employees fled out the back door and suspect fled without taking anything.
4/29	4:30 PM-6:15 PM	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid	Passenger side window smashed and Ipod and laptop stolen.
4/29	11:20 PM	Robbery	1100 Block Colquitt	Victim was unlocking vehicle when suspect grabbed her purse and ran.
4/29-4/30	overnight	Theft from Auto	900 Block DeKalb Ave.	Driver's side door lock broken and laptop stolen.
5/5	11:30 AM-12:25 PM	Theft from Auto	200 Block N. Highland	Passenger side window smashed and GPS, tool set taken.
5/11	7:45 PM	Burglary	800 Block Edgewood	Suspect was observed by victim entering open garage and stealing tool set.
5/14	10:30 PM	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid	Vehicle entered and car radio and amps taken
5/15	1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid	Passenger window smashed and laptop taken.

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](http://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](http://www.inmanpark.org) and click on "Subscribe". Fill out the form and click on "subscribe."

## 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](mailto:historic.preservation@inmanpark.org) as early in the project as possible to schedule meetings and be placed on the monthly IPNA meeting agenda, or for any questions related to the historic regulations or approval process. Thank you!

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES	APPLICATION DEADLINE	HEARING DATE
	June 22	July 14
	July 6	July 28
	July 20	August 11

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

- **158 Elizabeth Street** - Application for a Type III Certificate 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 a standing seam metal roof (proposed) - **Deferred to the meeting on October 13, 2010**
- **240 N. Highland Avenue** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-102) to allow new signage - **Approved with conditions**

- **215 Degress Avenue** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-106) to allow front porch renovations - **Approved with conditions**
- **753 Edgewood Avenue** - Review and Comment (RC-10-084) on (U-10-012) on a special use permit to allow a patio with outdoor seating - **Letter of Support**

*Applications Scheduled for AUDC:*

**June 9:**

- **225 Degress Avenue** - Application for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (HD-10-110) to allow addition and alterations
- **826 Edgewood Avenue** - Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (HD-10-118) for a variance to increase the rear yard setback from 1.2' (required) to 21.1' (proposed) and decrease the right side setback from 50.4 (required) to 7.5' (proposed) for an accessory structure and (HD-10-119) to allow a new single family residence.

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

AUDC CONTACT INFORMATION			
Website	<a href="http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx">www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx</a>		
Address	Atlanta Urban Design Commission 55 Trinity Ave., Suite 3400 Atlanta, Georgia 30335-0331		
Phone	404-330-6200	Fax	404-658-6734

## INMAN PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

*By Megan Holder-Chandler*

We are nearing the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for the community garden logo design contest. The contest is open to anyone so encourage your creative kids and friends to enter. We remind you that 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 or 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.

## THE ATLANTA PRESERVATION CENTER'S TWILIGHT (AND OTHER RARELY OFFERED) GUIDED WALKING TOURS

*June, July and August 2010*

Warmer weather is on the way but don't let that deter you from taking one of the APC's 10 different guided walking tours (for information on all APC tours, see [www.preservatlanta.com](http://www.preservatlanta.com)). Many of the tours listed below are only offered once a month and the Rails to the Future tour is only offered 2-3 times a year so don't pass up these chances to see and learn more about the city's historic districts.

### **Historic Midtown Twilight Tour**

**Thursdays, July 1 and August 5 at 6:30 pm**

Step back into Midtown Atlanta's origins at the 1883 Peters House and its surrounding streets. This turn-of-the-century neighborhood is rich in its variety of residential architectural styles.

Meet on the sidewalk in front of Ivy Hall (Edward Peters House) on Piedmont Avenue between North and Ponce de Leon Avenues. (625 Piedmont Avenue).

### **Frederick Law Olmsted's Druid Hills Twilight Tour**

**Fridays, July 9 and August 13 at 6:30 pm**

Enjoy the gracious ambiance of Druid Hills, planned in 1893 by Frederick Law Olmsted, America's preeminent landscape designer. View elegant homes of diverse architectural styles, created by notable architects such as Neel Reid, W.T. Downing and Philip Shutze in a lush park-like setting of curving streets and mature plantings.

Meet in the parking lot of St. John's Lutheran Church, 1410 Ponce de Leon Avenue.

### **Margaret Mitchell's Ansley Park Twilight Tour**

**Saturdays, July 10 and August 14 at 6:30 pm**

Tour Atlanta's first driving suburb, developed in 1904. The majestic trees, broad lawns and tidy parks of this National Register District exist in harmony with Peachtree Street, once lined with impressive homes and now the heart of Midtown's commercial and cultural life.

Meet in front of First Church of Christ, Scientist at 1235 Peachtree Street (corner of Peachtree and 15<sup>th</sup> Street)

### **Inman Park Twilight Tour**

**Thursdays, June 17, July 15 and August 19 at 6:30 pm**

Visit Atlanta's first trolley suburb and see the elegant Victorian homes built by Coca-Cola magnates Asa Candler and Ernest Woodruff.

Meet in front of King Keith Bed and Breakfast, 889 Edgewood Avenue

### **SoNo (South of North Avenue) - Midtown District Tour**

**Saturdays, June 19, July 17 and August 21 at 3 pm**

Tour Atlanta's first commercial district built north of downtown. See how Atlanta's Midtown architecture developed from Queen Anne period styles to Art Deco to New Formalism, and learn about the businessmen, architects and prominent families who created Midtown.

Meet on the steps of the Georgian Terrace Hotel, 659 Peachtree Street

### **Rails to the Future**

**Sunday, August 8, 1 pm**

Explore the unseen underground Atlanta and the city's earliest commercial district. From a stake in the ground to a street underground, see how the railroads and commerce transformed a plot of ground in North Georgia.

Meet in front of the Visitors Center at Underground, corner of Pryor and Upper Alabama Streets

Each tour **lasts approximately 90 minutes** and involves **1 - 1 ½ miles** of easy walking.

**Cost:** \$10 for adults; \$5 for seniors (age 60 and older); \$5 for students; free to APC members.

If you have questions, please call (404.688.3353 x13) or email [rebecca@preservatlanta.com](mailto:rebecca@preservatlanta.com).

## Montessori In Town Will Offer Afterschool Care in Fall

*Taken from a Press Release*

Starting in fall 2010, Montessori In Town will partner with Garrison Afterschool Program to offer extended care for families desiring after-school care. In addition to a morning program for children from 2 ½ - 4 ½, Montessori In Town offers an afternoon program for children ages 4 ½ to 6 ½ years of age encompassing the Kindergarten year. Garrison Afterschool will pick up students from MIT at 2:30 PM and bring them to the program located at 1068 North Highland Avenue, at The Church of Our Saviour in the heart of Virginia Highland.

The Poncey Highland campus of Montessori In Town (1085 Ponce de Leon Avenue) was established in the fall of 2005. Since then the original campus has grown to include a second Primary (2 ½ - 6 ½ year old) classroom and an additional Primary classroom serving Grant Park and surrounding neighborhoods at the historic Glen Castle campus (750 Glenwood Ave.). Both campuses offer a fully accredited A.M.I. Montessori Primary program serving families from the many diverse and vibrant in town neighborhoods.

Garrison Afterschool, established in Fall 2009, is a uniquely designed program that boasts small enrollment, low teacher/student ratios and an integrated relaxed program balancing play (both outdoor and indoor), academics, sports, music, art and drama. The food served is gluten and preservative free and includes organic dairy products and offerings of fresh fruit daily. In their inaugural year, the program formed a chapter of Roots & Shoots, Jane Goodall's initiative to help children better understand the interdependence of animals, the environment, and the human community. Garrison consciously seeks to serve a diverse enrollment. A new indoor playground is currently under construction.

**2010 ROCKET RUN 5K**  
**Benefiting the Mary Lin Education Foundation**  
*Taken from a Press Release*

- Race will begin at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, June 19, at Mary Lin Elementary, 586 Candler Park Drive NE 30307.
- Cost is \$25.
- All runners get a t-shirt and the joy of knowing they've helped educate future generations. Race proceeds go to improving classroom technology and teacher training.
- Late registration and number pickup will be from 7:30-8:15 a.m. on the day of the race.
- Register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

**(SORRY KIDS!)**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD POOL/PORCH**  
**AND BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY**  
Friday August 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Yes, we know that school JUST ended, BUT the members of the Inman Park Pool would like to invite all Inman Park Neighbors to the annual Neighborhood Pool/Porch and Back to School Party at the Inman Park Pool, 25 Spruce Street.

Bring a snack to share. The pool will provide beverages.

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JUNE 16, 2010**

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

**June 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. President
  - B. Zoning
    1. 280 Elizabeth Street, Victory Sandwich
  - C. Historic Preservation:
    1. 970 Waverly Way
  - D. Public Safety
  - E. Planning
    1. NPU Report
    2. PARKAtlanta Update
  - F. Treasurer:
    1. Report of Regular Expenditures
    2. Cell Phone Tower Legal Fees-\$1,507.50
  - G. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment