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President's Message

Springvale Park – Inman Park's Hidden Gem

By Amy Higgins • President@inmanpark.org

As many of you know, Springvale Park has been a passion of mine for most of the years I've lived in the neighborhood. In my upcoming columns, you are likely to hear a lot about all the various projects our Springvale Park Master Plan has laid out for us to tackle and how we can work together to get them done.

Why care so much for parks? Well, there are all the obvious answers: they provide a connection to nature, they encourage people to be active and exercise, they give kids a place to meet and play. In addition to all those important reasons, parks are our shared experience. They bring us together to enjoy the moment and reflect on the past. And, in some ways, they are time capsules.

When my kids were elementary school-aged and learning about the Civil War, they asked for metal detector so that they could hunt for bullets or other war remnants in Springvale's south side. Knowing that a portion of the Battle of Atlanta had been fought there, they were certain they'd find a treasure. While they didn't come across anything of war-related significance - I imagine that was all found and carried away years ago - they did happen upon an interesting artifact. It took me a moment to recognize it as an old-fashioned pull tab from a soda can (or more likely a beer can - I've heard the stories about what Inman Park was like in the 1970s! An ordinary piece of trash, but, noting that my kiddos were born several decades after the pull tabs were discontinued, it was a source of wonder for them.

One of our upcoming master plan projects is the draining and dredging of the pond which, by the way, is named (somewhat ironically) Crystal Lake. I can only imagine the plethora of other artifacts from neighbors both current and former we are likely to uncover in the muck. Among them will be the keys to my 1994 Saturn sedan which said kiddos tossed into the pond a dozen years ago. Who knows what else from our shared history is waiting to be uncovered?

Of course, not all the park's artifacts are inanimate objects. Several of the trees in Springvale date back to the founding of



the neighborhood - a few beyond that to the time of the Civil War. Perhaps the most significant among them is (was) the old live oak tree in the north side of the park. Its graceful form leaned out over the pond for decades, until one day last spring gravity got the better of it. According to neighborhood lore, the tree was planted by neighborhood founder Joel Hurt. Live Oaks are native to coastal plain of Georgia and are not especially common here in the piedmont region but Hurt had a fondness for the tree and planted several in the neighborhood. You will notice several lining Elizabeth Street. They are among the many things that make our

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Welcome New Neighbors

Karen Bertero and Ted Chester on Edgewood Ave. They are proud new grandparents of Rowan Cooney, born on April 10. Rowan's parents are Kristen Chester and Tim Cooney on Degress. Three generations living in Inman Park!

Now This is a Birth Announcement!

Congratulations to Balint Gergely and Daniel Skwarek of Edgewood Ave. on the birth of their son Kazuhiro Taszilo Gergely Skwarek. He was born May 10. He joins big brother Mitsuhiro.

Kazuhiro's name means "Abundant Peace" "Prosperous Harmony" composed by the Kasuga Grand Shrine of Nara, Japan and Taszilo is a Hungarian name of Old High German origin, meaning "Glittering as the Day."

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June 30

"Beneath the Tamarind Tree"

by Isha Sesay

Host: Susan Levy, 627 Irwin St., Unit 3

July 28

"The Island of Sea Women"

by Lisa Lee

Host: Paula Mason, 1046 Washita Ave.,

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity • April 2020

Directed Patrols • 198
Drop Ins • 102

Criminal Trespass • 3
Suspicious Person • 3
Fight • 1
Theft from Auto • 1
Street Hazard • 1

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Porch Party July 31 • 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by:

Melodie & Peter Rogers & Family
883 Edgewood Ave.

Posted in the spirit of optimism!
Let us hope we are able to socialize again by then.

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

We'd like to meet our new neighbors!

If you are new to Inman Park, welcome! We're 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!

Sympathy to the John Dwyer Family, Delta Place, on the death of his father, John Joseph Dwyer.

Sympathy to wife Midge and children Cassie and Eli and their families on the passing of John Sweet on May 25 on Elizabeth St. John was a legacy neighbor who helped make Inman Park and Atlanta better places for us all.

In Memory of Krista Baldwin

February 8, 1965 – May 9, 2020

By Tom Baldwin

Krista Baldwin, a resident of Inman Park since 1997 and a 2013 Joel Award recipient, passed away on May 9, 2020 at her home in Inman Park surrounded by family. Krista was born in Marietta, OH and graduated from Kent State University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interior Design. She moved to Atlanta not long after graduating from college, and met her husband of 29 years, Tom Baldwin. Soon after her arrival, Krista started work as a selling designer for the Norwalk Furniture Stores before her employment as manager of Charles Ray and Associates, Inc., AmericasMart, for over 16 years. Her unique leadership and dynamic personality were the framework of her success throughout the furniture industry and in the Charles Ray showroom.

Krista was beautiful both inside and out, and loved to surround herself by beauty, whether it was within her home, nature, or from the people with whom she spent time. Krista and Tom were honored to share their home for two Festival Tour of Homes, each of which showcased Krista's eye for decorating and the warmth she created in her home. She was a loving, giving, and supportive wife and mother and extended that love and support to her many friends and members of her community.

Combining her love of swimming and diving, her children and her community, Krista partnered with fellow neighbor, Alex Coffman, to create the Inman Park Belugas Swim Club. Together, they ran this organization for years, managing finances and memberships, practices and swim meets. In 2013, Krista and Alex received the Joel Award, given annually by the Inman Park Neighborhood Association for extraordinary contributions to the neighborhood. Krista also organized numerous fundraisers centered around her love of music and some of the great



talent in our neighborhood. All of this was part of Krista's nature. One close friend said it well, describing her as a true force; a catalyst for so many get-togethers and events; the social glue for so many; inspiring with her positivity and strength under any circumstances. These qualities were shown in her cancer journey during which she was a model of courage and positive attitude. She regularly brought food and snacks to medical staff tending to her chemotherapy. Her social media posts about her journey were described by many as inspiring. Krista believed in living each day to the fullest, and she never let her cancer battle slow her down. She deeply loved her family and friends and treasured every moment spent together.

Many Inman Park residents knew her mother, Jean Shank, who passed away in early 2019. Jean lived in a carriage house behind Tom and Krista for 13 years. Those who knew Jean from Inman Park United Methodist Church, book club and the annual Festival gatherings know that Krista got many of her strong qualities from her mother.

A private outdoor memorial service with immediate family and friends was held on May 17th.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to one or both of the following organizations: Breast Cancer Research Foundation (<https://www.bcrf.org/>) and Lost-n-Found Youth (<https://www.lnfy.org/>).

IPNA Calendar

Jun 17

IPNA Meeting

Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Jun 25

NPU-N Meeting

LSP Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Jun 30

Book Club

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Jul 15

IPNA Meeting

Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Jul 23

NPU-N Meeting

LSP Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Jul 28

Book Club

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neighborhood unique.

Springvale's live oak stood for roughly 130 years and was a signature feature of Springvale Park. With its passing, it feels that the neighborhood has lost something significant. How do we properly memorialize it? Perhaps the best way we have available is simply to preserve pieces of it as artifacts for the park. Over the coming months we will be coordinating with the Parks Department to remove the tree while leaving behind a few remnants of the trunk and branches from which we can create park benches, a table or two, and several sitting stools for kids on the playground. Many of these kids will have never known about the tree or sat in its shade but will get a chance to enjoy it in a different way - a little something from the past to enrich their experience.

Once the tree has been removed, we will plant another live oak in its place so that it can grow to shade the park for the next 130 years. Perhaps along with the planting, we should deposit a time capsule into the ground at the tree's base. Many years from now when the new tree has reached the end of its life and comes down, our future neighbors can open the capsule see a glimpse of what life was like in the neighborhood way back during the time of Covid-19.

(Special thanks to Councilman Amir Farokhi for agreeing to coordinate the preservation of the tree while we work out the logistics of the project.)

Un-Festival Beautification

By Barbara Leach • leachbarbara@bellsouth.net

Many thanks to Steve Ray and Stephen Tate for adopting the bump-outs at the intersection of Ashland and Lake. Inspired by the spirit of un-Festival, they looked around the neighborhood for a spot that could use a little TLC and we met the Friday morning of what would have been Festival weekend for some socially distanced planting. Stephen Tate donated plants and brought one of his landscaping crew members, Steve Ray led the planting, and I contributed a little unskilled labor. Of course, we were all sad about missing Festival, but we were also cheered up by being outdoors and working together to bring a little beauty to the neighborhood.

If you're interested in adopting a bump-out currently maintained by IPNA please let me know with an email to leachbarbara@bellsouth.net. It may seem like a small thing, but if neighbors are willing to maintain these little spots, I can take them off our paid landscaper's list and have him concentrate on parks. Stephen Tate (470-658-0447) has generously offered planting advice to anyone who wants to adopt a bump-out but is unsure about what to plant. And if you don't want to plant but are willing to weed whack that helps too.

The bump-outs are a first, small step toward coordinating volunteer projects through the Beautification Committee but we hope to do more so if you have ideas please let me know.



Something Fun: Oakland Cemetery Summer Scramble Scavenger Hunt!

From June 1-30, you can purchase printable Summer Scramble packets online (\$20 plus tax) and follow cryptic clues to solve riddles around the cemetery! You select from three different packets, organized by degree of cemetery riddle difficulty:

Easy: Kid-friendly riddles and perfect for families (expected hunt time: 1 hour)

Medium: Challenging, but not impossible to solve, riddles (Expected hunt time: 1.5-2 hours)

Deadly: Try it if you dare (Expected hunt time: 2-3 hours)

Each team that purchases a packet will be entered into a drawing for prizes including tour tickets, memberships, Museum Store gift cards, and more. Your purchase also enables you to purchase a discounted Historic Oakland Foundation membership.

All proceeds from the Summer Scramble benefit Historic Oakland Foundation's mission to preserve, restore, enhance, and share Oakland Cemetery.

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Appeal of Your Property Assessment Notice

By Joseph Drolet

It's that time of year again when the Fulton Board of Assessors sends out notices of the value placed on your property. You have 45 days from the date on the notice to appeal. The appraised value of your property will determine how much you pay in property taxes to the City, the County, and the Atlanta Board of Education.

There are reasons you may wish to appeal.

The result of your appeal to the Board of Equalization will freeze your appraisal for three years. So, even if you get no relief from the Board, the new value will not be increased again until 2023.

Your appraisal may be high compared to other properties in the neighborhood and in similar neighborhoods. Your appeal can be raised, not just on the valuation placed on your property, which may

be reasonable, but also on the uniformity of valuations. If your million dollar house is valued at a million dollars, you may think that you have no grounds for appeal. But if most other million dollar properties are appraised at \$750,000, you have a clear ground for appeal. Properties are supposed to be appraised uniformly.

The Inman Park Neighborhood Association website provides members with access to valuations of properties in Inman Park and other useful information regarding your appeal.

Filing an appeal is easy and can be done online. Be sure to appeal based on valuation and lack of uniformity. And, should you change your mind, you can always withdraw your appeal.

Dentistry Responds To The Crisis

By Richard B. Shapiro, D.D.S

We've all been through a lot during this pandemic. Many things have changed, but one thing has remained the same for us and most Dentists--infection control is a top priority.

Continuing to receive dental care is essential to oral health, and protections can now be in place to keep patients and staff safe and comfortable.

Fortunately (as of this writing), no patient in the US has been reported as contracting Covid-19 via a dental office visit; the infection rates in Georgia and Metro Atlanta are trending downwards; the percentage of currently infected individuals in the Atlanta area is very low; and promising treatments and vaccines seem to be on the horizon. We hope this all continues.

The American Dental Association (ADA), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), have now determined that dental offices can provide full care (superseding their emergency care only restrictions), they have made infection control recommendations

that dental practices should adhere to, and also recommend keeping up-to-date on any new rulings and guidance.

Many offices, like ours, will exceed those recommendations when implementing new Covid-19 protocols. You may want to contact your Dentist to see what measures they have in place

For instance (in addition to the stringent sterilization, disinfection, and sanitization procedures already in place), some of the extra precautions we are taking include: sanitize and disinfect all door knobs, handles, front office countertops, clipboards, and other surfaces in-between patients; maintain all possible social distancing; making the office environment as touch-free as possible including payment processes and entry and exit; if patients use one of our pens, we ask they take it with them

Here are some other types of changes we (and many other dental offices) are employing to help protect patients and staff—

- Extensive health screening consultations prior to appointments, updated again upon arrival along with a temperature check. These are to determine whether treatment

ought to be postponed

- Upon entry patients will use the provided hand sanitizer, or wash hands. Then take a pre-treatment anti-microbial mouthwash rinse, to reduce Oral Flora levels.
- Removal of all waiting room magazines, children's toys, books, etc, as those are difficult to clean and disinfect.
- Minimizing the number of people in the office at any one time, by allowing greater time between appointments and asking patients to come with as few people as possible. Also patients can wait in their car until we're ready for them.
- Additional stairway entry is available for those who wish to avoid the elevator.
- We wear N95 masks, face shields and additional PPE, use our High Volume Oral Evacuation System to contain aerosols, only utilize single-use instrument trays, and have augmented environmental controls in place.

Our office is looking forward to welcoming back our patients, neighbors and friends. We value your trust and loyalty, and are happy to answer any questions.

Springvale Park Update

By Beau Weidman • g.weidman@comcast.net

Unfestival has come and gone. We now have seen what plants in Springvale flowered on the last weekend of April. Five of my favorites are listed here: 1. Mountain laurel "Elf" 2. Yellow swamp lilies (irises) 3. White rhododendron 4. Cherokee rose 5. Lilac-pink glossy abelia. Three of these plants are native to Georgia with the other two coming from Asia. One is a surprise to many southerners, particularly Georgia residents. The people of the 1900s did not have the plant DNA analysis and better history we now enjoy. Other bloomers of late April can be discussed next month or maybe some of their characteristics. They are great additions to yards and sidewalk medians for Festival beauty.



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Speak for the Trees: What's in a Name?

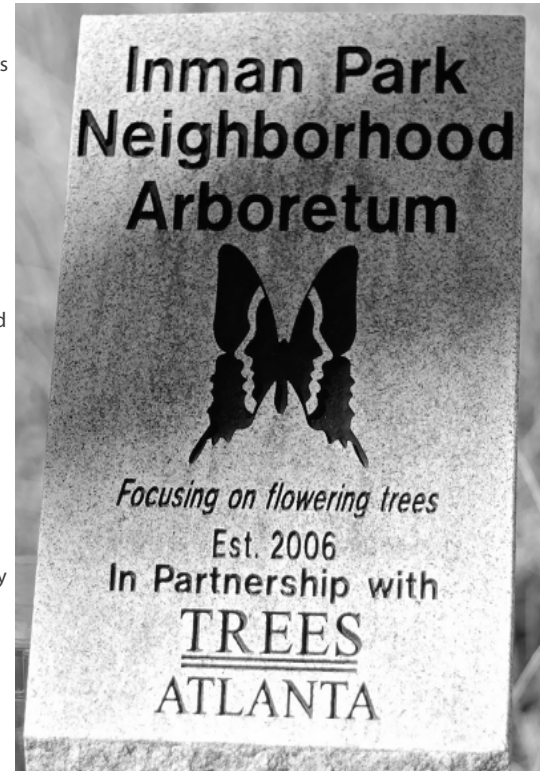
By Jim Abbot • abbot.jim@gmail.com

Occasionally I feel about tree identification the way I sometimes feel about family genealogy. What's the point in simply knowing a name? It may be satisfying to say, "That's a black walnut," or "My great-uncle's name was John Smith," but what's the value, really?

In truth, naming has incredible value. We call the science of naming, describing and classifying organisms "taxonomy." Think about taxonomy from the standpoint of perception. What do you see when you walk past Freedom Park? Maybe you see trees. Some of us see oaks, beeches, and elms. My arborist friends, however, might pick out five species of oak in one quick glance. They might also notice that a tree is structurally unsound or infested with insects. All of us are "looking," but we're "seeing" differently, and that has to do with naming. Naming helps us see the extraordinary variety in our world, and seeing that diversity is a prerequisite for acquiring knowledge of it.

These reflections came after I recently identified a hickory tree as an ash tree. I should have known better: hickory leaves alternate on a twig while ash leaves emerge opposite one another on the branch. There are many such morphological differences that can help us distinguish one tree species from another. Of course, these days, scientists have the ability to look into genetic differences between organisms, so we don't have to rely solely on morphology.

The inimitable Jacob Bronowski once quoted poet Samuel Coleridge saying that beauty is "unity in variety." Science, too, is a search to discover unity within the variety of nature. So neither artists nor scientists can do their work without the ability to see the almost infinite variety of the universe. More concretely, Inman Park can't help rescue our North American ash species from extermination by the hated emerald ash borer, if I can't tell an ash from a hickory. So, what's in a name? A lot, as it turns out.



Thank You, Blood Donors!

By Jim Abbot • abbot.jim@gmail.com



Early in May, the Red Cross notified several of us in Inman Park that our blood had been delivered to area hospitals. Mine was one of 35 units of blood collected on April 9, during a drive sponsored by IPNA and hosted by the Trolley Barn. On Wednesday, July 1, the Trolley Barn will host a second blood drive. Won't you help? Because I can vouch for the fact that there's nothing quite like the feeling that comes from realizing that 45 minutes of my time in April saved someone's life in May.

Thanks go to the boards of the Trolley Barn and IPNA for their enthusiastic support. After so many businesses and schools had to close earlier this year, hundreds of drives were cancelled, creating a critical shortage of blood. Inman Park stepped forward to help, and on July 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., we will step forward again.

To sign up, use the sponsor code THETROLLEYBARN (no spaces!) to search for our blood drive. You can download the Red Cross app for your phone, or use your computer (www.redcrossblood.org). We need a total of 43 volunteers. If you have a question about your eligibility to donate blood, there is good information on the Red Cross website, or call 1-866-236-3276, or just sign up for an appointment and come to the Trolley Barn on July 1, where the Red Cross will assist you.

Yes, it's safe to donate! The Red Cross checks everyone's temperature twice, its staff wears PPE, all equipment is wiped down between every donation, and beds are spaced out more than is typical. If you have questions, call me at 404-281-0638 or email Steve.Hays@13purplehays@gmail.com. Thank you!

IPNA Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2020 (Second Zoom meeting)

President Beverly Miller called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. [Note: between 7:32 and 9:20, the number of participants varied, beginning with 26 at the start of the meeting, and with a high of around 39 people logged on at 8:15.]

Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers

Chesley and Owen Gaddis, Alta Avenue (joined Zoom meeting with toddler and baby in tow!)

Minutes of March and April Meetings

Motion to approve March Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Approved.
Motion to approve April Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Approved.

Elected Officials Reports

Councilmember Amir Farokhi, Atlanta City Council District 2 gave an update re: current city matters, explaining that the city continues to re-open slowly. Departments are starting presentations and negotiations to address the expected budget shortfall of (worst case) \$60 million. They anticipate that the Mayor will draw \$40 million from reserves and will hold back \$17 million from funds previously designated to the Eastside Tax Allocation District Eastside TAD); expect to hear more about this soon. All budgets will take a cut except police and fire.

He went on to let us know that city services (garbage pick-up, etc.) are continuing unabated with extra safety precautions and hazard pay for solid waste workers, among others and that for Memorial Day weekend all services get bumped one day (so IP garbage pick-up will be Saturday instead of Friday). Some other items:

- The ROW Dining Ordinance (which went into effect Jan 2020) is temporarily suspending the fee to apply, in hopes of facilitating more sidewalk dining: <https://45tkhs2ch4042kf51f1akcju-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/outdoor-dining.pdf>

- DOT has been asked to set aside streets and lanes for bikes and pedestrian traffic. This passed unanimously in the City Council; he'll update us on progress.

Q: Are property tax appeals happening? A: Amir will look into the timing of that. Q: How about ZRB or LBR meetings? A: There are plans in the works for how to meet to get those done (maybe remotely) and he'll update us there as well. Amir gave a shout-out to Inman Parker Joseph Drolet for (among other things) his involvement in prosecuting the Atlanta Child Murders case and his starring role in the new HBO series "Atlanta's Missing and Murdered; The Lost Children." <https://www.hbo.com/atlantas-missing-and-murdered-the-lost-children>

Announcements and Committee Reports

Ro Lawson spoke about the formation of new ad hoc IPNA committee to foster diversity and inclusivity. "This is a post-Board term extension to what I've been working on informally, having 1:1 dialogue to understand the barriers and work to recruit some of our newest talented committee members and volunteers. We want to formalize as an ad hoc committee and focus on ways we can continue to make visible and celebrate all aspects of our diverse community. Our primary focus will be people of color who are a part of Inman Park and the surrounding art community."

People have reached out to her already; if you have an interest in knowing more, want to have dialogue about ways your committee can be proactive in diversity and inclusion, please contact Ro at rolawson626@yahoo.com or Julie Noble at secretary@inmanpark.org.

Scott Evans (was not present but) was thanked for his assistance in the installation of new Freedom Park Path Lighting. All the lampposts are now in place, and IPNA is glad we could invest in Public Safety last year while the budget was available. Sam Bailey, IPNA Festival Co-chair reported on UN-Festival merchandise sales (store is open until May 31, so click here and order now: <https://store28815136.company.site/>); the good news is that we've had \$12k in sales so far

and are reasonably sure we'll have the seed money to be able to put on a Festival in 2021.

Amy Higgins reported on Springvale Park Improvements, giving an update on Phase 4 of the Master Plan, which is cleaning up the pond. The wooden seawall will be replaced with a littoral shelf, which will solve the problem of excessive silt and restore the pond to original depth of 4 feet. They plan to replace the wood island with a true soil island with plants.

Pond restoration:

<https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/images/2020/Pond%20restoration.pdf>

Littoral Shelf Photo: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/images/2020/Littoral%20Shelf%201.jpg>

Q: What is happening with the giant oak that fell in the pond? A: They have asked the City to hold off cutting it up and hauling it away so we can make a plan for salvaging the wood to make something meaningful: furniture or a piece of art for the Park. Wade Bradshaw is involved in this effort; Jan Keith recommended we also contact Bill Grist for this, and possibly consider making objects (bowls?) that could sell as a fundraiser. Q: How long until all this is completed? A: In the next 4 months we will begin the bid process and hope to have a contract in the fall. This will be a \$100K+ project, so finding funding will also have to happen.

Al Caproni and Chris Curley gave an update for Little 5 Points Alliance:

1. The Findley Plaza bid process has been delayed: <https://l5pa.com/findley-plaza>
2. Mobility Study steering committee met today
3. Arts Grant currently available and they are looking for six selected artists who will transform 6 graffiti covered traffic signal boxes into signature pieces of local art that tell the story of Little 5 Points: <https://l5pa.com/>
Chris shared the current calendar: <https://l5pa.com/calendar>

Neil Kinkopf, NPU and IPNA Nominating Committee presented

(again – slate was approved in April meeting) the Nominees for Upcoming Board Vacancies and explained again proposed bylaws amendment. More details here: https://ipna.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_dailyplanetblog&view=entry&year=2020&month=04&day=14&id=230:important-notice-proposed-by-laws-amendment-and-nominations-for-new-ipna-officers

Regina Brewer - VP for Zoning
 Amy Higgins - President
 Kay Kirsche - Treasurer
 Patrick Pontius - VP for Planning
 Motion to approve the slate.
 Seconded. All in Favor = 39
 Opposed = 0. New Board Members Approved.
 Motion to formally approve the bylaws change. Seconded. All in Favor = 39 Opposed = 0. Change Approved.
 In response to City of Atlanta's proposed changes to NPU ordinance, the Committee to address our participation and representation in NPU (members include Joseph Drolet, Jonathan Miller and Ro Lawson) met and produced these comments: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2020/NPU%20Ordinance%20Comments.pdf>
 Tonight we vote to approve IPNA response. Q: What are highlights, before we vote? A: (Jonathan) In our opinion, new ordinance seeks to "manage citizen participation by controlling it" which is not an improvement. (Joseph) "Planning Dept of City would fit all neighborhoods into the same structure instead of each 'hood deciding their bylaws/org structure. Basically, this limits neighborhood input into process."
 Motion to approve the comments. Seconded. All in favor = 35. Opposed = 0. Approved.
 Neil then presented nominee for IPNA's alternate Freedom Park Conservancy Board Representative: Jonathan Miller
 Motion to approve the Jonathan as our FPC Rep. Seconded. All in favor = 35. Opposed = 0. Approved.

IPNA Officers Reports

VP for Planning Rick Bizot had nothing to report

VP for Zoning Jonathan Miller lead membership through two proposed zoning ordinances:
 Z-20-007: Require Special Use Permit for Landlocked lots that are zoned R-1, R-2 and R-3 – Does not affect Inman Park or other neighborhoods in NPU-N as far as I know, so our view may not be meaningful. The circumstances of its introduction suggest caution, although objectively it seems like a good idea.
 Fact Sheet: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2020/Z-20-07%20Land%20Locked%20Lots%20Fact%20%20%20Sheet.pdf>
 Ordinance: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2020/Z-20-07%20Land%20Locked%20Lots.pdf>
 The membership voted to support this ordinance: 31 in favor, 8 abstained, 0 opposed.
 Z-20-035: Delete section of R-4, R-4A, R-4B and R-5 zoning ordinances that governs the "relationship of building to street." The circumstances of and explanation for its introduction suggest that this ordinance is being proposed for reasons we should not support without further explanation and justification. In particular, claiming that it is connected to affordable housing seems disingenuous. Because of Inman Park's HD regulations (including in particular the "Compatibility Rule"), this ordinance should not affect Inman Park directly. But belt-and-suspenders protection is better than just one or the other.
 A discussion regarding the merits occurred and a motion to oppose was made. After discussion, given that Inman Park would not be affected, the memberships decided to not support a motion to oppose the proposed ordinance; instead the our NPU representative will listen to the other neighborhoods and vote as appropriate.
 Neighborhood Design Standards Fact Sheet: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2020/Z-20-36%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>
 Delete Neighborhood Design Standards Ordinance: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2020/Delete%20Neighborhood%20Design%20%20%20Standards.pdf>

Villa de Grip law suit: City (Defendants) have filed their Proposed Order. Still waiting on Plaintiff's Proposed Order (overdue?)

VP for Historic Preservation Sara Wittich had nothing to report.

VP for Public Safety Kevin Curry reported that crime in general is down (especially break-ins, since everyone is at home) but that there were 4 car thefts in the neighborhood this month. Karen Heim thanked Kevin for his assistance in facilitating usage of the Security Patrol car for the UNFestival mini parade on 4/25.

VP for Communications Melissa Miller reported that the Advocator has a new graphic designer who will start this month.

Treasurer Kay Kirsche presented a revised budget: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2020/IPNA%20-%202020%20Original%20Budget%20compared%20to%202020%20Revised%20Budget.pdf>
 We have basically cut everywhere we can (except Security Patrol) in hopes of making it through this year with no Festival income. Q: Why is Holiday Party still \$20k? A: That event has already passed/been paid for but was in this current fiscal year (Nov 1, 2019 – Oct 31, 2020). Q: Do we need to start thinking about neighborhood/IPNA fundraisers to get us through to Festival 2021? A: Yes, and several neighbors are already moving forward with brainstorming sessions to come up with appropriate ideas.

Secretary Julie Noble had nothing to report

Old Business none
 New Business none

President Beverly Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Seconded. Approved

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Congratulations to our Inman Park 2020 Graduates!

Runa Archer • Austin Ave. • Graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute • Major Nuclear Engineering

Aidan Babuka Black • Euclid Ave. • Paideia • Will attend Loyola University in New Orleans; plans to study music

Sam Castellano • Elizabeth St. • Grady H.S. • Will attend Kennesaw State University

David Coffman • DeGress Ave. • Grady H.S. • Will attend University of Tennessee

Hayes Edmond • Sinclair Ave. • Paideia • Will attend Morehouse College

Kira Farley • Elizabeth St. • Graduated from Tulane University • B.S. Psychology, Management and French

Meredith Fossitt • Elizabeth Street • Graduated from Colorado College in Computer Science • Rock Climbing Enthusiast

Ben Grooms • Druid Circle • Paideia • Will attend University of Arizona, School of Dance

Sarah Henn • Carmel Ave. • Paideia • Will attend Tulane University

Camille Jackson • Lake Ave. • St. Pius • Will attend University of Tennessee

Tyler Jones • Elizabeth St. • Grady H.S. • Will attend University of Chicago

Ace Kinkopf • Euclid Ave • The New School • Will attend Oberlin

Ximena Leroux • Edgewood Ave. • Graduated from Emory University, Ph.D. in Sociology

Nicholas Lin • Euclid Ave. • Paideia • Will attend Pitzer College

Schuyler McCaa • Waverly Way • Grady H.S. • Will attend Purdue University to study Aerospace Engineering

Kiera McManus • Austin Ave. • Grady H.S. • Will attend SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Hobie Malik • Hurt Street • Graduated from the College of Charleston

Jefferson Martin • N. Highland Ave. • Graduated from Georgia Tech in Mechanical Engineering

Mia Prausnitz-Weinbaum • Waverly Way • Grady H.S. • Will attend Brown University

Sam Toole • Ashland Ave. • Grady H.S. • Will attend University of Georgia

James Wilson • Waddell St. • Woodward Academy • Will attend the University of South Carolina

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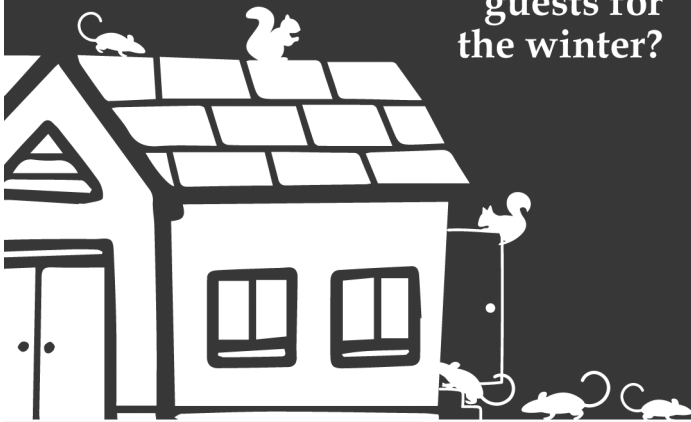
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Agenda

June 17, 2020

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m.

Location TBD: either Zoom or the Trolley Barn (963 Edgewood Ave. NE)

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

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

If you have news to share with your neighbors in the May issue of the Advocate, please send your submissions to advocator@inmanpark.org before June 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.

Websites

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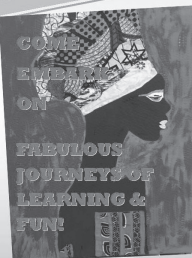


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