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President's
Message

Bring the Advocator Back Home

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This column's catchy title is courtesy of Pat Westrick. It echoes her remarks at the August IPNA meeting's discussion of some big changes that are being considered for the Advocator. Our neighborhood publication was outsourced a few years ago to publisher KDA. Over time, KDA has devoted more and more of our former article space to ads. At the same time, many of our local business owners stopped advertising in the Advocator as the ads became more and more expensive.

The IPNA Board is now in favor of returning to a self-publishing model for the Advocator. Communications VP Melissa Miller, Advocator Editor Carla Jeffries, and Webmaster Cristy Lenz have been helping in pursuit of this vision. Assuming the membership approves, and the plan moves forward, here are a few changes you can expect to see: more space will be devoted to articles reflective of the unique spirit of Inman Park; ad content will be local; advertising will be more affordable so that local business will run ads. We project that the publication will pay for itself with these ad sales.

Distribution by mail will remain the same. In addition, IPNA members will also receive the electronic edition by email each month. We've considered focusing primarily on an electronic-only publication, but there are pitfalls. For example, we would need new email contact information whenever a subscriber moves or changes an email address, so this system would be much harder to manage than simply continuing to mail to the current addresses on file. Mailing also allows the Advocator to continue to reach IPNA members and non-members alike, maintaining the current broader neighborhood outreach. We also plan to print a few extra to leave with neighborhood businesses.

There will be cosmetic changes. In order to reduce costs, the paper itself won't be slick and shiny anymore. But perhaps this is fitting since the Advocator's origins are not at all fancy. Our newsletter is actually an outgrowth of Hot Rats, the original Inman Park publication from the early 70s. It's rumored that the title arose when cash-strapped homeowners working to get rid of rats while also



spending lots of money on home improvements pondered how many rats were needed for a stew. Volunteers typed articles for Hot Rats, cut them out with scissors, and pasted them onto sheets of paper to create the layout, which was then taken to a printer. The volunteers then collated the printed pages by hand around someone's dining room table, stapled them together, and hand-delivered them to neighbors.

IPNA began a few years later to help defer the costs of the publication. It developed into the Advocator and became the official neighborhood newsletter. There were only a couple hundred members of IPNA, so hand delivery continued. Some regular features were "Ann Launderers" and "Butterfly Buzz," both newsy columns, and "Clumsy Clem," which provided home renovation tips. Many neighbors contributed content, so the compilation reflected the character of early Inman Park.

Moving forward, I hope we will be able to revive the tradition of featuring regular columns. Please volunteer to write for the Advocator to help make it a better voice for our neighborhood! We are also compiling a sheet of ad rates for all neighbors to give to local businesses they patronize. Business owners can then go to inmanpark.org, fill out a single form, pay for the ad, and upload it. Design services will be available for a small fee.

If you share our vision, please help us in our efforts to bring the Advocator back home! 🦋

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2019 Inman Park Book Club

Meets @ 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of most months.
 Most book selections are available at our neighborhood bookstore,
 A Cappella Books, 208 Haralson Ave. in Inman Park.
 10% discount! Shop local!

Sept
24

“Where the Crawdads Sing”
 by *Delia Owens*
 Frank Koch, 941 Austin Ave.

Oct
29

“Baracoon: The Story of the Last ‘Black Cargo’”
 by *Zora Neale Thurston*
 Pam Parker Gannon, 715 Rosalia St., SE (Grant Park),

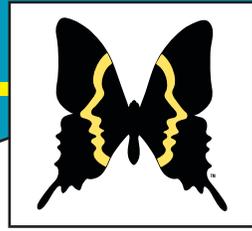
Inman Park Security Patrol Activity

July 2019

Directed Patrols	429
Drop Ins	73
Accident	1
Information for Officer	1
Theft from Auto	1
Welfare Check	1

Condolences to

the friends and family of Jason Prine
 on DeGress Ave. who died August 1.



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Porch Party

September 27 • 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by
Carol and Ben Mitchell
 at 1107 Austin Avenue

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



Your porch wants to host a party!
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Other Happenings to Note

Cabbagetown: 3 Women, an Oral History Play with Music

September 13 - 22 • Cabbagetown Park - Joyce Brookshire Amphitheater

The Patch Works Art & History Center - and the Cabbagetown community at large - will be presenting the play Cabbagetown: 3 Women, an Oral History Play with Music in the neighborhood's outdoor amphitheater. Written in 1978 by R. Cary Bynum (and with original music by the late Joyce Brookshire), this tells the story of three, life-long Cabbagetown residents: Beatrice "Aunt Beadie" Dalton (played by Sarah Knight). Lila Brookshire (played by Karen Tanner), and Effie Dodd Gray (played by Kim Cohran). Music played by Barbara Panter and Mick Kinney. Shows will be at 8:00 pm on September 13, 14, 20, and 21, at at 2:00 pm on September 15 and 22. All ages are welcome and this is a free event.

Halloween: The Musical

September 20 & 21 • PULP Gallery Black Box Theatre

<https://pulpatlanta.ticketspice.com/halloween-the-musical>

The people at PULP are putting on a two-night only run of the 80's horror movie Halloween as a musical: "You've seen the movie. Now see it live. On stage. Our way. With really cool songs. Must be 18+." Reasonably priced at \$15 per ticket.

BeltLine Lantern Parade

September 21 • Eastside Trail • <https://art.beltline.org/events/lantern-parade/>

It gets bigger and brighter every year! Thousands of handcrafted lanterns glow up the BeltLine into a glorious river of color and light. If you want to march with your lantern, meet at the step-off point on Irwin Street and Lake Avenue at 8:00 pm.

7th Annual BeltLine Wine Stroll

September 28, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm • BeltLine

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/7th-annual-beltline-wine-stroll-tickets-70437266761>

Sip wine along a one-mile stretch of the BeltLine! Proceeds to benefit the Inman Park Security Patrol and Springvale Park.

Sunday in the Park

September 29, 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm • Oakland Cemetery

<https://oaklandcemetery.com/event/sunday-in-the-park-2019/>

This event is just so genteel! Lots of lovely Victorian costumes to goggle at, and plenty of picnic blankets. Wander around under the just-changing leaves and enjoy the end of summer with music, art, and historic tours. You can even peek into some of the mausolea, if that's your thing. Such a fun day at an Atlanta treasure and free to the public.

Porchfest

October 12, 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm • Oakhurst • <https://www.oakhurstporchfest.org/>

The best grassroots community music festival in Atlanta is now in it's fifth year! You just drift around our sister neighborhood, listening to incredibly talented people bust out on porches and it's a fun day for sure. Take MARTA two stops up to East Lake station and you're right there. Last year I heard a guy with a theremin, if you can believe it. Go!

Little Five Points Halloween Festival and Parade

October 19, 4:00 pm • L5P • <http://l5phalloween.com/parade/>

Creepy, funny, loud, silly, spooky, and utterly one of a kind. Don't bother driving anywhere this Saturday, there's no point.

Memory Issues: Diagnosing and Important Things to Know

October 24, 10:00 am • Inman Park United Methodist Church

<https://ipna.memberclicks.net/lifelong-inman-park>

The Lifelong Inman Park Committee will be sponsoring an informational program with presenter Moira Keller, LCSW, a geriatric specialist from Piedmont Healthcare. 

IPNA Calendar

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

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

Sept
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Porch Party
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7:00 p.m.



On the Streets Where We Live

By MARGE HAYS • HAYS_207@BELLSOUTH.NET

The final article on the origins of Inman Park's street names...

Albion Ave: Thanks to neighbor Henry Griffith whose Deed's legal boundary definitions state that "Albion Ave. was formally Argard Ave. as mentioned in the survey by B.M. Hall & Sons, Civil Engineers, dated December 28, 1918."

Bernina Ave & Copenhill Ave: Like Albion and other nearby streets, these were originally part of Copenhill Land Co. Origins of names not found.

N. Highland Ave: Also originally part of Copenhill Land Co. Prior names include East Harris St. and East Hightowner Ave. In 1889, the street ran east from downtown Atlanta to Randolph Street. Name origin not found. **M**



SAVE THE DATE

City of Atlanta Planning Commissioner
Tim Keane
will be meeting with IPNA!

Please come to the Trolley Barn at 6:30 on September 18 to hear from him about current in-town planning and mobility issues. IPNA meeting to follow at 7:30.

Hospitality Committee Strives to Keep Inman Park Small Town Downtown

By PATSY FISHER • HOSPITALITY@INMANPARK.ORG

Since its reorganization in 2010, the Inman Park Hospitality Committee has tried to keep a small town feel to our growing neighborhood. Originally comprised of neighbors Lora Millard, Christina Moraitis, and Patsy Fisher, and later on Lori Feig Sandoval and Julie Noble, this group has expanded to a Neighborhood Ambassador Program. Ambassadors in addition to Julie and Patsy are Marnie McMurry, Marge Hays, Sally Dorn, Jan Keith, Sarah Kirk, Jane Bradshaw, Vicki Rupnow, Christina Bernstein, and Patty Durand.

Each Ambassador is assigned certain streets in the neighborhood to keep up with new homeowners when they move in. Our committee distributes a Welcome to Inman Park package which consists of a copy of IMAGES OF AMERICA-INMAN PARK (co-authored by our former neighbor Sharon Foster Jones), a welcome note with pertinent information, and a HIP bumper sticker. The committee also keeps neighbors informed through The Advocate of births, deaths, and other events of significance.

Please contact the Hospitality Committee (hospitality@inmanpark.org) if you know of new homeowners in Inman Park or if you have other info to be shared. **M**

Full Swing at the Farmer's Market

By YR EDITRIX • ADVOCATOR@INMANPARK.ORG

The Freedom Farmer's Market at the Carter Center is a year-round treasure, but right now summer's diverse bounty is in full swing: eggplant, okra, peppers in every color, cucumbers, summer squash, teeny potatoes, big fat melons, and more come to the party every week. Georgia's climate means we have lovely tomatoes and peppers through September and into October along with hot temperatures, so I thought I'd share with you the gazpacho I've been making all summer: Get a large bowl and add a piece of bread, all torn up (no crusts, and something white like baguette or sourdough is best). Cover that bread with three large tomatoes chopped, one cucumber chopped, about half a small onion chopped, one or two peppers chopped, and two smashed cloves garlic. Toss it all and add about $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of good olive oil, two tablespoons sherry vinegar, a few healthy pinches of salt and grinds of pepper, and then a knob of fresh ginger chopped, and a handful of shredded raw coconut. Toss it all again, let it sit and think about what it's done for an hour or so, then puree with your immersion blender. If you want it silky smooth, you can put it through a sieve, but I never do. Serve icy cold with a sprinkle on top of diced raw tomatoes, pepper, and cucumber and toasted salty pumpkin seeds, if you have them. **M**

Proposed IPNA 2020 Budget

REVENUE	<i>IPNA Security Memberships - Individuals</i>		Homeowner Sidewalk Subsidies	94,151
	Individual IPSP Dues	80,000	Lights - Freedom Park	92,500
	<i>IPNA Security Memberships - Business</i>		Grant - Tree Watch	2,000
	Seed and Feed	300	Subtotal	226,151
	Trolley Barn	300		
	Inman Perk	300	Executive	
	<i>IPNA Security Memberships - Multifamily</i>		General Board Expenses	5,000
	IPV Master Association	30,000	Baby sitter for monthly IPNA meetings	1,200
	Inman Park Townhomes on Dixie	1,400	Storage Closet build out - Trolley Barn	6,000
	<i>Other Income</i>		Bank and Merchant credit card charges	4,500
	Interest	50	Memberclicks	4,000
	Festival	180,000	Quick books (Intuit)	960
	Atlanta Beltline Wine Stroll	15,000	Property Tax	700
	IPNA Flags & Banners	1,000	CPA - Audit / Tax Prep. Expenses	5,000
	Film Industry - Donations	5,000	Insurance - E&O for Officers	2,500
	TOTAL	\$313,350	Trademark	60
			Corp Registration	50
		Legal (zoning)	20,000	
EXPENSE		Subtotal	49,970	
Public Safety	Police Officers	120,000		
	Signs/Stickers	1,200	Social	
	Graffiti Removal	250	Inventories: IPNA Flags / Banners / Stickers	1,500
	Officer Appreciation	1,000	Holiday Party	21,000
	<i>Patrol Car</i>		4th of July Party	500
	Repairs	1,000	Porch Parties	100
	Fuel	2,000	2019 Festival Politicians Party	5,000
	Insurance / Registration	7,500	Other Social Events	1,000
	Telephone	1,500	Subtotal	29,100
	Subtotal	134,450		
			Grants	
Communications	Advocator	2,500	Little 5 Mini Precinct	5,000
	Hospitality	1,000	Art on the Beltline	1,000
	Directory	4,000	Ponce de Leon Library	1,000
	Historic Preservation	500	MLK Library	500
	Subtotal	8,000	L5P Center for Arts	10,000
			Grant to Festival Committee for the 2021 50th Anniversary Festival	15,000
Planning	NPU-N Mtg Space Contribution	100	Board Discretionary Grants	5,000
	Lifelong Inman Park	500	<i>Education</i>	
	Inman Park Master Plan	50,000	Grady High School	5,000
	Subtotal	50,600	Inman Middle School	8,000
			Mary Lin Elementary School	5,000
Beautification	Beautification Maintenance	25,000	Hope Hill Elementary School	5,000
	Beautification Maintenance - Enhancements	5,000	Subtotal	60,500
	Springvale Maintenance - General	7,500	TOTAL	\$558,771

We'll Miss You, Ms. Majestic

BY LEZLIE BISHOP • LEZLIEBISHOP@GMAIL.COM

I was never able to get a good photograph of our towering oak tree. It was too tall, too wide, and too majestic to fit in any frame my iPhone could produce, so I won't be able to show you the source of my deep feeling of grief. The Inman Park Townhomes on Dixie Avenue were built around this beauty. It was in the center of the property with four 3-unit buildings surrounding it. The arborist told us yesterday the tree was 160 years old. In June, while I was in Encino visiting family, Ms. Majestic dropped a huge limb during a thunderstorm. The limb landed on my roof and on my car, causing thousands of dollars in damages. Yikes! I had feared such an incident for the nine years I have lived here.

There were times I despised Ms. Majestic. She was always creating trash to be reckoned with by us mere humans. Since my parking spaces are directly under her spreading arms, I had to buy a \$250 cover for my car to avoid the tiny acorns that sometimes clogged my sunroof drain, creating a large puddle inside the car and a \$125 trip to the dealer. On the other hand, the cooling shade she provided during the hot spells not only kept my car cool, but significantly lowered my energy bills year-round. And there was no match for the visual happiness she provided to all who glanced her way.

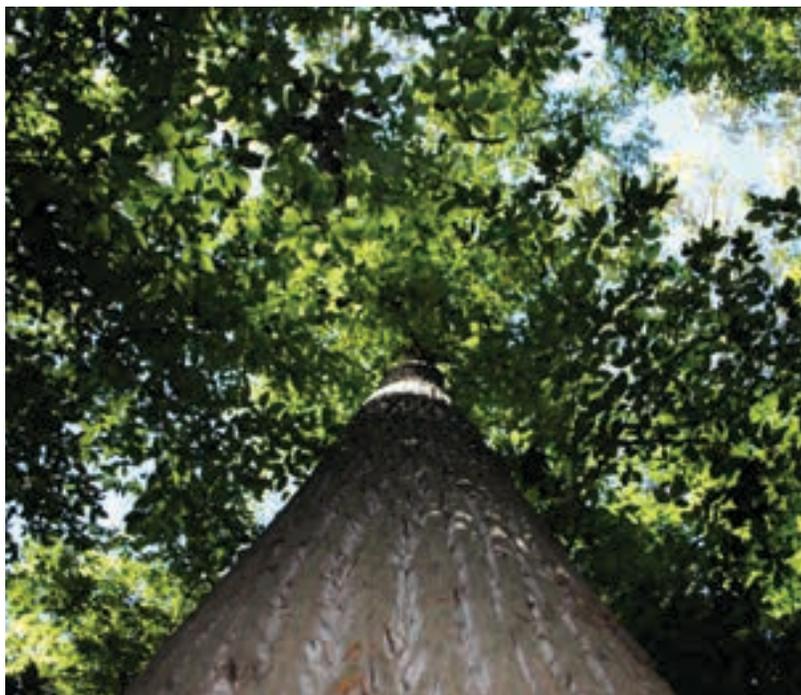
Alas, another thunderstorm Thursday night (August 1, 2019) did her in. It was about 1 a.m. when it happened. The sound woke me and my breathing stopped. I had just had my car back from the body shop for a week and I was terrified it was happening again. I walked to the window and saw another scene of limbs and leaves covering my neighbors' two cars, but not mine. I also saw the inside of Ms. Majestic and I knew it was all over.

We take trees for granted in Atlanta because they are in such abundance. Some of us object loudly when developers clear cut land for yet another building project. Trees Atlanta, a non-profit organization focused on our signature forestation, plants new trees on every available plot of land. **M**

A Poem By Joyce Kilmer

This morning I have an earworm, compliments of poet Joyce Kilmer:

I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.



Speak for the Trees: Show Me the Numbers

BY JIM ABBOT • ABBOT.JIM@GMAIL.COM

Here's a number for you: 422. For each human being alive today, there are 422 trees.

You may be thinking, "Hey, that's a lot of trees!" Well, yes and no. Sure, three trillion is a big number. But it's not as big as SIX trillion, which is how many trees existed 12,000 years ago, before humans started farming.

In any case, let's agree to think about it like this. Let's say every individual who resides in Inman Park has an "allocation" of 422 trees. My 422 trees are out there somewhere, scattered throughout various regions of the world, doing what trees do to keep our planet habitable for us, e.g., storing carbon dioxide, generating oxygen, filtering water, supporting biodiversity, contributing to the development of new drugs, and so on.

Of "my" 422 trees, twelve percent or roughly 50 are located within what's called the temperate broadleaf biome, which encompasses the deciduous forests of the Eastern U.S., most of Europe, and parts of China and Japan. And of those 50 trees, just a couple or three are growing in any urban area of that vast biome.

Trees differ — that's one takeaway of this exercise. Species matters, age and condition matter, location matters. There are 422 trees out there supporting the life and health of someone you love, and for their sake, I'm sure you care more about a healthy 50-year-old oak in Atlanta or Charlotte (which could live another century, after all) than a spindly spruce in some remote snow forest of the Far North. And you'd be right to: if we are looking for the greatest ecosystem services for the greatest number of people, it's no contest.

Another takeaway is this. Pick any three of your favorite trees in Inman Park. Just for fun, think of them as part of your personal life-support system of 422 trees. Now imagine them dead, with no trees planted to take their place. You're down to 419, my friend. **M**

"A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit."

D. Elton Trueblood

Neighbor Opinion: An Alternative Transportation Strategy for the BeltLine

By JERRY PRINE • JMPRINE@AOL.COM

We in Inman Park have always been supportive of the “dream” part of the Beltline because it provides us easy access to walking, jogging, and biking. We all loved the idea that it would connect the city’s neighborhoods.



But the BeltLine has now become such a popular “Go To” destination that we are now experiencing a reality that is very different. The associated residential and business development brings with it a huge uptick in traffic density and sometimes contentious parking issues that we all contend with on a daily basis.

Our tax dollars should support public transportation to reduce this traffic congestion now, yet we have no public transportation along the Eastside Trail that connects Inman Park and the surrounding neighborhoods or to existing MARTA Rail. Current MARTA planning calls for an extension of the Atlanta Streetcar to the BeltLine available in 10+ years. However, there are more cost-effective options that could be deployed much faster.

One example is the system currently being implemented in Helsinki, Finland; a city I have visited many times that’s about the same size as Atlanta. Helsinki has deployed a system of fully autonomous, battery powered “10 passenger Robobuses” to connect in-town neighborhoods and their existing Rail. There looks to be some very compelling advantages with this project that should easily factor into any BeltLine transportation discussion.

Helsinki started the testing phase of the project in an environment much like our BeltLine in 2016, where people could become accustomed to using the system and the city could gain management experience. They now have enough experience with the system to deploy these buses on city streets. Their robobus runs at an average speed of seven to eight miles per hour and can reach speeds of twenty to twenty-five miles per hour.

Using this technology along the Eastside Trail to connect Inman Park and surrounding neighborhoods to our MARTA Rail station could greatly reduce our traffic flow issues. It would also help provide a true “No-Car Required” lifestyle option, that was part of the original vision for the BeltLine. This technology might also be a perfect fit in the future

for areas currently slated to receive bus-rapid transit lines and others not slated for any transit planning to establish links to MARTA Heavy Rail or the Atlanta Street car line.

The current Atlanta Streetcar construction cost was about \$98 million for 2.7 miles and requires \$4 million annually to operate. MARTA reports

that any extension would have a similar \$30-\$40 million dollar cost per mile model.

Helsinki’s system has many advantages over rail: reduced costs, a much shorter time frame for planning and implementation, scalable growth as use increases, and easy redeployment as interest expands. Depending on the exact approach, using similar autonomous buses could lower costs by 70-80% when measured against rail. Most importantly, an initial “Operational Testing Phase” could be completed in as little as a year’s time. With unit costs in the \$300,000 range, a 5-10 Bus “Test Phase” would be very cost effective.

Traffic Density & Parking Conflict only gets worse as more development surrounds this “Little Island” known as Inman Park. We can wait 10+ years on the MARTA plan or consider the autonomous bus as a “New Option” that’s available now and has the promise of saving millions of our tax dollars. Take a look for yourself and decide if this alternative approach might be a viable option to explore and consider.

The autonomous bus option could be an interim solution that’s cost effective until a rail line is justified, or they could also be a “New Technology Moment” when our view of local transportation dramatically changes, much like our view of phones after the Apple iPhone introduction in 2007.

It’s up to us to have a neighborhood discussion to capture our collective thoughts; if we agree there’s value to exploring a different approach then we need to tell the City/MARTA.

Links for more information on Helsinki’s robobus system:

<https://helsinkismart.fi/portfolio-items/sohjoa/?portfolioCats=248>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/08/science/finland-public-transportation-driverless-bus.html?mcubz=0>

Know Your Elected Officials: Congressman David Scott

By Ruth Wall ruthwall43@gmail.com

Our Inman Park neighbor, Congressman David Scott is in his 9th term representing the 13th district of Georgia. He is Chairman of the US House Agriculture subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy and Credit and a Senior Member of the House Financial Services Committee. Recently he secured \$80M in funding for new scholarships for students attending the 19 historically black colleges and universities across the nation. Currently, the funds can be used for research, education, extension; the Congressman’s amendment will add student scholarships and provide an additional \$19 million per year in funding.

Before the US Congress, David was in Ga State Senate-1982-2002. While in the Senate, he was Chair of the Rules Committee. He supported C.A.U.T.I.O.N (Citizens Against Unnecessary Thoroughfares in Older Neighborhoods) in many important ways, in particular to Inman Park. During the Design Phase of Freedom Park, MARTA resisted connecting to The Freedom Park Trail. Senator Scott intervened and MARTA acquiesced.

Recently, IP Festival Committee was very concerned that MARTA Inman Park Station construction would not be completed in time for 2019 IP Festival. Congressman David & Alfredia Scott intervened and with other encouragement MARTA opened!

Congressman Scott often works with our 5th District Congressman John Lewis to better serve Inman Park and our Atlanta Districts. We are fortunate and proud to have both in Congress.

August Meeting Minutes

President Beverly Miller called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:31pm

Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers

Mariel Borowitz – Skyline Way, Eastside

Daniel Arias – Midtown. Daniel is a graduate student in Mike Dobbins's urban design studio at Georgia Tech and will be working on ideas for the re-design on the Moreland Ave. Corridor (and he's getting married in the Trolley Barn!)

Police Officers' Reports

Sgt. Soukup reported that the hours of patrol have increased but reiterated that the new patrol car is needed because currently officers are using their own vehicles, which is less effective and more expensive.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion to approve July Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Approved.

Announcements

Pat Westrick: August Porch Party will be at the home of George Venziale at 857 Ashland Avenue on Friday, August 30, at 7:30. Neighbors are asked to bring a dish or munchie to share and their beverage of choice.

Jan Keith mentioned that the 7th Annual Beltline Wine Stroll is coming up on Saturday, September 28th and that there will be a record 30 stops on the Stroll this year, the proceeds of which benefit the Security Patrol and Springvale Park. Get your tickets early, because they always sell out: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/7th-annual-beltline-wine-strolltickets-70437266761?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Carol Mitchell announced that the Little 5 Points Center for Arts & Community has a new Director (David Shorter) and is searching for new Board members. She also announced that a new Inman Park Membership Directory is in the works (both in paper and digital formats) and urges everyone to visit inmanpark.org to check and see if your information is current. Please make edits as needed.

Liv Estrup and Cristy Lenz gave a brief update regarding the Atlanta History Center: IPNA Oral History Project (the AHC received a grant, chose Inman Park as focus, and IP chose Oral History as project). Training began last week to prepare neighbors to be interviewers/oral historians. The Committee is still looking for people to interview/be interviewed/transcribe, etc., so please contact Cristy or Liv if interested.

Nina and Jake Elsas of The Patch Works Art and History Center announced a revival of a play which had previously run for 20 years (1978 – 98) called Cabbagetown: 3 Women, an Oral History Play With Music. This production begins on September 13th and admission is free. More info here: <https://thepatchworks.org/>

Nina and Jack also reminded the membership that the physical 3D pop-up studio model from the Hulsey Yard Master Plan now resides at the Patch Works Art and History Center (593 Gaskill Street SE, Atlanta, GA, 30316) and is available for viewing. <https://hulseymasterplan.com/popup-studio>

Joseph Drolet announced the formation of the IPNA Tax Reform Committee, which met last week after a successful initial mass meeting in July, where 75-80 attendees expressed interest in learning more about appealing property tax assessment and how are made. The Committee, which will create an assessment of all streets in IP and is working with Representative David Dreyer to extend the Homestead Exemption (<https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB635/2019>), still has room for more members; please contact josephdrolet@bellsouth.net if interested.

Scott Pendergrast spoke on behalf of the L5P Halloween Festival and Parade, which will take place on Saturday October 19th (bands/activities begin at 1:00 pm; Parade starts at 4:00 pm). The map of the footprint of all activities (including some small changes this year due to possible construction in Findley Plaza) can be found here: <http://l5phalloween.com/>. Membership voted to support = 31, opposed 0.

Robbie Whyte-Pierce, Cooper Pierce and Sam Bailey offered Festival Updates: Festival 2019 raised \$187,322.78 for the neighborhood. Festival 2020 Chairs Sam Bailey and Jane Bradshaw (not present) who grew up here (and are the "First Children of Inman Park to run the show!") request to set aside \$15k for additional items (swag, archives, music, promotional materials) for Festival 2021, which will be the 50th Annual Inman Park Festival. (Budget vote in September meeting). Festival is also looking for a Sponsorship Chair, so please contact if interested. As always, information updated periodically and available at <http://inmanparkfestival.org/>

IPNA Officers' Reports

President – Beverly Miller reported that City Council Member Amir Farokhi is aware of IPNA's proposed amendments to the Moreland

Avenue Corridor LCI Study. Amir indicated the City is waiting for Councilmember Archibong's constituents to weigh in on any proposed amendments they may have, and that Jessica Lavandier of the City Office of Zoning and Development is meeting with Councilmember Archibong to learn the status of her district's proposed changes.

VP Historic Preservation - Sara Wittich gave another brief update on Asana Partners Krog Street Market Expansion plans; informal meeting with Doug Young Atlanta UDC resulted in several issues being ironed out. Asana is not asking for any variances and is being flexible in accommodating neighbors' requests re: free employee parking, window design, and planting a tree line behind Waddell Street homes.

VP Planning - Rick Bizot reported that re: Hulsey Yards, the Committee met this week with the Design Team, and using input from the Community Meeting, came up with no "single plan," but a prioritization of values like transit, affordable housing, connectivity. A framework/guideline plan is coming, including strategies for Beltline Overlay Master Plan integration. Lord Aeck Sargent urban designer and new Inman Park resident (Virgil) Matt Cherry is involved.

Community input results can be viewed here: <https://hulseymasterplan.com/community-input>. For more information, contact planning@inmanpark.org

NPU – Neil Kinkopf reported described the current situation with the potential application for the "Vegan in the Park" Festival, which would close Euclid Avenue from Hurt to Austin on Sept 28 (the same day as Wine Stroll) without communication with/approval from any immediate neighbors on those blocks. It seemed unclear whether the application would be presented to NPU for consideration (Vegan in the Park website lists the date as "on", but application had been deleted online). Membership voted 31-0 to reject application if presented.

Membership voted on whether to reaffirm NPU-N Bylaws: in favor = 31, opposed = 0.

VP Zoning - Jonathan Miller commented that the NPU will vote on a change in the Atlanta Zoning Code (a "scrivener's error which will allow 'Hotels and motels' in the C-3 zoning district only by special permit and to allow 'Rooming houses' in the C-4 zoning district but only by a special use permit as well. The current paper will bring the Atlanta Zoning Code in line with

the original intent of the 2008 ordinance, but for the typo." Inman Park has no C-4 zoning, so we are not affected, and he sees no reason to oppose this change.

All in favor = 31 Opposed = 0.

Liquor license for Skinny's Hot Chicken and Hookah Hideaway (deferred in July) still in process.

VP Public Safety -- Kevin Curry was absent, and in his stead President Beverly Miller read a letter outlining the need for and research behind the impending purchase of a new vehicle for Security Patrol [Link to pdf letter here]. Membership voted to approve, but official budget vote will happen at September's meeting.

VP for Communications - Melissa Miller and Carla Jeffries (Advocator Editor), working with President Beverly Miller presented a plan to "Bring the Advocator home" (quote by Pat W.) from current publisher KDA and again produce the publication in-house. Readers may have noticed that the number of advertisements (especially from non-local businesses) have crept up, and the amount of original content has diminished over the last 6-8 years. With the help of neighborhood volunteers, the Advocator

hopes to regain Inman Park ownership and keep the circulation (currently 2200), plus add a digital "e-blast" which will get each issue into people's inboxes in a timely manner. Previous Editor Alex Kronemeyer expressed her support for this idea. They are looking for a point person to sell ads; please contact advocator@inmanpark.org if interested.

Treasurer - Kay Kirsche stated that all budget requests had been submitted and that the proposed budget would be printed in the next Advocator. We will discuss the proposed budget in September and membership will vote at October's meeting.

Secretary - Julie Noble thanked Hampton & Hudson/Nina & Rafi's for pizza at today's meeting.

Committee Reports

Film Committee - Karen Goeckel and Joseph Drolet reported that the proposed amendments (which would offer more protection to neighbors) to the ordinance last September have been stalled. They will meet with City Council Member Amir Farokhi to check progress.

Old Business

Henry Griffith (Albion Avenue) gave an update

in his investigation regarding "whether GPS scooters could be turned off if driven on sidewalks." Answer: no. He reported he has continued to document scooter infractions in the neighborhood and has recorded 45 violations in 2 months on a spreadsheet. The city recommends filing a 311 report for each infraction witnessed, but in his opinion this method does not work. He is in contact with Amir Farokhi regarding this matter.

Carla Jeffries noted that there would be a town hall meeting to discuss electric scooters on Aug. 26 at City Hall: <https://www.ajc.com/news/local-govt--politics/atlanta-citycouncilmen-host-town-hall-meeting-scooters/MS43dmky3jnibIpRO1zfvI/> and that there is a mention of e-scooters in Amir Farokhi's monthly newsletter: <https://us12.campaignarchive.com/?u=85c74463718a6a2f37c62ed49&id=3957878e97>

New Business

None

Adjourn

President Beverly Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:48. Seconded. Approved **M**



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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Police Officers' Reports
- III. Minutes of Last Meeting
- IV. Announcements
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Planning
 - C. Zoning
 - D. Historic Preservation
 - E. Public Safety
 - F. Communications
 - G. Treasurer
 - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

Check inmanpark.org the day of the meeting for any agenda updates.



Good to Know

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(IPNA) membership: Available to those who live within or own property within the boundaries of Inman Park. Membership is \$5 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

InmanPark.org
InmanParkFestival.org
[Facebook.com/InmanPark](https://www.facebook.com/InmanPark)
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