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President's Message

Loves Me Some Barn

By DENNIS MOBLEY • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG



Usually I'm grammatically prim and proper in this column but when it comes to the Trolley Barn, I get all giddy and find myself lapsing into colloquial expressions.

I must confess that, since I assumed office in June 2014, I pay a little more attention to the place

as I arrive early on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, unlock it, turn the lights on, and get the heating (or cooling) in gear. I look around at the expansive space, unobstructed by columns, and the classic architecture that lends both form and function.

As you are probably aware by now, that grand old dame that serves as our monthly meeting hall, not to mention our party venue and archives, is being sold by its current owner, the City of Atlanta.

Thanks to meetings held by Inman Parkers with the Mayor, this will be accomplished via the City's *Invest Atlanta* affiliate. The City Ordinance introduced by our Councilperson, Kwanza Hall, and passed by City Council, stressed the importance of the new owner preserving the historic structure for use as a venue open to the public. All of this is promising in terms of Inman Park's desire that the neighbor-led Atlanta Edgewood Street Railway Company (AESRC) be the successful purchaser.

But the City cannot simply hand it the keys. Instead, through *Invest Atlanta*, it must publicly develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) and advertise it, which they have done. The RFP was released in early September and was due on September 30th, 2015. The AESRC submitted what appears to be a very competitive proposal.

We, the Inman Park neighbors, must now think positive thoughts in the hopes that our neighbors at AESRC have submitted what will turn out to be the **winning proposal**. It included what is considered a fair and reasonable financial offer, an offer that could only have been made due to the success of the fund-raising carried out earlier this year.

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the next
Porch Party
October 30 • 7:30 p.m.
At the Trolley Barn

Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage to enjoy. Costumes are allowed!

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Trolley Barn

Find out the latest about our beloved Barn.

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Holiday Light Balls

We are going to decorate the neighborhood! Get involved!

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Who's there? Here is the second edition of this new column!

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IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2015

BY BEVERLY MILLER • SECRETARY@INMANPARK.ORG

President Dennis Mobley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Newcomers were **Paul Calvert, Greg Best, Richard Tang, and Dan & Sherry Popovic**.

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve last month's Minutes.

Announcements: **Oreon Mann**, IP Book Club, announced the next meeting will be on Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at the home of Cathy Cook and Jim McKinney, 337 Drexel in Decatur, to discuss *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. **Pat Westrick** announced the next Porch Party at 1107 Austin, hosted by Carol and Ben Mitchell, on Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and a beverage. **Danny Feig-Sanoval** announced an Oct. 22 meeting at Manuel's Tavern at 7 P.M. concerning building a bridge over Moreland Ave at Freedom Parkway. **Cameron McCaa** announced the upcoming Springdale Park cleanup. **Jamie Allen** announced the IP Squirrel Census for the month of Oct., with volunteers counting squirrels every day. **Dan and Sherry Popovic** announced they are seeking volunteers for Innovation in Action, which teaches entrepreneurial skills to students.

Elected Officials' Reports: **David Dryer** and **Josh Noblitt** spoke about their aspirations for the District 59 seat. **Jay Tribby**, Chief of Staff for Kwanzaa Hall, announced that 1) the new Trees Atlanta Treehouse at Stoveworks offers educational programming; 2) he and the Springvale Park team will meet with city officials regarding renovations and grants; 3) Streets Alive is Sept. 27, 2:00-6:00 p.m.; 4) Lifelong IP met with city officials regarding a design prospective for aging in place. IPNA will review the resulting proposal. Projected launch is 2016; 5) Kwanzaa Hall introduced legislation for a tiny house feasibility study; 6) Hall also submitted the KLENH study; there has been no follow-up. Some neighborhoods' proposals aren't nearly as detailed, so their descriptions are being refined. The department of public works will report back to IPNA within two months. Discussion ensued about how to expedite

the projects in the KLENH study. Tribby said everything in the KLENH study will be funded. Danny Feig-Sanoval will follow up with Tribby about using existing impact fees to fund the most needed projects sooner. Residents can also present needs at NPU meetings to call the attention of public officials to issues.

Keith Lamar, Zone 6 community prosecutor, reported that: 1) Buckhead is having an issue with auto break-ins; 2) his office is working on initiatives including an auto theft task force to lower our insurance rates and stop break-ins by deploying more officers; 3) the alleged Vortex homicide assailants had an arraignment, and the trial date will be announced in the next couple of weeks; 4) Terrell Alexander, auto break-in repeat offender, is coming up for trial, and we will get a court watch notice for that trial as well as the Vortex trial.

Police Officers' Reports: **Officer Thomas Soukup** reported that 1) Officer Hays, our newest IPSP member, started his career in Zone 6 and has a vested interest; 2) the recent shootings near Grady were not related to any school event; 3) violent crime is down throughout the city and especially in Zone 6; property crimes are high; 4) there has been a rash of apartment burglaries; don't let people piggyback through the door. Call 911 first and then IPSP.

IPNA Officer Reports: **Dennis Mobley**, President, announced 1) we are not discontinuing the directory but making it available online and likely in a different printed format, possibly a print-on-demand version from the Inman Park Business Center; 2) the Bylaws Committee met today and will meet again before next month's IPNA meeting at 6:30 p.m. Email Andy Coffman with questions.

Brian Roof, V.P. Historic Preservation: no report

Barbara Leach, Treasurer: **Barbara** announced the proposed budget for 2016. We are setting aside \$35,000 for the Trolley Barn purchase. Danny Feig-Sandoval asked that \$2,000 of his proposed 2016 transportation money be given to PEDS for crosswalks and

crossing signs. The Education Committee requested additional funds. Discussion ensued. Dennis suggested the committee meet with the board at the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report Sept 2015 for Period: Aug 2015. Cash Balances at Aug 31

Operating Accounts.....	344,664
CD's	48,790
Total	393,454
Revenues and Expenses	
Security Patrol Income	
Individual Dues.....	2,500
HOA Dues.....	5,400 • 7,900
Security Patrol Expense	
Patrol Hours	9,248
Vehicle Exp	1,130 • 10,378
Security Patrol Net Loss	(2,478)
Other Income	
Membership Dues	260
Misc Inc	130 • 390
Other Expense	
Memberclicks Fee.....	6,527
Beautification	725
Springvale Park.....	940
Education Grants	
Misc Other Budgeted.....	547 • 8,739
Net Loss for Period	(10,826)

Michaela Kendall, V.P. Planning: nothing to report

Rick Bizot, NPU-N: nothing to report

Tonya Marlatt, V.P. Zoning:

1) **1083 Euclid Ave**, El Bandido, liquor license/change of agent: Immediate neighbors voted 4 in favor, unanimously supporting the permit. It was motioned and seconded to support the immediate neighbors and carried unanimously with 25 in favor.

2) **280 Elizabeth Street**, Char Korean BBQ, liquor license application: Richard Tang of Craft Izakaya is the owner. Three immediate neighbors supported unanimously. It was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously with 24 votes to support.

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Other Happenings to Note

Capturing the Spirit of Oakland Halloween Tours

Fri-Sun, Oct. 23-25; Thurs-Sat 29-31 • Oakland Cemetery • oaklandcemetery.com/events

A costumed docent guides you through the cemetery's beautifully-lit Victorian gardens as you experience the stories of Atlanta's sons and daughters come to life. Feel free to wear a costume! Ticketed.

Atlanta Arts Festival

Sat/Sun, Oct. 24-25 • Piedmont Park • atlantaartsfestival.com

Artists from around the country gather for this fall arts festival which includes artists' markets, demonstrations, and classes, as well as food, beverages, and live entertainment. Free.

9th Annual Atlanta Horror Film Festival

Wed-Fri, Oct. 28-30 • Hours vary • Doo Gallery, Reynoldstown • atlantahorrorfilmfest.com

This festival includes independent feature and short films from filmmakers of every level who come from Atlanta and the world offering horror, sci-fi, gore, thrillers, mysteries, dark comedies, expERIementals, zombie films and more. Ticketed.

Citizen Science at the Treehouse

Saturday, Oct. 31 • 10 a.m. – noon • 112 Krog Street • treesatlanta.org

Kids and adults are invited out to collect scientific data in the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum. Data will be used to show the Arboretum's growth. Free.

Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, Nov. 7 • 11:11 a.m. • Downtown • GAvetsdayparade.org

The 34th Annual Atlanta Veterans Day parade is organized to honor, support, and thank all those who have served or are serving our country in the U.S. Military. Free.

Atlanta Veg Fest

*Saturday, Nov. 7 • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Atlanta Metropolitan State College
atlantavegfest.com*

Vegetarians rejoice! With speakers, food and fun for all ages, Atlanta Veg Fest's mission is to support the community and promote the benefits of a plant-based lifestyle. A five dollar donation is suggested.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Nov. 10 – Dec. 27 • Various Dates and Showtimes • Center for Puppetry Arts • puppet.org

The holiday classic television special with themes still so relevant in today's world is adapted for stage puppets for a moving, family-friendly theater experience. Ticketed.

High School Innovation Weekend

Sat/Sun, Nov. 14-15 • 10a.m. - 4 p.m. daily • Center for Civic Innovation • cfesummer.org

Rising 9th-12th graders learn and apply the fundamentals of design thinking, entrepreneurship, and innovation to address company- and student-driven challenges with a small team of peers. Register online by November 13. **M**

Freedom Bridge Community Meeting

October 22, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Manuel's Tavern at 602 N. Highland Ave NE

Help us envision a walking-biking bridge in Freedom Park over Moreland Ave that will make safe passage for pedestrians and bikers for generations! **M**



IPNA Calendar

Oct 21 **IPNA By-Laws Committee**
Trolley Barn
6:30 p.m.

Oct 21 **IPNA Meeting**
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Oct 22 **NPU-N Meeting**
L5P Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Oct 25 **Ball Mak'n Workshop**
See details on page 15.

Oct 27 **Book Club - Boys in the Boat**
Hosted by Pat Purdue,
975 Ormewood Park Dr.
(Glenwood Park)
7:00 p.m.

Oct 30 **Porch Party**
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Nov 8 **Ball Mak'n Workshop**
See details on page 15.

Nov 18 **IPNA Meeting**
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

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 and contact Jan Keith (404-688-7330) with any questions.

Oct 27 **Boys in the Boat**
by Daniel James Brown
Pat Purdue | 975 N.
Ormewood Park Dr.
(Glenwood Park)

Public Safety Update

BY CHRIS COFFEE • PUBLIC.SAFETY@INMANPARK.ORG

Staying Safe While Walking or Driving: Don't be a victim!

In my continuing series, I interviewed another of our Inman Park Security Patrol Officers, Investigator Canup. For his APD job, Inv. Canup is a detective with our Zone 6 (VaHi, Poncey Hi, O4W, Candler Park, Inman Park, Edgewood, Kirkwood, East Lake, Grant Park, and East Atlanta), Criminal Investigations Division. When he is not patrolling Inman Park in our IP Security Patrol car, his job is to investigate robberies involving a weapon or threat of force in Zone 6, whether it be a pedestrian mugging, car jacking, home invasion or strong arm robbery (no weapon but threat of violence).

Q. What types of robberies are you seeing mostly these days?

Inv. Canup: Item snatches that turn into strong arm robberies when the victim fights to keep his valuables. Pedestrian muggings on foot or jumping out of a car and producing a weapon. Car jackings where someone approaches a vehicle at a light or parked/occupied and produces a weapon.

Q. What should pedestrians do to keep safe while they are walking around our neighborhoods?

Inv. Canup: What you have to know about muggings is they are almost exclusively are more about 'street cred' and kids living the 'street life' then about the stuff they get. These guys, and we have seen an uptick in females, are predators looking for opportunity and weakness. They typically look for people alone, people intoxicated leaving a bar or restaurant, females (alone or in groups), or people distracted by their phone.

Q. What can you do if you feel uneasy about a situation?

Inv. Canup: Trust your instincts. If someone gives you a bad feeling, carry yourself tall and look them directly in the eye. It shows them 'they see me and they can ID me' and it also shows them that you are aware of your surroundings. The street has taught these predators it might be better to look for an easier target.

Q. What do you do if you are held up?

Inv. Canup: If a gun is produced, most people look at the gun. Focus on the face. Comply with their demands, give up your valuables, break your tunnel vision on the gun and concentrate on being a good witness.

Q. Do you recommend defending yourself with a weapon?

Inv. Canup: It's virtually impossible to out draw a gun in your face. However, I am big proponent of peoples right to defend themselves, if they have the means, training and opportunity to do so. If you have a gun, train very well on it. Take classes on how to react in a dangerous situation. Practice pulling the gun in and out of your holster or purse. Do the same with MACE or a knife. Know how to use it. Practice pulling it out of your purse or pocket. Practice pulling it out several times right before you head out for the night.

Q. Where have you seen these situations go bad?

Inv. Canup: These situations end up badly when the victim chooses to fight back without the proper means or without relevant training. A while back we had a very young group of muggers committing crimes; one as young as 12. So when the 12 year old walked up and pointed a gun at people, they tended to not take them seriously. So the 12 year old had to prove himself by firing shots in the air. They escalated in violence each time and, eventually, it ended in them shooting someone for fighting with them when they went to rob them.

Q. What can drivers do to avoid being a car jacking victim?

Inv. Canup: When you approach an intersection, ALWAYS leave space between you and the car in front of you (or obstruction) to pull out and away if someone approaches your car. Again, use your instincts here. Look for people staring at you from the side of the road. Keep your doors locked while inside. Don't hesitate to roll your window up on someone approaching. They may be looking for quick access to your car or even looking to snatch your purse or phone. Be wary of anyone approaching your car and don't be afraid to pull off if you feel threatened. Be aware of your surroundings and not on your phone.

Q. What else can you add to avoid being a victim in general?

Inv. Canup: Be prepared. Have a plan. It's a lot about your attitude. Be confident and aware. Criminals look for the easiest opportunity but you can be a target for robbery even if all you have on you are your keys. The act of robbery is more about the violence than about the stuff they get from you. It can happen anywhere and Inman Park is a target-rich environment with all the walkers, restaurants and people coming and going.

Q. What can we do as a neighborhood?

Inv. Canup: Be aware. One of the biggest deterrents is a neighborhood that is aware and defended with a sense of community of people looking out for each other. Share information. Continue to support the patrol. Be sure to go to court with many neighbors when violence happens and they are caught. Their buddies see that and your neighborhood will get the reputation of being tough and caring about what happens so they may look for easier targets. **M**

Public Safety Volunteer Profile



Name: Scott Evans
Address: 165 Battery Place
Job: Digital Product Consultant
Favorite Sports Team: Virginia Tech Hokies (sometimes!)
Volunteer Position: Public Safety, Lighting Subcommittee Chair
How long have you lived in Inman Park? 10 years
What is your favorite thing about living in Inman Park? Walkability of the neighborhood; proximity to great food, Marta, the BeltLine; the people.

What made you volunteer to be on the Public Safety Committee? To help Inman Park to be as safe and enjoyable to walk in as the neighborhood that my wife and I lived in previously, Cobble Hill, Brooklyn, NY.

What does the safety of Inman Park mean to you? It means a great deal. I want my family to be able to safely walk to and from all the great restaurants in the neighborhood; I want my kids to be able to play in the park without feeling threatened. I like populated communal areas and would like to help bring that experience to IP. **M**

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity – September 2015	
Directed Patrols.....	799
Drop Ins	108
Info for Officer.....	14
Susp. Person.....	11
Alarm	7
Blocking Traffic/Stalled Vehicle.....	4
Member Contacts.....	4
Theft from Vehicle.....	4
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Alex

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Kevin

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I must say it was with considerable pride that Faye and I attended the "Love Our Barn" event on Valentine's Day night where we saw 150+ neighbors fork over significant sums of money to make that event a stellar success. The simultaneous Fundly effort also netted tens of thousands of dollars, and kudos to all of you who contributed in that way.

This was followed by the Silent (virtual on-line) Auction held during March of a number of items offered up by neighbors and friends of the Barn. That too was a great success, and thank you to all those (including Faye's and my 99-year old Aunt, Martha Mobley Parish), who offered items for sale and thank you to all of you who wisely bought them!

The official schedule for the sale of the Barn by *Invest Atlanta* (per the RFP) is for proposals to be evaluated by them during October and into November, and a purchaser to be recommended to the *Invest Atlanta* Board of Directors. Proposals will be ranked the most superior in terms of financial offer and qualifications to preserve the Barn as a community asset. I hope their Board will approve the recommendation in December and the closing of the sale to be soon thereafter.

In the meantime, the next chance you get, swing by the Barn and remind yourself why those of us who frequent the place are all smitten by that marvelous edifice. In fact, I invite you to come to this month's IPNA meeting early and look around the building and the grounds. Keep your fingers and toes crossed all the while. **M**



Porch Party at the Barn

BY LINDA DUNHAM • ATLBARN@BELLSOUTH.NET

The October Porch Party will be October 30 at The Trolley Barn. The party starts at 7:30 p.m. We hope that you will attend and enjoy the fellowship and the facility. In the spirit of Halloween, we encourage you to dress up for the occasion. Of course, you may come as yourself but no birthday suits please!

The Board of Directors of the Atlanta and Edgewood Street Railway Company continues to work diligently with Invest Atlanta to purchase The Barn. The process is slow but progress is being made. Hope to see you on October 30th for a festive porch party. **M**

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2015-2016 IPNA Budget Overview Fiscal Year 11/1/2015 to 10/31/2016

By BARBARA LEACH • TREASURER • TREASURER@INMANPARK.ORG AND DENNIS MOBLEY • PRESIDENT • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG

INCOME:

Despite a rather gloomy Festival Saturday, this year's event resulted in a very healthy contribution (\$185,000) of funds received from our Festival Treasurer at the August IPNA meeting. The \$181,250 of Festival Revenue in the proposed budget reflects the Board's recommendation for FY16 spending based on the cash we have in the bank plus a conservative projection of Festival 2016 revenue. As has become our practice, the proposed Festival Revenue is based largely on actual results from a Festival already concluded.

Security Patrol Memberships/Fundraising is running slightly ahead of the FY15 budgeted level of \$110,000 so we've increased the FY16 projection to \$120,000 which we think is a realistic goal given the fundraising and membership drives planned for this Fall. IPNA Membership Dues and sales of Flags and Banners is running within a few hundred dollars of previous budget estimates. Proposed budget revenue of \$301,775 IS **\$27,225 greater** than last year's budget.

EXPENSES:

Proposed Budget Expenses of \$336,775 are based on **spending the \$35,000 surplus** we expect from the current budget year. The projected surplus assumes that the Trolley barn purchase will not close by October 31 and that we will essentially carry those funds forward to contribute to a Trolley Barn purchase in FY16. Without the surplus, spending will increase only by the \$27,225 in increased income.

Major expense categories are shown below, comparing proposed expenses, previous budgeted expenses, and variances.

Category	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 Proposal	Variance
Public Safety	\$152,500	\$175,500	+\$23,000
Communications	\$19,100	\$22,600	+\$3,500
Planning	\$15,050	\$3,050	(\$12,000)
Beautification	\$32,500	\$57,000	+\$24,500
Executive	\$13,200	\$17,625	+\$4,425
Social	\$12,700	\$13,500	+\$800
Grants	\$29,500	\$47,500	+\$18,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$274,550	\$336,775	+\$62,225

Drivers of year over year variances in proposed spending are as follows:

The tragic Vortex shootings, a rash of car break-ins, and all-too-frequent armed robberies have compelled us to gear up for increased Inman Park Security Patrol coverage. An **increase of \$23,000 in Public Safety** is proposed in this regard.

The IPNA Board's decision to directly hire Atlanta-based *MemberClicks®* to improve its website and database infrastructure, without a vendor serving as "middle man", will enable us to reduce funds budgeted for these desired improvements. Simultaneously, support for the Education Committee (\$15,000) is now categorized under Communications per IPNA By-Laws.

The amount was increased by \$5,000 based on feedback received at the September IPNA meeting. The net result is an **increase of \$3,500 in Communications**.

During the past year, Atlanta voters approved a \$250 million infrastructure bond. Each member of City Council was given a couple of million dollars to allocate to neighborhood-based improvements in Council-approved master plans. Several high-priority intersection improvements from our Krog-Lake-Elizabeth-North-Highland ("KLENH") traffic study were proposed to Councilman Kwanza Hall. We are hopeful that funding including engineering studies will be forthcoming via this process. It should be noted that Councilman Hall is also attempting to find City funds to finance a master land use plan that anticipates development supporting "life-long" living in Inman Park. Therefore, the 2015-2016 budget proposes only a \$3,000 "placeholder" amount for engineering or consultant studies. The net result is a **decrease of \$12,000 in planning** resources.

Beautification efforts are slated for a significant increase, including a resumption of significant subsidies for sidewalk repairs. Other beautification activities are budgeted at somewhat increased levels. The net result is an **increase of \$24,500 in beautification**.

Under the Social category, an **increase of \$800** is being proposed mainly to bolster the amount available for the annual Holiday Party, in the hopes that our new membership structure and web infrastructure improvements will lead to increased IPNA membership in time for the Party.

The biggest change under the Grants category is the anticipated \$30,000 IPNA contribution to the purchase of the Trolley Barn, using the bulk of the current fiscal year's anticipated \$35,000 surplus. Also significant is the transfer of \$15,000 for the Education Committee to the Communications category. In other respects, Grants are somewhat below last year's level that included a one-time contribution of \$5,000 in support of Dad's Garage's efforts to finance their new home in the nearby Old Fourth Ward. The Board is proposing to set aside \$3,500 to accommodate any future small grant requests. Also, Transportation Committee chair Danny Feig-Sandoval requested the transfer of \$2,000 from Traffic Calming to a grant to PEDS. The sum total of these changes is an **increase of \$18,000**.

Proposed budget expenditures of \$336,775 are **\$62,225 greater** than last year's budget estimate. This is made possible by virtue of increased Festival and Security Patrol revenue AND the current fiscal year's anticipated \$35,000 surplus which was engineered solely for the purpose of **supporting the Trolley Barn purchase**.

A detailed line-item tally of year-to-date (YTD) actuals for the seven-month period from 11/1/2014 to 7/31/2015 is attached. It includes a projection of annual income and expenses for the current budget year as well as a comparison of the previous and proposed budgets. **M**

IPNA 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

		<i>FY15 Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual JUL 15</i>	<i>Est. 2014-2015 Actual</i>	<i>Variance to Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Budget</i>
REVENUE						
	Membership Dues	6,300	6,390	6,390	90	0
	Security Memberships/Fundraising	110,000	98,620	112,000	2,000	120,000
	Interest	0	23	25	25	25
	Festival	157,500	118,125	157,500	0	181,250
	IPNA Flags & Banners	750	130	20	-730	500
	Holiday Party Guests	0			0	
Total Revenue		\$274,550	\$223,288	\$275,935	\$1,385	\$301,775
EXPENSES						
Public Safety						
	Police Officers	135,000	103,580	137,470	2,470	157,500
	Vehicle Expense	15,000	8,530	12,530	-2,470	15,000
	Signs/Stickers	1,000	617	1,000	0	1,500
	Graffiti Removal	500	0	500	0	500
	Telephone	1,000	675	1,000	0	1,000
	Subtotal	152,500	113,402	152,500	0	175,500
Communications						
	Advocator	100	0	0	-100	100
	Website	16,000	119	6,900	-9,100	4,500
	Education					15,000
	Hospitality	500	25	100	-400	500
	Directory	2,500	0	0	-2,500	2,500
	Subtotal	19,100	144	7,000	-12,100	22,600
Planning						
	NPU-N Mtg Space Contribution	50	0	50	0	50
	Traffic Calming	15,000	0	0	-15,000	3,000
	Subtotal	15,050	0	50	-15,000	3,050
Beautification						
	Beautification Maintenance	18,000	13,750	18,000	0	20,000
	Springvale Maintenance	7,500	8,035	10,000	2,500	12,000
	Homeowner Sidewalk Subsidies	7,000	0	7,000	0	25,000
	Subtotal	32,500	21,785	35,000	2,500	57,000
Executive						
	General Board Expenses	3,000	1,430	2,285	-715	3,000
	Accounting & Tax Preparation	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,500
	Officers/General Liability Insurance	1,700	0	1,700	0	4,600
	Bank Charges	100	75	100	0	100
	Trademark	60	0	60	0	60
	Corp Registration	50	110	110	60	110
	Legal	7,190	0	0	-7,190	8,000
	Taxes	100	100	255	155	255
	Subtotal	13,200	1,715	5,510	-7,690	17,625
Social						
	IPNA Flags & Banners	750	0	150	-600	750
	Porch Parties	150	0	50	-100	150
	Holiday Party	11,000	10,825	10,825	-175	12,000
	4th of July Party	800	350	350	-450	600
	Subtotal	12,700	11,175	11,375	-1,325	13,500
Grants						
	Little 5 Mini Precinct	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000
	Freedom Park Conservancy	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000
	Education	10,000	8,500	10,000	0	
	Ponce de Leon Library	500	0	500	0	500
	Trolley Barn Investment				0	30,000
	MLK Library	500	0	500	0	500
	Art on the Beltline		0	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Dad's Garage	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
	PEDS	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
	Board Discretionary Grants	1,500	0	500	-1,000	3,500
	Subtotal	29,500	15,500	29,500	0	47,500
Total Expenses		\$274,550	\$163,721	\$240,935	(\$33,615)	\$336,775
Net Income/(Expense)		\$0	\$59,567	\$35,000	\$35,000	(\$35,000)

Knock Knock

BY JAMES NEWBERRY AND MARY WHITE • NEIGHBORS •
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Who's there? ...Beverly Gibson moved into the "Peach House" on Spruce Street in 1995. It was one of five Victorians on the market at the time. The house needed a lot of updates, but its craftsmanship, wood floors, and circular porch caught Beverly's eye. She had already fallen in love with Inman Park because as she said, "It's a little piece of Berkeley and Cambridge in Atlanta." She likes the community's live-and-let-live mentality and the diversity of people. She considers herself an Inman Parker first, an Atlantan second.



In addition to working at a software company, Beverly started the Peach House Bed and Breakfast in 2004. "One of the best things about a B&B is hosting people from all over the world," she said. "I didn't have to travel, because everybody came to me," until an afternoon in 2012. She was picking her daughter up from the hair salon when she got a call from her neighbor. "Is everybody okay?" he said. "It's our tree and I feel really badly." Beverly drove up to find her circular porch decimated by a fallen tree from her neighbor's yard. Not only was her porch in pieces, her gazebo was gone and the house's foundation even shifted. "It was unbelievable," she said.

Life for Beverly is "before the tree and after the tree." Reconstruction lasted eight months and she is still addressing a rogue leak in the porch ceiling three years later, but her outlook is positive. "Before the tree we didn't have working fireplaces," she said. "Now, they go all the way up, and we actually found two more in the process." Beverly salvaged beadboard planks from the original porch for her central hallway. Like works of modern art, the oiled planks run from the wainscoting to the ceiling high above. They are a beautiful reminder of an ugly event. **M**

Meeting Minutes *continued*

3) **99 Krog Street**, Ticonderoga Club, liquor license application: Greg Best, owner, and partner Paul Calvert are opening a historic dining hall in Krog Street Market. Three immediate neighbors voted against supporting the license. It was motioned, seconded and approved with 14 in favor and 2 opposed to support the application.

Chris Coffee, V.P. Public Safety: nothing to report

James McManus, V.P. Communications: nothing to report

Beverly Miller, Secretary: nothing to report

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m. **M**



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AKA Tree Removal - 404-496-5405

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Undercover Systems - 678-608-4384

IPNA By Laws Update

BY ANDY COFFMAN • CHAIR, BY LAWS COMMITTEE • A_COFFMAN@ATT.NET

As advertised, the committee held its inaugural meeting last month. The committee consists of Pat Westrick, Oreon Mann, and me. We are working closely with board members on our recommended changes. If you want information, please email me at a_coffman@att.net.

We hope to have our work complete in time for the November meeting. Meanwhile, if you have an interest in helping out, we are all ears. Our next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21 at the Trolley Barn. That's one hour prior to the Inman Park Neighborhood business meeting. We look forward to seeing you then. **M**

How to get involved at the Ponce de Leon Library

BY ADVOCATOR STAFF • ADVOCATOR@INMANPARK.ORG

One of the closest Atlanta-Fulton Public Library to Inman Park is the Ponce de Leon Library. They have a selection of books, DVDs and other media, helpful staff and events for all ages. If you would like to support the library, consider joining The Friends of Ponce Library. They will be meeting at 7 p.m. on October 28 and November 18 in the meeting room at the Ponce Library to discuss how to support the library.

The Friends will be putting on a used book sale fundraiser on Saturday, December 5th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. They need help setting up for the sale on Friday, December 4th and during the sale on Saturday, December 5th. Times are flexible and you can sign up to volunteer here: <http://bit.ly/1iRBUfH>. Even if you can't volunteer, you could still visit the sale and increase your book collection! **M**



Candler Park Conservancy Hosts Public Input Meeting

BY LAUREN WELSH • CANDLER PARK CONSERVANCY BOARD MEMBER • LNWELSH@GMAIL.COM

The Candler Park Conservancy is eager to get input from nearby residents about the priorities of the organization and what people want to see accomplished in the park. We have quite a bit of feedback from the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization's Master Plan, but now we're ready to drill down a bit further and lay out a plan of improvement.

Please join us on **Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the First Existentialist Congregation** at 470 Candler Park Dr NE to learn more about the overall goals of the Conservancy and provide input on where you believe the group and members should focus. We'll have a guest speaker at the event to provide a bit of background about balancing conservation and growth objectives, and attendees will participate in group activities discussing the assets of Candler Park.

The Candler Park Conservancy also wants to extend a sincere THANK YOU to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and Garden Films Production for assigning the \$10,000 donation from the filming of "The Fifth Wave" for Candler Park improvements. These initial funds will really help the Conservancy get moving! **M**

Join the Inman Park Security Patrol

Staffed by off-duty police officers, the IPSP supplements the city's police patrols in Inman Park.

The patrol is managed by the IPNA, and memberships and fundraising activities are key to its fiscal viability. Visit inmanpark.org today to join, renew your membership or make a donation.

JOIN TODAY



Thank you Carol and Ben Mitchell for hosting the September Porch Party!



Steve Ray's Butterfly Sandwiches were a hit!

Halloween for Dogs

By DAVID YORK • BARKING HOUND VILLAGE • DAVID@DAVIDYORK.COM

1. Make sure you keep all candy away from Fido, especially dark chocolate. This sweet can lead to serious illness and even death in dogs.
2. Watch your children while they are eating their Halloween candy. Children may make the harmful mistake of sharing with their four-legged friends.
3. By keeping pet-safe treats on hand to satisfy your curious pet, you can prevent accidental ingestion of Halloween candy.
4. If you suspect your pet has eaten something that's harmful, call your veterinarian or the Poison Control Center immediately. The 24-hour ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center hotline is 888-426-4435. 



Belly the Skeleton. Owner and Photo by Laura Saunders.

Growing an Inman Park Tradition – We need you!

BY DEBI STARNES • SUGARMAGBB@GMAIL.COM • 404-222-0226

Dear Neighbors,

It's time to get started on this project – as a reminder, a neighborhood in Greensboro, NC created these balls and they are SO, SO, SO COOL!!!! Over the last three years, we have started this in Inman Park. Our big trees, with large horizontal limbs are perfect – and the overall effect is just beautiful. We want to see them on balconies across Inman Park too so apartments and condos are not excused!

Last year, we had about 250 balls, at close to 40 homes, on at least 16 streets. But, we need 1000 balls, and we need them higher in the trees, to get the full magical effect (we have methods to help you get yours up high). This year will determine whether this will be an Inman Park tradition because a few other neighborhoods are trying to copy us. We need to claim this as an Inman Park thing and not let them get ahead!

You have three options to get it done:

- A) **Make yours** on your own at home. You need chicken wire and strings of mini lights. The video links below can help.
- B) **Buy yours** for \$25 each. Youth organizations are being recruited now to fulfill orders! Place your order with Debi Starnes by November 1, 2015.

- C) Or the most fun way is to come to a **“Ball Makin’ Workshop”**. It is fun to do it together and it will help motivate all of us to get our balls done! You should bring 45 inches of 24 inch tall chicken wire and 200 mini-lights (2 strings of 100 lights) for each ball.

Hanging starts December 5 so get your balls of lights ready!

Video about how to make lighted balls: <https://goo.gl/xtKX2U>

PDF instructions: www.lightedchristmasballs.blogspot.com

So, get your supplies...and let's get busy! 



Ball Makin' Workshops (anyone can do it):

Sunday, October 25 2:00
Sugar Magnolia B&B, 804 Edgewood Ave

Sunday, November 8 2:00
Sugar Magnolia B&B

Thursday, November 19 6:00
Inman Park Church, 1015 Edgewood Ave

Saturday, December 5 2:00
Inman Park Church



Wine Stroll



Wine Stroll Ladies by Janice Darling



MF Sushi by Noah Kronemeyer



Celia and Bailey Pope by Celia Pope



Enjoying Fritti's Patio by Alexandra Kronemeyer



Laura Wester and Jennifer Jones by Laura Wester



Kristine Godbersen Sandage and Judy Clements by Cathy Bradshaw

NPU-N Update

BY RICK BIZOT • NPU-N REPRESENTATIVE FOR IPNA • NPU.N@INMANPARK.ORG

Notes from the September 24, 2015 meeting:

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Department: Capt. Ben McGee reported that car break-ins are a continuing problem; laptops, phones and other electronics are the usual target. He encouraged neighbors to get involved in CourtWatch to reduce recidivism.

Fire Department: Battalion Chief James Peel suggested checking chimneys to be sure they are clear of bird nests, etc. before using fireplaces.

Memorial Drive Corridor Project: Greg Giuffrida introduced himself as project representative, a position funded by Central Atlanta Progress to work on implementation of the vision outlined in the Imagine Memorial planning process.

Candler Park Conservancy: Randy Pimsler announced the recent formation of this new non-profit group, whose focus is on stewardship of the main park area. Interested neighbors are encouraged to attend a public meeting on Sat. Oct. 24 (9-11 a.m.) at the First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive NE.

SPECIAL EVENTS & OUTDOOR EVENTS:

Krog Masquerade (Krog Tunnel, Cabbagetown, Inman Park), October 17, 2015. Applicant did not attend, but sent a representative, Barbara Callahan. Representative had no substantive information to address questions from the public and NPU-N Board regarding public safety, pedestrian access and event details. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to not support based on effective non-attendance of applicant.

LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

Gregory Best (Ticonderoga Club, Restaurant, 99 Krog St, Suite W, Inman Park); New Business request for liquor license (new location). Applicant met with IPNA and received support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

Maria Gallardo (El Bandido, Restaurant, 1083 Euclid Ave, Inman Park/L5P); New Business request for liquor license (new location). Applicant met with IPNA and received support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

Richard Tang (Niku Korean BBQ, aka Char Korean BBQ, 280 Elizabeth St, Suite S, Inman Park); New Business request for liquor license (new location). Applicant met

with IPNA and received support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT:

1032 Manigault St SE (V-15-206, Reynoldstown); seeking a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 30ft to 18.9ft, to reduce the west side yard setback from 7ft to 6.9ft and to reduce the east side yard setback from 7ft to 4.3ft, to allow for a 2nd story and rear addition to an existing single family dwelling. Applicant also seeks a variance to exceed the maximum lot coverage from 55% to 58.8% (current lot coverage). RCIL voted to support the application. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support with like condition (1 member recused).

340 Brooks Ave NE (V-15-215, Candler Park); seeking variance to reduce the required front yard setback from 30ft to 25.9ft. and to reduce the required north side yard from 7ft to 2.4ft. CPNO voted to support the application. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application per site plan filed with City on 8/13/15.

2131 Palifox Dr NE (V-15-217, Lake Claire); seeking variance to reduce the required south side yard setback from 7ft to 3ft to construct a deck and sunroom addition. LCN voted to support the application. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

299 Moreland Ave NE (V-15-222, Candler Park/L5P); seeking a special exception to reduce the number of required off-street parking spaces from 54 spaces to 24 spaces to allow the conversion of retail to restaurant. Deferred to next month at the start of the meeting per applicant request.

506 Harold Ave NE (V-15-227, Candler Park); seeking variance to reduce the required north side yard setback from 7ft to 0ft to place a 37 inch platform and 42 inch air conditioning condenser unit in the required side yard whereas otherwise restricted. CPNO voted to support the application. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application per site plan filed with City on 8/19/15.

ZONING REVIEW BOARD:

Druid Hill Landmark District Regulations (Z-15-40, Druid Hills); to revise the language regarding subdivisions and consolidations, to establish contributing and non-contributing status within the district, to clarify certain design requirements and for other purposes. DHCA voted to support the ordinance. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

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 - l5pcc.org

L5P Business Assn - little5points.com

Recycling Facility Ordinance (Z-15-45): Text amendment to allow a recovered materials processing facility in the I-1 and I-2 zoning districts by SUP (Special Use Permit) only. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

Storage Facility Ordinance (Z-15-48): Text amendment to allow secured storage facilities and mixed use storage facilities in the O-I (Office Institutional) district as an allowed use. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

Signage Ordinance Amendment (Z-15-51): to amend section 16-28A.001 ET SEQ. of the sign ordinance of the City of Atlanta in response to the United States Supreme Court decision in Reed V. Town of Gilbert, Arizona; and for other purposes. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

10 Moreland Ave SE (Z-15-43, NPU-O); to reduce 20' landscape buffer for the addition of 7 parking spaces (Review/Comment only). Deferred to next month at start of meeting per City request.

LEGISLATION FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Intercity Bus Service Permit Fee Ordinance (15-O-1352); An Ordinance to amend article IX, Chapter 150 section 307 (A) of the code of ordinances of the City of Atlanta, entitled "Applications for right-of-way permits for intercity bus service" by adding a permit application fee structure; and for other purposes.

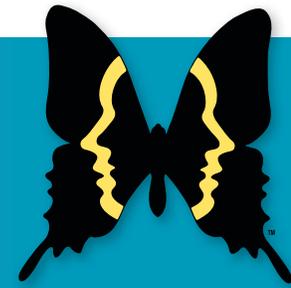
NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, January through October. The November meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2015, and the December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015. The meetings begin at 7:00 pm in the Little Five Points Center for Arts & Community, 1083 Austin Ave NE. All are welcome to attend. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 22, 2015. M

Agenda

October 21, 2015

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
 - B. Historic Preservation
 - C. Treasurer
 1. Budget Proposal
 - D. Planning
 1. NPU-N Report
 - E. Zoning
 1. 280 Elizabeth St, Suite M & N (Inman Quarter), Liquor License Application for Rocket Farm Restaurants, LLC d/b/a Beetlecat
 2. 24 Waddell St NE, Currently operating as Cameo Salon, Seeking reduced parking special exception
 - F. Public Safety
 - 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 welcomed & 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
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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 November issue of the *Advocator*, please send your submissions to advocator@inmanpark.org on or before October 24.

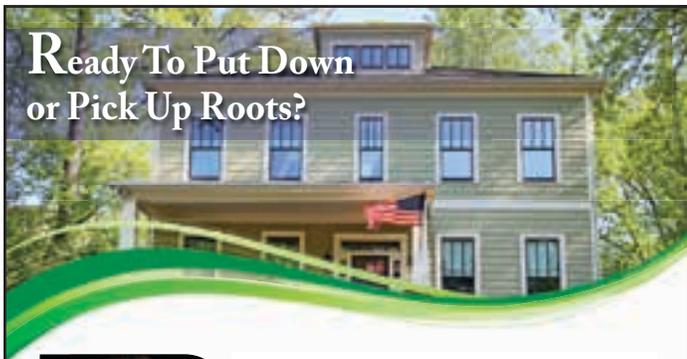


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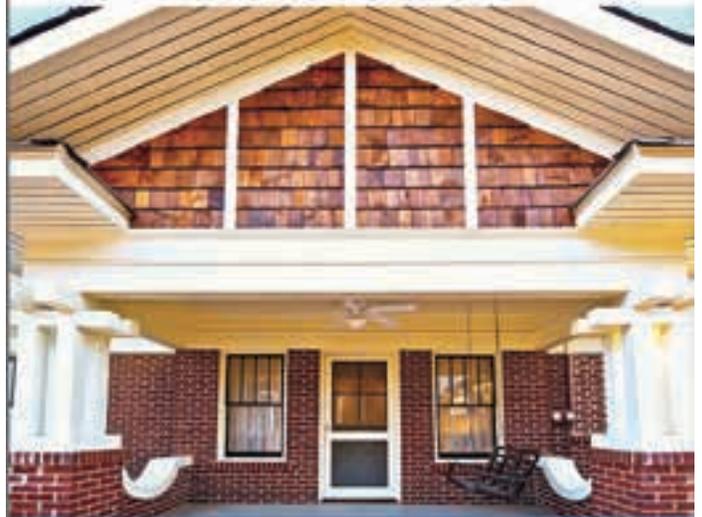
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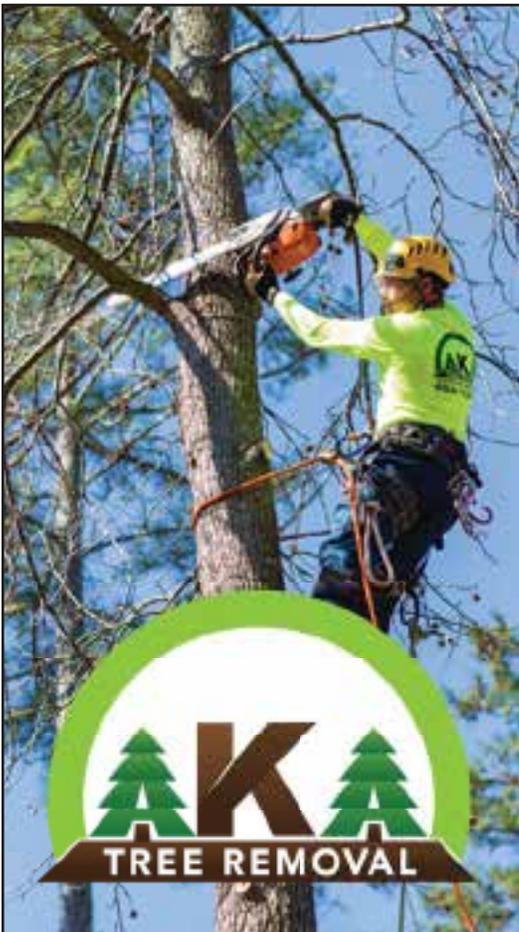
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