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President's Message

Goodbye 2020

By Amy Higgins • President@inmanpark.org

As 2020 comes to a close, it feels as though I have been holding my breath for months. The uncertainty of COVID-19, the economy, and the election has been exhausting. Now with 2021 on the horizon, I'm almost ready to exhale. Despite the isolation from extended family and the disruption to traditions this year, I find myself comforted by the feeling of living in a neighborhood – not just a collection of houses and streets – but an actual community. Thank you to all who have placed holiday lights on your homes – especially the hand-made Christmas light balls. Nothing says Inman Park holiday season to me more than those signature light balls. They do wonders for brightening the mood.

Most likely, by the time you are reading this, our "Home for the Holidays" event will have come and gone. This event was the culmination of months of planning and I'm confident it went smoothly. I want to send a huge thank you to all the neighbors who devoted their time and talents to this effort. As much as IPNA needs the money that was raised, I feel like the real value of the event was the sense of purpose and camaraderie it provided for its organizers. 2020 has forced us to adapt and innovate. Perhaps that's the silver lining on the storm cloud that was this past year. Neighbors have met, new friendships have been kindled, and we've proven that even without the Festival (in its traditional form) to unite us, we can still rally around a common goal.

As we move into the new year, I hope that we can continue to build stronger connections to one another. The key to that, of course, is good communication. Identifying and prioritizing strategies for better communication will be a priority for the IPNA Board in the coming year. That may take the form of a new website and a better coordination between our social media platforms. It may include a weekly update via e-mail to notify you of news in and around the neighborhood. The details are yet to be determined but the goal has been set. If you have ideas about how we can better communicate, I invite you to share those with me. In the meantime, I wish you a warm and happy holiday and a brighter 2021!



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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
Contact Linda Gross (404-545-5222) or Jackie Lawrence (404-272-0024)

2021 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:

A Cappella Books
208 Haralson Ave, Inman Park
10% Discount! Shop local!

Jan 26

"This Tender Land"
by William Kent Krueger

Feb 23

"Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee"
by Casey Cep

Welcome new neighbors Caitlin and Austin Day on Euclid Avenue

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 Advocate. Get in touch!



December Zorch Party!
Friday, December 18th at 7:30 pm.

Zoom details will be posted on the IPNA website and emailed the week of the Zorch.

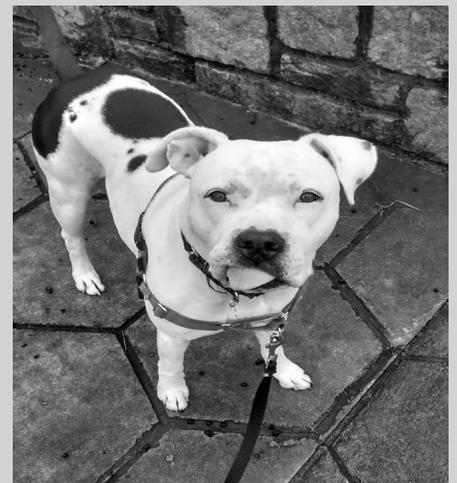
We believe especially during these difficult times we need to keep connected in our community. The Zorch Party will give you a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new friends.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Sherman at ssherma@emory.edu.

Get your Butterfly flags (2 sizes!) and Historic Inman Park (HIP) stickers at Intown Business Center



Dog of the Month:
Delilah



Takes frequent breaks

Springvale Park Update: O Christmas Tree!

By Beau Weidman · g.weidman@comcast.net

Four of Springvale's landmark trees are our cypress, sourwood, loblolly and beech. Along with some smaller trees, they are identified by stone markers. Our friends from



Treewatch had a volunteer day to maintain the markers for which we are truly thankful. Any multiple committee effort to benefit Springvale is something we can look forward to so as to increase beautification.

The young friends of the park are remaining active. Julianne and Josephine Gordon can be seen planting rhododendrons. They are having lots of fun. If you would like to donate \$50 to continue the Festival bloomtime shrub effort, email me.

The Christmas tree of several years ago is now our hemlock 2007, a great teaching place to showcase environmental

competition. The kudzu, honeysuckle, shoots, sprouts and volunteer tree growth severely damaged this contribution. It had graced the home of one of our volunteers who wanted a root balled tree for after holiday growth. During those years, we had cleared the steep hillside and a good planting location was found. The hemlock is a cheerful tree, covering the Appalachians and having a range as far south as Atlanta. It is now as tall as a two story building. Our preservation efforts may help it to cheer us for a long time.



IPNA Calendar

Dec 16

IPNA Meeting

Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Dec 18

Zoom Porch Party

See page 4
for details

Jan 20

IPNA Meeting

Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Jan 26

Book Club

See page 4
for details

Jan 28

NPU-N Meeting

Zoom
7:00 p.m.



Neighbor to Neighbor: Reading Together

By Linda Gross • lindagrossmsw@gmail.com

The Life Long Inman Park Committee continues to seek ways to help all of us live healthier and better informed lives. We have offered rides to medical appointments and grocery stores. We have walked dogs while the owner recuperated from medical events and adjusted to mobility limits. Although our efforts have been constrained by the pandemic, our volunteers have remained ready to help as needs are identified and we encourage you to remember that we are available as you need us.

A recent committee meeting raised a novel idea for a new way to help. With people of all ages confined to home and the stresses of trying to manage work, family, schooling, and all the other daily activities, it occurs to us that older and younger members of our community might enjoy reading together. Our volunteers might read to those whose eyes no longer make reading easy. Young people might enjoy story hours with adults other than their regular family

members. For the sake of maintaining contact with our neighbors and finding creative ways to come together during this time, it seems an idea worthy of exploring.

While this might have been easier to manage before winter weather set in, we are thinking of creative ways to manage social distancing, masks, and good times together with books. If you or any members of your family might enjoy this please contact Neighbor to Neighbor by logging in to the Inman Park website and scrolling down to the Lifelong Inman Park link. There you will find contact forms and information about how to reach us. We will work with any interested folks to develop a personalized way to link up for this shared time.

If you want to discuss this idea and ask questions, please feel free to call Linda Gross at 404-545-5222 or Jackie Lawrence at 404-272-0024.

Speak for the Trees: Tree Heroes 2020

By Jim Abbot • abbot.jim@gmail.com

This past year, many heroes and heroines stepped forward to further the cause of keeping our neighborhood leafy green. Special thanks go to:

- All the volunteers who reported bright and early on the morning of January 18 to plant almost 120 native trees and shrubs in Springvale Park, to conclude a yearlong forest restoration effort funded by the Trolley Barn, together with IPNA's Springvale Park Committee and Tree Watch Committee.
- Still more volunteers who came out on February 29 to plant yard and street trees throughout Inman Park.
- Still MORE volunteers who assisted with a tree planting along Highland Avenue on November 7.
- The many residents of Inman Park who were receptive to having a tree or trees planted in their yards or sidewalk planting strips.
- Readers of the Tree Watch blog on Wordpress who expressed support for our participation in the planning process to rewrite Atlanta's tree ordinance.
- The several homeowners who contacted me to solicit help in making sure that they were following the law in their effort to have a tree removed or pruned.
- Stalwart neighbors such as Marge and Steve Hays, Chuck Young, Idzam Baharudin, and others who always seem to find a way to show up and pitch in.
- IPNA presidents Beverly Miller and Amy Higgins for steadfast support of our tree efforts in the neighborhood.
- Lynn Curtis Koehnemann for her willingness to revive and refresh our moribund Inman Park Arboretum.



Here's to an equally active and successful 2021, which we all hope will be a brighter, happier year than this challenging time through which we are living.

Arts All Around

By Carolyn Stine McLaughlin • movementartsatl@gmail.com

During the last weeks of this year, there are several opportunities to enjoy the performing arts in our wonderful neighborhood with live broadcasts, an on-demand show and live music performances. Here are three to consider:

Our neighbors at Dad's Garage are a good place to check out for some holiday humor. On Fridays and Saturdays until December 19th, you can laugh it up with the *Improvised Made for TV Christmas Movie*. This is a virtual live broadcast which begins at 8:00 pm. Tickets (\$15) are available on their website, dadsgarage.com.

If you would like to set your on schedule, check out Horizon's on-demand offering, *Completeness*. This play, presented in partnership with Science ATL, looks at love via a scientific route. Available for free, donations are welcome. Visit horizontheatre.com to get links.

The Candlelight Concert Series continues at the Trolley Barn. Fever, an online platform, presents these compressed events. Many are outdoors on the TB patio. They are BYOB, lasting just over an hour with no intermission. At the end of December, there are concerts with classical, holiday jazz and holiday classical. Check feverup.com/atlanta/candlelight for all the dates and times.

The Atlanta Preservation Center Celebrates Over 40 Years of Preservation in Atlanta

In 1979, the Atlanta Preservation Center declared that their mission would be the preservation of Atlanta's architecturally, historically, and culturally significant buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes through education and advocacy. Inman Park neighbors have been instrumental to the Center's success, representing, mentoring and improving Atlanta communities for over 40 years. The first year of the Center was funded half by Junior League and half by grants from the US Department of Interior and the Georgia Historic Preservation Office. Visit <http://www.atlantapreservationcenter.com> for more information about this organization.

The photo below documents the opening of the Atlanta Preservation Center in April 1980. From left to right, below:

Liz Lyon, Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer

Eileen Brown Segrest, creator and first Executive Director (Inman Park resident)

Maynard Jackson, Mayor of Atlanta

Hope Moore, US Dept of the Interior

Ann Cramer, President of Atlanta Junior League, APC founding organization (Inman Park resident)

Tim Crimmins, Chair of Urban Design Commission

Michael Lomax, Chair of Fulton County Commission



Community Service to the Fore for the Trolley Barn

By Fergal Kearns • fergalrkearns@gmail.com

When the history of the Trolley Barn is written for its bi-centennial celebrations the custodians may well call out the year of 2020 as noteworthy. It's not clear how the occupants in 1918 responded to the first global pandemic but this year, for sure, is notable. Most of us know the historic gem as a mainstay of Inman Park Festivals, family celebrations, intimate weddings, and non-profit or corporate events. But did you know that for most of this year your beloved Barn has been re-purposed to provide much-needed medical services? If you know the history of the Barn you'll appreciate that this new calling is fitting and in line with its long and varied incarnation.

The Trolley Barn began life as the offices and maintenance depot of the Atlanta and Edgewood Street Railway Company. Built just thirty years after the Civil War it was the hub for the very first electric streetcar system in the U.S. and ran along Edgewood Avenue carrying the residents of Atlanta's new garden suburb, Inman Park, to downtown Atlanta. Its tenure was short, however, with the advent of the automobile and as various trolley lines throughout the city merged into a citywide network. After the turn of the 20th century, The Trolley Barn was used as a church, a basketball court, a farmer's market, for various mercantile activities, and as a storage and repair facility for antiques.

By the early 1970s The Trolley Barn was in such a state of disrepair that it had been condemned by the City of Atlanta. Fortunately, a group of Inman Park neighbors banded together and formed a 501 (c)(3) organization to raise funds to conduct renovations. Through its

fund-raising efforts and the volunteer labor, the Barn's restoration was officially completed in 1987. Since that time the Trolley Barn has been operated as an events facility and its rental income is used to continue its preservation and to further its non-profit mission. And, this non-profit mission has never been more to the fore than in 2020. As a result of the pandemic, providing a safe, open location for the delivery of health services to the immediate community has become our primary goal.

In partnership with Core Atlanta, approximately 7500 Covid tests have been completed to date. Testing is conducted in the outdoor patio and will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8am-2pm, through March 2021 (2021 dates to be confirmed). In anticipation of upcoming flu season, flu-shots are also being dispensed at Trolley Barn hosted clinics and will continue through 2020 twice-weekly. Seven blood drives have also been conducted to date by the American Red Cross. This was in response to the drop in blood donations as a result of the pandemic. These will continue twice a month through April 2021.

As with many of its peers, the Trolley Barn has seen a severe downturn in its traditional bookings like weddings and corporate meetings. With this loss in rental income, the Board was forced to think about how we could adapt and survive. In response, as an example, we introduced "Simply Ceremony" as an alternative to the traditional wedding. It is limited to 25 people and all guests adhere to extensive social distancing guidelines. In addition, in conjunction

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The Trolley Barn Board Seeks Nominations

The Trolley Barn (Atlanta & Edgewood Street Railway Co.) is seeking nominations for those interested in serving on the Board of Directors. Those interested in serving must, at the time of their nomination and election to the Board, reside in or own and operate a business within the Inman Park Neighborhood. Board members are elected to serve for a 3 year term. While the Board will consider nominees with all skill and experience levels, we are currently seeking nominees with backgrounds in one or more of the following areas: law, finance/accounting, non-profit management or facilities management. The Trolley Barn is a 501(c)(3) corporation that is operated primarily for the following charitable and educational purposes:

- To lease, preserve, restore, rehabilitate, recondition, and protect the Atlanta & Edgewood Street Railway Company Trolley Car Barn;
- To provide meeting places for charitable, civic, and community organizations and groups; and
- To establish a facility in which to display memorabilia and artifacts of the City of Atlanta and of the area of Inman Park and of the Atlanta & Edgewood Street Railway Company and building.
- To contribute to the historic Inman Park neighborhood.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board should submit the names of their nominees to Thom Abelew at abelewt@bellsouth.net by February 1, 2021. Any questions or inquiries should also be submitted to abelewt@bellsouth.net. Final voting on board membership will take place at the Trolley Barn Annual meeting in March, 2021.

Trolley Barn Community Service, con't

with Fever Up Atlanta, intimate, but socially distanced, jazz and classical public concerts have been added to the schedule. These have been a great hit and will continue through January 8th as health regulations permit.

In offering limited private, public, and medical events, the Trolley Barn Board is taking a very considered and conservative approach to hosting events in these uncertain times. A Covid committee was formed in the summer and includes an epidemiologist. It meets regularly to review health metrics to ensure the space can continue to safely open. As Pat Westrick, Chairperson of the Trolley Barn's non-profit Board, put it "The Board is balancing our financial stability and the public health implications of allowing events to take place. Our commitment to our community is paramount and it is critical we operate in a safe manner."

Although we are disappointed not to be hosting the annual IPNA Holiday party this year, on behalf of the Trolley Barn Board, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season. We are excited about how the community has responded this year and we look forward to an even more fulfilling 2021. If you have any enquiries about the Trolley Barn hosting your non-profit, corporate, or family celebration please reach out to our wonderful Executive Director, Lisa Milko lisa@thetrolleybarn.com or (404) 202 0580.



Important Links:

For up-to-date availability on testing and events please visit:

Covid testing: www.coreresponse.org/covid-19/atlanta-ga

Blood donations: <https://www.redcross.org/local/georgia.html>

Concert series: <https://feverup.com/atlanta>

Private events: www.thetrolleybarn.com

History of the Trolley Barn: <https://thetrolleybarn.com/about/>

The Peace Dove Flies in Inman Park

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Did you notice the large white dove dressed as a witch with “Boo!” in her beak “flying” around the neighborhood on Halloween? Well, she’s not just any dove. She was created by Bobbie Paul, a self described “old puppeteer and actor,” and built by Bobbie and friends under the aegis of Atlanta WAND (Women’s Action for Nuclear Disarmament). Bobbie subsequently became Executive Director and during her ten-year term, she obtained 501(c)3 status for what is now Georgia WAND (Women’s Action for New Directions).

Bobbie built the Peace Dove in response to the U. S. bombing of Iraq on March 19, 2003, as a way to express her “horror and grief.” She has long been a fierce advocate for peace and environmental justice, and as such, she knew of Dr. Jane Goodall. Bobbie found the Peace Dove pattern through Dr. Goodall’s global community action program for youth, Roots & Shoots. (As an aside, Bobbie got to meet Dr. Goodall at the Carter Center in 2010 and told her of the Peace Dove. Bobbie says Dr. Goodall was “so thrilled,” she gave Bobbie her business card so they could keep in touch.)



The directions for the Dove encouraged use of found materials. Hence the Peace Dove’s ironically shaped “B-1 bomber of a head” is constructed of chicken wire. Bobbie and her WAND friends built it on Midge and John Sweet’s front porch. The rest of Dove’s body is bed sheets and bamboo poles. Bobbie laid the sheets out on the grass in her front yard and cut out the wings and tail, adding scalloping and, for the bamboo poles, bike tire inner tube “pockets.” The “olive branch” in her beak is usually azalea clippings from Bobbie’s front yard. The witch’s hat she wears for Halloween is made from a tomato plant cage. Bobbie says “it takes five people to fly her, four if you’re worried about Covid--one on the head, one or two people on the tail, and one on each wing to get it to undulate, with the wings always above the head.”

The Peace Dove first flew in the 2003 Inman Park Festival Parade and has flown every Parade since with the exception of one year, when

it rained so hard the Dove sat out. In addition to peace, she has flown in support of clean energy, Michelle Nunn’s Senate campaign, with Stacey Abrams in the L5P Halloween Parade to get out the vote, and for three Li’l Pumpkin parades. By Bobbie’s count, that’s 21 flights, making the Dove “...of age now where it’s time for her to fly out on her own and start drinkin’!” (I’d like to see the size of that birdbath!)

Bobbie and her husband Rod Paul moved to Inman Park in October 1984 with their young sons David and Andy.



Happy birthday to Ruth Wall,

Queen of Good Trouble -

Love,
Your Fellow Troublemakers



Little Pumpkin Parade 2020

By Alison Gordon · alisonggordon@gmail.com

What is scarier than a pandemic, a tropical storm, and an impending election all within one week? The thought of cancelling Halloween! As proven by this year's socially-distanced no-contact Little Pumpkin Parade, absolutely nothing can stop the candy-fueled Halloween energy of our youngest neighbors. As a mother of two young children myself, I was equally determined to find a way to save Halloween and concocted the idea of creating a socially-distanced parade with a prize of pre-filled candy bags as an alternative to Trick or Treating. Along with the help of the "Happy Camper Karen Heim," "Despicable Angela Carrington," the "Drumbabe Katherine Chestnut," Drummers Danyale Taylor, San Torres & Carole Walton, "Boo" the Witchy Peace Dove puppet courtesy of Bobbie Paul (with helpers Susanna Capelouto, Emily Green, Susi Winton & Eileen Brown), Atlanta Police officers, and the weather gods for providing exquisite fall weather, we were able to create a much needed parade of positivity! Our neighborhood Target at Edgewood not only provided bags and candy for our event, but they also even stuffed the bags for us and held them at the store. Jeff Gordon and Chris Stezelberger

retrieved the bags and placed them "Easter Egg Hunt" style at the parade's finale to ensure a COVID-safe candy bag pick up process. In order to maintain 6-10' of separation, on the afternoon of Halloween Kathy Busko, Leah Farrell-Carnahan, and Jerrilynn Smith headed to Poplar Circle to chalk family zones for each family to stand within. As paraders lined up, professional photographer Scott Lowden, with the assistance from a happy gnome (aka L5PA Alliance President Al Caproni), took adorable photos of each family. 100% of the proceeds went back to the neighborhood as a donation. Then the judging began! Lead Judge Mary Poppins (aka Carolyn McLaughlin) along with 6 other non-parent non-affiliated judges awarded best costume and runner up to Matilda Hill and Campbell Tate, respectively. Matilda's costume was a fanciful peacock, handmade by her Auntie Cole. Campbell made her adorable bat costume herself. The proud winners got to carry scepters during the parade and get bragging rights for life. Fellow judge Joe Binford summed it up well: "This was such hilarious and sweet event. This proves to me why Inman Park is a fantastic community. You just cannot help but feel welcome here amongst this very creative group of families and friends. In this place we call Inman Park, we all feel like family."



Best costume: Matilda Hill



Runner up: Campbell Tate

Everyone is a winner, especially these folks:

FIRST PLACE: Matilda Hill (Peacock)

RUNNER UP: Campbell Tate (Bat)

BEST USE OF NAME IN A COSTUME: Henry Ford (Henry with "Ford" logo & top hat)

MOST TIMELY COSTUME: Corona Virus costume (white with red Virus' fuzz balls)

MOST TECH SAVVY COSTUME: Glow in the Dark Monster.

MOST ADORABLE / FEROCIOUS COSTUME (Tie): Dark Kitty Cat costume & the Small Godzilla kid

MOST CREATIVE HONORABLE MENTION: Alice in Wonderland Family

BEST OUT OF THIS WORLD COSTUME: Fighter Pilot & his Galaxy Parents

BEST INFANT: Mighty Gecko

BEST USE OF A MUSICAL IN A COSTUME: Members of Grease

BEST SPOOKY TV SHOW COSTUME FAMILY: The Addams Family

BEST CAMPY MOVIE COSTUME: Attack of the Killer Tomatoes Family

BEST CARTOON REFERENCE COSTUME: My Little Ponies Family

BEST ANIME CHARACTER: Totoro (Japanese Animé)

BEST CAMPFIRE COSTUME: The Smores Family

BEST USE OF COLOR: The Crayola Family

BEST MACY'S DAY PARADE COSTUME: Mother Goose (& her flying wings)

IPNA Meeting Minutes: November 18, 2020

President Amy Higgins called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

[Note: between 7:32 and 8:54, the number of participants varied, beginning with 41 people at the start of the meeting, and with a high of around 47 people logged on at 7:50.]

Welcome/Introduction of newcomers:

Candance Ivey of Inman Station introduced herself and was welcomed to the neighborhood

Minutes of last meeting - Amy Higgins proposed an amendment to October's Minutes, suggested by Richard Shapiro via email.

Instead of "A: The businesses in Little 5 Points (L5P Business Assn.) and the CPNO are also stakeholders but have not consistently contributed the same amount and should be asked to participate equally."

We change to "A: The businesses in Little 5 Points (L5P Business Assn.) and the CPNO are also stakeholders; CPNO has not consistently contributed the same amount and should be asked to participate equally."

Richard wished the record to show that the L5PBA has been the biggest contributor over time to the Mini Precinct. Motion to approve October Meeting Minutes as amended. Seconded. Approved.

Police Officers' Reports - No officers in attendance tonight

Announcements:

Julie Noble gave a "Home for the Holidays" fundraiser update, encouraging membership to buy tickets, as all proceeds go to Inman Park Neighborhood Association budget items in a year in which the neighborhood is hurting because there was no Festival or Wine Stroll. She reminded them that all the performers and emcee are from Inman Park and with more than 90 auction items, there is something to suit everybody's tastes.

HftH is also partnering with IP restaurants to make prepared meals available for take out the night of the show, and if folks are interested in making "Home for the Holidays" a party, they should consider buying a VIP ticket, which will afford them the opportunity to participate in a virtual wine tasting overseen by VinoTeca owner Katie Rice. Tickets, registration and auction items here: www.inmanparkfundraiser.org

Kevin Curry announced Inman Parks involvement in a new local initiative, Concrete Jungle, a charity that provides groceries to those in the area who are food insecure. They are holding a food drive particularly aimed at those who are COVID vulnerable. Please consider helping those with the most need at this time by dropping shelf-stable foods in bins placed outside at the Trolley Barn starting Friday,

November 20 through Sunday, November 29th. Kevin will retrieve donations at least once a day from the drop area for safe keeping.

Sandy Hoke reported that the previous Zorch (Zoom Porch) Party was delightful and so there will be another one on Friday Nov 20 at 7:30. Link coming through IPNA Memberclicks email soon.

Philip Covin reported that the Freedom Park Conservancy Master Plan Committee met last week and will have their 3rd virtual community input session on Dec 16th. More info here:

<https://www.freedompark.org/master-plan/>

Alex Prueitt reported that the Nominating Committee (Alex, Regina Brewer, Ro Lawson, Joseph Drolet and Cam McCaa) is meeting to create a slate of candidates for the next IPNA Board. They will present in April and membership will vote in May.

Elected Officials Reports:

Jay Tribby (on behalf of Councilmember Amir Farokhi, Atlanta City Council District 2) gave an update of current city matters:

- Street racing is still a concern, and they are working on solutions. On November 2nd they passed a bill, which says that if you are arrested for a street racing-related crime you cannot immediately bond out of jail until you have gone before a judge, in no more than 48 hours of being booked into jail. This creates an additional deterrent complementing existing laws that prohibit reckless driving, laying drag, etc.

<https://www.ajc.com/news/atlanta-news/7-hours-of-public-comment-precede-atlanta-vote-on-bond-for-alleged-stretracers/>

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- Amir and Jay met with Amy Higgins and Matt Brooks (Lake Ave) to walk the blocks on Lake between Krog and Elizabeth and discuss options for Traffic Calming measures. The Commissioner of Transportation (Josh Rowan) has asked Amir to introduce legislation on this matter, and by 12/7 we will know more about the progress on this endeavor.

Q: (Darcel on Lake) How can those of us who live in this area stay more informed on the updates? A: Email Jay/Amir directly (jctribby@atlantaga.gov and arfarokhi@atlantaga.gov) and they will keep you up to date on developing legislation. Amy will also make sure salient information gets into the IPNA channels. Matthew Modellmog (also of Lake) confirmed that adding stop signs may be an appropriate measure. Those stop signs may be at Hale and one other street.

Q: (Regina) What is the status of the short-term rental

bill? A: Jay thinks is has moved forward but more internal conversation is needed; he will follow up.

• Reminder that Solid Waste service will move back one day for the Thanksgiving week (Inman Park pick up on Saturday instead of Friday)

IPNA officers' reports

President Amy Higgins reported on the repaving project (long delayed) for Dekalb Avenue; the city asked for 5 bids and received back only one, at 40% of the expected expense. So they have thrown out that bid and are opening up the bid process again. Timeline (with fingers crossed): bids in early 2021, construction in the spring.

VP of Historic Preservation - Sara Wittich introduced architect Adam Stillman, who lead membership through the plans for 877 Euclid (rear addition and renovation). Among other things, they will reopen the front porch and create a historically appropriate front door in the original opening. No variances required. <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/ProjectPlans/877Euclid/877Euclid.pdf> Motion to support application. Seconded. All approved.

VP of Planning – Patrick Pontius attended the Freedom Park Master Plan November 11th meeting where SWA's conceptual design for Inman Park's section of Freedom Park was discussed. Pat urges folks to go to the map and add your ideas to get the most accurate collective neighborhood feel:

<https://swa.mysocialpinpoint.com/freedom-park-programming-map/map#/>

Pat asked for input in the chat during the meeting as we looked at the map, and those responses can be found here: [SEE ONLINE MINUTES FOR LINK]. He mentioned that our Inman park group (Cathy Bradshaw, Ruth Wall, etc.) had made an impression on SWA re: depth and breadth of history, importance of greenspace and IP being able to provide advice

and input before any final plans are made. Pat also gave a summary of IPNA's meeting with L5P Alliance regarding future funding agreements

for the L5P mini-precinct and the L5P Alliance Strategic Plan. Reminder: IPNA funded this at \$5k this year but are still looking for more thorough information about this investment as relates to future funding. The L5PBA is in the process of making a strategic plan which includes fundraising.

Al Caproni: The Alliance is working towards becoming self-sufficient, but this is still in the early stages. Amy: This was a useful conversation about safety in L5P to start and should continue with APD (inclusion of outreach programs? Measurable metrics of success?) and we look forward to a continued negotiation back and forth. Find IPNA Memo sent to Little 5 Points Alliance prior to 11/16 Stakeholder Strategy Kickoff Meeting here: SEE ONLINE MINUTES

FOR LINK].

Chris Curley gave some information about L5P Alliance:

1. Mobility Project on Euclid – thanks to hundreds of participants who took the online surveys. They are finalizing results with the City and the Atlanta Regional Commission in mid-January and then will begin fundraising.

2. Findley Plaza bid came in way over cost, so the city is reworking to modify the scope or to send out for rebid. He will keep us posted on that.

VP for Zoning - Regina Brewer described the update on Parish property rear addition and "painted park" project: the issue is changing the entrance/exit of Grinnell Lofts, but there is no movement yet on this to report.

Q: (Judy Clements) Can we get a copy of what was submitted? A: Yes, Regina will send this out.

There is also a liquor license request coming down the pike, probably in December, from Delbar.

VP of Public Safety – Kevin Curry – nothing to report

Treasurer - Kay Kirsche walked through the summary of the 2020 fiscal year end (Oct 31): we ended with roughly \$160k in revenue, \$94k in operating budget and \$150k in reserves.

VP for Communications - Melissa Miller – nothing to report

Secretary - Julie Noble - nothing to report

Neil Kinkopf, NPU-N – not present

Old Business none

New Business none

Committee Reports

IPNA Diversity & Inclusivity Sub-Committee – Ro Lawson says the committee will continue to focus on voting information with their Tuesday Tips emails. Check out the QR code at Intown Business Center for voting registration. Springvale Park - Beau Weidman gave an update on the Park's ongoing routine maintenance items.

President Amy Higgins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Seconded. Approved

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Agenda

December 16, 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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Check inmanpark.org the day of the meeting for any agenda updates

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

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



Good to Know

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership:

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (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 beginning 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.

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