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President's Message

With Gratitude (Coda)

By DENNIS MOBLEY • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG



It seems like it was just yesterday when I wrote my very first President's Message. OK, maybe day BEFORE yesterday. It was entitled "With Gratitude." I came into this role two years ago with gratitude. Gratitude to my predecessor and good friend **Andy Coffman**. Gratitude to the other officers who were then rotating off the IPNA Board and of course, to the **thousand volunteers** who make our beloved Festival the best darn party around. And this year was no exception!

I really don't have enough room in this message to thank everyone I would like to thank. But I would like to call out a couple of individuals who have been very helpful. First is **Barbara Leach** who served with distinction as our Treasurer. Barbara allowed me to thrust myself into financial matters and the budgeting process for better or worse. Next **Michaela Kendall**, who I believe has the potential to head our Association one day when her daughter is a tad older. Michaela exemplifies the newcomer who gets on our collective radar right away because of skills, energy and commitment.

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Celebrate New Sidewalks

By KATHLEEN BUSKO • WALKABLE INMAN PARK COMMITTEE •
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New sidewalks are coming! Several neighbors are taking advantage of the IPNA sidewalk subsidy program and have contracted for a replacement during early summer. The Walkable Inman Park Campaign, dedicated to improving the walkability of Inman Park for all ages, celebrates every new sidewalk that brings us steps closer to a truly pedestrian-friendly neighborhood. The campaign will recognize each participating homeowner with yard signs acknowledging their support for Walkable Inman Park.

During the coming months, you will notice signs celebrating new sidewalks at the following locations:

922 Austin	56 Waddell	921 Waverly
165 Hale	65 Waddell	926 Waverly
169 Hale	1042 Washita	934 Waverly

If your current sidewalk is hazardous, join the campaign and make a difference. Registering for future sidewalk replacements couldn't be easier. Email your address, contact information, your current sidewalk material and description of your neighbor's sidewalks to Millie Astin at mcastin@bellsouth.net. Millie will walk you through the rest of the process.



The Walkable Inman Park Campaign is grateful for the support of IPNA! **M**

Bob Eberwein

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IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - April 20, 2016

BY BEVERLY MILLER • IPNA SECRETARY • SECRETARY@INMANPARK.ORG

President Dennis Mobley called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Dennis moved to amend the agenda to vote on the new IPNA bylaws in May with discussion tonight and to add the Highland Cigar Bar change of ownership liquor license. Both motions were seconded and approved.

Newcomers: Jeff Oliver, Tom Cross, Justin Kelly, Shan Pesaru, Nicole D'Auria, and Alex Duncan.

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the March IPNA meeting minutes.

Announcements: **Oreon Mann** announced that the Inman Park Book Club will not meet in April. **Pat Westrick** asked anyone who can host the May Porch Party to email her; there will be no April Porch Party. **Judy Clements**, Festival House Tour Committee, needs volunteer house-sitters to sign up for two-hour shifts.

Steve Hays announced that The Trolley Barn purchase is set to close by May 28. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced a neighborhood clean-up day on Saturday. Dennis announced that home tour tickets are on sale for \$12 for neighbors. **Jennifer Ohme**, the Executive Director of the O4W Business Association, announced Fire in the Fourth on May 21.

Police officers' reports: **Jared Watkins** reported car break-ins, pedestrian robberies on Sinclair and 2 business break-ins at Inman Quarter. After a neighbor's call, Officer Hays arrested a suspect for a bike theft on Sinclair. A resident asked for help with an abandoned neighboring house. Officer Watkins said APD can investigate but not arrest vagrants living there before the owner delivers a warning.

Elected Officials' Reports: none

IPNA officers' reports: **Dennis Mobley** handed out copies of the new bylaws. **Andy Coffman**, Bylaws Committee Chair, reported that Pat Westrick, Oreon Mann, James McManus, Dennis Mobley and Barbara Leach served on the committee. A resident asked if the board has licensed anyone else to use the neighborhood butterfly symbol. Dennis responded that while no approvals had been granted, any symbol usage in question could be sent to him. A resident asked if boundary changes

as a result of the Beltline have been considered in the bylaws. Dennis answered the southwest boundary is defined as the historic rail bed in order to avoid ceding land. **Andy Coffman** announced the slate of officers for IPNA: President, Neil Kinkopf; VP of Zoning, Chuck Clarke; Treasurer, David Adams; and VP of Planning, Sara Maffey Duncan. Dennis requested but received no nominations from the floor. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the slate to be voted on at the May 18 IPNA meeting. Dennis announced a June 2 meeting of all existing, outgoing, and incoming officers and committee chairs. Dennis next offered seven nominees to be voted on at the May 18 IPNA meeting for the Friends of Inman Park Board of Directors: Steve Hays, Melissa Miller, Nick Franz, Barbara Leach, Alex Coffman, Neil Kinkopf and Brian Roof. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the slate of nominees.

As part of Historic Preservation, **Adam Stillman** presented renovation plans for two properties. The immediate neighbors voted 7-0 in favor of the plans at 209 Hale. The immediate neighbors voted 2-0 in favor of the plans for 187 Degress. For both properties, it was moved, seconded and approved to support the immediate neighbors.

Barbara Leach, Treasurer, reported a donation of \$4,000 to Inman Park schools, net expenses of \$3,488 and account balances totaling \$356,496.

Pat Westrick reported the Walkable Inman Park Committee has nine sidewalks scheduled for repairs and two in the works. Those interested in helping to improve sidewalk lighting should contact Pat. Contact Cathie Berger to report sidewalks that need repair. All festival beer tips will go to the sidewalk campaign. **Danny Feig-Sandoval**, Transportation Committee, said the city has reported back that the Krog at Irwin intersection needs no change. Highland at Elizabeth is complete with four crosswalks and ramps. The city is studying crosswalks and signals at IQ but has no money allocated. Still needed are signals and crosswalks at Elizabeth and Lake. Danny has emailed Commissioner Keane to ask the whereabouts of the \$10

million in impact fees developers have paid. IPNA has a volunteer lawyer and is getting more aggressive. L5P Business Association is working on Moreland and Euclid to improve traffic signaling and crosswalks. Construction of the new section of the Beltline heading to Edgewood will start in May. The existing southern end of the Beltline leading south to Irwin will be closed during construction.

Rick Bizot, V.P. Zoning, introduced **Harold Martin**, Highland Cigar Co., seeking a change of ownership liquor license. The immediate neighbors voted 5-0 in favor. It was moved, seconded and approved 43-0 to support the immediate neighbors. A resident asked about parking. Harold replied he encourages parking in the IQ garage and deducts the cost from patrons' checks. For NPU, Rick reported we must annually affirm the NPU Bylaws, discussing in May and voting in June. He offered copies of the bylaws. He asked for input for a city-wide NPU wish list.

Chris Coffee, V.P. Public Safety, announced a new foot patrol shift in the village district with hope of expanding and a new shift added during the festival parade on the non-closed streets.

On behalf of James McManus, V.P. Communications, **Dennis** announced the addition of content to the web site, consideration of an online, realtime, IPNA meeting agenda, a "join now" button for new members and the future addition of upgraded IPSP memberships. **Alex Kronmeyer** announced that today is the deadline for next month's Advocate content. Dennis reminded officer nominees to write bios for the Advocate. A resident asked when printed directories are coming. Dennis answered they will come after more data is refined.

Beverly Miller, Secretary had nothing to report.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business: none

New Business: none

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05. 

Other Happenings to Note

Ponce City Farmers' Market on the Beltline

Tuesdays until December 20 • 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. • PCM "Shed" • cfmatl.org/pcfmbeltline

A new member of Community Farmers Market hosts some of Atlanta's finest local food talent, including urban farmers, artisanal food makers and pop-up chefs.

Freedom Farmers' Market

Saturdays Year Round • 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. • Carter Center • freedomfarmersmkt.com/

Freedom Farmers' Market at the Carter Center was formed in 2014 by a small group of Georgia farmers with one vision: to bring local, sustainably-grown food to intown Atlanta neighborhoods.



Fire in the Fourth

May 21 • 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. • Between Jackson Street and Boulevard on Edgewood & Auburn Avenues

All ages event featuring live music, street performances, fire entertainers, fire sculptures and Great Atlanta Fire of 1917 History. It's a Curated Street Experience! This is a fundraising event for the O4WBA to support community

initiatives like signage and trash cans. Free.

Blackfoot Daisy and Rosin Sisters

May 21 • 8:00 p.m. • United Epworth Methodist Church • aaffm.org

Fiddler's Green Coffeehouse presents two local folk trios performing original Americana and Southern Appalachian roots music. Ticketed.

Atlanta Jazz Festival

May 27 to May 29 • Piedmont Park • atlantafestivals.com

The month-long Atlanta Jazz Festival culminates over Memorial Day weekend with local and national jazz greats on two stages, a youth jazz-band competition, arts and crafts, food vendors and a kids' zone. Free.

Atlanta Caribbean Carnival

May 28 • 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. • Historic Old Fourth Ward Park • atlantacarnival.org

The Atlanta Caribbean Festival celebrates Caribbean culture, cuisine and costumes with a parade at noon leading to the festival village at Historic Old Fourth Ward Park. Ticketed.

Atlanta Food & Wine Festival

June 2-5 • Various venues in Midtown • atlfoodandwinefestival.com

In the words of its creators, the festival weekend is an in-depth food and drink experience – part conference, part party and all Southern. Ticketed. **M**

Book Club Calendar

The Inman Park Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. to discuss the featured selection. Please bring a covered dish to share and contact Jan Keith (404-688-7330) with any questions.

May 31

The Orphan Train
by Christina Baker Kline
Oreon Mann
877 Edgewood Ave.

June 28

Euphoria
by Lily King
Jean Shank
68B Waddell St.

IPNA Calendar

May 18

IPNA Meeting
The Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

May 22

Memorial for Bob Eberwein
The Trolley Barn
2:00 p.m.
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May 26

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

May 27

Porch Party
The Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.
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May 31

Book Club
7:00 p.m.

June 15

IPNA Meeting
The Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

June 23

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

June 24

Porch Party
Your porch wants to host a party!
See page 9 for details

June 28

Book Club
7:00 p.m.

Little 5 Points Mini-Precinct...and More

BY RICHARD B. SHAPIRO, D.D.S. • RBSHAPIR@BELLSOUTH.NET

The Atlanta Police Mini-Precinct in Little 5 Points is now in its 18th year, and continues to be a cornerstone in our community's approach to reduce crime. Since it opened, the increased presence and visibility of Atlanta Police Officers that the Mini-Precinct brings to our community has made a significant difference in the conduct of those hanging out in L5P and the surrounding community.

The Mini-Precinct is a public/private partnership between the City of Atlanta and community. The officers, equipment, supplies, computers, electronic and video communication gear, etc., are funded by the Police Department. The community provided the funds to renovate the space and continues to pay for rent, repairs, utilities and other operating costs—that funding has come from L5P Business Association and its members. Other financial support came from grants from the Inman Park Neighborhood Association and the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization as well as contributions from individual households in the area.

It is gratifying to see so many individual contributions every year to support the Mini-Precinct! But over the years for a variety of reasons (people move, financial situations change, complacency due to lower crime rates, etc.), the number of individual households contributing has dwindled some and we need to reverse this trend.

It's really a no-brainer: having more cops around makes criminals and problematic elements tend to stay away and/or watch their behavior. This protects people, possessions, and property values.

There are currently several other initiatives in L5P piggybacking on the success of the Mini-Precinct to improve the safety and appearance of the area:

- Additional off-duty police patrolling Little 5 Points on weekends and evenings, funded by L5P Businesses.
- A Friends of Little 5 Points Parks Organization has been formed, affiliated with ParkAtlanta and the L5P CID. It is working to redesign and reconfigure the public spaces in L5P, as well as create new and exciting activities here. Long term changes are still in the planning stages, now in partnership with the Urban Land Institute. Their recent experiment of removing the benches from Findley Plaza produced a remarkable improvement. This change, along with diligent policing, has that space starting to become less of a hangout and more of an open, safe, friendly and inviting public plaza.
- The Little 5 Points Business Association, in collaboration with the L5P CID and the neighborhood organizations, is working with the Dept. of Public Works to improve and repair much of the long neglected infrastructure in the area. They are creating resources and funding for a number of exciting changes to the Moreland Avenue Corridor. And several other new and innovative future projects are in the pipeline.
- Due to the tireless efforts of Lisa Adler of The Horizon Theatre, ArtPlace America has awarded a major grant to fund Little 5 Points Arts Alive, a project bringing performance and visual art into the sidewalks and plazas of Little Five

Points, every weekend for nine months beginning this April.

All of these efforts work symbiotically with the Mini-Precinct, to continue to improve the atmosphere in L5P. We need your help to keep this satellite police station open.

Thus, this yearly appeal for individual donations. Your financial support is particularly important this year so that we can continue too keep this valuable and truly vital facility open.

Please send your personal contribution now (matching or increasing your last year's contribution, or sending \$50 or more). It's the right thing to do for your community, your neighbors and yourself.

Send your check (include your name, address and phone number) to: L5PBA Mini-Precinct Fund, PO Box 5733, Atlanta, GA 31107. 

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity – Activity / April 2016

Directed Patrols:	582
Drop Ins:	82
Member Contacts:	5
Susp. Person:	4
Parking Complaint:	3
Alarm:	3
Person Injured:	2
Suicide Attempt (unsuccessful):	1
Theft:	1
Gun Shots:	1
Fight:	1

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. Memberships and fundraising activities are key to its fiscal viability. Visit inmanpark.org today to join; renew your membership or make a donation.



President's Message

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A year ago I had a bittersweet realization that I must say goodbye to those with whom I would serve for a single year. I realize now I never thanked **Molly McLamb** enough for her quiet yet steady approach to safeguarding our Historic Preservation efforts. I also want to acknowledge former Communications VP **Yvonne Merkel** for her inspiration and motivation. Yvonne's projects included neighbor surveys, website and membership management, request for proposals and vendor selection for our website, *MemberClicks*. **Tony Neu** continued our tradition of excellent Public Safety VPs. Tony knew what was going on in real-time, insured that our off-duty APD officers were well-deployed and quickly kept the rest of us informed.

We worked our VPs of Zoning pretty hard these past two years with a plethora of zoning and liquor license requests. So kudos to **Morgan Shallcross**, **Tonya Marlatt** (for filling Morgan's unexpired term) and now to NPU rep **Rick Bizot**.

Rick stepped in and did double-duty when Tonya moved out of Inman Park.

I offer a special word of thanks to former Secretary **Janet Berry** and her husband Tom who opened their home to IPNA Board meetings. Their hospitality made the two-and-a-half hour monthly Board meetings seem like a party with a bunch of really cool neighbors! Janet offered me a lot of encouragement and support when thorny issues would arise.

Then there's the joy of getting to know and work with the incoming officers. **Brian Roof** stepped in to assume Molly's duties and has done so without missing a beat. While we lost Tony Neu, magically a **Chris Coffee** came along upholding our lofty Public Safety tradition. Right when we found ourselves in the midst of launching a robust but complicated membership management system, our own **James McManus** joined in and began doing late-night and weekend computer coding to get

the system up and running. Then, just when I was wondering who from my beloved "village district" might serve on the Board, IPV Lofts' **Beverly Miller** agreed to banish husband Kurt from THEIR home for two-and-a-half hours each month in order to host the IPNA Board in fine style. (Not to mention her desire to master the *MemberClicks* infrastructure and combine the roles of recording secretary AND membership secretary).

To the nominees who will (if elected) follow me, Barbara, Michaela and Rick, I know you will make YOUR marks and I wish you all the best in serving a neighborhood unlike any other you will ever know.

Meanwhile, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for the privilege of serving you, the *Advocator* readers, the IPNA members and the Inman Park neighbors who made it all worthwhile. **M**



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Happy 150th Birthday IPUMC!

By SARAH ADAIR • OFFICE MANAGER, IPUMC • INMANPARKUMC@GMAIL.COM

The Inman Park United Methodist Church (IPUMC) congregation celebrated the 150th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, April 17 with a special worship service led by the Bishop of the North Georgia Conference and a gala luncheon where many descendants of early Inman Park families were in attendance. Most notable were Asa Candler V, Asa Candler VI, and Asa Candler VII!

After the Civil War, Atlanta had only four remaining churches. IPUMC had a very humble beginning in the spring of 1866. With no building materials or money, a small band of neighbors met in homes, then under a small brush arbor and finally in a wood-frame church in the Edgewood community. The current building on Edgewood Avenue was dedicated on April 17, 1898.

IPUMC has served as the cornerstone of the Inman Park neighborhood for years, being a vital part of Festival and the spiritual life of the community. We extend a warm welcome to everyone as we chart the next 150 years and beyond! **M**




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Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to our students graduating from Grady High School on May 26:

Karsyn Young plans to attend Louisiana State University to study Political Communications

Miles Pearce Archer plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to study Engineering

William Happ Taber plans to attend Kennesaw State University

We also have many Inman Park sons and daughters graduating from colleges and universities around the country:

Carly Pope from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology

Daniel Holder from the University of North Georgia with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on Business, Political Science and Leadership.

Emma Sims from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a Bachelor of Fine Arts

Katherine Cecelia Hines from Queens College CUNY with her MFA in poetry

Margaret Anne Hines from Maryland Institute College of Arts with a double degree in Art History and Painting

Richard Bucey from Sarah Lawrence College with a Bachelor of Arts **M**



the next

Porch Party

May 27 • 7:30 p.m.

**At The Trolley Barn
963 Edgewood Ave NE**

Please bring a dish to share
and your favorite beverage to enjoy.



Does your porch want to host the next party on Friday, June 24? IPNA provides all the tableware and neighbors bring food and drink! All you have to do is open your home!

Call Pat or Richard Westrick to volunteer your porch! 404-523-4801

Congratulations Steve!

Steve Hays retired last month after a long career with Georgia-Pacific as Director - Environmental, Health & Safety Audit.

Congratulations Fran!

Fran Levine, CFP®, CRPC®, Financial Advisor, earned her Morgan Stanley Family Wealth Advisor designation last month!

Festival 2016 Wrap Up

By JACQUES MEBIUS • KARINMEBIUS@GMAIL.COM

Karin and I are still on a bit of a high after Festival's conclusion, making it hard to know where to begin to summarize the experience. At 45, Festival is steeped in tradition and very well-rehearsed, but each edition brings new high notes and incremental change, so it never feels old.

The artwork this year was superb. Cooper Pierce outdid himself with the multicolored butterfly, earning nothing but praise. This year we also introduced a logo, a stylized and modern black and yellow butterfly, bridging the gap between the IPNA logo and the annual Festival artwork to give the Festival an even stronger brand for years to come.

The Tour of Homes, the stalwart original heart of Festival, featured an incredible variety of great homes. It showed how Atlanta's first suburb keeps reinventing itself, with several renovated homes that were updated to reflect today's design possibilities. We focused on marketing for the Tour which resulted in record tickets sales and attendance. We also introduced well-received paper-saving "ADMIT TWO" tickets. We extend our appreciation to the homeowners who opened their homes to the world!

The music. Is it just us or does it just keep getting better and better? The kids from Kids Camp were killing it on Saturday morning under the tent, and the lineup at Delta stage had some spectacular acts. Hundreds were swinging away at Festival's conclusion Sunday night with the All Star Jam including Colonel Bruce Hampton, Geoff Achison and Randell Bramblett. Steve Ellison's initiative, The Atlanta Musicians Emergency Relief Fund, made its debut and we believe may become a fixture for years to come. Orange money boxes were passed around to start this fund, which will function to provide exactly what its name suggests.

Atlantans are a thirsty bunch, and we provided them with many, many barrels of beer; I believe there were as many as 12 choices. Served at the perfect temperature, it is a cornerstone of the financial success of Festival. Especially on Saturday, beer flowed out at a record pace, and money flowed in at the same record pace. Thanks to the hundreds of volunteers and many captains who make that happen. The tips this year are going to the sidewalk program, which is a good thing, because people were tripping and falling in unprecedented numbers, making it a busy day for the First Aid crews.

Usually we can take water for granted, but this year we actually had to bring in outside water

on Sunday because the city issued a mandatory boil water advisory.

It is well worth the effort to break away from the hustle and bustle to attend Carolyn McLaughlin's Dance Festival at 4 p.m. This year we saw nine pieces by six different groups. There was wide variety from tutus to wheelchairs and from Ella Fitzgerald to African percussion.

And how about Butterfly Ball? It brought back Bogey and the Viceroy for the music (who love their band name so much they sing about it repeatedly). Bold American provided the delicious food and Premier brought in a well-stocked bar. Under the experienced leadership of Cooper Pierce it came together perfectly. Incremental change was on the menu here as well, with the introduction of high-top tables.

But wait, there are more surprises: Theatre Night had unprecedented success with the live auction (\$6,000 additional funds raised for our neighborhoods theater companies). The Kids' Zone did away with inflatable balls and introduced Food Trucks. The Parade Grand Marshall was a building. Product sales now featured Inman Park Aprons. The Festival Treasurer provided a record 18,000 \$1 bills provided \$6 beer price. Rentals ended up with one more table than they started with. And last but not least, cleanup finished in record time at 9:08 p.m. on Sunday!

A big thank you goes out to the team of APD Officers who pulled off another successful event with style and swagger, led by the unflappable Lieutenant Chris Tiernan.

The two things that stayed the same were the weather and the guests. A little rain has never bothered anyone here in Inman Park, and it hardly dampened the fun. And with the help of the hundreds of dedicated volunteers it is no wonder we keep having tens of thousands of happy guests.

What Carolyn said about the dance performance is actually true for the entire festival: It takes decades of practice to make something so difficult look so effortless. Thanks all y'all.

Let's do it again next year,

Karin and Jacques Mebius 



Karin and Jacques Mebius heading up Festival 2016



It was a packed house for Theatre Night 2016



Nick Franz on stage with Kevin Gillese, Artistic Director of Dad's Garage



Toxic Avengers was performed by Horizon Theatre



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Bob Eberwein's Memorial Service

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate the Sheriff's colorful life. The celebration will be at The Trolley Barn, 963 Edgewood Avenue. All of his many friends and neighbors are invited! To read about Bob's life, see the tribute to him in the April 2016 *Advocator* on page 21.

Adopt Trubbel and Walker

Bob Eberwein's cats are available for adoption at the Howell Mill Humane Society at 981 Howell Mill Road. Trubbel and Walker are in the cat room waiting for a new owner! The Humane Society is open seven days a week so stop in today to meet them!



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IPNA VP, Planning Nominee

BY SARA MAFFEY DUNCAN • NOMINATED FOR IPNA VP, PLANNING
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IPNA President Nominee

BY NEIL KINKOPF • NOMINATED FOR IPNA PRESIDENT
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I am Neil Kinkopf. For 17 years I have lived at 1027 Euclid, at the corner of Alta, with my wife, Emily. Fourteen years ago, in the middle of Butterfly Ball, we were joined by our daughter Grace. More recently, we have expanded our family to include two dogs, Max and Louie. Professionally, I am a Professor of Constitutional Law at Georgia State University.



Neil Kinkopf

I would like to serve as President of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association because I love our neighborhood. What I love most are the people whom I get to call neighbors. This thing we share, the neighborhood, is a reflection of what is best about us. It is lively, fun, open, welcoming and nurturing. Of course, we also face challenges to keep up with growth, promote safety, improve our infrastructure and ensure that this neighborhood continues to be a place we all want to call home. I look forward to acting as a steward as we all confront these challenges together. **M**

IPNA Treasurer Nominee

BY DAVID ADAMS • NOMINATED FOR IPNA TREASURER • DAVID.ADAMS@SUNTRUST.COM

My wife, Amanda Rhein, and I moved to an apartment in Inman Park back in 2011 after selling our condo in midtown Atlanta to begin our search for a new home. Although we enjoyed exploring the various intown neighborhoods, each having its own unique charm, we enthusiastically decided that Inman Park was to become our final destination to start a family. Four months after completing construction of our dream home on Virgil Street we welcomed our daughter, Della Adams, into the world and could not be happier. We feel really fortunate to live in a neighborhood with so much community and culture. The large parks, easy Atlanta Beltline



David Adams

access and close proximity to a thriving restaurant/bar scene provide countless activities for our family's enjoyment.

After months of long-distance searching, my husband Alex and I discovered Inman Park and our new home during Festival 2014. I instantly loved Inman Park's architecture, walkability and sense of community. It is the perfect place for us! We enjoy taking our dog, Lady Bird, on strolls around the beautiful neighborhood, dining at the many local restaurants and hanging out with our surrounding neighbors.



Sara Maffey Duncan

This past year I began my own consulting firm, Edgewood Strategies, which leverages my experience working with and for a variety of government agencies and economic development organizations here in Atlanta, across the country and around the world. I am passionate about building public-private partnerships and I am a complete nerd about planning and development. My background includes construction management, real estate site selection, business incentives negotiation, economic development strategy and economic disaster recovery. I have a degree in Architecture and Urban Design and an MBA.

It is an honor be nominated as the VP of Planning on the IPNA Board. Even in the relatively short time that I have lived here, Inman Park has seen tremendous change and growth. I believe I bring the necessary skills to guide thoughtfully and support our special neighborhood through the next phase of development. I look forward to serving in this role and to the opportunity to collaborate with Planning's active and dedicated Transportation, Beautification and Lifelong Inman Park Committees. **M**

Vote

Come to the IPNA meeting on May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at The Trolley Barn to vote!

When I came to Atlanta 15 years ago, I began my career at General Electric in risk management, ultimately deciding to leave to start my own business where I was CFO/President of a Property Management Company serving five Wal-Mart Supercenters. After selling my business I moved back into the corporate world and am currently employed at SunTrust Bank in Corporate Strategy and Analytics.

I am honored to be nominated for the Board of Directors supporting the neighborhood that my family has grown to love and cherish. My prior experience creating budgets, cash flows and financial statements will enable me to be an effective Treasurer for the IPNA. I look forward to the position and the opportunity to preserve and grow our wonderful community. **M**

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May Your Medications Bring You Peace, Love and Bliss

BY RUTU CHAUDHARI • YOGA TEACHER • ALLLIFEISYOGA.COM

According to an article in The Guardian on insomnia and effectiveness of the popular sleep medicine Ambien, there is virtually no difference in the quality and amount of sleep you get when taking sleep medication. The average increase in sleep with Ambien is only twenty minutes more than when not taking a drug for sleep. What Ambien does do is trigger short-term amnesia, so that you forget that you tossed and turned all night. By blocking memory, it creates the illusion of a good night's sleep.

Insomnia has become a subject of study for me because I'm currently challenged by it. For the past five months, I have received, on average, a total of two hours of sleep a night. I'm opposed to taking drugs because I know that they are just a Band-Aid; only addressing symptoms does little for long-term healing and, in many cases, creates a myriad of other ailments and potential disease. However, after a few months of not sleeping, I caved and took a sleeping pill. I woke up feeling

refreshed! So I did it again the next night and again I woke up invigorated and ready to greet the world. Then I decided to stop as to not create a habit.

So, if I actually didn't get any additional sleep by taking those sleeping pills, then what is it that had me feeling so rejuvenated? Seth Godin explains that it's about the story we tell ourselves. Not sleeping for months created a certain story that only perpetuated the frustration and exhaustion I felt. I'm tired; I'm unproductive because I haven't slept; I'm depressed because I haven't slept... what's wrong with me? If I'm not getting sleep by taking a pill or not taking a pill, then my best option is to change the story I'm telling myself about my insomnia. And that's what I'm working towards now.

Perhaps this period of insomnia is a recalibration in my nervous system. Per the recommendation of my meditation teacher, I've spent the better part of the last ten years in a state of involution. I've been focused on inner work, not taking

in 85% of the outer world. For nearly a decade I stopped listening to music and reading books; I stopped watching movies, reading news and discovering art. I occasionally peeked out, but for the most part social interaction ceased so that I could go inside to discern between what is my truth and what is the influence of the outer world. It was an incredible period—but now, I'm coming out. I'm ready to be in the world and integrate my inner work with the outer world. I'm emerging!

That's the story I tell myself. And I am sleeping five hours a night, now.

The story we tell ourselves about our ailments can be a vehicle for change, a tool for healing. Personally, meditation is what helps clarify and implement this new story into my day-to-day routine. While most medications serve to help us forget and to numb what's actually going on, meditation serves to increase our sensitivity and connect us more deeply to ourselves, others and our planet. **M**

Birth Announcements



Congratulations to Clare Brown and Scott Clarke of Edgewood on the birth of Magnus Alan Clarke born April 18, 2016. Big sister Alexandra is also very excited about her new role!



Congratulations to Caitlin and Kevin Schohl on the birth of Charlie Mackin Schohl on April 19, 2016.

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Inman Park - A Heaven for Pollinators?

BY SUSANNA CAPELOUTO • NEIGHBOR • CAPELOUTOS@YAHOO.COM

The Inman Park butterfly symbol pops up on the website for the Greater Atlanta Pollinator Partnership, a collection of environmental groups trying to make Atlanta a heaven for butterflies, bees, moths and other insects necessary for human survival. Granted our neighborhood symbol is merely a stock photo. But why shouldn't Inman Park become Atlanta's first pollinator friendly neighborhood?

A recent report by the UN found that 40 percent of invertebrate pollinator species (bees and butterflies for example) are facing extinction. Ortho recently decided to phase out neonicotinoids in its products by 2021 because the chemical is widely believed to harm bees.

In order to secure our food supply, people and industry are realizing that pollinators need all the help we can give them. The question remains, can we avoid chemicals when mosquitoes potentially carrying diseases invade our neighborhood every summer? Could we be killing pollinators when we treat our yards for mosquitos?



There is no simple answer, but here are a few suggestions that may help:

- When spraying for mosquitos, do it early in the morning or late in the evening, when pollinators are not present.
- Pollinators are attracted to plants that flower, so avoid spraying flowering plants.
- When treating ponds for larvae use products that are not harmful to pollinators. It should say on the package.

- Plant a pollinator friendly garden. Go to GAPP.org for tips and to register your garden.
- Teach your kids about the importance of pollinators.
- Become a bee keeper. Find out how at metroatlantabeekeepers.org.

Let's make Inman Park into a place where bees and butterflies can flourish. **M**

Earth Day, Every Day

BY TRACY HAMBRICK • RECYCLING MANAGER, CITY OF ATLANTA • TLHAMBRICK@ATLANTAGA.GOV

In recognition of Earth Day last month and in an effort to encourage patrons to use reusable bags instead of single-use plastic bags, Cartlanta provided reusable shopping bags to the first 400 customers in City Hall's Café 55. Did you know that it is estimated that the United States disposes one billion plastic bags every year? If these bags are not recycled, they are sent to landfills and take a considerable amount of time to degrade. In addition, these bags can often end up in trees, streams, rivers and the ocean where animals may ingest them or become entangled in them. Plastic bags



are made from petrochemicals, the mining of which has environmental impact. Inspiration Green estimates that the petroleum needed to produce 14 plastic bags would fuel a car for one mile. Reusable shopping bags are an easy and cost-effective way to avoid the environmental impacts of plastic shopping bags. Keep reusable bags in the trunk of your car or in your bike basket so the next time you go shopping you will not need the plastic bags!

*The Cartlanta Recycling Program works to ensure that residential customers have the resources to participate in waste reduction and sustainability practices through recycling! Would you join Cartlanta and celebrate Earth Day Every Day? For more information, visit: www.atlantaga.gov/recycling. **M***

Voting on By-laws at May meeting

BY DENNIS MOBLEY • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG

The IPNA By-laws Committee has proposed our first set of revisions to IPNA's by-laws in several years. It is offered in support of IPNA's expanded website and membership management capabilities and in recognition of the fact that our lifestyles have all been impacted by the internet.

The highlights of the revisions are as follows:

The revised By-laws begin with provisions customary to those of well-organized non-profit organizations by referencing the Georgia Non-profit Code which prevails in instances of conflict. The name of the organization and the boundaries of the neighborhood are delineated. The latter now ties to City of Atlanta maps, and replaces mention of the Southern Railroad Line with "Atlanta Beltline/historic rail bed".

Other customary passages follow next, such as "Purpose" (consistent with IPNA's 501(c)(4) status) and "Assets" (irrevocably dedicated to non-profit purposes).

Next comes "Governance" and here the previous description of the IPNA Board of Directors largely remains. However, the moment at which incoming officers assume their duties is clarified as occurring during the Transitional Board Meeting held after May elections and prior to the June IPNA meeting.

As duties of each IPNA officer are delineated, the option to post information on the IPNA website in addition to or in lieu of publishing in The Advocate is included. This is in recognition of space limitations, environmental sensitivity and the concept of prompting IPNA members to look to the website as a primary source of information about the Association. This concept change was prompted by our realization that the extensive re-ordering of topics within the revised By-laws would have necessitated printing an extra 15 pages of hard copy in The Advocate, a decidedly impractical means of presenting these changes.

Definitions, rights, and voting privileges associated with IPNA Membership are now addressed in Article 5, and reflects the revised membership structure voted in during the August, 2015 IPNA meeting. These changes include free basic IPNA membership that is generally restricted to individuals and businesses living and operating within IPNA's boundaries. Non-resident members can be approved by the Board of Directors on an exception basis. All membership levels are now tied to anniversary dates of joining or upgrading. The old May 1 to April 30 membership year is discontinued, consistent with the membership revisions ratified during the August 2015 IPNA meeting.

Article 6 describes Financial matters and is largely unchanged save for some stylistic changes and a provision that IPNA budget funds can only "roll over" to a succeeding fiscal year if a binding contract exists or budgeted work has commenced but not been completed by year-end.

Article 7 ("Committees") is largely unchanged except for some reordering of text and the identification of the new Lifelong Inman Park Committee, dedicated to promoting livability within the neighborhood for people of all ages.

Previous articles dealing with annual, regular and special IPNA meetings and our butterfly and related trademarks remain largely unchanged.

Lastly, it is proposed that amendments and revisions to IPNA By-laws be posted on the IPNA website in addition to or in lieu of publishing them in The Advocate as good sense and environmental sensitivity might dictate.

Make sure to attend the May 2016 IPNA meeting to vote on these By-laws. **M**



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NPU-N Update

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

Notes from the April 28, 2016 meeting:

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Department: Capt. Scott Gourley reported that there has been a rash of robberies recently, especially between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. He encouraged residents to report any suspicious activity to the police.

Code Enforcement: Jay Brown reminds citizens that they can file a complaint for “open and vacant” properties and for “junk, trash and debris.” He may be contacted at 404-546-3846 or 404-557-2748.

Parks Department: Tom Cullen reported that the Candler Park tennis courts will be repaired this summer.

Dept. of Public Works: Dennis Muma reported that they have concluded their study of the Lake-Elizabeth intersection, and they plan to 1) Provide ADA ramps at the SE and NW corners, 2) Add new crosswalk for the ‘diagonal’ from the SE to NW corner, 3) Add pedestrian signals, 4) Change the traffic signals from pole-mounted to hanging from span wire, 5) Modify the signal operation to insert a push-button activated exclusive pedestrian phase, during which all vehicles will have red signals, and 6) Add “No turn on red” signs for the northbound and southbound Elizabeth Street approaches. The work is anticipated to be fully complete by the end of May, with some parts completed earlier.

Recycling Perks Program: For information regarding the program and to sign up, go to www.recyclingperks.com. If you need a new recycling container, go to www.atl311.com.

Rainbarrel and Composting Workshops: Atlanta Department of Watershed Management will be conducting workshops for rain barrels and composting this summer. The first rain barrel workshop is on June 23, and the first composting workshop is June 28. The fee is \$40 (includes materials) and the workshops are held at the Water Works Lodge, 655 Green St NW. For more information, contact Danita Ogandaga at dogandaga@atlantaga.gov or 404-750-9601.

LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

Harold Martin, Jr (Highland Cigar Company, 245 N. Highland Ave NE, Unit #140, Inman Park); Change of Ownership request for liquor license (existing business in existing location). Applicant received support from IPNA. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

Robert Amick (Nexto Restaurant, 822 Ralph McGill Blvd, Poncey-Highland) New business/new location request for liquor license; new restaurant adjacent to Two Urban Licks. Applicant received support from PHNA. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

SPECIAL EVENTS / OUTDOOR FESTIVALS:

Fall Fest at Candler Park (October 1-2, 2016, Candler Park); This is the annual festival sponsored by CPNO. This year, the festival plans involve closure of McLendon Ave, between Candler Park Drive and Mell, from early Saturday morning until Sunday night. Applicant received support from CPNO; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT (BZA):

195 Cleveland St SE (V-16-044, Reynoldstown); seeking a variance from the Zoning regulation to reduce the required half-depth front

NPU-N Members

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

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cabbagetown.com

Candler Park
candlerpark.org

Druid Hills
druidhills.org

Inman Park
inmanpark.org

Lake Claire
lakeclaire.org

Poncey-Highland
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Reynoldstown
reynoldstown.net

L5P Community Center
l5pccc.org

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little5points.com

yard setback from the 15 feet to 7 feet to construct a new single family dwelling. Applicant received support from RCIL. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

1722 Adolphus St NE (V-16-078, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required east side yard setback from 7 feet to 2.3 feet to construct an addition onto an existing single family dwelling. Applicant received support from LCN. NPU-N Board voted 7-0 (with 1 abstaining) to support.

ZONING REVIEW BOARD (ZRB):

Z-15-74: An ordinance to allow primary occupant signs for businesses in the C-4 zoning district. [There are no properties zoned C-4 within NPU-N] NPU-N Board voted 7-0 (with 1 abstaining) to support.

536 Decatur St (Z-15-010, NPU-M, Old Fourth Ward): Applicant seeks to rezone a portion of the property from R-5 to I-1, to be consistent with the portion of the property fronting Decatur St, which is currently zoned I-1. NPU-M supported with conditions, including limitations on allowable uses. Applicant received support from Cabbagetown conditioned on the site plan dated 3/3/16. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

OLD BUSINESS

NPU-N Maps and easels: Randy Pimsler delivered a mounted neighborhood map and easel to each neighborhood/district in NPU-N, to aid discussion during meetings. These were funded by an NPU grant.

NPU-N Bylaws Affirmations: Constituent organizations need to vote to reaffirm the NPU-N bylaws in one of their upcoming meetings (no changes to bylaws from last year). Vote tallies to be reported back to NPU-N by June 30.

NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, January through October. The November and December 2016 meeting dates will be: Mon., Nov. 28 and Thurs., Dec. 29, 2016. 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, May 26, 2016. M**

Agenda

May 18, 2016

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available
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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Police Officers' Reports
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - i. Vote on Proposed Bylaws Revision
 - ii. Vote on IPNA Officers for 2016-2018 Terms
 - B. Historic Preservation
 - i. 752 Dixie Ave
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Planning
 - E. Zoning
 - i. NPU-N Report
 - ii. Discussion on NPU-N Bylaws
 - iii. Review NPU-N project list for City's 2017-2021 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Community Work Program (CWP)
 - F. Public Safety
 - G. Communications
 - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

Thank you to Proof Bakeshop of Hurt St for providing cookies at the March IPNA meeting!



Good to Know

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership:

Available to those who live within, own property within or operate a business within the boundaries of Inman Park. Membership is free with online registration at inmanpark.org. Membership allows you to vote (see bylaws online for details), gives you access to the directory and makes you eligible for special neighborhood events. In addition to being a member of IPNA, you may register for the Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP) which staffs off-duty Atlanta Police officers to patrol our neighborhood. There are four levels of commitment starting at \$50 per year.

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

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InmanParkFestival.org
Facebook.com/InmanPark

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- Muscle Tension
- Muscular Imbalance
- Neck Pain
- Numbness/Tingling
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