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President's Report

BY REGINA BREWER, PRESIDENT

This month's meeting will have a packed agenda and we will be dealing with a number of important issues.

First, we will have a ***presentation by Stacii Johnson of the Mayor's office regarding film permits and the process her office uses to grant those permits.*** This will be a great opportunity to give suggestions on how the process can be smoother and how we can all benefit from having our beautiful neighborhood featured in movies/television.

Second, we will be ***voting on whether we should change the location of the IPNA meeting.*** Please look at my separate article on the issues regarding this proposal (page 7).


Third, we will be ***voting on the creation of a new neighborhood commercial district.*** Please see Amy Higgins' article with more information on this re-zoning.

Finally, there has been some discussion on the Yahoo Group (not an official entity of IPNA) regarding ***creating a Code of Ethics (CoE) for the IPNA Board of Directors.*** While this is a best practice for non-profits, it was never required until 2008 when the IRS revised the Form 990 which now requires that non-profit agencies have the following:

1) Conflict of Interest Policy (a CoE by another name), including a whistleblower policy and

2) Document Retention and Destruction Policy.


The revised form was introduced in 2009 for the 2008 tax year. We are looking at the last three year's Form 990's to see what was filed. Regardless, we will develop both of these policies with the assistance of Bill Hagan, a neighbor and attorney, who specializes in this kind of policy creation. We should have a policy ready for adoption by early 2012 and certainly before we file our 2011 taxes.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. See you at the November meeting! 

A Note from the Editors

BY SUSANNA CAPELOUTO
& STEPHANIE TOBBEN, CO-EDITORS

It is our honor to continue the great tradition of the *Advocator*. We are following in the footsteps of **Betty Ridderhoff** and **Diane Floyd**, who have taken this publication to Volume 39!

The *Advocator* is an integral thread in the fabric that makes Inman Park unique. Whether you dine out to support IPP, plant a tree to keep Inman Park beautiful, nurture the local wildlife when our Canadian nemeses "Occupy Springvale Park", volunteer at festival, argue passionately at the monthly meetings, or read a book for the book club, ***you are an advocate.*** As editors, we look forward to bringing you the information you need to ensure that Inman Park continues to thrive. 

Budget 2011/2012

Approved budget for IPNA
Fiscal Year: November 1, 2011
through October 31, 2012.

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IPNA Holiday Party

December 2, 8:00 p.m. – midnight

JOIN IPNA TODAY!

"Wisteria Block"

465-479 N. Highland Avenue
Updates regarding proposed
re-zoning.

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Minutes of the October 2011 IPNA Meeting

BY PATTY PRIVEN MURPHY, ACTING SECRETARY

Please note that IPNA meeting minutes printed in the *Advocator* have been edited; for detailed minutes refer to the online edition of the *Advocator*.

Greg Scott, VP of Public Safety, led the meeting due to **Regina Brewer's** absence; **Patty Murphy** subbed as secretary.

Newcomers:

Brooke Schultz, owner of Re-Inspiration, a shop selling recycled or recreated items many made in Georgia. **Nick and Kendell Stowell**, 161 Hale Street, **Neel Gupta** from the Inman Park Village.

Minutes of the Last Meeting were approved.

Announcements:

Danny Feig-Sandoval- Monumental Ball is this Friday

Karen Goeckel- Candler Park residents are trying to get a dog park in Candler Park. Signing a petition is the first step. Someone will be at the IPNA meeting in November to present the plan.

Bob Sandage- Little Five Points Halloween Festival is Saturday.

Melissa Miller- Festival planning has begun for the 2012 Festival. Someone is needed to help with PR. Please call or email if you are interested. Their information is in the directory.

Melissa Miller - The next porch party will be Friday, October 28 at 776 Dixie Avenue.

Oreon Mann – Book Club information can be found in the *Advocator*.

Police Officer Report:

Officer John Chafee said that starting October 1, we had several robberies and attempted robberies over the course of several days.

The incidents started around eleven at night. Inman Park Patrol and the APD patrolled the area heavily and caught the guys. An officer saw a car that met the description of one involved in robberies, he stopped the car, interviewed the people in the car and they confessed to one of the robberies. Items in the car linked the men to other robberies.

Currently they are in the DeKalb County jail. They are wanted in several other counties, and we are hopeful they will be in jail for a while.

There was an incident on October 9 at 673 Edgewood Avenue between the hours of 3:30 and 4:30 a.m. A couple was walking and saw some people behind them. The couple was robbed, a purse taken, and the perps fled.

On October 10 at 1099 Euclid Avenue, a gentleman was paying the parking meter at around 2:00 p.m. A second man approached him from behind and the first guy asked him to back up. The second guy pulled out a knife. The first guy went to his car, got his gun and identified himself as an off duty Police officer. Second guy ran, was quickly identified and picked up later that night. He is now in jail on robbery charges. He had been picked up three times in the past few weeks for robbery, battery and a variety of other things.

There were around fourteen car break-ins on October 17. One was at 280 Elizabeth Street between 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., two more at Wrecking Bar Brewpub between 8:00 – 11:00 p.m., and one at Tijuana Garage between 10:00 – 11:00 p.m. Two black males approximately 5'10" in light colored jackets with ball caps were seen fleeing. There was also a car break in on Colquitt Avenue the same day.

On October 11, a guy walked into Starbuck's and grabbed a laptop from a table. He ran to a car, got in and took off. A witness and victim described the perpetrators. The APD was able to arrest three people. The APD is trying to determine if these guys have been involved in other crimes in the area.

Officer Chafee said many victims were on cell phones not paying attention and were easy targets. Don't leave things in your car.

Karen Goeckel- Inquired about a loud party in Little 5 Points this weekend. Earthtone Music had a live music event in the alley. Five neighbors called the cops to have the music turned down and three neighbors went to the party to ask them to turn down the music. Their request was met with hostility. She asked if it was possible to keep an eye on the alley. Chafee said that the APD will look into this and he'll let Lt. Schierbaum know as well.

Elected Official Report:

Jay Tribby, Chief of Staff for Kwanza Hall- A food truck ordinance was approved unanimously by the City

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Council and a sidewalk trust fund has been started for the City. Money for sidewalks will go directly into a trust instead of the general fund.

The money will help repair sidewalks around the City. Currently the City claims total authority over sidewalks but won't do any maintenance.

Kwanza introduced Pill Mill legislation. Georgia is the last state in the South to make it difficult to ban these places.

Kwanza is working with the Little Five Points Business Association on a "Keep It Intown" campaign to support in town businesses, especially during the holidays.

Districts are being redrawn after each census. District 2 changes might be coming, but not likely to Inman Park.

November 8 vote will have Sunday sale of alcohol on it.

Karen Stern asked Jay for some help with a water leak on DeKalb Avenue. Jay said he'd look into the issue.

ABOE member **Brenda Muhammad, Educational District 1, Chair,** and **Cecily Harsch-Kinnane, Educational District 3** talked about SPLOST vote November 8. They represent Mary Lin, Inman Middle and Grady.

A continuation of a penny sales tax will fund capital projects in the district. There was a priority list. Ms. Muhammad said there are several schools affected by the SPLOST. Mary Lin and Springvale Park are both on the list. Ms. Muhammad then introduced **Alvah Hardy II, the Executive Director of Facility Services.**

Q&A:

Alex Coffman wanted to make certain that Mary Lin is on the list since all the 4th and 5th graders are in trailers. Ms. Harsch-Kinnane said Lin was most definitely on the list.

Jonathan Miller asked if Inman Middle and Grady were on the list. Ms. Harsch-Kinnane said they weren't sure how to address the overcrowding at Inman but money will be made available to schools that need it.

Ms. Harsch-Kinnane said that everything is on the referendum and it's not limited to what is on the list she handed out.

Danny Feig-Sandoval asked if someone could write this out in its entirety on the Yahoo! Group. Ms. Muhammad said she would send out the information.

IPNA Officers' Reports:

Regina Brewer, President

No President's report. Regina is at a conference in Buffalo, New York.

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On the Calendar

Nov.
16

IPNA Meeting
The Marianna,
located above
Wrecking Bar Brewpub
7:30 p.m.

Nov.
19

Tree Watch Work Day
177 Elizabeth St
9:00 a.m.

details on page 13

Nov.
24

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**

Dec.
02

IPNA Holiday Party
8:00 p.m. – midnight

see invitation for
location information

Dec.
03

**Springvale Park
Santa Fundraiser**
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Dec.
10

**Keep Atlanta
Beautiful**
eScrap Recycling
320 Irwin Street
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dec.
20

Happy Hanukkah!

begins at sundown
through December 28

Dec.
25

**Merry
Christmas!**

Apr.
27

Inman Park Festival
through April 29

signup to volunteer!
details on page 13

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David Hamilton, Freedom Park Conservancy

The Conservancy is trying to give the Park an identity with signs. They'd like to place the prototype in Inman Park at the Euclid Avenue entrance. The Conservancy is currently looking at a peg-board type sign made of metal so it's difficult to graffiti. If the prototype is successful the Conservancy wants to put these signs throughout the entire Park.

Mr. Hamilton said that interchangeable signs are a possibility, giving neighborhoods the option to place temporary signs up during festivals, or include history signs.

The Conservancy is looking for neighbors to help maintain the parks. The City only mows and blows. Any other maintenance in the park is the responsibility of neighborhoods.

To help contact Matt and Carol. Matt at up@freedompark.org and Carol pic@freedompark.org

David Laube, V.P. Planning

David was not at the meeting. Update in November.

Johnathan Miller, NPU Report & Beltline Minute

The Lullwater Park water testing has been delayed. The Inman Park Historic Zoning Regulation revisions will be presented at the October NPU-N meeting.

Atlanta Planning Advisory Boards have given money to each of the NPU's. NPU-N has \$3,500 to use on projects by the end of next June. If they don't spend it then they won't receive it the following year. Jonathan is looking for some good projects around the neighborhood so please email him if you have any.

The Atlanta Planning Advisory Board would like nominations for their awards ceremony next month.

NPU-N meets the fourth Thursday of every month at the Little Five Points Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Jonathan invited the Atlanta Board Members to come to next meeting.

Erin Kane, Zoning (in Alan Travis' absence)

"Wisteria Block" is still in a holding pattern. We anticipate having a final, ity approved version by the end of the month. Then, immediate neighbors meeting in early November followed City a presentation to IPNA during November's meeting. That timeline is subject to change.

Erin Kane, V.P. Historic Preservation

1. 850 Virgil Street is asking for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for a rear addition and renovation to the home. Immediate neighbors approved. A motion to support the immediate neighbors was seconded and carried. There are no variances on the project.

2. 197 Hale Street wants a Type IV from the AUDC to demolish the existing structure and a Type III COA to rebuild a new house on the property. There are no variances. The immediate neighbors meeting was October 18, and all seven in attendance supported the application.

A motion to approve both the Type III and Type IV was approved, seconded and carried without opposition.

3. **Adam Stillman** reported on the Zoning Regulation and Revision updates. He put the updates on the Inman Park website, www.inmanpark.org. Adam asked if we wanted to support a 3 foot setback for accessory structures. *The motion was seconded, voted and carried without objection.*

Leigh Hays, V.P. Communications

Leigh will no longer be the interim editor of the *Advocator*. **Susanna Capelouto** and **Stephanie Tobben** are going to be co-editors. **Delaine Ross**, **Janet Berry** and **Andy Coffman** are going to help out as well. Leigh explained that Inman Park is not trying to make a profit on the *Advocator* but would love to have about 70 percent of the costs covered by ads.

Ideally we'd like to have four pages worth of 1/8 page ads in the *Advocator*, as that is where the most money is earned. If you are considering an ad – consider a 1/4 or 1/8 page ad. The deadline for ads & articles is the 25th of the month. *No more late articles or ads.* During the Board budget summit in August one of the cuts was to the *Advocator* which would be to keep it to 20 pages each month. The new digital format is also saving about \$200 month.

Greg Scott, V.P. Safety

Thanked everyone that came to Wrecking Bar Brewpub last month to dine out for IPP. He also thanked those that dined out at Parish and The Albert in October. Leigh mentioned that *every day you can show proof you live in 30307 and Parish will give you a discount of 10%.*

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Bob Sandage presented a check for security patrol for \$827 from Wrecking Bar Brewpub's IPP Dine Out in September. **Andre de Winter** made a \$500 donation and another diner matched Andre's donation but has asked to remain anonymous. Total contributions from Wrecking Bar Brewpub's three day dine out was \$1,827!

The Inman Park Beer Chase is on November 6. This is our first annual 5k and Beer Chase to benefit the IPP. There is a lot of information on the website if you have other questions.

There are twenty sponsors of Beer Chase, all of whom are part of the neighborhood except for *Beer Connoisseur Magazine*. Some parking will be available at Stoveworks, but hopes are that people will take MARTA.

Carolyn McLaughlin, Treasurer

Carolyn reviewed expenditures from the previous month.

Total Regular Expenditures \$ 39,641

Unbudgeted Expenses for Beer Fest \$ 5,133

Beer Fest Expense will be recouped. *For organizational purposes a motion was made to allow Carolyn to write checks up to \$4999 with just one signature for the Beer Festival expenses. The motion was seconded and carried.*

Budget for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year

View final budget in this issue (page 7).

A motion was made by **Dr. Shapiro** to reinstate \$7,500 for the mini-precinct in Little 5 Points. This motion was seconded and followed by a lively discussion about from where to move the money.

Danny Feig-Sandoval suggested we take \$1,000 each from fiscal compliance and traffic calming.

Dr. Shapiro said he'd like to amend his motion to ask for \$5,000 for the mini-precinct instead. There was an amended motion to increase the mini-precinct contribution from \$3,750 to \$5,000. No one was opposed.

The proposed increase of \$1250 for the mini-precinct was taken from traffic calming (\$250) and the fiscal compliance line item (\$1000). The Board proposed to increase the money to the officers and mini-precinct, based on the surplus \$13,000, and reduce traffic calming to \$2,750 and reduce fiscal management to \$4,000.

There was a motion on the floor to approve the budget with the modifications. The motion was seconded and carried.


Jaclyn McDougal, Secretary

Jaclyn was out and nothing to report.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Motion to Adjourn

Oreon Mann motioned to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. The motion carried. 

Piano: Tuning, repairs, rebuilding.
Piano for sale. Please call: 404-378-8310



**Do you want to burn off those turkey calories
AND try Condition Kettlebell Gym for FREE??**

Bring one can of food *to be donated to the Atlanta Community Food Bank* and get a **FREE** Intro to Kettlebell Class!

When: Friday, November 25

What: A **FREE** Turkey Busting Intro to Kettlebells Class

Why: To Burn Those Thanksgiving Calories AND help a worthy cause

Where: Condition Kettlebell Gym in Studioplex – Unit #157

Bring: ONE can of food (preferably veggies!)

Register at www.gymcondition.com/turkey

Or call 404-380-1111



IPNA 2011/2012 APPROVED BUDGET		Expense	Income
PRESIDENT	General	\$250	
	Legal Reserve Fund	\$20,000	
<i>Subtotal President</i>		\$20,250	
PUBLIC SAFETY	General	\$250	
	Income [membership & fundraisers]		\$135,000
	Officers	\$130,750	
	Vehicle Expense	\$15,000	
	New Patrol Car	\$10,000	
	Signs/Stickers	\$1,500	
	Graffiti Removal	\$200	
<i>Subtotal Public Safety</i>		\$157,700	\$135,000
COMMUNICATIONS	Advocator	\$18,000	\$10,000
	Website	\$4,500	
	Hospitality	\$500	
<i>Subtotal Communications</i>		\$23,000	\$10,000
PLANNING	Planning General	\$250	
	NP U-N Mtg Space Contribution	\$50	
	Traffic Calming	\$2,750	
<i>Subtotal Planning</i>		\$3,050	
BEAUTIFICATION	Maintenance	\$15,000	
<i>Springvale Park</i>	Maintenance	\$7,500	
	Playground	\$3,000	
	Visioning Plan Implementation	\$10,000	
<i>Sidewalks :</i>	Homeowner Subsidies	\$5,500	
<i>Sidewalks :</i>	Community Projects	\$9,500	
<i>Subtotal Beautification</i>		\$50,500	
ZONING	General	\$250	
<i>Subtotal Zoning</i>		\$250	
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	General	\$250	
	Archives	\$150	
<i>Subtotal Historic Preservation</i>		\$400	\$0
TREASURER	Interest Income		\$200
	General	\$250	
	Accounting & Tax Preparation	\$600	
	Meeting Expense	\$600	
	Officers Insurance	\$1,700	
	Bank Charges	\$200	
	Trademark	\$100	
	Corp Registration	\$100	
	Fiscal Management Consulting	\$4,000	
<i>Subtotal Treasurer</i>		\$7,550	\$200
SECRETARY	Flags, Banners, IPNA Swag	\$250	\$500
<i>Social:</i>	Porch Parties	\$150	
	Holiday Party	\$7,000	\$1,000
	4th of July Party	\$1,200	
	Membership		\$4,000
	Directory	\$2,500	
<i>Subtotal Secretary</i>		\$11,100	\$5,500
PHILANTHROPY	<i>On Going</i>		
	Little 5 Mini Precinct	\$5,000	
	Freedom Park Conservancy	\$1,000	
	Inman Park UMC	\$1,000	
	Mary Lin Elementary	\$1,000	
	Inman Middle School	\$1,000	
	Grady High School	\$1,000	
	Ponce de Leon Library	\$500	
	MLK Library	\$500	
	Historic 4th Ward Conservancy	\$0	
	Art on the Beltline	\$500	
	Sibley Planter Restoration	\$500	
<i>Subtotal Philanthropy</i>		\$12,000	\$0
Festival			\$100,000
TOTAL		\$285,800	\$250,700
Net			-\$35,100

Change of Location for IPNA Monthly Meeting

BY REGINA BREWER, PRESIDENT

In September, we discussed changing the location of the IPNA meeting because our previous location was not ADA compliant.

The membership came up with four possible locations: Wrecking Bar Brewpub, the sanctuary of the Inman Park Methodist Church (IPUMC), Little Five Points Community Center, and The Trolley Barn.

My task was to investigate these venues based on the following factors: ADA accessibility, cost, willingness to enter into a two year lease, parking, childcare, and comfort (seating, lighting, tables, acoustics, HVAC).

The Trolley Barn graciously declined our request to be considered, as they do not feel it is in their best interest to enter into a two year lease.

Little Five Points Community Center has theater performances and other events on nearly every Wednesday of the month and as a result, parking becomes virtually non-existent. Additionally, they have HVAC issues in both the winter and, most importantly, the summer. Therefore, Little Five Points Community Center is not a viable option.

This leaves IPUMC and Wrecking Bar Brewpub as the only viable options. The church offers all of the aforementioned requirements. The advantages of the church are that it is centrally located, and the childcare area has toys and appropriate furnishings.

The downside to IPUMC is that IPNA would have to set up and break down the required seating. Furthermore, there would be no refreshments of any kind, as it would be inappropriate to drink or eat in the sanctuary. If we meet in the annex side, we would still need to set up and break down, and having refreshments would be really challenging.

Wrecking Bar Brewpub offers all of the above requirements, too. The advantages are that the Wrecking Bar Brewpub staff sets up and breaks down the necessary tables and chairs and a

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Change of Location for IPNA Monthly Meeting

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wide variety of refreshments are available for purchase (both non-alcoholic and alcoholic).

Additionally, food is a possibility at Wrecking Bar Brewpub, as they have a catering kitchen upstairs. The downside to Wrecking Bar Brewpub is that it is not centrally located and the childcare area is a side room that would need to be enhanced with more amenities.

It's a tough decision for some members and for others, it just doesn't matter as long as we hold our meetings and IPNA business is conducted. The Board supports moving the meeting to Wrecking Bar Brewpub because it will bring more people to the meetings, as the location is livelier and offers an opportunity to meet with friends and neighbors before and after the meeting for a bite to eat and a drink.

We also are very grateful that this landmark building was saved from demolition and returned to Inman Park. The Sandage's completed a restoration that met and exceeded all of the standards of preservation, and we now have a piece of our history that we can enjoy and celebrate together at no cost to the neighborhood.

We truly appreciate the IPUMC and all that it has done and will continue to do for Inman Park. If the membership decides to continue meeting at the church, I know that Pastor Matt Nelson will welcome us back and be a gracious host. Either way, the neighborhood wins. **M**

Welcome New Neighbors:

The Sullivan Family
(N. Highland Avenue)

Congratulations to newlyweds
Annie MacKay & Blanton Cook
(Colquitt Avenue)

Our Sympathy & Condolences:

Barbara Black on Waverly Way
for the loss of her mother

The Family of Dr. Rudolph Byrd (Waddell St.)



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for photos with **SANTA** in

Springvale Park*



\$10 per pose with Santa. Children, pets, adults, everyone welcome

All proceeds benefit the Springvale Park Playground.

Cash or check only, please.

Checks should be made to Friends of Inman Park
with "playground" in the memo

* in the event it rains, photos will be across the street
at the McCaa's 156 Waverly Way



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ART EXHIBIT OPEN HOUSE & RECEPTION

ARTIST CHRISTINA SAI

Tuesday, November 15

6:30—9:30 pm ♦ Tull Fellowship Hall & Gallery

Free Parking in garage on Central Avenue
(visit our website for directions)

WORSHIP ♦ SUNDAYS ♦ 11:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant

8:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00 a.m. Worship

201 WASHINGTON STREET ♦ ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE STATE CAPITOL ♦ WWW.CPCATLANTA.ORG

2011 November Public Safety News/October Crime Report

BY GREG SCOTT, V.P PUBLIC SAFETY

We have had a rollercoaster ride this month! On the good side, the planning for the Inman Park beer Chase kicked into high gear. I'm writing this before November 6, but as usual, I am blown away by all of the Inman Parkers – both residents and businesses – who stepped up to make this event happen. I'll go into more detail in next month's *Advocator*, as I am not able to predict the future, but knowing how hard my team has worked I'm sure it will be good news.

Neighbors also came out in force on October 4 to Parish to support the Patrol and enjoy their new Southern inspired menu – the fried chicken is fantastic! I also discovered a new food obsession on October 17 at The Albert, The Albert Dog, as Tia and her gang hosted their Dine Out for the Patrol. Many thanks to Parish and the Albert for being such great neighbors and helping keep the car on the road!

Now to follow the good with the bad – with a little good mixed back in. We unfortunately had a couple of crime waves at the beginning of the month in the neighborhood. The first trend we saw was the increase in “snatch thefts” from unsuspecting people outside of restaurants and coffee shops. In these thefts, the criminal will grab a phone or laptop from the victim while they are distracted and take off running, usually to a waiting vehicle.

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In a one week period two laptops and two iPhones were taken in Inman Park, with many more items taken in other neighborhoods. Luckily, one group of criminals slipped up while committing one of these thefts at a coffee place on Moreland Avenue and they were caught shortly after the crime in a vehicle that matched the description of one used in several other incidents.

Also, at the beginning of the month, we saw an increase in armed robberies of pedestrians. On October 1 we had two robberies in the Little Five Points area, and on October 3 a woman was robbed on Edgewood Avenue, and only 15 minutes later a man was robbed on Moreland Avenue at Euclid Avenue.

It didn't take long for APD to figure out that these robberies were connected and they immediately mobilized and were able to catch the four men responsible for the robberies on October 5.

There was another unrelated robbery on Edgewood on October 9 and on October 10, at around 2:00 p.m., one of our local “ne'er do wells” decided to pull a knife on a man paying the parking meter on Euclid in Little Five Points. It turns out the intended victim was an off-duty police officer. The perpetrator ran but was easily identified and picked up later that night.

We had thefts from auto reported on Waverly Way, Edgewood Avenue, Montag Circle, Krog Street, and Seminole Avenue. Items taken were the usual laptops, cameras and cell phones as well as an iron, yoga towel and golf shoes. Once again, **do not leave anything in your car that might tempt a thief.**

I have not received the official reports yet as they occurred in week 44, but we also are starting to see an increase in car break-ins along the BeltLine and Dekalb Avenue. The BeltLine right now is posing a particular security issue while it is under construction as it offers good hiding spots for criminals looking to take our valuables and slip back under cover.

Since it is under construction and fenced off, no one is supposed to be on the property except the workers. If you see non-workers on the Beltline, or coming off of the Beltline property into the neighborhood, please call 911 immediately.

If you are interested in more detailed reports concerning the dates and locations of these incidents, the APD web site has a very easy to use crime mapping tool at <http://www.atlantapd.org/zone6.aspx>.

Until next month, be safe! 

“Wisteria Block” Update

BY AMY HIGGINS, FORMER V.P. ZONING

It appears that the “Wisteria Block” proposed rezoning will indeed come before IPNA at November’s meeting. Please come to the meeting, hear the presentation, ask questions and cast a vote.

What is being proposed?

Rezoning the parcels 465-479 N. Highland Avenue (that’s the northeast corner of N. Highland Avenue and Colquitt Avenue northward to and including the lot where the house burned down approximately nine years ago) from RG – 2 (residential-general with non-conforming use) to NC (neighborhood commercial).


Why is this being proposed?

The commercial building at N. Highland Avenue and Colquitt Avenue, which currently houses Wisteria, The North Highland Pub and Il Localino, is grandfathered under the current zoning ordinance to allow commercial use even though it is in a residential-general (aka multifamily) zone. The fourth storefront has been vacant for over a year and has lost its grandfathered status as a result of the vacancy. Under current zoning, it can now only be used as a residence. If the property is rezoned to NC it will be usable as commercial space again. Please note that the proposal includes rezoning lot 479 to NC to allow additional parking and landscaping.

Why Neighborhood Commercial and not simply Commercial?

The IPNA Board has been working with our attorney, the property owners and their attorney for over a year to craft a new zoning ordinance (NC-13) that will apply exclusively to this property. The NC ordinance allows us to exclude specific types of use that would otherwise be acceptable under commercial zoning. It allows us to include the site plan with the parking and landscape layout as part of the ordinance.

What’s the history of this site?

The commercial building was constructed in 1930. It served as a grocery store during the mid 20th century. During this time period, the grocery store owner, Mr. Harvey, lived in the home (now burned) at 479 N. Highland Avenue. He operated a restaurant in a railroad dining car in the rear of the 479 lot. During the 1970s Mr. Harvey sold the grocery and the building was converted to restaurant and retail use. I’ll have some interesting old pictures to share at the meeting. 

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October 17, 2011

Inman Park Security Patrol

Public Safety Report for October 2011

BY LT. BRENT SCHIERBAUM

Directed Patrol: 318
Drop Ins/Park and Walks:242
Association Member Contacts: 15

Incidents

Suspicious Person..... 16
Alarm Activation..... 14
Suspicious Vehicle4
Reckless Driver2
Stolen Vehicle2
Noise Complaint 1
Fireworks 1
Open Window/Door..... 1
911 Hang-Up Call..... 1
Person Injured 1
Vehicle Accident 1
Vehicle Larceny In-Progress 1
Traffic Stop 1
Disturbance..... 1
Wanted Person 1
Parking Complaint 1
Hit & Run 1
Snatch Thief..... 1

Arrests (assists)

Armed Robbery.....4

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Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) Update

BY ERIN KANE, V.P. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PLEASE NOTE:

If you wish to perform any construction work (beyond routine maintenance) on the exterior of a site, home, or building in the Inman Park Historic District, you must contact the AUDC to begin their review/approval process.

Please contact me at 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.

	Application Deadline	AUDC Hearing Date
Upcoming	November 8	November 28
Application	November 22	December 14
Deadlines		

Recent AUDC Actions on Applications for Certificates Of Appropriateness:

October 12

No Inman Park properties were scheduled for the October 12 hearing.

Neighborhood Work Day

BY RICHARD WESTRICK, TREE WATCH COMMITTEE

On Saturday, November 19, please join the Tree Watch, Beautification, and Neighborhood Arboretum committees as we partner with Trees Atlanta for planting trees, installing markers, and pruning and planting shrubs!

We have 15 – 20 trees to plant and mulch, work to do on several of the arboretum markers, and shrubs and bulbs to plant. Please meet at 177 Elizabeth Street at 9:00 a.m. – we'll divide into teams and go to work from there!

Thank you in advance for your help! 

Applications scheduled for AUDC:

October 26

1. Review and comment on (RC-11-202) on a text amendment (Z-11-21) on a revision to the Inman Park Historic District Regulations.
2. **830 Virgil Street** – Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (LD-11-204) to allow replacement windows.

November 9

1. **197 Hale Street** – Application for a Type IV Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-11-209) to allow the demolition of a single-family residence due to the threat of public health and safety.
2. **197 Hale Street** – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-11-208) to allow the construction of a new single-family residence.

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

AUDC Contact Information:

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Items of interest around town

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Saturday, November 17 • 7:00 p.m.,
The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

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A Season of Magic

Sunday, November 20 – Sunday, January 1
Piedmont Park

Season of Magic in Piedmont Park features horse-drawn carriage rides for the first time in the Park! Enjoy the seasonal lights, illuminating throughout the historic park under the beautiful Atlanta skyline. Holiday horse-drawn carriage rides are the perfect opportunity for couples and families to celebrate the season & make lasting holiday memories. Proceeds benefit the Piedmont Park Conservancy.

Elvis & Jesus

Sunday, December 4 • 5:00 p.m.,
Friday, December 9 • 7:30 p.m.,
Inman Park United Methodist Church

Start your holiday season with "Elvis & Jesus!" The Bible's Christmas story is creatively re-imagined & retold by Tom Bell as Angel Gabriel in a rockin' performance featuring "Big Mike" Geier & the Good Moves dancers. Admission is free, but donations to the church are happily accepted.

Art on the BeltLine Closing Ceremonies

Saturday, November 19 • 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.,
Reynoldstown Stage

While the Atlanta BeltLine's best days are yet to come, its "Art on the Beltline" program for 2011 is in its final weeks. If you haven't taken a stroll through one of the public art-laden corridors of the BeltLine, you should. It's a great way to explore Atlanta's budding green belt.

Holiday Open Studio Tour, Art Show & Sale

Friday, December 2 • 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.,
Saturday, December 3 • 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
Sunday, December 4 • 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.,
Little 5 Points Community Center

Meet over 10 local artists & learn about the various techniques, materials & processes they use to create their art. Free & open to the public.

Swedish Christmas Market

Sunday, December 11 • 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.,
The Trolley Barn

Get into the holiday spirit, Swedish style. Vendors will be selling authentic baked goods, festive holiday flower arrangements & a variety of traditional and modern Christmas crafts. A family friendly event, kids will have the opportunity to pose for photos with Santa Lucia. *God Jul!*

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.

Please bring a covered dish to share.

No meetings in November - Enjoy Thanksgiving or April - Volunteer for Festival!

For more information, contact Jan Keith, 404.688.7330

**Dec
8**

Holiday Party
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**Jan
5**


Emperor of All Maladies
By Siddhartha Mukherjee
location to be announced

NPU Update

BY MEGAN HOLDER, NPU – N REPRESENTATIVE

This month's NPU update consists of helpful hints and friendly reminders.

1. Daylight Savings was the first weekend in November and the AFD would like to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke alarm. Also, if your smoke alarm is over 10 years old, it is time to replace it.
2. FEMA + EPD are revising the flood plain maps. The new maps will be available in mid-November. Go to www.georgiadfirm.com to find out if a property you own is affected.
3. The \$50 rebate replacing existing toilets for toilets using 1.6 gallons expire on December 31, 2011. The \$100 rebate for toilets using 1.28 gallons will continue in 2012.
4. Georgia Power has a new process for reporting lighting outages. Go to www.georgiapower.com and select 'Report an Outage' under Online Services for more information.

Until next month... Happy Thanksgiving! 

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Agenda

November 16, 2011 Meeting

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available
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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Police Officers' Reports
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports:
 - A. President
 - 1. Presentation on Film Permit Policies in Atlanta
 - 2. Board Policy Requirements
 - 3. Meeting Location Change Vote
 - B. Planning
 - 1. NPU Report
 - 2. Beltline Minute
 - C. Zoning
 - 1. 465-471 N. Highland Avenue, "Wisteria Block," Re-zoning
 - D. Historic Preservation
 - 1. Historic District Ordinance Revision
 - E. Communications
 - F. Public Safety
 - 1. Beer Fest Results & Thank You's
 - G. Treasurer
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures
 - F. Secretary
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Candler Park Dog Park
- IX. Adjourn



Good to Know

IPNA Membership: Open to everyone, including non-residents. Membership year is May 1-April 30 though you are welcome & encouraged to join or renew at anytime. First year is free. Membership has its rewards: allows you to vote (see bylaws online for details) and is your invitation to the Holiday Party & other events. Pay online or send a check to the address on the front page. Online applications are available.

Inman Park Security Patrol (IPP): The Security Patrol membership runs from May 1 – April 30; however you are welcomed & encouraged to join or renew at anytime.

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Online Supplement: Detailed Minutes of the October 2011 IPNA Meeting

BY PATTY PRIVEN MURPHY, ACTING SECRETARY

Please note that IPNA meeting minutes printed in the *Advocator* have been edited; detailed minutes below, and available online only.

Greg Scott, VP of Public Safety, introduced himself and noted that he'd be leading the meeting since Regina Brewer, President is in Buffalo, NY for business. Patty Murphy is subbing as secretary tonight and she's a dynamo.

Greg reminded everyone to be courteous during the meeting, let people finish what they are saying and asked that side conversations move out of the room.

Newcomer Brooke Schultz, owner of Re-Inspiration, introduced herself. Everything in her shop is recycled or recreated. Most items sold in the store are made in Georgia. She stated that she wants to get involved with local neighborhoods, schools, and area causes.

Nick and Kendell Stowell, 161 Hale Street, and Neel Gupta from the Inman Pak Village Townhomes introduced themselves.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: A motion to approve minutes from last meeting was made, seconded and carried.

Announcements:

Danny Feig-Sandoval announced that the Monumental Ball is this Friday. A ticket is sixty dollars which will get you in the door with all you can eat food catered by Affairs to Remember and Kingsized is playing. The event is at Magnolia Hall in Piedmont Park. The Marching Abominables will be there and there will be a silent auction.

Karen Goeckel is a liaison for the Candler Park Neighborhood Association. Candler Park residents are trying to get a dog park in Candler Park where the old playground is located. Signing a petition is the first step before the City will look at the request. If you'd like to sign the petition or look at the plan, Karen will leave it

at the table in the entryway to The Marianna during the meeting. Someone will be at the IPNA meeting next month to present the plan. The plan includes leveling out the space, removing kudzu and fencing in the area.

Bob Sandage announced that the Little Five Points Halloween Festival is this Saturday, October 22 from noon – 11 p.m. Colquitt through Moreland on Euclid will be closed. The parade starts at 4 p.m. It goes from the Colquitt Avenue/Euclid Avenue intersection, through Little 5 Points, south on Moreland Avenue then loops around back up Moreland Avenue to Starbucks. Moreland Avenue will be closed from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. It will be a great afternoon for a festival and parade. This is the main source of revenue for the Little 5 Points Business Association.

Melissa Miller announced that Festival planning has begun for the 2012 Festival. They are in need of someone to help with the PR for this year's festival. Please call or email if you are interested. Their information is in the directory.

Melissa Miller announced the Porch Party information on behalf of Pat Westrick. The next porch party will be Friday, October 28 at 776 Dixie Avenue.

Oreon Mann wasn't at the meeting to announce the upcoming book for book club but the information can be found in The *Advocator*. Upon his late arrival, he did make certain that Greg mentioned the book club to which Greg said Oreon owed him a beer.

Police Officer Report:

Officer John Chafee was at the meeting. He said that starting October 1, we had several robberies and attempted robberies over the course of several days. The incidents started around eleven at night. Inman Park Patrol and the APD patrolled the area heavily and caught the guys. An officer saw a car that met the description of one involved in robberies, he stopped the car, interviewed the people in the car and they confessed to one of the robberies. Items in the car linked the men to other robberies. Currently they are in the DeKalb County jail. They are wanted in several other counties, and we are hopeful they will be in jail for a while.

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There was an incident on October 9 at 673 Edgewood Avenue between the hours of 3:30 and 4:30 a.m. A couple was walking and saw some people behind them. The couple was robbed, a purse taken, and the perps fled.

On October 10 at 1099 Euclid Avenue, a gentleman was paying the parking meter at around 2:00 p.m. A second man approached him from behind and the first guy asked him to back up. The second guy pulled out a knife. The first guy went to his car, got his gun and identified himself as an off duty Police officer. Second guy ran, was quickly identified and picked up later that night. He is now in jail on robbery charges. He had been picked up three times in the past few weeks for robbery, battery and a variety of other things.

There were around fourteen car break-ins on October 17. One was at 280 Elizabeth between 3 – 4 p.m., two more at The Wrecking Bar between 8 – 11 p.m., and one at Tijuana Garage between 10 – 11 p.m. Two black males approximately 5'10" in light colored jackets with ball caps were seen fleeing. There was also a car break in on Colquitt Avenue the same day.

On October 11, a guy walked into Starbuck's and grabbed a laptop from a table. He ran to a car, got in and took off. A witness and victim described the perps. The APD was able to arrest three people. The APD is trying to determine if these guys have been involved in other crimes in the area.

Officer Chafee reminded us to please keep our eyes open, look for suspicious behavior, and to call 911 if we see someone cruising around the block. Many victims were on cell phones not paying attention and were easy targets. Officer Chafee also noted that it doesn't always look like someone trying to break into your car. They can punch a door pen using a use a screwdriver or similar item. Don't leave things in your car.

Karen Goeckel wanted to know about a party in Little 5 Points this weekend. Earthtone Music had a live music event in an alley behind American Apparel this weekend. The music was very loud. Five neighbors called the cops to have the music turned down and three neighbors went to the party to ask them to turn down the music. Their request was met with hostility. She asked if it was possible to keep an eye on the alley. She's concerned about noise ordinance issues as well as illegal gatherings as a past offender of both of these was seen at the party. Chafee said that the APD will look into this

and he'll let Lt. Schierbaum know as well.

Elected Official Report:

Jay Tribby, Chief of Staff for Kwanza Hall, joined us. He apologized that he's been absent for a few months but he's been helping get some issues with the new HD1 restaurant resolved and it's taken a lot of his time. A food truck ordinance was approved unanimously by the City Council and a sidewalk trust fund has been started for the City. Money for sidewalks will go directly into a trust instead of the general fund. The money will help repair sidewalks around the City. Currently the City claims total authority over sidewalks but won't do any maintenance.

Kwanza introduced Pill Mill legislation. Georgia is the last state in the South to make it difficult to ban these places. Kwanza has called for a one year moratorium on these pill mills. The old event space at North Avenue and Boulevard was a problem and started this legislation. The legislation hasn't gone through yet and City legal is currently reviewing the proposed legislation.

Kwanza is working with the Little Five Points Business Association on a "Keep It Intown" campaign to support intown businesses, especially during the holidays.

Districts are often re-drawn after each census. District two had the largest increase and now has 48,000 people in the district. Generally the maximum in a district is 36,000.

The federal government expects municipalities not to dilute the minority voting strength if lines are re-drawn. District 2 will contain mostly historic areas of town (Inman Park, Poncey-Highlands, Midtown) and if there is a change it will likely be on the northwest and southwest sides of the district.

Jay reminded us of that the November 8 vote will have Sunday sale of alcohol on it. He reminded us that it's important to vote.

Karen Stern asked Jay for some help with a water leak on DeKalb Avenue. The leak is between Battery and DeGress Avenues and has been there over a month. Karen has called Watershed but they are having difficulties figuring out the exact location of the leak since the leak is on the back side of condos. Jay said he'd drive by on his way home and look

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Detailed Minutes of the October 2011 IPNA Meeting, Cont'd

into the issue in the morning.

Jay is hoping to dress Kwanza as the Booberry for the Halloween parade on Saturday.

Greg Scott introduced ABOE member Paula Kupersmith. Paula also encouraged everyone to vote on November 8. She introduced Brenda Muhammad, Educational District 1, Chair, and Cecily Harsch-Kinnane, Educational District 3. District 3 represents Mary Lin, Inman Middle and Grady.

SPLOST IV is will be on the ballot at the November 8 election. The first education SPLOST was in 1996. A penny sales tax and the money from the tax will fund capital projects in the district. When APS went for the first three SPLOSTS they thought it would cover all needs and didn't anticipate the need for a SPLOST IV.

APS cannot ask for a SPLOST unless they can justify the needs. APS also cannot ask for a SPLOST unless overlapping systems need it, too (City of Decatur, DeKalb Co., Fulton Co.) Knowing that the City has financial needs, they looked at whether or not the SPLOST money could be shared but educational SPLOST money can only be used for educational purposes.

The needs of the system were analyzed and it was determined that we desperately need the SPLOST. Some facilities are in great shape but upkeep is important and expensive. APS needs to address athletic and technological needs of the schools, there is an ongoing need for new facility and bus needs, too. The intent was never to seek another SPLOST and Ms. Muhammad and Ms. Harsch-Kinnane wanted us to know this issue was thought on long and hard.

Ms. Harsch-Kinnane noted that in order to get a SPLOST they had to list any possible items they'd use the money on. There was a priority list for SPLOST III to put an addition on at Mary Lin to replace the trailers. While they were making plans for the addition there was a realization that Mary Lin had other needs like getting the media center up to code.

Before putting on an addition, the system started to look at demographics and wanted to get a better handle about the future population of the school since this areas has drastically grown. APS wanted to make sure the addition was the right size and would adequately accommodate everyone.

Ms. Muhammad said there are several school affected by the SPLOST. Mary Lin and Springvale Park are both on the list. Ms. Muhammad then introduced Alvah Hardy II, the Executive Director of Facility Services. Mr. Hardy encouraged us to vote on the November 8.

There was a question and answer session.

Alex Coffman wanted to make certain that Mary Lin is on the list since all the 4th and 5th graders are in trailers. Ms. Harsch-Kinnane said Lin was most definitely on the list and she'd make herself available for questions after the meeting.

Greg jumped in to make sure we keep focused on the SPLOST since we have a lot on the agenda today.

Adam Stillman asked if the SPLOST is extending the 1 percent sales tax? Ms. Harsch-Kinnane answered yes and that the money will be allocated between districts.

Jonathan Miller asked if Inman Middle and Grady were on then list? Ms. Harsch-Kinnane said they weren't sure how to address the overcrowding at Inman but money will be made available to schools that need it.

Ms. Muhammad passed out a list (in alphabetical order by grade level) with schools planned to get SPLOST IV money. They are anticipating that the SPLOST will raise approximately 520 million dollars.

Mr. Hardy noted that some of the money will be used to keep buildings maintained. The first SPLOST was thirteen years ago and some upkeep is necessary since buildings are starting to get old. Upgrading security is part of the plan, too.

A question was asked regarding whether North Atlanta would be getting a new school since Grady is in trailers. If we vote yes are we voting for North Atlanta? Mr. Hardy responded saying that North Atlanta is funded by bonds and that part of the Grady overcrowding has to do with former magnet status. He said that should solve itself in the next year or two as those kids filter out of the school.

Ms. Harsch-Kinnane said that everything is on the referendum and it's not limited to what is on the list she handed out.

LeAnne Lemmond said that Mary Lin, Inman and Grady have all been enlarged over the years and trailers are

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back again. She wanted to know who is going to do the planning over expansion of the schools so this doesn't happen again?

Ms. Muhammad said that at the Monday night board meeting they approved a master facility plan so these properties can be assessed, look at demographics, determine where there is a need to add or build out schools. This is a district wide plan and the first time APS has had one that is so thorough.

Mark Stedina asked when will the demographic information coming out from the demographic study which would yield any possibility of re-zoning schools? Greg interrupted again that this isn't an Atlanta School Board meeting; it is an IPNA meeting and Ms. Harsch-Kinnane and Ms. Muhammad would be available to answer questions after the meeting.

Danny Feig-Sandoval asked if someone could write this out in its entirety on the Yahoo Group. Ms. Muhammad said she would send out the information.

Mr. Hardy said he is available to answer questions and said we could post his information on the list serve in case anyone wants to reach him.

IPNA Officers' Reports:

President – Regina Brewer:

No President's report. Regina is at a conference in Buffalo, NY.

David Hamilton from the Freedom Park Conservancy board was visiting. The Conservancy is trying to give the Park an identity with signs. Matt Wilder, also from the Conservancy, said that Freedom Park has over 200 acres of land and no one knows where they are when they are in the park. The Conservancy has studied the Park and is trying to find different gateways for people to enter the Park - car, foot, bike, etc.

They identified three levels of gateways. The Conservancy has looked at imagery for types for identification and they are trying to figure out specifics of the signs. They'd like to place the prototype in Inman Park at the Euclid Avenue entrance. The Conservancy is currently looking at a peg-board type sign made of metal so it's difficult to graffiti. If the prototype is successful the Conservancy wants to put these signs throughout the entire Park.

Mr. Hamilton said that interchangeable signs are a possibility, giving neighborhoods the option to place temporary signs up during festivals, or include history signs. There will be one specific Freedom Park sign with rules and regulations on one side and directions on the other, nearby sites, places, etc.

Steve Hays wanted to know if it's difficult to get graffiti on the signs will it be difficult to get it off? Mr. Hamilton said they want to make sure we can easily clean and/or replace the signs and that a good bit of consideration has been given to this problem.

Also asked was the possibility of being able to identify the signs with a number or code for 911 so a person not familiar with the area could use the marker as a point of reference/location identifier in case of emergency. This had not been considered but was a good idea and they will look into it.

Will the Conservancy interface with other pathways like the Beltline and South Fork Conservancy? Will there be consistency over all systems in the metro Atlanta area? Mr. Hamilton said the Conservancy has spoken with some people at the Beltline and they do plan to work together to coordinate with all signage.

Carolyn McLaughlin wanted to know if there was a reason that the sign would be on the sidewalk. She also asked if the signs will blend in with the neighborhood. We're a historic district and a contemporary sign would look out of place. Mr. Hamilton replied that the Conservancy wasn't certain of the exact location of the sign yet but did reassure us the the signs would be neutral so they'd blend in and be respectful of the history of the neighborhood and it was only placed on the sidewalk for illustration purposes.

Matt Wilder and Carol Gregory are hoping to get neighborhood specific involvement. Ideally they'd like monthly or bi-monthly help to maintain the parks with mulching, plant beds, weeding and such. The City parks department will mow and blow but any other maintenance in the park is the responsibility of neighborhoods. Matt and Carol would like neighborhoods to get involved in making our parks more beautiful.

You can contact Matt and Carol through the Freedom Park Conservancy website, www.freedompark.org or you can email Matt at vp@freedompark.org and Carol at pic@freedompark.org

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Planning - V.P. David Laube:

There will be an update of traffic planning at the November meeting since David was not at the meeting.

NPU Report & Beltline Minute by Jonathan Miller:

The Lullwater Park water testing has been delayed. ABOE districts. Ms. Muhammad represents us but not the schools that Inman Park attends. The Inman Park Historic Zoning Regulation revisions will be presented at the October NPU-N meeting.

Atlanta Planning Advisory Boards have given money to each of the NPU's. NPU-N has \$3,500 to use on projects by the end of next June. If they don't spend it then they won't

receive it the following year. Jonathan is looking for some good projects around the neighborhood so please email him if you have any.

The Atlanta Planning Advisory Board would like nominations for their awards ceremony next month.

NIPU-N meets the fourth Thursday of every month at the Little Five Points

Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Jonathan invited the Atlanta Board Members to come to next meeting.

Zoning – V.P. Alan Travis:

Alan is in Greece so Erin Kane gave an update on the Wisteria Block. Basically we are still in a holding pattern. Planning has redlined the site plan and ordinance that was presented to them last month. We anticipate having a final, city-approved version of both by the end of the month. If so, we will move ahead with an immediate neighbors meeting in early November followed by a presentation to IPNA during November's meeting. However, as always, that timeline is subject to change.

Historic Preservation – V.P. Erin Kane:

1. 850 Virgil Street is asking for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness for a rear addition and renovation to the home. Susan Wade is the homeowner. There was an immediate neighbors meeting on Sunday, October 16. All ten neighbors in attendance supported the addition/renovation and there was no opposition. In the mid 1920's, Susan's grandfather added plumbing to the rear of the house and now the bathroom is falling into

the crawl space. Once the bathroom is repaired Susan wants to square off the back of the house. The renovation will take several months. Susan plans to have the demolition completed in the winter and renovate in the spring. She also has asbestos in the back of her house. She has chosen a licensed specialist to remove the remaining asbestos (it's been removed from the front of the house) and the removal would comply by the federal abatement laws.

Susan wants to replace the windows and will present to the AUDC before doing any work. She wants to replace the current windows with almost identical but energy efficient windows. A motion to support the immediate neighbors was seconded and carried. There are no variances on the project.

2. 197 Hale Street- The applicant wants a Type IV for demolition of structure and wants to construct a new home. There are no variances. The immediate neighbors meeting was October 18, and all seven in attendance supported the application.

The house has been abandoned for eleven years after having caught on fire. The previous owners attempted repairs and renovations; however they did so without proper permits and removed structural supports causing floors to collapse, roof penetrations leading to severe and prolonged water damage, and a large vermin population. A structural engineer deemed the structure unsound and repair is not an option. Adam noted that during his inspection of the home, he went through the flooring and into the crawl space.

Mary White will be our new neighbor. Her original plan was to remodel but after the structural engineer's recommendation she decided it would be better to demolish and rebuild a modest home. She owns a business in Lavonia and commutes. She'll share her home with her three grand-daughters on the weekends. Adam showed the footprint of the proposed house and it is the same as the house adjacent to it. Adam showed the drawings for the house and noted that it will look similar to the houses on the street. The new house will have three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Because the new house must be brought up to code, Mary will share a driveway with David Laube next door. 197 Hale Street foot print will be 3' less than current footprint to allow for the driveway. Adam asked for a Type IV from the AUDC to demolish the existing structure and a Type III to rebuild a new house on the property.

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A question was asked about square footage of the house. Adam replied that the house will have the almost the same existing footprint but will have more square footage since they are building out the attic.

A motion to approve both the Type III and Type IV was approved, seconded and carried without opposition.

3. Adam Stillman reported on the Zoning Regulation and Revision updates. He put the updates on the Inman Park website, www.inmanpark.org. The plan is to streamline the process making sure there are no misunderstandings or misinterpretations of the rules and regulations. An update regarding accessory structures (green houses, carriage houses, etc.) is necessary. Most accessory structures that were original to the homes are gone so the AUDC has guessed at setback over the years. The proposed setback is suggested at 3 feet for rear and side yards. This does not affect the size or type of accessory structures you can have on your lot. Adam asked if we wanted to support a 3 foot setback for accessory structures. The motion was seconded, voted and carried without objection.

Communications – V.P. Leigh Hays:

Leigh will no longer be the interim editor of The *Advocator*. Suzannah Capelouto and Stephanie Tobin are going to be co-editors. Delaine Ross, Janet Berry and Andy Coffman are going to help out as well. Leigh explained that Inman Park is not trying to make a profit on The *Advocator* but would love to have about 70 percent of the costs covered by ads. She has received a good response from online version. Ad rates are increasing to the following effective November 2011 issue: 1/8 of a page will cost \$50; 1/4 of a page will cost \$75; 1/2 page ad will cost between \$70 and \$100. As a point of reference, Leigh noted that Oakhurst charges \$160 for a half page and Candler Park charges approximately \$210. If demand warrants it, we would incrementally increase our fees on the 1/2 page ads.

Ideally we'd like to have 4 pages worth of 1/8 page ads in The *Advocator*, as that is where the most money is earned. If you are considering an ad – consider a 1/4 or 1/8 page ad. The deadline for ads & articles is the 25th of the month. No more late articles or ads. Articles have to go through proofing before it can go into The *Advocator* and since it's all volunteer work, time is of the essence to produce on time. Also noted was that we cannot add one extra page. We print in four page

increments. During the Board budget summit in August one of the cuts was to the *Advocator* which would be to keep it to 20 pages each month. The new digital format is also saving about \$200 month.

Public Safety – V.P. Greg Scott:

Greg thanked everyone that came to The Wrecking Bar last month to dine out for IPP. He also thanked those that dined out at Parish on October 4, and The Albert on Monday, October 17. Parish gave security patrol a check for \$244.15. Leigh mentioned that every day you can show proof you live in 30307 and Parish will give you a discount of 10%.

Bob Sandage presented a check for security patrol for \$827 from the Wrecking Bar's IPP Dine Out in September. Andre de Winter made a \$500 donation and another diner matched Andre's donation but has asked to remain anonymous. Total contributions from The Wrecking Bar's three day dine out was \$1,827!

The Inman Park Beer Chase is on November 6. This is our first annual 5k and Beer Chase to benefit the IPP. Please volunteer or register at www.inmanparkbeerchase.com. The run is a late start at 11 a.m. Greg anticipates more than 80 craft beers at the festival and is in the process of finalizing the list right now. Thirty dollars will get you a sampling glass. Wristbands will identify you as a participant. Pure and the IceBox will be founding festival sponsors. Elizabeth will be closed between N. Highland and Lake for the Beer Festival. There is a lot of information on the website if you have other questions.

Karen Heim is co-chairing with Greg and mentioned that there are twenty or so other sponsors from the neighborhood. They focused on local sponsors with the exception of Beer Connoisseur Magazine. The Pat and Melissa Group are sponsors as well as Ginger Lyons.

Susan Wade asked what consideration had been given to parking. Greg said we've partnered with the Stoveworks, who is also a sponsor, and can use their lot for parking and he hopes that people take MARTA. Since the run and chase are on a Sunday we think the impact will be minimal.

Greg said there is still a need for afternoon pourers. You get an hour and a half at the Beer Festival at the end of your shift if you are a pourer and as it is Sunday, we'll begin pouring at 12:30 p.m. on the nose!

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Treasurer – Carolyn McLaughlin:

Carolyn reviewed expenditures from the previous month.

Regular Budget Expenditures:

President Legal	\$ 2,858
Public Safety	
Patrol Officers	\$ 10,174
Fuel	\$ 408
Telephone	\$ 144
Yard Signs	\$ 43
Copies	\$ 15
Communications: Advocator	\$ 1,744
Beautification: Springvale Park	\$ 1,000
General Maintenance	\$ 1,890
Sidewalk	\$ 18,924
Treasurer: Class	\$ 500
QuickBooks	\$ 35
Officer's Insurance	\$ 1,653
Mail Box	\$ 204
Baby Sitting	\$ 50
Total Regular Expenditures	\$ 39,641

Unbudgeted Expenses for Beer Fest

Management Fee	\$ 4,700
Copies	\$ 108
Tasting Glass Deposit	\$ 325
TOTAL	\$ 5,133

There have been \$5,133 in expenses for the beer festival so far. Carolyn suggested we allocate \$5,000 to Greg to run the Beer Festival for the next month. The money we allocate to him for these expenses would be returned to IPNA after the Beer Fest and that the funds were not budgeted for in last year's budget.

Steve Hays wanted to know if we could do this amount as our new bylaws require \$5,000 expenditures to be voted on through two meetings. Carolyn said that per our new by-laws we could make allocations up to \$4,999 without having to vote on it and to suggest amount was revised from \$5,000 to \$4,999.

Marge Hays wanted to know what happens if the Beer Festival didn't make enough money to repay IPNA. Greg replied that it shouldn't be an issue. We'll recoup some of our money from Premier Events in case the Beer Fest is rained out. We know where we will break even and we're about half way there with the registration from the 5K. Additionally \$2,000 money has been collected from

the sponsors for the event.

It's a rain or shine event and he's not too concerned about a rain out and not making money.

A motion on the floor was made to allow Carolyn to write checks up to \$4999 with just one signature for the Beer Festival expenses. The motion was seconded and carried.

Budget for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year:

Carolyn said that the Board needed a more closely balanced budget and made some significant cuts. She wanted to make it clear that every category was significantly cut.

The Board needs to make certain that there is enough money in the bank account to sustain IPNA through Festival 2012.

Because of Security Patrol membership increases and cuts to officer hours and we've added income from the *Advocator*, Carolyn has anticipated that there would be \$13,000 more at the end of the budget year. She suggested we divide the money between the mini-precinct, the Inman Park United Methodist Church and Security Patrol Officers' hours.

Dr. Shapiro said he wanted to reinstate \$7,500 for the mini-precinct and made a motion to do so. This motion was seconded and followed by discussion. Discussion on the proposed budget continued.

Bob Sandage said that he hopes the L5P Halloween Festival this weekend will raise more money for the mini-precinct. Candler Park had a record festival this year and we hope they give more money to the mini-precinct. Bob thinks that the Board has proposed a fair compromise and assured us that the mini-precinct won't close on his watch.

Carolyn noted that IPNA has given roughly \$40,000 to the mini-precinct since it began.

Karen Goeckel asked about possibly taking money from Springvale Park and the sidewalks/community projects. Carolyn noted that Springvale Park asked for \$30,000 and was receiving \$10,000. The money will go to hydrology and civil studies for the playgrounds. Without the studies, no work can be done on the park. Regina Brewer and Amy Higgins have met with the City to get money for the park and playground. IPNA has spent

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\$300,000 on parks in the past ten years and due to that the City has agreed to help with studies and playground equipment.

The current 2010-2011 sidewalk project has focused on projects in front of homes with the homeowner paying 50% and the neighborhood paying 50%. In the proposed budget there is a focus on repairing sidewalks near public spaces. The only homeowners getting money for sidewalks are those that were on the list the previous year.

Cindy Laurie asked for clarification on the community projects. She wanted to know if the \$5,500 was dog eared for homeowners. Carolyn said yes but only if they use historic pavers.

Adam Stillman wanted to know if IPNA could make unbudgeted allocation of funds and suggested that we consider other ways to help find money for the mini-precinct. Carolyn said we can make unbudgeted allocation of funds.

Greg Scott said that Dr. Shapiro has done a great job raising money to keep the mini-precinct open. All neighborhoods in the area should fund the mini-precinct equally and that it shouldn't be solely on IPNA. Greg suggested we work with other neighborhoods to determine their contributions in advance so we can determine what IPNA should spend on the mini-precinct as well. The mini-precinct has been there for fifteen years and it's been great.

The crime trends and needs of the neighborhood have changed, though, and we want to try to make the mini-precinct more relevant to the crime we have now. Currently the mini-precinct is open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We would like to make the mini-precinct more flexible so police presence is really there when we need it more (nights and weekends). Dr. Shapiro said that the City has promised us more hours at the mini-precinct. There is crime in Little 5 Points during the weekdays but it's worse on Friday and Saturday nights.

Karen Goeckel wanted to know why we were spending a fifth of our budget on Springvale Park. Carolyn asked that we understand that no item was left untouched. She said at the last IPNA meeting no one said anything about the budget and it was frustrating that Dr. Shapiro wanted to re-instate his request at the last minute. The Board has struggled with the mini-precinct issue for a

long time. Carolyn thought she was helping the situation by finding the \$13,000 and spreading it out to various places including the mini-precinct.

David, who lives on Waverly Way and owns a business in Little 5 Points. He wants to get at least \$5,000 for the mini-precinct. He's in Little 5 Points most days of the year. David says the officer in L5P is motivated and makes a lot of arrests. David was the VP of Public Safety for L5P in 1997. He noted that the mini-precinct budget is about 4 percent of public safety and 2 percent of the entire budget. For the L5P Business Association the \$5,000 is 40 or 50 percent of their budget. David wants to support a \$5,000 allocation to the mini-precinct.

Danny Feig-Sandoval suggested we take \$1,000 each from fiscal compliance and traffic calming. He said the City may pay for a traffic study and that he doesn't think we need that money right now. Danny asked about the legal reserve budget.

Carolyn stated that she is taking a class with the Georgia Center of Non-profits which may eliminate the need for the entire fiscal compliance budget. Carolyn also stated that we had recently spent \$12,000 from legal reserve money, and she agreed that the suggestions to take money from fiscal compliance and traffic calming were good ones.

Sandy Hoke pointed out that the income money for the *Advocator* and for IPP were not really should not be considered part of the neighborhood income as the money was specifically collected to be used for Security Patrol.

There was a review of how Festival income is projected. For the proposed budget the Board increases the Festival income from \$85,000 to \$100,000. The discussion continued about how difficult it is to project Festival income. Sandy Hoke recommended that we should consider increasing the Festival income in the budget to \$110,000. Greg said that the Board would not support this amount because if we had 2 bad days of Festival, which has happened in the past. There was an agreement from several members that increasing the budget to \$110,000 in income for Festival was not prudent.

Barbara Leach said she'd rather give money to the mini-precinct than the church. She noted that IPUMC is important to the neighborhood but wanted to know why we are giving \$1,000 to the church in a year that we are

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cutting so many things. She also wanted to know if we could give the money as a restricted gift.

Carolyn said that at the last meeting there was a lot of discussion about not giving money to the church in the form of rent since we aren't meeting there anymore. The church is open to us coming back and having meetings there if we go back to having them there.

Dr. Shapiro said he'd like to amend his motion to ask for \$5,000 for the mini-precinct. We needed to move to call a question and there was a motion on the floor to call the question. One person was opposed. There was an amended motion to increase the mini-precinct contribution from \$3,750 to \$5,000. No one was opposed.

The increase of \$1250 was taken from \$250 from traffic calming and \$1,000 from the fiscal compliance line item. The Board's proposal to increase the money to the officers' based on the surplus \$13,000 and reduce traffic calming to \$2,750 and fiscal management will become \$4,000. There was a motion on the floor to approve the budget with the modifications. The motion was seconded and carried.

Secretary – Jaclyn McDougal: Jaclyn was out and nothing to report for office.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Motion to Adjourn: Oreon Mann motioned to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. The motion was approved, seconded and carried.