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President's Message

"Survey Says..."

By DENNIS MOBLEY • president@inmanpark.org



Hello neighbors! It was nice to see so many of you at the IPNA Fourth of July party at the Trolley Barn. As my photo indicates, I recently enjoyed a little R&R on the beach, and I hope you and your family also are able to enjoy some downtime this summer.

This month I'm invoking the catch phrase from the old "Family Feud" television show for my column. No, that wasn't the theme of my aforementioned family vacation. Rather, I want to introduce a neighborhood survey developed by the IPNA Board to gather input on neighbor communications preferences, with particular emphasis on how valuable you find this newsletter, the IPNA website and various social media channels in keeping up with life in Inman Park.

And as the board works to develop the 2014-2015 IPNA budget, the survey is also intended to solicit opinions about current IPNA activities and initiatives along with your thoughts on the top priorities for the year ahead.

The survey is available online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/IPNA_Summer2014 through August 4. You can read more about the survey on page 9 of this issue.

I encourage you to take the online survey before the deadline to ensure your opinion is represented. And though a copy of the survey is included in this issue for those who do not have Internet access, completing it online allows for a much quicker,

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2014 Festival Wrap Up

By CHRISTEL SUNDIN & ROB CRAIG, 2014-2015 FESTIVAL CO-CHAIRS
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The 43rd Inman Park Festival was a huge success! The weather was great (until the pop-up thunderstorm during the final hours of Festival), the beer was flowing, the food selection was wonderful, and we had the best variety and quality of entertainment ever – thanks to Tour of Homes, musical entertainment, the parade, all of our exhibitors, and, last but not least, the Dance Festival.

Other events, not attended by the general public but still worth mentioning, are the Caterpillar Ball for the young ones on Thursday night, the Butterfly Ball on Friday night, and Theatre Night on Saturday night. All three events were fantastic, and very well attended!

Now to the financial results of the 2014 Festival: we are happy to report that the Festival proceeds being invested back into the neighborhood equates to \$170,000. As you may know, these funds support initiatives like Inman Park beautification, public safety, social events as well as various grants. The neighborhood continues to heavily rely on the proceeds from Festival to continue these efforts. Remember, Inman Park needs YOU – the only way we can remain the neighborhood we are, is by EVERYONE being part of maintaining and giving back. We are exceptionally grateful to everyone who was a part of making Festival 2014 a success, and invite you to join us again next year for the 44th Festival!

We will now take a break in Festival work, but only a short one! The 2015 Festival kick-off meeting will be held in September. If you are interested in heading up a committee as a staff member (or as a co-chair with someone), please contact us at csundin@printpack.com. There are many ways to contribute to Festival, so take some time to think what you have to offer and let us know!

Your Opinion Counts

Read about the current IPNA Neighbor Survey and then go online to take it.

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Property Tax Hike?

Neighbor Cooper Pierce shares his tips on challenging an increased assessment.

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July 4th Fun

See pictures from the IPNA July 4th party at the Trolley Barn.

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Minutes of the June IPNA Meeting

By JANET BERRY, SECRETARY • secretary@inmanpark.org

President Dennis Mobley called his first of twenty-four meetings to order at 7:35 p.m. A motion was made to add 65 Waddell Street Type III Variance to the Historic Preservation agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Guest/Newcomers: **Chris and Kelly Downs**, ten year residents of 65 Waddell Street announced they were attending their first meeting. **Jennifer Hiding** was in attendance; she was representing Staplehouse, a newly established restaurant at 541 Edgewood Avenue.

Minutes

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve last month's minutes.

Announcement: **Lillian Goyus**, a neighbor from Cabbagetown, thanked Nan Orrock's supporters for their votes and stated she was collecting yard signs. Lillian also was attending on behalf of Brenda Muhammad, elections are July 22, and early voting starts June 30. Fulton County Commissioner Candidate for District 5, Marvin Arrington Jr., asked for support in the upcoming election. He thanked those who voted for him. Mr. Arrington stated he is a father, husband, community servant and 18 year practicing attorney, a graduate of Emory Law School. His wife is a schoolteacher; they have four daughters and two dogs.

Elected Officials Reports:

None.

Police Officers' Reports

Captain Schierbaum, reported a significant arrest associated with residential burglaries. In a Goldilocks like scenario, residents of 100 Elizabeth Street returned home to find a person sleeping in their home. A 911 call was expediently placed. Officers found keys to a vehicle on the transgressor. The van revealed confiscated possessions and an address on Montgomery. The forty-eight year old man was taken into custody on theft and parole violations. Mr. Grady Brown, a know Chandler Park offender, was also implicated from evidence collected, a warrant for his arrest has been issued. Since arrest, the residential burglaries have sharply declined. However, a rash of car break-ins have replaced neighborhood burglaries. Multiple laptops, gym bags, and purses have been stolen particularly on Bernina Avenue, North Highland Avenue and Elizabeth Street. Placing items in trunks at parking sites, according to Captain Schierbaum, is not wise; leave your possessions at home. Lee Holt has been arrested for bike theft; officers are still looking for Marianne Johnson on a separate residential burglary charge. Katharine Chestnut Klang proclaimed that her Euclid neighbor praised officers for their quick response and subsequent arrest of a perpetrator, Julian Wright. Suspicious behavior was noted, a call was made and an arrest secured. The "rule of thumb" for emergency calls and timely

reporting of crimes was discussed. Dennis Mobley suggested that neighbors never be shy about calling 911. Reports and data are collected from logged calls; resources are appropriated in response to police reports but only if the report is filed. Eleanor Chin discussed postings on Next Door, which is monitored by IPNA Security Patrol. However, statistics are not collected on neighborhood blogs, and a report in not filed.

Sargent Raney representing Zone 6 on behalf of Major Peek suggested that neighbors with video security cameras, register them. Resources such as cameras are able to identify criminals and provide evidence for convictions.

Committee Reports

Dennis Mobley, President reported that he has for three months chatted with past volunteers, future volunteers, city officials, conservators, and various chairmen. Dennis attended O4W's neighborhood meeting and is "thanking his lucky stars" for IPNA's issues in light of neighbors complex problems. Two early projects have begun under his initiative: a neighborhood survey led by Yvonne Merkle, and an examination of IPNA Bylaws by Andy Coffman.

Molly McLamb, V.P. Zoning

Molly introduced **Jon Cauthen** along with **Elaine Drayton** of Renewal Design Build. They presented plans for the expansion of the home at 65 Waddell Street; owners are **Chris and Kelly Downs**. Project includes: addition of a sleeping patio, adding 1000 square feet to 1600 existing feet, increasing from a two bedroom two bath. Variance is needed for a roof ridge height. Options included two smaller gables added to the one gable, or one larger cross gable. The option proposed, will add two smaller gables of three feet to the ridgeline. The immediate neighbors' homes will remain higher than the proposed height variance. The street view will be online with neighboring homes. Motion was made and a discussion ensued. Dennis stated he had met with Doug Young and was briefed on a neighboring project, recently proposed that added three times the height. The change of the height ordinance, instituted by neighbors, two years ago was reviewed. The intent of the ordinance was reported to address fundamental alterations of existing homes and street views in Inman Park. Doug Young was reported to consider the ordinance flexible, a matter of degree, in his subjective case-by-case rulings. Danny Feig Sandoval encouraged us to revisit the ordinance and clarify interpretation. He was uncomfortable with the capricious nature of support and interpretation. Dennis suggested engaging Adam Stillman, involved in initiating the ridge height change, for further discussion and review. Joyce Sayle spoke in favor of her support for the application. Molly reported six Immediate Neighbors unanimously approved their plans; a vote to support the neighbors' recommendation was unanimous.

Barbara Leach, Treasurer

Report May 22 to June 18, 2014

Income

Public Safety Dues -- \$3,200.00

Membership Dues -- \$210.00

Income- \$3,410.00

Expenses

Officers Public Safety -- \$11,348.00

Beautification -- \$1,270.00

Miscellaneous - \$154.00

Total -- \$-9367.00

Barbara publicly thanked Eric Goldberg for his gracious help and assistance in the transfer of duties. The transition month was light on activity. She welcomes all request for the 2014-2015 Budget. Budget will be proposed in September.

Morgan Shallcross, V.P. Zoning

Dennis for Morgan opened discussion for applicants of a Liquor License, **Café Izakaya, 99 Krog Street**. They were not in attendance but on IPNA's agenda as well as NPU N's June agenda. Joyce Sayle spoke for the Immediate Neighbors' meeting held. Two attended along with the Liquor License applicant. Joyce reported unanimous approval. It was noted that the applicant attended the May IPNA meeting. John Floyd cautioned approving an absent applicant, noting it was a dangerous big step. A motion for support of Immediate Neighbors approval was made. Vote for support carried 11-7. Rick Bizot encouraged anyone with lingering concerns, attend NPU N's Meeting June 26, 7 p.m.

Tony Neu, V.P. Public Safety

Tony reported that signs are not being removed from addresses that do not renew their Security Patrol membership. Dennis stated he instituted the policy while he held the Public Safety position. Tony felt the tactic of "shaming" those not renewing was of more benefit than removing signs. Actual numbers of IPNA residents is not known, nor is Security Patrol participation. Dennis feels that membership is at historic lows, adding that the "high watermark" of participation was 40%. Although Security Patrol is expected to run a monthly deficit, he feels it is more heavily subsidized than acceptable. Tony reported the increased need for coverage with the expansion of development. Dennis is grateful to Inman Village for their "anchor of support." Grinnell Lofts has a HOA Membership that is also supplemented by individual residents membership. There is no automated notification for Security Patrol renewal, and Tony is not notifying lapsed members of their need to renew.

Michaela Kendall, V.P. Planning

Michaela has recently attended BeltLine community meetings. The meetings are presenting options for Beltline connecting

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Other Happenings to Note

Oakland and the Civil War

Saturday, August 2 • 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. • Historic Oakland Cemetery

Grab your wheels and catch the monthly free guided bike tour of the Eastside BeltLine that includes rest stops at Historic Fourth Ward Park, Piedmont Park and Tanyard Creek. Reservations are required and the tour is limited to 30 people.

14th Annual Decatur BBQ, Blues & Bluegrass Festival

Saturday, August 16 • 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. • decaturbbqfestival.com

Held in Harmony Park (Oakhurst) and led by the Community Center of South Decatur, this event is an opportunity to experience local bands, tasty BBQ and cold beer. Pets are welcome as long as they are on a leash.

Mary Lin Back-to-School Socials


Saturday, July 19 • Candler Park • 9:30 – 11 am (K – Grade 2) & 11 am – 12 pm (Grades 3-5)

Saturday, July 26 • Springvale Park • 9:30 – 11 am (K – Grade 2) & 11 am – 12 pm (Grades 3-5)

Reconnect with returning Mary Lin families and meet new ones at one of these socials. These are not drop-off play dates, but great opportunities for families to meet and get to know each other before school starts. Brings your own snacks, drinks and sunscreen and join for one or both days!

Save the Date – 2nd BeltLine Wine Stroll

Saturday, September 27 • 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. • East Side BeltLine

Mark your calendar now to stop and sip vino at more than a dozen restaurants and businesses along a stretch of the BeltLine. Proceeds will benefit the next phase of Springvale Park improvements and the Inman Park Security Patrol. Ticket info will be announced soon. 

Neighborhood Open House & Back-to-School Pool Party

Friday, August 1 • 6 pm
Inman Park Pool (25 Spruce Street)

Enjoy a fun evening at the pool before school starts. The event is open to all Inman Park neighbors.

Please bring a finger food to share. Beverages (including ones for both adults and children) will be provided.

Questions? Send an email to inmanpool@gmail.com



On the Calendar

July
16

IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

July
22

Primary Runoff Election

July
24

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

July
25

Porch Party
Justin Lucia
346 Copenhill
7:30 p.m.

See page 14 for details

July
29

Book Club
Hosted by Jim and
Cathy Cook McKinney

see page 13 for details

August
1

Inman Park Open House & Pool Party
Inman Park Pool
6:00 pm

see this page for details

August
20

IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

August
26

Book Club
Hosted by Jan Keith

see page 13 for details

August
28

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

Meet Your IPSP



Investigator Chad Gurley

Years with APD 12
Years with IPSP 4
Lives in Virginia Highland
Hails from Southern Illinois

Duty Details:

Zone 6 Criminal Investigation Unit. My primary responsibilities include follow-up investigation of residential and criminal burglaries.

My favorite thing about Inman Park:

The families I see out and about

Best part of my job:

Sending a deserving person to jail

Worst part of my job:

Not being able to provide a victim closure

Hardest part of my job:

Anything to do with a child being hurt

If I weren't a police officer, I'd be:

An elementary school teacher

My idea of a perfect day

Lounging at the beach

Best advice I ever received

Keep it simple

Superpower I wish I had

Mind control

My Favorite Movie

Tommy Boy

Last Book I Read

No Easy Day

My best "bust" ever:

I worked undercover with Captain Schierbaum to purchase narcotics from a paroled murderer

My top safety/security tip

Be prepared! Keep pictures and serial numbers of your valuables current and easily accessible in the event of an incident.

Public Safety Update

By ANTHONY NEU, V.P. PUBLIC SAFETY • public.safety@inmanpark.org

Hello Neighbors!

Well summer is in full swing and our neighborhood is more popular than ever. Unfortunately it is also more popular with those would take what is not theirs. We have had a rash of auto break ins in the last month. These are mostly confined to the edges of the Inman Park. North Highland, Bernina, the Dekalb corridor have all been hit. Also, these same types of auto break-ins are happening with the same frequency in all of the surrounding areas... One thing that is sticking out, is that many of the cars had very valuable things taken. Laptops, watches, money, more laptops... you get the picture. I know that we always talk about the keeping our cars clean, and i am pretty sure that many of these cars do not belong to IP residents. If you have guests coming over or if you have friends that like to come and sample the wonderful culture of Inman Park, please remember to ask them to not leave things in view. Also, dont just put things in your trunk when you park. The criminals are around and may be watching you do this...

One last note on the autos... If your car was violated, please give 911 a call. Even if the officers do not come out to take a report, there will still be a record of this in the system. We use these calls and reports to better know how to allocate patrol resources.

Now for the good news! We have seen a significant drop in home burglaries in the last 4 weeks. We are hoping this is due to some very fortunate arrests of individuals with long histories of breaking into homes in the Intown areas. One case in particular shows how a vigilant resident saw something that didn't seem right and called the patrol. There were several people that were camped out on a porch of a home that has been vacant for sometime. One of these individuals had a warrant out for his arrest and was taken into custody. Remember – if you see something that just doesn't seem right, please call 911. If you are just not sure about what you are seeing, or if you see a pattern of suspicious activity, you are welcome to email me at public.safety@inmanpark.org. I can share these observations with the patrol officers and it could be very useful.

Well stay safe out there friends! 

Crime Stats – July 2014

| | |
|---|-----|
| Directed Patrol | 485 |
| Drop Ins/Park and Walks | 730 |
| Association Member Contacts | 18 |
| Suspicious Person | 17 |
| Theft..... | 10 |
| Residential Alarm..... | 8 |
| Investigation Follow-Up | 4 |
| Parking Complaint | 3 |
| Disturbance | 3 |
| Pedestrian Robbery | 2 |
| Found Property..... | 2 |
| Illegal Drugs..... | 1 |
| Noise Complaint | 1 |
| Criminal Trespass..... | 1 |
| Street / Sidewalk Obstruction | 1 |
| Abandoned Auto | 1 |
| Person Injured | 1 |
| Mental Health Emergency | 1 |
| Open Window / Door | 1 |
| Arrests | 4 |
| 3 – Criminal Trespass at Inman Park Pool, 1 – Wanted on Warrant / Probation Violation | |
| Parking Citation | 2 |
| Vehicle Impound | 1 |



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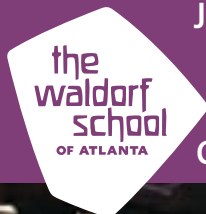
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| GIRLS ROCK CAMP PRESENTS GIRLS ROCK CAMP SILENT AUCTION AND CAMPER SHOWCASE SAT, JULY 19, 1PM | JUDY COLLINS FRI, AUG 1, 8PM | THE WOOD BROTHERS FRI, SEPT 19, 8:30PM |
| LIVE AT THE FILLMORE THE DEFINITIVE TRIBUTE TO THE ORIGINAL ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND SAT, JULY 19, 9PM | DARK STAR ORCHESTRA CONTINUING THE GRATEFUL DEAD EXPERIENCE THUR, AUG 14, 8PM | HOZIER WED, OCT 1, 8PM |
| THE MUSICAL BOX THE 40th ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE OF GENESIS' SELLING ENGLAND BY THE POUND THUR, JULY 24, 8PM | BIG MIKE GEIER'S ELVIS ROYALE FEATURING KINGSDZED AND THE DAMES AFLAME SAT, AUG 16, 8:30PM | ABC LIVE PRESENTS MIRANDA SINGS SUN, OCT 12, 7PM |
| | SEVEN HANDLE CIRCUS SAT, AUG 23, 8:30PM | FIRST AID KIT SAT, NOV 1, 9PM |
| | JASON MARSALIS QUARTET THUR, SEPT 11, 8PM | THE HORRORS MOON DUO SAT, NOV 8, 8:30PM |

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IPNA Neighborhood Survey – Make Your Voice Heard!

By YVONNE MERKEL • VP COMMUNICATIONS • communications@inmanpark.org

The IPNA Neighborhood Survey – Summer 2014 is designed to solicit input on your communications preferences with regard to IPNA activity and Inman Park news and information, as well as participation in the IPNA and IPSP and general neighborhood priorities. Neighbor opinion on these topics is particularly important now as we prepare for the next iteration of the Inman Park website and work to develop the 2014-2015 budget. The survey is intended to give everyone a voice, and your responses will help us use resources most effectively and efficiently to support the day-to-day business of the IPNA and improve the flow of communications in the neighborhood.

Complete the survey online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/IPNA_Summer2014. It's easy and will take you between

10-15 minutes. A print version of the survey is included on the following pages, but is provided only for those neighbors who do not have easy Internet access. If you have Internet access, **please complete the survey online**. Doing so will save us significant time on data entry and will allow us to more quickly analyze the results. Print versions must be postmarked by Thursday, July 31, and the online survey will be open through midnight on **Monday, August 4**.

Each individual in Inman Park is invited to complete the survey, even if you share a household with another Inman Park resident. However, we kindly ask that you complete the survey only once. We anticipate conducting additional surveys throughout the year on a variety of topics and look forward to your participation. **M**



Tell Us What You Think!

Complete the IPNA survey online by **August 4**:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/IPNA_Summer2014

The Tax Man Cometh

By COOPER PIERCE • c3pierce@yahoo.com

Recently there have been posts on our neighborhood Yahoo Group regarding the alarming tax assessments received by several residents, and several wanted help in how to fight these apparently unfounded values. Well, we have received our share of these assessments and have been fairly successful in challenging them to get our rates frozen several times. This may not work for everyone, and each property has its own set of circumstances, but in an effort to share knowledge gained through our experience this is what I have found to be successful if any of you want to take on Fulton County. Like most things in life, you only need knowledge and proper preparation to be successful.

In 2009 during this little thing called the Great Recession, we received our assessment that increased the value of our house \$100,000 when nothing was really selling, much less for an increased value! An unprepared appraiser was practically laughed out of the room after my opening update of current local and national events and how it related to real estate. However, I came prepared with facts and presented what had been sold within the last year in our surrounding area, because there were not any comparable houses sold within the neighborhood. My only comparisons were in Candler Park, which luckily the board knew the proximity and ignored the tax assessor's objections of them not being in Fulton County. This was a relatively easy win, but what I learned prepared me for this past year.

When preparing your defense, your comps **need to be within your neighborhood** in the last year, and only under extenuating circumstances like a recession can you expand that area across Moreland and get away with it. This past year in 2013, the tax assessor returned with a vengeance and appraised our house with a 35% increase! Immediately, I went on Zillow and any other real estate website I could find and pulled up their appraised value of my house to generate a consensus from readily available data at that time, and printed it out with the date. Real estate values change so the values on that date were important as I did not get to present this data to the Board of Equalization until last month.

Next, I sought to find comparable houses sold within the last year in Inman Park. Only ONE house sold that was nearly comparable to the assessed value, but several others of similar size and rooms had sold for lesser values. I put together a spreadsheet of those comps organized by total house size in square footage and by number of bedrooms, baths, etc. This provided two different ways of evaluating the houses for true comparison. Some houses had apartments and garages, others did not. I was able to find about 4 houses that were truly comparable, and one was that house that sold so much higher.

Using that same format, I then went to the Fulton County website and researched property records for houses of similar size to compare the Fulton County assessment and values of those properties. It's hard for them to justify the varied appraisals that exist and argue against you since it is their own data. However, by having their data comparison and the comparisons from market data on websites you can present a case for your value that is hard for them to argue against. Be prepared that you may find the appraisal may not be as far-fetched as you thought. I won my case, but my settled value was still a 13% increase, but not 35% and frozen for three years. Feel empowered and good luck to you. If any of you want to discuss in further detail, let me know. **M**

INMAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

The survey is available online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/IPNA_Summer2014. If you have access to the Internet, **please complete it online**. This printed version is provided only for those neighbors who do not have access to the Internet. Mail completed survey to: IPNA, Attn: Survey, 245 N. Highland Ave NE, Ste 230-401, Atlanta, GA 30307. Surveys submitted by mail must be postmarked **by July 31** for responses to be included.

1. Do you live in Inman Park? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. For how many years have you lived in Inman Park?
☐ 0 (not a resident) ☐ < 1 year ☐ 1 – 5 years ☐ 6 – 10 years ☐ More than 10 years
3. Do you own or rent your home?
OWN ☐ Single-family home ☐ Apartment ☐ Other / Not listed
☐ Duplex ☐ Condo/Townhome _____
RENT ☐ Single-family home ☐ Apartment ☐ Other / Not listed
☐ Duplex ☐ Condo/Townhome _____
4. Do you own a business that operates in Inman Park or the surrounding area? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Do children under the age of 18 live in your home? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. On what street do you live in Inman Park? _____
7. Do you volunteer with the IPNA or otherwise within the neighborhood? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. If you answered YES to Question 7, in what capacity do you volunteer? Please select all that apply.
☐ IPNA Board Member or Committee Chair ☐ IPNA Committee Member
☐ Inman Park Festival Volunteer Committee: _____
☐ Atlanta BeltLine ☐ Trees Atlanta
☐ Mary Lin Elementary School ☐ Inman Park Middle School
☐ Grady High School ☐ Other _____
9. Are you a member of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA)?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure / Don't Know
10. If you are a member of IPNA, what is the primary reason for your decision to join?
Please select only one. SKIP if you are not an IPNA member.
☐ To support neighborhood initiatives and activities ☐ To be eligible to vote on IPNA issues
☐ To be invited to annual Holiday Party & Butterfly Ball ☐ To receive printed membership directory
☐ It is included with my Security Patrol membership ☐ Other _____
11. If you are *not* a member of IPNA, why not? Please select all that apply. SKIP if you are an IPNA member.
☐ Membership accidentally lapsed ☐ I don't know about membership or how to join
☐ Insufficient membership benefits ☐ It costs too much
☐ Other _____
12. If you are *not* a member of IPNA, which of the following IPNA membership benefits appeal to you? Please select all that apply. SKIP if you are an IPNA member.
☐ Supporting neighborhood initiatives and activities ☐ Eligibility to vote on IPNA issues
☐ Receiving a printed membership directory ☐ Invitation to annual Holiday Party & Butterfly Ball
☐ Other _____ ☐ None of the above
13. Are you a member of the Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure / Don't Know
14. If you are a member of IPSP, what is the primary reason for your decision to join? Please select only one. SKIP if you are not an IPSP member.
☐ To support the neighborhood patrol ☐ I believe it is an effective crime deterrent
☐ My HOA pays for my membership ☐ I (and/or someone I know) have been a victim of crime
☐ Other _____

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15. If you are **not** an IPSP member, why not? Please select all that apply. SKIP if you are an IPSP member.
- ☐ I don't know about membership or how to join
 - ☐ I don't believe it is an effective crime deterrent
 - ☐ Other _____
 - ☐ Membership accidentally lapsed
 - ☐ It costs too much
16. If you are **not** an IPSP member, which of the following IPSP membership benefits appeal to you? Please select all that apply. SKIP if you are an IPSP member.
- ☐ Support the patrol / be a good neighbor
 - ☐ Yard sign as visual indicator of my membership
 - ☐ Other _____
 - ☐ Vacation watch
 - ☐ Monthly or quarterly payment option
 - ☐ None of the above
17. Do you read the **Advocator**, Inman Park's monthly newsletter, which is mailed to residents? Please select only one.
- ☐ Cover to cover
 - ☐ Not before tossing it in the recycling bin
 - ☐ I skim it for interesting information
 - ☐ I do not receive the *Advocator*
 - ☐ I only look at the pictures
18. Do you primarily read the **Advocator** in print or online at inmanpark.org? Please select only one.
- ☐ Print version
 - ☐ Online version
 - ☐ I do not regularly read the *Advocator*
19. What type of content in the **Advocator** do you value most? Please select all that apply.
- ☐ President's Message
 - ☐ IPNA Meeting Minutes
 - ☐ Calendar of Events
 - ☐ Festival News and Information
 - ☐ Public Safety Information
 - ☐ NPU-N News
 - ☐ Ads & Coupons from Area Businesses
 - ☐ Board Member & Committee Chair Contact Info
 - ☐ News and stories about my neighbors
 - ☐ Schools / Education Information
 - ☐ Development and Zoning Information and Initiatives
 - ☐ AUDC / Historic Preservation News
 - ☐ IPNA Meeting Agenda
 - ☐ I do not regularly read the *Advocator*
20. When was the last time you visited the IPNA website?
- ☐ Within the last month
 - ☐ 6-12 months ago
 - ☐ 1-3 months ago
 - ☐ More than a year ago
 - ☐ 4-6 months ago
 - ☐ I have never visited the IPNA website
21. How frequently do you visit the IPNA website (inmanpark.org)?
- ☐ Often
 - ☐ Occasionally
 - ☐ Rarely
 - ☐ Never
22. For what reasons do you primarily visit the IPNA website? Please select all that apply.
- ☐ To get general information
 - ☐ To read the *Advocator*
 - ☐ To volunteer for Inman Park Festival
 - ☐ To use the online neighbor directory
 - ☐ To renew my IPNA or IPSP membership
 - ☐ I do not visit the IPNA website
23. If you answered **RARELY** or **NEVER** to Question 21, why don't you visit it more frequently? Please select all that apply.
- ☐ Does not include information I want or need
 - ☐ Difficult to navigate
 - ☐ Other _____
 - ☐ Information is outdated
 - ☐ I did not know there was an IPNA website
24. Several enhancements to the IPNA website are being considered and evaluated. Which of these enhancements would you find most useful and/or valuable? Please select all that apply.
- ☐ Improved IPNA/IPSP account access & management features
 - ☐ Auto-renewal notices for IPNA/IPSP membership
 - ☐ Newsfeed of current news relevant to Inman Park
 - ☐ Neighbor-recommended vendor section/repository
 - ☐ HTML newsletter delivered via email
 - ☐ Online store (flags, banners, stickers, etc.)
 - ☐ Other _____
 - ☐ Improved search function
 - ☐ Official IPNA message board
 - ☐ Enhanced calendar of events
 - ☐ Streamlined navigation
 - ☐ Photo gallery of events

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25. How frequently do you use/access the following to keep up with what is going on in the neighborhood?

| | Always | Frequently | Occasionally | Rarely | Never |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Inman Park <i>Advocator</i> (newsletter) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| IPNA website (inmanpark.org) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Monthly IPNA meetings | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Inman Park Yahoo message board | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Inman Park / IP Festival Facebook page | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Inman Park / IP Festival Twitter feed | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Nextdoor Inman Park online community | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Neighbors, friends or family members | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

26. How valuable are the following to you for keeping up with what is going on in the neighborhood?

| | Extremely | Very | Somewhat | Not at All | Do Not Use |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Inman Park <i>Advocator</i> (newsletter) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| IPNA website (inmanpark.org) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Monthly IPNA meetings | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Inman Park Yahoo message board | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Inman Park / IP Festival Facebook page | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Inman Park / IP Festival Twitter feed | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Nextdoor Inman Park online community | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Neighbors, friends or family members | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

27. How actively do you follow or engage with Inman Park-related social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Yahoo board, Nextdoor Inman Park)? Please select only one.

- ☐ Actively throughout the year
 ☐ Somewhat / occasionally
 ☐ I don't use social media
☐ Actively, but only around Festival time
 ☐ I don't follow any IP social media

28. Which of the following IPNA or Inman Park-related communications channels/initiatives would you like to see continued? Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Print newsletter mailed to homes
 ☐ Inman Park Facebook page
 ☐ Nextdoor Inman Park
☐ Inman Park Yahoo message board
 ☐ Inman Park Twitter feed
 ☐ None of these

29. Which of the following IPNA or Inman Park-related communications channels/initiatives would you like to see introduced? Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Security/safety alerts (e.g. BOLO warnings) via email or text
 ☐ HTML newsletter delivered via email
☐ IPNA member only message board (on IPNA website)
 ☐ Newsfeed on IPNA website
☐ Other _____
 ☐ None of these

30. The following are elements of the IPNA annual budget. Identify any you think should be NOT be funded or otherwise supported by IPNA. Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Inman Park Festival
 ☐ Graffiti Removal
 ☐ Newsletter (*Advocator*)
☐ Inman Park Security Patrol
 ☐ Traffic Calming
 ☐ Printed Membership Directory
☐ Beautification / neighborhood maintenance
 ☐ Hospitality (neighbor welcome and other support)
☐ Beautification / Homeowner sidewalk subsidies
 ☐ Social events (Porch, July 4th and Holiday Parties)
☐ Springvale Park (maintenance and improvements)
 ☐ Grants/contributions to schools and other groups
☐ Other _____
 ☐ Other _____

31. In which of the following initiatives do you think IPNA leadership should invest the most resources (time and money) over the 2014-2015 fiscal year? Please select up to three.

- ☐ Secure funding for Traffic Study recommendations
 ☐ Secure funding for Springvale Park Master Plan
☐ Greater Security Patrol participation (reduced IPNA budget subsidization of Security Patrol)
☐ Enhanced IPNA website functionality
 ☐ Other _____

32. Do you have convenient and reliable access to the Internet? ☐ Yes ☐ No


If you have additional comments about any survey topic, please include on a separate sheet of paper.

If you are willing to discuss your responses in more detail, include your name, phone number and email address.

Surprise! Screening at Neighborhood Movie Group

By STEVE WHITEMAN • ClassicFilmAppreciation@gmail.com

August will be Surprise! month in *Life is Too Short to Watch Lousy Movies*, the free Ormewood Park film viewing and discussion group. For the first time ever, on August 2nd attendees will have no idea what they'll be seeing, except that it will be an acknowledged classic, a lot of fun -- and probably pretty unusual. The program will include a cartoon and/or short subject, clips from documentaries or other films in the same genre, and intelligent moderated discussion.

To learn more about the group, which is currently in its eighth year of screening classics, visit their website at ClassicFilmAppreciation.webs.com. You can sign up for the Drop In (i.e., mailing) list on the Contact Us page of the site. Address questions to the group's moderator, Steve Whiteman, at ClassicFilmAppreciation@gmail.com. 

Our Sympathy & Condolences

Leigh Hays (Sinclair Ave.)
on the death of her father

Book Club Calendar

The Inman Park Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month to discuss the featured selection. Please bring a covered dish to share. Visit inmanpark.org for the full 2014 schedule and book selections, and contact Jan Keith (404-688-7330) with any questions.

July
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*Wild: From Lost to Found
on the Pacific Crest*
by Cheryl Strayed
hosted by Jim and Cathy Cook
McKinney at 337 Drexel Ave. (Decatur)

August
26

The Dry Grass of August
by Anna Jean Mayhew
hosted by Jan Keith at
889 Edgewood Ave.


A Trashy Subject

By PATSY FISHER • abby1@mindspring.com

I admit it – I am obsessed with trash. For 20 years I lived in the Virginia Highland neighborhood on a very busy street and it became a necessity to pick up trash every day just to keep the beer bottles out of my front yard. I got into the habit of picking up trash twice daily on walks with my dog. Hey, sometimes it was even lucrative – a few times I've found money and, occasionally, a piece of jewelry in this effort.

Fast forward 10 years ago when I moved to Inman Park in 2004. Although not as bad as my former neighborhood, Inman Park is pretty trashy, too. Of course, we have a lot of people enjoying our 'hood who don't live here, are not invested in civic pride, and don't seem to mind slinging their trash hither and yon. I continue my tradition of picking up trash twice daily on walks with my dog. On some days, if the weather is really unpleasant and I am in a hurry to get home, I might pick up just one piece of trash. But on other days, I will collect a big bag. The promise I have made is that I will always pick up at least one piece of trash on any walk in the neighborhood.

When I was a teacher, I found that my classroom usually had some litter on the floor by the end of the day; with five large classes per day of middle school students, that's to be expected. But at the end of the day, before dismissal, I always had my students pick up trash. Each student had to pick up at least one piece, and some enthusiastically picked up more. Our group effort usually got the floor pretty clean, because the custodians at our school had enough to do without having to do extra work caused by my students.

So that is my philosophy, and I am asking you to join me. Each time you take a walk in our neighborhood, would you please take a bag and pick up at least one piece of trash? And you get extra credit if you pick up more! Of course, litter is a recurring problem, but if each of us makes an effort, we can have a cleaner neighborhood. Thanks! 

Welcome New Neighbors

Patti and Tom Lombardi • Inman Park Village

Mike Schnieders • Edgewood Avenue



See your savings add up.



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Minutes of the June IPNA Meeting *continued from page 4*

routes as well as Streetcar routes. Community input is being sought. Routes through or around Hulsey Yard are being discussed. Sandy Hoke stated that anyone in the areas discussed will be greatly impacted and encouraged participation by those affected or interested. Staff is available to discuss known environmental impact and also known or suspected restrictions of existing structures (including the Edgewood Bridge.) Michaela has also attended meetings for development of the LSP's CID. Danny Feig Sandoval and Dennis discussed that it will be a Fulton County Tax, not a city tax, which will affect Kwanza Hall's influence. Michaela feels the process will take greater than thirty to sixty days.

Danny Feig Sandoval, Traffic Chairman, reported the city's traffic plan for Krog Street, Elizabeth Street, Lake Avenue, and N. Highland Avenue (KLENH) Transportation, although approved has received little attention from developers. Danny is looking for Kwanza Hall to lead the funding efforts. City Council will finish the City Budget this month and Danny is hopeful that efforts will be redirected to the traffic plan. Danny is met with nonresponsive and unengaged city officials responsible for maintaining and addressing sidewalks and crosswalks. He encouraged individuals to come forward and call the city individually. Danny reported that Elizabeth Street from Bernina Avenue to Dekalb Avenue will be repaved in the very near future. Plans to rework Dekalb Avenue has gained momentum, he feels the plans are very exciting. Yvonne Merkel expressed concern for the parking and traffic across from Barcelona.

Yvonne Merkel, V.P. Communication

Yvonne reported that a very important survey, primarily addressing methods of communication, would be included in the *Advocator* in the coming months. Priorities, focus and money will be directed in response to the information collected from the survey. Inmanpark.org options for auto renewal, auto notices, passwords, user names and a host of other experiences are being evaluated and explored. Yvonne and her committee are seeking Inman Park residents directives (opinions, concerns, desires, and interest) for effective communication in the coming years. Yvonne corrected an *Advocator* misprint, Runoff Elections are July 22, not June 22. The *Advocator* deadline is this Friday.

Janet Berry, Secretary

Janet reported Membership Directory hard copies have been printed and are now being delivered to members' homes. Delivery will be completed by June 30. Last year there were approximately 353 household memberships, there are about 504 household memberships this year. A big Thank You to all who renewed. Renewable or membership is available all year long, which includes being published on the Online Membership Directory. Membership profiles can also be edited online.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. **M**

President's Message *continued from cover*

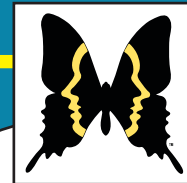
more efficient and cost-effective analysis of the results. If you are able to complete the survey online, please do so.

In other Board news, **Morgan Shallcross**, IPNA VP of Zoning, has resigned from his position due to increased professional obligations. In his place, the board has appointed **Tonya Marlatt**. You can read about Tonya on page 8, and I hope you will join me in welcoming her to the board. I want to thank Morgan for his contributions to the board and also for his help in identifying a replacement and supporting a smooth transition.

Additionally, as part of an effort to improve neighborhood communications, a committee was formed recently to focus on the next iteration of the IPNA website (inmanpark.org). Previous IPNA boards and other involved neighbors have given us a good foundation on which to build and allow us to take our communications and membership tools to the next level. The below list reflects some website enhancements currently under consideration, though your feedback via the neighborhood survey will certainly inform this process:

- Improved membership (IPNA/IPSP) account management capabilities, including the ability to verify membership status and payment history
- Enhanced online payment tools, including monthly or quarterly billing for IPSP membership
- Improved site navigation with easier membership login
- Real-time safety/security alerts via email and/or text

Finally, we will have tablets and computers available at the July IPNA meeting for neighbors to take the online survey. I invite you to join us before the meeting for light refreshments, to take the survey and maybe even share some summer vacation stories! **M**



Porch Party

July 25 • 7:30 p.m.

At Justin Lucia's
Any Spine Chiropractic Center
346 Copenhill

Bring a dish to share
& your favorite beverage.

• • •

Your porch wants to host a party!
Call Pat or Richard Westrick to get on the schedule.
404.523.4801

Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) Update

By MOLLY McLAMB, V.P. HISTORIC PRESERVATION • historic.preservation@inmanpark.org

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 the email address above 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.

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

June 11, 2014

1. 829 Virgil St. - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-14-150) for alterations and an addition. Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

Staff Recommendation: Approve with conditions
Commission Voted: Approved with conditions

Applications scheduled for AUDC:

June 25, 2014

1. 65 Waddell St. - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-14-172) for a variance to allow for an addition taller than the existing house and with a higher ridge line and (CA3-14-171) for alterations and an addition at 65 Waddell St. Property is zoned R-5/ Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

2. 1030 Austin Ave. - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-14-124) for alterations and an addition at 1030 Austin Ave. Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

| | Application Deadline | AUDC Hearing Date |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Upcoming Application Deadlines | July 22 | August 13 |
| | August 5 | August 27 |
| | August 19 | September 10 |

July 9, 2014

1. 876 Euclid Ave. - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-14-182) for an addition and site work and (CA3-14-183) for a variance to allow garage in a principal structure that is visible from the street at 876 Euclid Ave. Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

2. 1030 Austin Ave. - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-14-187) for to allow an addition taller than the existing house and with a higher ridgeline at 1030 Austin Ave. Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

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

AUDC Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx>
Address: 55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 3350 • Atlanta GA 30335-0331
Phone: (404) 330-6145
Fax: (404) 658-6734

New IPNA VP of Zoning Appointed to Board

By DENNIS MOBLEY • IPNA PRESIDENT • president@inmanpark.org


Due to significant professional demands on his time, IPNA VP of Zoning Morgan Shallcross resigned his position in late June. In Morgan's absence and in accordance with the IPNA bylaws, the IPNA Board of Directors has appointed Inman Park neighbor Tonya Marlatt to serve as the VP of Zoning. Also in accordance with the IPNA bylaws, this appointment is temporary and must be confirmed by a majority vote of resident IPNA members at the next monthly meeting. The board unanimously voted to appoint Tonya to this role, and we look forward welcoming her to the board, pending the membership vote at the July monthly meeting.



Tonya Marlatt • VP, Zoning

I left Michigan 21 years ago and have called Atlanta home ever since. I have lived in many of Atlanta's Intown neighborhoods and finally landed in Inman Park in 2007 and have rented and owned in just about every building in "The Village" since! Buying and selling real estate and moving often is a job hazard!! When people ask me if I will ever leave Inman Park, my standard response is, "Once you go Inman, it's hard to go back." I love our neighborhood!

I am a real estate broker currently affiliated with Coldwell Banker Midtown and have been engaging in Intown residential and commercial transactions for 12 years. I have experience working with the City of Atlanta regarding zoning, planning and building. My real estate career has been very diverse and includes everything from residential listing and buyer representation to commercial leasing, sales and construction.

If confirmed as IPNA's Vice President of Zoning, I will bring a great level of enthusiasm and commitment. I believe my past experiences will help me support the efforts of our neighbors and IPNA. 

NPU-N Update

By JONATHAN MILLER • NPU-N CHAIR & ACTING NPU-N REPRESENTATIVE FOR IPNA • npu.n@inmanpark.org

Notes from the June 26, 2014 meeting of interest to Inman Park residents:

Presentations:

Alex McCray, Executive Director of the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, updated the Board on future events planned.

Jack Hill presented the highlights of the proposed Virginia-Highlands Master Plan.

Solicitor's Office: Lauren Clayton reported:

Code violations for 805 Ashland Avenue are set for trial on July 8, 2014

License Review Board:

Young Suk Oh (Craft Izakaya, 99 Krog St, Suite X, Inman Park) New alcohol license request for new location. NPU Board voted unanimously to support the application

Zoning Review Board:

569 Ezzard St., 51 Bradley St. (Z-14-019 and CDP-14-011), an Ordinance to rezone from the R-5 (Two-Family Residential) to the C-2 (Commercial Service) District for the conversion of a church to a theater. (CDP Amendment required) NPU-M voted to support this application for the new home for Dad's Garage. As this application was for review and comment only, no vote was taken by NPU-N (but it is great that Dad's Garage has found a new home so close by).

Board of Zoning Adjustment:

1083 Euclid Ave NE (V-14-059), seeking a special exception from Zoning Regulations to reduce the required on-site parking from 59 spaces (required) to 43 spaces to allow for expansion of an existing restaurant. The NPU Board voted to defer consideration of the application to allow the applicant finalize plans and to meet with IPNA and L5PBA.

354 Nelms Ave NE (V-14-116) [Lake Claire], seeking a variance from Zoning Regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 30 ft. (required) to 19 ft. to allow for a second-story addition to an existing single-family residence and to allow a parking pad in the front yard setback. NPU Board voted support the application.

506 Harold Ave. NE (V-14-120) [Lake Claire], seeking a variance from Zoning Regulations to reduce the north side yard from 7 ft. (required) to 6 ft. to allow for an addition to an existing single-family residence. NPU Board voted support the application.

Special Events and Outdoor Festivals:

Imagine Music Festival (Candler Park), August 30-31, 2014. NPU Board voted to remove this application because the event has been moved from Candler Park to the Historic 4th Ward Park.

Candler Park Fall Fest 5k & Festival (Candler Park), September 27-28, 2014. Deferred.

Fall Festival on Ponce (Druid Hills), October 18-19, 2014. NPU Board voted to support this event.

Little Five Points Halloween Festival and Parade (Inman Park, Little 5 Points), October 18, 2014. NPU Board voted to support this event.

Masquerade at Krog Tunnel (Cabbagetown), October 25-26, 2014. Deferred.

NPU-N Members

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

Cabbagetown
cabbagetown.com

Candler Park
candlerpark.org

Druid Hills
druidhills.org

Inman Park
inmanpark.org

Lake Claire
lakeclaire.org

Poncey-Highland
ponceyhighland.com

Reynoldstown
reynoldstown.net

L5P Community Center
l5pccc.org

L5P Business Assn
little5points.com

Other Matters:

Lake Claire Park Plan: The plan for improvements to Lake Claire Park will be presented in July with a vote planned for August.

NPU Bylaws vote: As most neighborhoods had not taken a vote, the voting was postponed to the July meeting.

Text Amendments, Ordinances and Resolutions:

14-O-1240: An Ordinance by City Utilities Committee amending Chapter 138, Article IV, Sections 138-76 and 138-96, and Appendix B, of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances to increase residential sidewalk installation fees when the City of Atlanta directly provides the installation services; and for other purposes. The Board voted to defer consideration (although some negative comments were expressed).

14-O-1241: An Ordinance by the City Utilities Committee amending Chapter 130, ("Solid Waste Management"), Article II, ("Municipal Collection and Disposal System"). Division I, ("Generally") at Section 130-44 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances so as to establish a Permitting System for Commercial Solid Waste Collection and Hauling Services by private service providers within the City of Atlanta; to impose application fees permit fees and infrastructure maintenance fees; to establish waste stream reporting requirements; to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to create the accounts necessary to place said Infrastructure Maintenance Fee in a Reserve for infrastructure maintenance expenses; and for other purposes. The Board voted to support this ordinance.

14-O-1242: An Ordinance by City Utilities Committee amending Chapter 138, "Streets, Sidewalks and other Public Places", Article III, Construction or Excavation in the right-of-way", at Section 138-69 of the City of Atlanta code of Ordinances so as to establish pavement degradation recovery fee to be charged to the applicant for construction or excavation in the right-of-way permits; and for other purposes. The Board voted to support this ordinance.

14-O-1251: An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Department of Public Works to establish a schedule of fees for the purpose of collecting fare revenue from passengers utilizing the Atlanta Streetcar services; and for other purposes. The Board voted to support this ordinance.

14-O-1307: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10-92(b) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances so as to provide an exemption from the distance requirements identified in Section 10-88.1 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances for One Wine Specialty Shop to sell wine located at 280 Elizabeth Street and for other purposes. The Board voted to defer consideration of this ordinance to allow IPNA to have an opportunity to review it.

Independence Day at The Trolley Barn



About 100 neighbors gathered at the Trolley Barn to celebrate July 4th. Special thanks to Carol and Ben Mitchell, Patty McGuigan, Pat and Richard Westrick, Dennis Mobley, Diane Floyd and Barbara Leach for their help making the party happen!



1. Shawn, Vicki and Anna Rafferty

2. Cathy Bradshaw, Christel Sundin and Rob Craig

3. Vickki DeCarlo and Oreon Mann

4. Patty McGuigan and Josie Starnes

5. Jack Green and Billy Eiselstein

6. Dennis Mobley and Richard Westrick

NPU-N Update *continued*

New Business:

Randy Pimsler, long-time resident of Candler Park and the representative to the NPU-N Board for the Little 5 Points Center for Arts & Community, reported on a meeting of an ad hoc committee made up of residents in Lake Claire, Candler Park, Inman Park (Danny Feig) and the Old 4th Ward looking at improving the DeKalb Avenue corridor. With re-paving a possibility in the not-to-distant future, the group ask me as NPU Chair to write letter to the City's Public Works Department to ask that a study be undertaken first to look at improving the corridor with a particular emphasis on lanes for bicycles.

Next Month:

Hop City will be seeking two liquor licenses for its new location at 99 Krog St., one for a restaurant and bar and another for a package store.

Bylaws re-affirmation vote to reauthorize the existing bylaws with only the minor change because the Little 5 Points Community Center to the Little 5 Points Center for Arts & Community.

14-O-1307: ordinance to provide as distance exemption for a specialty wine shop at 280 Elizabeth St.

NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, January through October. The November and December meetings for 2014 will be set to avoid conflict with holidays. The meetings begin at 7:00pm in the Little Five Points Community Center. Next meeting: Thursday, July 24, 2014. All are welcome to attend. **M**

Agenda

July 16, 2014 Meeting

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

The Trolley Barn • 963 Edgewood Ave NE

- 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. Confirm VP-Zoning Appointment to Board
 - B. Historic Preservation
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Zoning
 - 1. Hop City, 99 Krog Street - Liquor Licenses (2)
 - E. Public Safety
 - F. Planning
 - 1. NPU Bylaws Vote
 - G. Communications
 - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. 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.

IPNA meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Trolley Barn.

IPSP membership is based upon a rolling annual membership term. Your renewal date is one year from your membership date and again every year after that.

Websites

InmanPark.org

InmanParkFestival.org

Facebook.com/InmanPark

Report All Crimes: Call 911

IP Security Patrol: 404-414-7802

L5P Mini-Precinct: 404-658-6782

L5P Business Association

www.little5points.com

Want to be a part of next month's *Advocator*?

If you have news to share with your neighbors in the July issue of the *Advocator*, please send your submissions to advocator@inmanpark.org before **July 20**.

We are still seeking an editor for the *Advocator*. If you are interested in this role, or simply enjoy writing or photography and would like to contribute your time and talents to bringing the *Advocator* to your Inman Park neighbors every month, please contact IPNA VP of Communications Yvonne Merkel at communications@inmanpark.org or 404.285.8283.

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