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## President's Message

# Home Together for the Holidays

By Amy Higgins • President@inmanpark.org

Last month I told you about the upcoming fundraiser – Home for the Holidays. When you look at the budget numbers for this coming fiscal, you'll see why this fundraiser is so important. For those of you who are newer to the neighborhood, I will lay out a little history. The annual April Inman Park Festival along with memberships and donations to the Inman Park Security Patrol constitute the bulk of Inman Park's income. The first number I'll ask you to keep in mind is \$351,092. That was IPNA's revenue for fiscal year 2018. The next number is \$330,139. That was fiscal year 2019's revenue. Not too shabby. Next number is \$148,003. That's this year's income. Ouch!!!

Fortunately, previous boards have left us with a healthy reserve account in the event of a bad Festival year. All this time I thought it might be a tornado or a torrential downpour that pummeled a Festival. I had no idea what 2020 had in store for us. But, mercifully, we were reasonably prepared. At this time, we aren't proposing any reductions to security patrol. We're also proposing to continue some funding for rudimentary planting and park maintenance, and school, library and other grants, along with the obligatory taxes and insurance.

We are having to temporarily defer sidewalk subsidies and for now and we don't have any money allotted for the next batch of lighting in Freedom Park. Both of these items are very important to our quality of life in the neighborhood and we are anxious to restore funding. Inman Park has a reputation for being able to do for itself and I think that's how we are viewed at City Hall. If we want something like new sidewalks or better lighting in our parks, the onus is largely on us to make it happen. Going back to the numbers again for reference, the Freedom Park lights that have now been installed from the MARTA station to Austin Avenue have cost IPNA roughly \$5600 apiece. To install lighting in the last section from Austin to North Highland will cost IPNA about \$56,000. The number to remember about sidewalks is \$3000. That's roughly the cost to install a new sidewalk across an average lot. Putting those numbers together with the rest, it quickly becomes apparent why fundraising is so important in Inman Park and why the loss of a Festival is about



more than the loss of a fun weekend with friends, neighbors, and guests.

So, back to the budget. The board is proposing to spend \$208,290 this fiscal year which should leave us with \$153,446 remaining at the end of the fiscal year on October 31st, 2021. That's not taking into account Inman Park Security Patrol dues (revenue). It's also not taking into account any Festival income for 2021. I shudder to even suggest that possibility, but we are being very conservative with the budget to make sure we can pay all the bills even if COVID-19 fells another Festival.

Now let's move on to more positive numbers. One – that's the number of budgeting cycles we have in a typical year. Per our bylaws, the board proposes a budget for discussion at the September meeting. It then revises the budget based on comments

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# Neighbor to Neighbor

Inman Park neighbor volunteers are ready to assist anyone needing short-term help. For example:

- Getting to medical appointments
- Preparing meals or help with pets while recovering from illness
- Managing daily activities

Visit [www.inmanpark.org/lifelonginmanpark](http://www.inmanpark.org/lifelonginmanpark)  
Contact Linda Gross (404-545-5222) or Jackie Lawrence (404-272-0024)

## 2020 Inman Park Book Club

Meets at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of most months.  
All meetings to be held on Zoom.  
Most book selections are available at our neighborhood bookstore:

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Oct 27

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***“Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows”***  
by Balli Kaur Jaswal  
Host: Patty McGuigan  
Robinson, 814 Virgil St

Nov 17

***“The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek”***  
by Kim Michelle Richardson  
Host: Santosh Nayak  
228 Montag Circle

## Concerts at the Trolley Barn!

The Trolley Barn is hosting a Candlelight Concert series each Thursday evening through November 19. We will have the Gotta Have It food truck on site for food purchases from 5pm to 9pm. Even if you are not attending a concert, pop by and grab dinner (or dessert!) - an easy way to get out of the kitchen and support a local business. Menu changes weekly.

The Thursday concerts at the Trolley Barn will be at 6pm and 9pm. No tickets are available at the event for purchase. All tickets must be purchased through [www.feverup.com](http://www.feverup.com) prior to arriving at the event

Please note all attendees must wear masks throughout the entire experience time and especially while moving throughout the venue



Miss our Porch Parties?  
Try the new Zoom Porch Party (a “Zorch”) on Friday, October 23rd at 7:30 PM.

All neighbors are invited. We will gather on Zoom at 7:30 and then randomly break up into small groups in different rooms for 15 minute intervals. Bring your own beverage and food. A Zoom invite will be sent out closer to the date.

Co-Hosted by LifeLong Inman Park and the Inman Park Porch Party Committee.

Welcome to Hurt Street, new neighbors Carlie, Brandon, and Jackson Jones

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Welcome to Edgewood Ave., Sara and Conner Henderson and their 2-month old son Broderick and sister Olivia age 8!

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Congratulations to Johnathan and Rebecca and big brother Ezra, as we welcome Lois Shaindel Katz, born September 4, to Virgil Street!



# Springvale Park Update: Volunteer Days

By Beau Weidman • g.weidman@comcast.net

Springvale Park days are here again. Volunteers are needed to mulch, clear and plant. Choose between two Saturdays, Columbus Day holiday weekend Oct. 10 or the next weekend Oct. 17. Meet in north Springvale at 9:00 am near the stone columns and wooden sign near the corner of Waverly and Euclid for a less than 2 hour period.

During the decade after 2000 our focus was on clearing, with the purpose of being able to see into the park from Waverly and Euclid. For the years after 2010 we planted many shrubs on the steep hillsides. Looking forward to follow 2020 we might consider the balance between a traditional park of lawns and trees together with the plantings which are more like a garden. We have created an environment of many landmark shrubs of over six feet in height that haven't been any match for kudzu, honeysuckle, shoots, sprouts and overgrowth. Buckeyes, azaleas, rhododendrons and serviceberries have grown to large sizes. There has also been success with mountain laurel and shoals lilies. Can we continue to identify the Festival bloomers?

This is a good opportunity to see the colors of Springvale and nearby. Look for beautyberry - purple, arbor azalea - white and the reds: prunifolia azalea, serviceberry and strawberry bush.

To be COVID safe please email me (g.weidman@comcast.net) to sign up. Please comply with all medical and scientific advice for the public health.

If you are new to Inman Park, welcome!  
We're so glad you're here.

Please contact the IPNA hospitality chair at  
hospitality@inmanpark.org

Also, if you have personal news or a life event to share, the Hospitality Committee would love to hear about it and recognize you in the Advocator. Get in touch!

Happy  
Birthday,  
Lachlan!  
We LOVE  
you!  
Love,  
Honey and  
Mama



## IPNA Calendar

Oct 21

**IPNA Meeting**

Zoom  
7:30 p.m.

Oct 22

**NPU-N Meeting**

L5P Community Center  
7:00 p.m.

Oct 23

**Zoom Porch Party**

See page 4  
for details

Oct 27

**Book Club**

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Nov 17

**Book Club**

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Nov 18

**IPNA Meeting**

Zoom  
7:30 p.m.



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by the membership and presents the final budget for a vote at the October meeting. This fiscal year we can look forward to two budget cycles thanks to the hard work of your neighbors on the Home for the Holidays team. Come January, we should have more money to pour into IPNA's coffers. That means the board will propose a budget for how to spend the funds and present it at the January meeting. In February the membership will vote on the budget. And, if all goes well, we should see at least some of the zeros disappear from the budget spreadsheet.

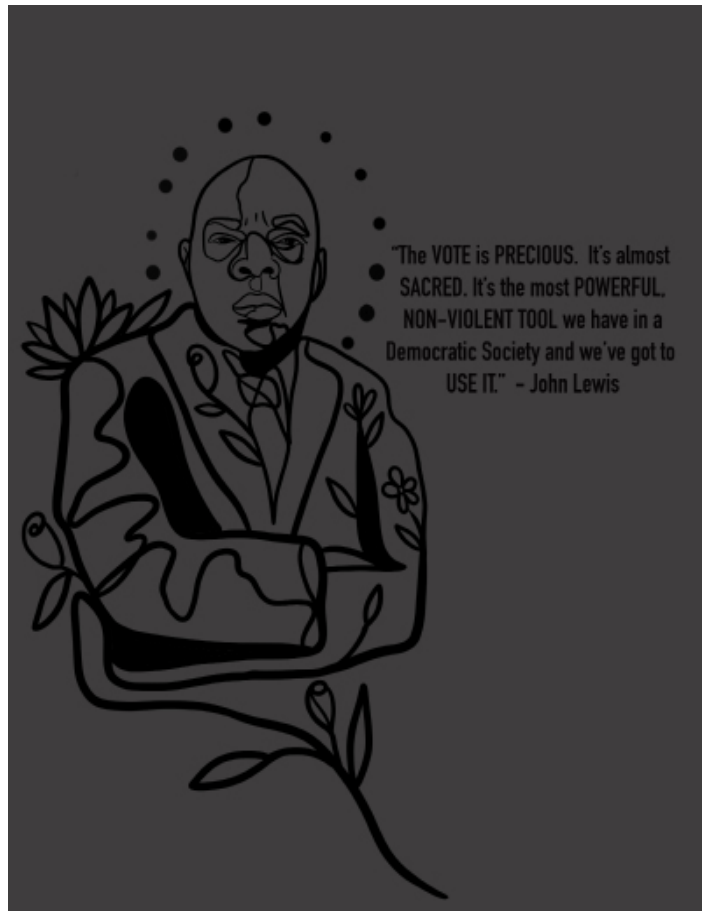
And now for the final numbers to keep in mind: \$100 – that's the donation amount for a household to join the Home for the Holidays fundraiser and \$65 – that's the number for a senior household (65 and up) to join. Please mark your calendars for December 12th and buy your ticket for an hour-long live (virtual) show featuring music, comedy, trivia and fabulous auction items. Perhaps we will even establish a new Inman Park holiday tradition.

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## Inman Park Friends Fair Fight Fundraiser

By Cristy Lenz • [cristylenz@gmail.com](mailto:cristylenz@gmail.com)

Inman Park builds community and purpose. Living in Inman Park you stand on the shoulders of those who came before you and dedicated their lives to changing our community. Learning from their work inspired me to do more. Voting has become a banner issue for me and my friends this year. After being frustrated with the headlines from our state regarding voter suppression we wanted to act. You can be mad on your couch and post your rage on social media or you can channel your feelings into action. My friends, Ro Lawson, Beverly Miller, and I, decided to raise money for Fair Fight. Fair Fight is the organization former gubernatorial candidate, Stacy Abrams, created to combat voter suppression, long voting lines, and shuttered polling locations. We also wanted our fundraiser to engage a local Atlanta artist. We asked Charity Hamidullah who recently completed a mural to domestic workers in West End to help us. She was enthusiastic about our project and agreed. We loved her designs so much we ended up using two. That's how [www.3inmanparkfriends.com](http://www.3inmanparkfriends.com) was born. We have a design, Voting is Sacred, that features our former beloved Congressman, John Lewis, saying "the right to vote is precious. It's almost sacred. It is the most powerful non-violent tool in a democratic society. We must use it." We also have a design featuring a woman with her hand raised wearing a mask that says vote. Both designs are powerful and inspiring. We know in these times it's easy to feel helpless and discouraged. But don't. Channel your feelings into action. Everyone can make a difference. Even a small one.



# Inman Park Security Patrol Announcement

By Kevin Curry • kevin3056@gmail.com

One year into my tenure as Vice President of Public Safety for IPNA it has become apparent that now would be a good time to provide some clarification of the purpose and scope of Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP). Before I get into what IPSP is and is not, I would like once again to remind everyone that your first action in response to an emergency, a crime being committed or any other need for an immediate response by an officer to a situation, should be a call to 911. Period. This has always been the case since the inception of IPSP. Now to the matter at hand:

## What IPSP is:

- Off-duty APD officers patrolling part time at random hours in our IPSP marked patrol vehicle or on a bicycle
- A visible security presence that helps mitigate crime in our neighborhood
- Eyes and ears driving through Inman Park on the lookout for suspicious behaviour, criminal and nuisance activities
- Aware of 911 calls to APD (when on duty in Inman Park) so that our IPSP officer can respond accordingly to assist on-duty APD officers

## What IPSP is not

- A 24/7 police force
- An alternative to APD for any incident that requires an immediate response

One more thing to note. With an eye to providing the most appropriate responses to member inquiries about security issues, we are replacing member access to the patrol car cell phone with an email system. If you want to direct an inquiry to IPSP, now or in the future, please email them to [public.safety@inmanpark.org](mailto:public.safety@inmanpark.org) and we will take steps to alert our officers as appropriate when they are on duty. This system should get you the responses you need and keep the officers focused on what they should be doing, which is patrolling the neighborhood. As always, we appreciate your financial and moral support of our security patrol and the officers who patrol Inman Park (a great group of officers). If you are not an IPSP member, please go to the IPNA website and join today at a level that works for you!

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## Meet Our Officers!

### Officer Bandy

SGT Rebecca Bandy has been a police officer since 1999 and served with the Atlanta Police Department since 2008. She has been a member of the Inman Park Security Patrol since about 2010. Currently a supervisor in the the Department's Video Integration Center, she has served as a beat officer, Investigator (Fraud, Narcotics, Special Victims, and General Investigations) and Patrol supervisor. She is currently working on her second novel, a work of historic fiction featuring Colonel John Maitland of the 71st Highland Regiment, set during the Siege of Savannah of 1779. In addition to historical research, she also enjoys writing crime fiction, studying psychology, and riding her motorcycle. She has been married to Jesse, another APD Officer, since 2015.



### Officer Floyd

Police officer Wesley Floyd. I have been with the department for 7 years. I am currently assigned to the Atlanta police training academy as a recruit instructor where it is my job to coordinate and teach classes that go above and beyond the minimum requirements to ensure that our future officers receive the best police training available. Outside of the badge my biggest passion is my family and friends. We love to travel the world and are always looking for adventure. My biggest hobby is and always will be motorsports.



# Paws and Reflect: Freedom Barkway Dog Tails and Updates

By Olivia Pedersen • oliviahowebrowne@gmail.com

We are in the midst of uncertain times and most of us are hunting around for pockets of safety and certainty. Judging by the increase in the puppy population in Inman Village Quarter, Our furry friends for sure are getting top billing as reliable companions in the pandemic!

Have you noticed how puppies need a lot of care and attention? Not only do they need watering and feeding but they also need exercising and emptying. With this increase in puppy population it is even more important for us owners to find outside space for our pandemic pals to run and play and get socialized.

Outside space is also something that the people of our community need. We need connection more than ever now. So what better place to meet neighbors than at your friendly neighborhood dog park Freedom Barkway?

Sadly, this precious piece of land, that is used by hundreds of dogs and their owners on a weekly basis, is currently suffering from serious erosion. It has now become extremely hazardous to walk in. Added to this, the park has terrible water drainage, rendering some areas, particularly at the entrance to the park, muddy.

Happily, the City Council, through the RENEW grant, is planning to fix our erosion and water issues soon (for more information on this

please visit our website:freedombarkway.com). A valiant group of volunteers is also applying to Park Pride for a grant to enable us to provide even more amenities to the park:

- Reliable shade structures
- Lighting at the park so that park can be used at dusk
- Shrubs to assist with the erosion issue
- A doggie rinse station
- A water play area for dogs in the hot months.
- A roundabout for cars to be able to turn safely in the narrow entrance.

We would like your opinion!

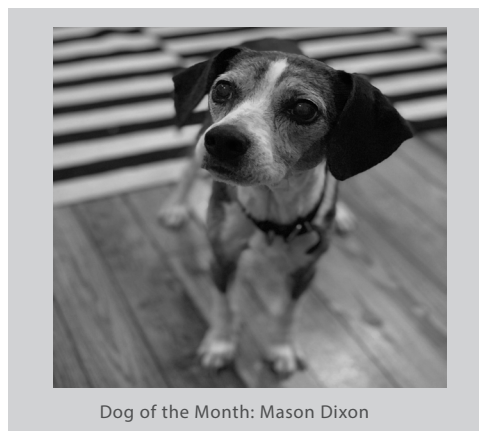
All we ask is that our readers, who are users of the park, complete a survey for us to help us make sensible decisions around the grant request and so that we can get to know you and your puppy needs better. Please go to our website Freedombarkway.com and complete the form that is on the Home Page. For your information, we also have an instagram account (@freedomparkwaydogpark) and we are on facebook too. The form will be accessible in all three spaces.

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# WRFG 89.3: Your Station for Progressive Information and Hand-Picked Music

By Jalen McNeal • little5pcc@gmail.com

The Little Five Points Center for Arts & Community (L5PCAC) is home to many organizations tailored to the arts and community building. The nonprofits that operate out of the center have utilized their platforms to engage community members and create space for diverse and creative content. One of the nonprofits that operates out of L5PCAC is WRFG 89.3, which is an organization that continues to be a voice of progressive music and discourse. WRFG is an independent, non-commercial, listener-supported, nonprofit, community radio station. On-air since 1973, WRFG has been Atlanta's much needed outlet for local musicians and artists, community voices and progressive ideas and activities. No other station offers so much musical diversity— Jazz, Blues, Zydeco, Hip-Hop, Indian, Caribbean, Bluegrass, Latin, African, Americana, Doo-Wop, R&B, Celtic, House, plus a host of public affairs programs that air a wide range of local community voices on various issues. To financially support WRFG 89.3, businesses and organizations can sponsor WRFG's programming through Underwriting, which gives listeners valuable information about your organization, business, or event. If you believe Underwriting will be a good way for your business or organization to receive recognition as a community-minded entity, contact WRFG 89.3 FM by calling (404) 523-3471 or e-mail [underwriting@wrfg.org](mailto:underwriting@wrfg.org). In addition to Underwriting, WRFG can air paid Public Service Announcements for nonprofit 501c3 organizations. For more information about PSA's, e-mail [psa@wrfg.org](mailto:psa@wrfg.org) For information on joining the WRFG team of volunteers to assist with pledge drives, fundraising events, and daily office task, call (404) 523-3471.

## Do You Believe in Miracles?

By Jan Keith • janetbkeith@gmail.com

Last summer Lisel Morris was relocating to Atlanta from Miami and frantically looking for a place to rent. After four unsuccessful days looking all over the city to no avail, she happened to read about a carriage house for rent in Inman Park. Enroute to the airport, she looked at the space and asked to rent it that same day.

Fast forward to several months later: Lisel is happily living in the Keith-King carriage house only to discover that her great-great-grandfather was George King, the original homebuilder and inhabitant of the house she was living behind! Growing up in Miami, Lisel had only known bits of her family's history in Atlanta: she knew she had a great-great grandfather who owned a hardware store or two in Georgia but had no idea where he had lived. Atlanta's own George King (1851-1934) and Ida Simmons King (1853-1917) built the house at 889 Edgewood Ave in 1890.

We've enjoyed sharing our King history with Lisel and she has shared King history with us as well. Who knew the magic of Inman Park would follow her to our Small Town Downtown. Welcome Lisel!

## Celebrate Halloween by joining the Inman Park Little Pumpkin Parade

The Inman Park Little Pumpkin Parade will be held on October 31st at 6:00 beginning at Hurt and Euclid ( Poplar Circle). Route markers will be placed every six feet to ensure parade participants maintain social distance. This event provides Inman Park families a safe alternative to Trick or Treating. Our neighborhood Edgewood Target has generously donated pre-filled candy pails that will be available to children in the parade at the end of the route.

Inman Park families were invited in mid-September to reserve a spot in the parade and the event quickly reached capacity.

All Inman Park neighbors who want to get in the Halloween spirit are invited to line the parade route observing social distance. No candy is to be distributed along route, but clapping, costume cheering, general high spirits are encouraged.

Route: Parade begins at Hurt and Euclid (Poplar Circle), Euclid to Elizabeth, right on Elizabeth to Waverly Way, right on Waverly Way to Hurt, right on Hurt back to Poplar Circle.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the spooky fun of Halloween!

Event sponsored by Target.



# Speak for the Trees: Your Chance to Help Our Trees!

By Jim Abbot • abbot.jim@gmail.com

## Pruning

Beginning Wednesday, October 21, and continuing every third Wednesday of the month (i.e., the same day as the monthly IPNA meetings) until further notice, volunteers will be pruning trees along our streets and in our parks. Meet at 9:00 AM on the porch of 946 Waverly Way, home of Jim Abbot and Jeanne LaSala. If you have tools, bring them, but I will also have saws and hand pruners to distribute. We will be pruning younger trees to promote good structure, as well as clearing sidewalks and streets of branches that impede pedestrians and cars. People with experience pruning trees are preferred, but those without can help stack branches and pick up some technical pointers at the same time.



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## Arboretum

On Saturday, October 24, at 9:00 a.m., neighbors will be meeting at the corner of Elizabeth Street and Lake Avenue to do maintenance work on the Inman Park Neighborhood Arboretum. Recently, IPNA President Amy Higgins put out a call for volunteers to take on the job of reviving the arboretum that we established several years ago with Trees Atlanta's help. She had a fabulous response. Lynn Curtis Koehnemann will lead the project on the 24th, with yours truly in support. We will be taking on such tasks as cleaning and resetting granite markers. Curious about the arboretum? Go to <http://>

## Planting

On Sunday, November 8, from 1:00-4:00 PM, I will be leading a group to replant trees along North Highland Avenue. If you would like to help, you MUST sign up with Trees Atlanta. Go to [http://bit.ly/highland\\_planting](http://bit.ly/highland_planting), and because planting groups are being kept small on account of the virus, be aware that the quota may have been filled.



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# Update on the IPNA Sidewalk Subsidy Program

By Millie Astin • sidewalks@inmanpark.org

First, a little history. Many of you may have heard of the IPNA Sidewalk Committee and the subsidy program. Dating back to 2002 and a small grant from the city, the committee was formed to repair our aging sidewalks. For many years, we completed 10-12 homeowner sidewalks a year on a first-come, first-served basis and also did a few "community" sidewalks. A few years ago, the Lifelong Inman Park Committee approached the Sidewalk Committee about a more aggressive plan to target more sidewalks at a time. Several Inman Parkers walked the streets to document the worst neighborhood sidewalk blocks. From that effort, we identified three particular blocks (parts of Euclid, Colquitt, and Lake) to start our new effort. We proposed to target these three sidewalks, in addition to our yearly random sidewalks. Other Inman Parkers went door-to-door on those streets to get as many neighbors as possible to participate on the targeted streets. With that buy-in, we approached the board to ask for the funds to do this work along with our regular yearly "random" sidewalks and were given a very generous budget.

## Trouble on the Streets

As you are likely aware, about the same time we had the go-ahead to start this endeavor, we had a problem with the city suddenly deciding that we were not allowed to install pavers or bricks over sand/gravel base despite the fact that we had been doing just that for many years. Instead, the city insisted that we use a concrete base and install the pavers or bricks over that which would drive up costs. It took 18-24 months to resolve this issue with the help of Jay Tribby in Amir Farokhi's office. So, with that hard-won victory, we started installing sidewalks again last fall into early this year. We completed multiple sidewalks on Euclid and Colquitt, two of our three targeted streets. We were super-excited to start the sidewalks on Lake to be followed by all of the individual sidewalks spread around the neighborhood this summer. In fact, we were ready to start the Lake sidewalks on March 16th, permits and bonds in hand.

## COVID-19 Crisis

However, the Friday before we were to start on Lake, I received a call from Beverly Miller, then the IPNA president, asking us to stop the sidewalks until after the 2020 Festival due to fears about poor attendance or the possibility of having to cancel the Festival due to COVID-19. Thus, we aborted our start date on Lake. As we all know, the IPNA Board eventually decided to cancel the Festival for this year. Of course, our festival is where the majority of IPNA's budget comes from. IPNA had granted the Sidewalk Committee a very large budget to complete the three target streets sections and our individual sidewalks. But with no festival, the Board was reluctant for us to use our 2020 budget nor did they give us a budget for 2021 (along with most of the other committees).

## Where We Stand Now

It's a sad state of affairs, but the huge outlay of funds in a very uncertain time has been postponed indefinitely until we have a significant revenue income again. We're all sad about that and particularly those neighbors who have been waiting 2-3 years now. We will keep everyone on the list and one day hope to re-start the program. If you have notified me in the last 6-9 months about getting your sidewalk done, please email again to give me your address and phone number, so I can make sure you made it onto the list. (If you received an estimate, I already have your information. I can be reached at 404-293-9012 or sidewalks@inmanpark.org.



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# IPNA Meeting Minutes: September 16, 2020 (Sixth Zoom meeting)

President Amy Higgins called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. [Note: between 7:31 and 9:42, the number of participants varied, beginning with 29 people at the start of the meeting, and with a high of around 46 people logged on at 7:41.]

## Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers:

1. Kimberley Coveney and Michael Neimkin at 382 Sinclair
2. Matty Brooks of 788 Lake (moved in previously, but first IPNA meeting)

Motion to approve August Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Approved.

## Police Officers' Reports:

Sgt Soukup was not present at tonight's meeting because he is getting married this weekend!

## Announcements:

Judy Yi, Director of Outreach and Marketing for Trees Atlanta gave a brief description of the organization's Mission Statement (<https://www.treesatlanta.org/who-we-are/>) and a shout out to Inman Park's own Jim Abbot, who has been a supporter for many years. There will be several Plantlanta events coming up, including dates in November that need volunteers: <https://www.treesatlanta.org/plantlanta/> and the annual Tree Sale is going on as well: <https://www.treesatlanta.org/support-us/tree-sale/> Q: What is the timeline for the updated city tree ordinance? A: Two years ago! They are running behind, but the next draft is expected in October and Trees Atlanta will review carefully. Q: Where is TA moving to? A: Headquarters are moving to Capitol City near Murphy Crossing and the Beltline. Sandy Hoke of Lifelong Inman Park announced that they are almost ready to start hosting Virtual Porch Parties. Look for more info about that in October.

Ro Lawson from the Diversity and Inclusivity Sub-Committee announced the new "Tuesday Tips," Voter information message which will be coming to IPNA members via email from now until Nov 3. They will also be hosting a "Voting 101" Zoom on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00 pm with help from Voter Education of Fulton County. Look for that link in your membership email. Want to help? Please contact Ro Lawson [rolawson626@yahoo.com](mailto:rolawson626@yahoo.com) or Robert Hahn [rahahn5@gmail.com](mailto:rahahn5@gmail.com).

Eric Goldberg gave more information about the upcoming Home for the Holidays fundraiser, on December 12. This virtual auction and variety show will help fill the budget void left by cancelled Festival and Wine Stroll, our neighborhood's two main sources of income. Stay tuned for information about exciting auction items to bid on and tickets to the live event, which will go on sale in October: <https://fb.me/e/1uW6UfmbH8>

Elected officials' reports: no elected officials were in attendance

## Committee Reports:

Transportation Committee – Matthew Brooks reported on a recent endeavor to coordinate a traffic study and improve safety (possibly install speedbumps and crosswalks) on Lake Avenue between the Beltline and Elizabeth. He was seeking neighborhood support for this effort, and all in attendance supported – no opposition. Q: (J. Miller) Are we sure there hasn't already been a study completed? Look into the KLENH Study.

Festival Committee - Jane Burnette and the Festival Committee members met via Zoom on 9/2 and discussed various ideas for what could safely happen in April 2021 (which should be Inman Park's 50th Festival). At the moment,

the Mayor's Office of Special Events is not accepting applications for permits, which limits planning considerably. Q: When is the application deadline?

A: 90 days before the intended event. We usually submit in January.

A: Can we keep the current (2020) application "open" or extend it? A: Because we did not provide a rain date, we can not extend it. Also, it was already approved (not pending) so it is a "closed" application. Q: Have we thought about moving Festival to Fall? A:

The Committee is open to all ideas and possibilities. Lastly, Festival is looking for a Chair to lead Final Clean Up – please contact Jane or Sam if you are interested: [sambailey211@gmail.com](mailto:sambailey211@gmail.com) • [jcb5858@yahoo.com](mailto:jcb5858@yahoo.com)

Springvale Park - Beau Weidman gave an update on the Park's ongoing routine maintenance items (wasp nests, felled trees, etc.) including the need to dredge the pond, which was 4 feet deep in the 80s and is now only 1 foot deep. Amy Higgins added that several projects have had to be put on hold because of funding.

Chris Curley gave an update for Little 5 Points Alliance: 1. The Euclid Avenue Study is proceeding. 2. The 6 signal boxes with art (funded by Inman Park and the city) are finished, so make sure you take a look next time you pass through 3. A new Safety Committee within L5PA has been formed, with Alison Gordon and Chris Jester as new members. 4. The Finley Plaza redesign will have bids coming in at the end of September and plans to start construction in January. You can see more here: <https://l5pa.com/findley-plaza>

## IPNA officers' reports:

President Amy Higgins reported on two items:

1. The uninhabited and deteriorating dwelling at 717

Edgewood has reached the point where immediate neighbors called code enforcement, and the owner has now hired an architect to start the process of renovation.

2. The IPNA needs a Nominating Committee. Its job is to recruit new Board members for the coming year. At the time of meeting, Ro Lawson and Alex Prueitt were signed on. Amy asked for volunteers in attendance; Regina Brewer volunteered. This slate was supported with unanimous approval by the membership.

Freedom Park Conservancy Master Plan – IP FPC representative Philip Covin told membership about upcoming public input meetings on 9/16 and 10/15 (<https://www.freedompark.org/master-plan/>) All meetings are available to view on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/freedomparkconservancy> He urges all Inman Parkers to take the Community Survey: <https://www.freedompark.org/take-community-survey/>

VP for Planning - Patrick Pontius gave an overview of a survey conducted by the IPNA to determine what our neighbors want to see in Freedom Park. Read results here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-G5CN7FYH7/>

VP of Historic Preservation - Sara Wittich introduced architect Craig Dixon, who lead membership through the plans to renovate 382 Sinclair. Property is applying for a Type 2 Certificate of Appropriateness. There are no variances or special exceptions being requested for the property. Q: Can the windows be repaired instead of replaced? That would be more historically accurate. A: They will consider that suggestion. Motion to support application. Seconded. All approved. <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/ProjectPlans/382Sinclair/382%20Sinclair%20Ave-%20UDC%20App%20Revised%209.14.20.pdf>

VP for Zoning - Regina Brewer had nothing to report.

VP of Public Safety - Kevin Curry reported that patrol hours continue to ebb and flow based on officer availability. He is also working with Savi on a fundraiser for Inman Park Security Patrol, which will either be a wine tasting with a limited number of (socially distanced) people, or a Dine Out where IPNA advertises a certain day to drive business to Savi and Savi gives the neighborhood a portion of the profits.

VP for Communications - Melissa Miller reported that the Advocator has funded itself with ads to cover the remainder of the 2020 year. To increase revenue, they will be selling "Shout Out" ads to neighbors (birthday wishes, anniversaries, congratulations, etc). See here: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/advocator-shout-out>.

Treasurer - Kay Kirsche walked through the proposed 2021 fiscal year budget (see below). Without Festival and Wine Stroll (and not knowing what Home for the

Holidays may raise), we are expecting to have revenue of roughly \$121k. We are planning to spend about \$208k leaving us with about \$153k in our account at the end of fiscal year 2021. The Board has trimmed as much off the budget as possible, trying to keep some items (like Security Patrol) intact and also keep the \$150k in reserves untouched as long as possible. Q: Are those funds from IPV secure? A: That Board will meet soon and verify. Q: Are we not funding the L5P Mini Precinct? A: It is unclear whether that \$5k/year is a good investment. The officer is present only 8a-4p each day and his effectiveness, given those hours, is questionable. Q: Who else funds this? Candler Park and L5P Business Association? A: Chris Curley will research this and have more information by October. Q: Can L5PAC make a more specific ask to receive funds? A: Yes, please submit that before October's meeting/vote.

The IPNA Board plans to revisit the budget in general in January, after revenue from all the fall's fundraisers has come in.

Secretary - Julie Noble announced that the new IPNA merchandise would be for sale until September 20, so get your orders in now. As of 9/16, there are 32 orders equaling 81 items sold. Items ordered should arrive in the neighborhood by mid-October and will be delivered by hand to porches shortly thereafter.

Neil Kinkopf, NPU-N had no particular active issues related to Inman Park this month, but he is keeping an eye on the new potential development at Stein Steel in Reynoldstown, a 7-acre property along the Eastside Trail on the Beltline.

Old Business none

New Business Cristy Lenz announced that she and a few other neighbors would be designing and selling t-shirts; funds raised will go to Fair Fight Georgia. Stay tuned for more details!

President Amy Higgins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Seconded. Approved



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# Agenda

October 21, 2020

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

- 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

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

If you have news to share with your neighbors in the July issue of the Advocator, please send your submissions to [advocator@inmanpark.org](mailto:advocator@inmanpark.org) before October 20.



## Good to Know

### Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership:

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