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President's Message

## What Are NPUs and Why Do They Matter?

By Amy Higgins • President@inmanpark.org

If you are new to Inman Park or new to the City of Atlanta, you may be confused by the all the acronyms and alphabet soup of abbreviations we talk about at the neighborhood meetings. Over the next several months, I will explain a few of these and why they are important. If you attended last month's meeting, you know that we confirmed Scott Evans as our next NPU-N representative. Let's keep with that theme and start with an explanation of what an NPU is.

NPU simply means Neighborhood Planning Unit. We have 25 of them in the City of Atlanta. Each of the 25 NPUs are named with a letter of the alphabet – all except U. They were established in 1974 by Mayor Maynard Jackson as a way for citizens to organize and make their collective voices heard by city government. It's interesting to note that the NPU system was created in the aftermath of more than two decades of "urban renewal" projects in Atlanta which demolished parts of many of our intown neighborhoods and replaced them with highways. The NPU system emerged as a method for citizens to oppose development that negatively impacts their communities and to advocate for development that is sensitive to community priorities and goals.

So how do NPUs function and what role do they play in 21st century Atlanta? At a basic level they require property owners to appear in front of impacted communities anytime they wish to do any of the following:

- rezone their properties
- request variances to the existing zoning conditions on their properties
- apply for a liquor license

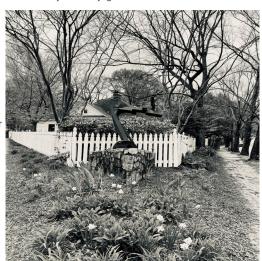
It also allows public input when the City government wishes to:

- change fees charged by the City
- · amend the zoning ordinances
- update the Comprehensive Development Plan (aka the "CDP")

Each NPU is assigned a City of Atlanta planner who attends the monthly meetings and records the official votes. The planner responds to questions about land use and zoning and presents the various items that are sent by the city government for NPU review.

The NPUs are staffed entirely by citizen volunteers who receive no compensation for their efforts. They donate their time to facilitate the citizen engagement process. When and where does our NPU meet and is it open

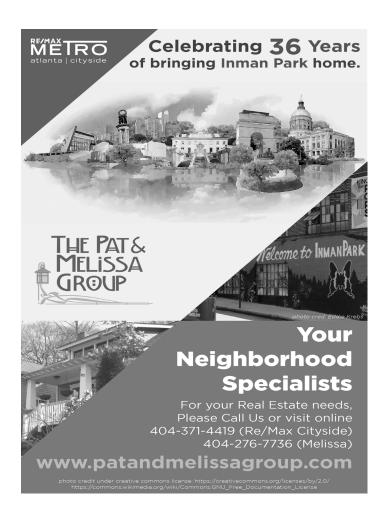
to the public?



Yes, NPUs meetings are always open to the public and neighbors are encouraged to attend! Our NPU letter is "N". NPU-N consists of Inman Park, Candler Park, Lake Claire, Cabbagetown, Reynoldstown, Poncey Highland, and Druid Hills plus the Little 5 Points Business Alliance and the Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community. It meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00pm. Meetings are currently happening on Zoom but will return later this year to the Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community. Please consider attending one and learning more about how the process works.

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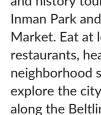
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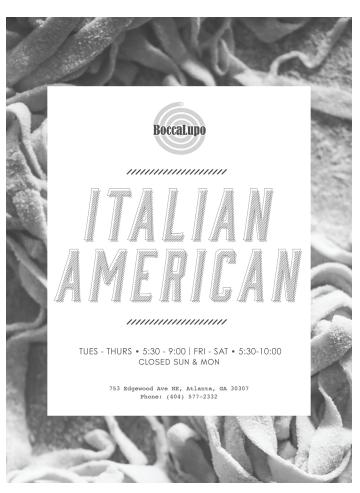




Tours have been adjusted for Covid safety and are largely outside. Masks are mandatory, except when eating.

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## 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!

Apr 27

"The Firebrand and the First Lady: Portrait of a Friendship: Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Struggle..." by Patricia Bell-Scott

May 25

"Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson

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



## 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) 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!

Condolences to Patsy and Fred Fisher of Alta Ave. on the passing of Fred's father who was 101 years old.



Welcome new neighbors Rodrigo & Mary Alice to Ashland Ave.

#### Give Them a Shout-Out!

Celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in the Advocator!

Each month a limited number of SHOUT-OUTS will be available for publication. Space will be available for only two 1/8-page SHOUT-OUTS (\$150) and one 1/4-page SHOUT-OUT (\$300). The 1/4-page can include a photo! The deadline for purchase is the 20th day of the month prior to the month of publication.

Go to inmanpark.org and use the "Buy a SHOUT-OUT" pulldown menu to let the Advocator help you surprise that special someone!

Doggo the Month:

Cora



Great personality. Great scarf.

#### Springvale Park Update: Our Holly

By Beau Weidman • g.weidman@comcast.net

The largest effort of volunteers, fundraising, and plantings during recent years has taken place this spring. While most shrubs are intended to bloom around the time of this year's Inman Park Garden Tour, the group of before-Festival bloomers are already starting to show. Look for the color purple as well as white.

We have a variety of hollies in Springvale Park. You can find American and Yaupon hollies, as well as Japanese and other types. While we're used to seeing the distinctive red berries on many of those hollies, they are not present on all of them, and they also vary in size from low shrubs to tall trees. We plan to provide an Inman Park Arboretum stone marker in the park to identify one of the large ones.

You might be interested to know that the leaves of the Yaupon holly were used by



the native Americans to brew a caffeine-rich drink used in rituals. Since the ceremonies included vomiting, Europeans incorrectly deduced that it was the tea that caused it, rather than the huge quantities they drank coupled with fasting, and gave it the Latin botanical name llex

vomitoria. The Yaupon is reported to be the only caffeine producing plant native to North America, and NPR reported in 2015 that Yaupon Tea was making a comeback. A quick internet search produces dozens of suggestions of where to purchase it these days, so I guess they were correct. The leaves of other varieties produce Yerba Mate' and Guayusa Teas. The most important fact to remember, however, is that the berries of most hollies are almost all toxic to humans!

#### Dancing al Fresco

By Carolyn Stine McLaughlin • csmclaughlin@gmail.com

The Dance Festival has adapted to this year's Tour of Garden's all outdoor format. We will welcome back two Dance Festival regulars, Full Radius Dance and ImmerseATL. These two great companies will create site-specific works for the weekend. Full Radius Dance will perform on the steps of Lizzie Chaple at 850 Euclid Avenue and ImmerseATL will create a work for Delta Park at Edgewood and Delta Place. The performances will take place on Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25 at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. The show will run about 20 minutes and be the same for all four performances.



#### IPNA Calendar

Apr 21

IPNA Meeting

Zoom 7:30 p.m.

Apr 22

**NPU-N** Meeting

Zoom 7:00 p.m.

Apr 23 - 25

Tour of Gardens

See pages 9 -11 for details

Apr 27

Book Club

See page 4 for details

May 19

IPNA Meeting

Zoom 7:30 p.m.



## Speak for the Trees: Golden Oldies

By Jim Abbot • abbot.jim@gmail.com

Inman Park Tree Watch has undertaken so many fabulous projects for the neighborhood, almost always working closely with our partner



Trees Atlanta. Here are some of my favorites.

Poplar Circle Playground: Few visiting today can imagine how hot this playground used to be during the summer. Oaks, maples, and birches have made it a shady spot for kids to play.

Streetscaping on Haralson and Spruce:
Georgia Power said, "If you'll replant, we'll remove those Bradford pears for you." We said, "You're on!"
We had to cut concrete and do brickwork to create tree

wells, but it was worth it to see rows of maples, fringetrees, oaks, and snowbells transform these streets.

Tree Preservation on Dekalb Ave: Battles over trees can be contentious, so when one of them ends well, everyone can celebrate. Tree Watch helped a neighbor appeal a permit to remove a huge oak tree during the renovation of Marble Lofts. Instead of taking the matter to superior court, the developers agreed to save the tree. The oak is still there.

#### Inman Park Arboretum:

No doubt you've seen the granite markers. Now you can use your phone to learn a lot more about trees in the Inman Park Arboretum. Go to https://bit.ly/iparboretum.

#### Springvale Forest Restoration:

Lots of neighbors turned out on a bunch of Saturday mornings to pull, dig, cut, haul, and otherwise remove invasive plants under the direction of Trees Atlanta. That made room for us to plant over 100 new trees and shrubs in the natural area of Springvale.

#### Freedom Park Grove:

How much sun is enough sun? In Freedom Park between Euclid and Austin, we planted dozens of closely spaced shade trees — lindens, tulip poplars, oaks, maples, and others — to create a cool retreat from an open field nearby.

#### L5PCC Invasive Removal and Replanting:

After former neighbor Ken Taber whacked back invasive vines and shrubs, our volunteers planted flowering and shade trees there, in the first stage of the center's plan to relandscape the entire property.

## Dog Business: the proliferation of dog poop

By Olivia Pedersen • oliviahowebrowne@gmail.com

Celebrations are ongoing for our newly refurbished dog park. It is wonderful to see dogs and their owners enjoying the new terrain. We have more plans for tree plantings and water stations. So please, if you would like to donate, we would be so grateful. Donations accepted at freedombarkway.com

#### Now to dog business!

One glorious Saturday morning in March, some of us noticed that the several trash cans we have around the park were overflowing with neatly tied up packages of dog waste. As we were clearing up this over-flow we commented on the excessive weight of a hundred or so bags of dog poop! Did you ever weigh a bag of poop? I confess I did – the other day. The weight of one evacuation, and we know that the average dog evacuates twice a day, was 1.5lbs. Not much you might think. Let's do a rough calculation of the quantity of evacuations that take place in Freedom Barkway on any

given day. If our guesstimate is correct, up to 400 dogs frequent the park over a seven-day period which means that our humble park generates upwards of 86lbs of poop per day. It doesn't take a mathematician to realize that over one ton of dog waste is generated every month in just this dog park alone.

How could we use this dog waste to help our blighted planet?

According to the United States
Environmental Protection Agency, dog
waste can be used for composting and is
a safe soil additive for revegetation and
landscaping when it is composted correctly.
We could potentially reduce the volume of
dog waste by 50 percent. It is also a fact that
composting dog waste lessens the chances
of it polluting groundwater and streams.

Who would like to join me in doing some more research on this and perhaps lobbying Atlanta parks to help us become more environmentally savvy? If you are



interested, please email me, Olivia Pedersen at oliviahowebrowne@gmail.com.

In the meantime, please, when you visit the park, keep an eye on your dog and make sure that you are assiduously picking up your dog's leavings. Dogs are sly, sneaky and quick when they evacuate. Be at the ready neighbours!

## Sign Toppers and Bill McMurry

By Pat Westrick • patwestrick@gmail.com

Have you noticed the "Inman Park" toppers on our street signs? There's a story behind those, and The Advocator seems like the best place to tell it.

Back in 1976, when our woodwork was full of layers of lead paint, our walls covered with painted-over wallpaper, our ceilings lowered, and our heart pine floors linoleum-ed, we gathered together whenever we could to celebrate each small, ever so tenuous milestone, and to remind ourselves that we were better than we looked - grimy and sooty from stripping paint and cleaning bird nests out of chimneys. On one such occasion, Bill McMurry, who passed away last summer, suggested we start - with absolutely no shred of irony -- a Gourmet Club. We would gather at each others' houses and dress up and have elegant food by candlelight. And so we did. There were maybe 10 or 12 of us, five or six couples who mainly lived on "the East side" (Sinclair, Colquitt, Austin, Alta) and a few of us had nursing babies and more of us had no intention of ever having anything of the sort. We enjoyed it immensely, dined together monthly and very shortly expanded the group to include couples from the other side of "the cut" or the "DMZ" (as the future Freedom Park was known at the time.) We were limited in number to however many of us would fit in our dining rooms (I don't think there have ever been many more than 20 or so total), and as couples dropped out or divorced, moved away or passed away, another compatible neighbor or neighbors would join in. (This was, of course, decades before the Mebiuses and their brilliant introduction and coordination of Inman Diners!)

Long story short, it will be 45 years this summer since that first dinner and we're still around. We don't dress up as much, and the candlelight is optional these days (the food is frequently still elegant, however). We're greyer, with grandkids, and careers that we've retired from. We have renovated houses and downsized spaces, acquired a few second spouses and second homes.



Through it all, Bill and Marnie remained participants in the group, and when he died we wondered what we could do to commemorate our years of friendship and his devotion to Inman Park.

Bill had been IPNA President and Festival Chair, enthusiastic committee member and steadfast booster and volunteer. It was he who had spearheaded the drive to install the original sign toppers that identified us as Inman Park, sometime in the 1990s, I think. It seemed fitting, that in his honor, the Inman Park Gourmet Club donate the money to replace the missing toppers. The labor came from young (and young-ish) Inman Parkers, volunteers who – ably led by Alex Kronemeyer – spent their free time climbing ladders and installing those toppers in early March. Their participation illustrates the spirit that keeps Inman Park the best neighborhood anywhere, and keeps us here. Thanks, neighbors. Thanks, Bill.

## Inman Park Transportation Committee Update

By IPNA Transportation Committee • transportation@inmanpark.org

Edgewood and Euclid improvement project update:

As a reminder, our goals with this project are to slow traffic down and allow for safe pedestrian crossings at the merger of Edgewood and Euclid. The design includes removing the merge, tee-ing off the intersection, adding stop signs at the intersection, and removing the left turn lane. Our new project manager is Conredge Lewis and he guided this through the procurement process. A contractor was selected from all responsive bidders and a work order signed. Once the contractor provides some final documentation, a Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued and work will begin. The scope of work includes the full project as originally designed. Construction notifications will go out to impacted neighborhoods at least two weeks prior to crew mobilization. This is supposed to start "in the next month or two" although as we all know, keep expectations low.

#### Noise Abatement Initiative:

Here is the link to purchase your NOISE ABATEMENT YARD SIGNS as discussed during our 3/17/2021 IPNA Meeting: https://locations.

theupsstore.com/ga/decatur/2107-n-decatur-rd/sign-printing
The cost is \$18 plus tax for a 18x24 sign. Click on "CONTACT US"
and complete as noted. In the comments box, please indicate the
following: quantity and color. All signs can be picked up and paid for
at The UPS Store, 2107 N. Decatur Rd., Decatur, GA 30033 (Near Emory
University) or special arrangements can be made.

#### Our newest committee members:

We have expanded our team with Darcel Stewart leading the traffic calming and noise abatement efforts on Lake Avenue. Sara Martin is facilitating the traffic calming on Euclid Avenue and will be coordinating the Edgewood and Euclid improvement project to keep things moving. John Bolen is a traffic engineer and will be working with the team to research what works and doesn't, check existing city and state design standards and practices, and serve as our subject matter expert in all things transportation related. I am so excited about our growing team and the impact we can have on our neighborhood as we bring in more people.



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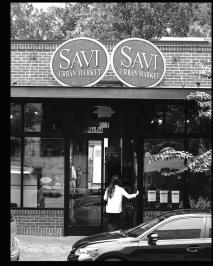


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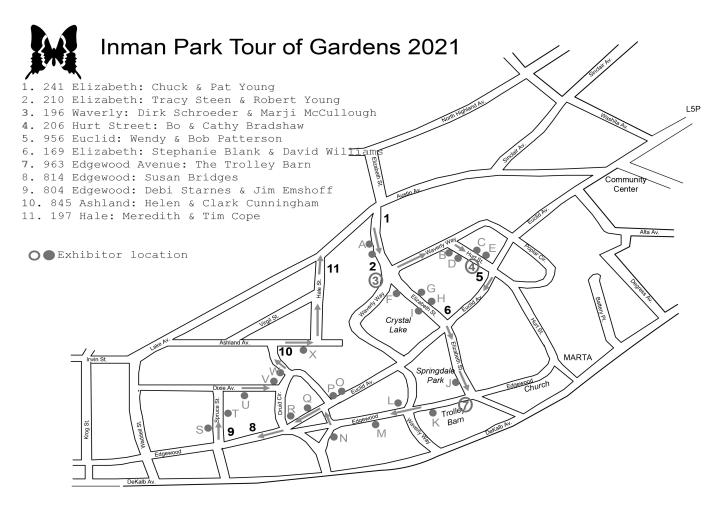
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#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



While our beloved festival may look a little different this year, one thing remains. We can't pull it off without your help!

Also different are the types of volunteer opportunities available. Here are our most critical needs:

Garden Volunteer - check wristbands, monitor mask wearing/social distancing, hand out masks

**Porch Volunteer for Artist Booths** - ensure only 1 person/group are on porch, monitor mask wearing/social distancing, hand out masks

**Porch Volunteer for Musicians** - keep folks away from musicians, monitor mask wearing/social distancing, hand out masks

**Trolley Barn Volunteer** - check guests in, hand out maps and wristbands, help with selling merchandise

All shifts will be two hours. Friday 4-6pm, 6-8pm Saturday/Sunday 12-2pm, 2-4pm

To sign up to volunteer and for more information sign up here https://signup.com/go/xKwnwHS

## **Butterfly Bonanza!!**

Show your Inman Park spirit by decorating your home with BUTTERFLIES!! The 2021 Inman Park Tour of Gardens is April 23-25.

- Paint your windows or post butterfly cut outs
- Hang Festival or butterfly t-shirts from trees

## 2021 Tour of Gardens April 23-25 General Schedule

Tour of Gardens (ticket required)
Friday 4-8pm
Saturday 12-4pm
Sunday 12-4pm

Exhibitors and Musicians on porches
(free)
Friday 4-8pm
Saturday 12-4pm
Sunday 12-4pm

Dance Festival – Delta Park and Lizze Chapel (free) Saturday 1pm and 3pm Sunday 1pm and 3pm

- Tape butterflies to your front door
- Decorate your gate with butterflies
- Draw butterflies on your sidewalk or front walk

We'd love to see your butterfly decorations so take pictures and post to social media using the tag #IPTourofGardens2021.

#### Inman Park Parents:

Want to stay in the know about current APS (and other parenthood-based) news? Join our new Inman Park Parent Google Group to hear the latest. Email

junoble@yahoo.com or secretary@inmanpark.org to join

#### IPNA Meeting Minutes: March 17, 2021

President Amy Higgins called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

[Note: between 7:31 and 9:28, the number of participants varied, beginning with 43 people at the start of the meeting, and with a high of around 90 people logged on at 8:51.]

#### Welcome/Introduction of newcomers

Several newcomers from Grinnell Lofts were first time meeting participants: Andrew, Howard, Daphne, Suzanne, Ryan and Rebecca.

Police officers' report – Lieutenant Josh Holt reported that crime in Zone 6 is generally down. He is aware of our request for barriers/ barricades on Lake at Hale, and is waiting for a reply from Major Ries. Darcel Stewart asked if there could be more enforcement re: muffler noise on Lake (and others chimed in, stating similar problems on Elizabeth, Euclid, etc) and Lt. Holt said he'd look into having an extra monitor in those locations.

Minutes of last meeting Motion to approve February Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Approved

Welcome and confirmation of Scott Evans as Inman Park's new NPU-N representative – passed with unanimous support.

#### Announcements

1. Jane Bradshaw Burnette, Festival Committee announced that the website for the inaugural Inman Park Tour of Gardens is live! http://inmanparkfestival.org/gardens/

April 23, 24 & 25th! There will be 10 gardens (plus the Trolley Barn) on tour, with a number of artists selling wares and musicians performing on porches and in yards spread out over the neighborhood, in addition to dance performances. Check in and merchandise will be available at the Trolley Barn, with safely spaced food trucks nearby. Tickets are on sale now for \$25 each and good for ONE DAY ONLY. Hours will be Friday 4-8, Saturday and Sunday 12-4 with a silent auction active the whole week. Volunteers will be needed, so check out the website and sign up, please.

Jane also announced that the first interview (a series focusing on the history of Festival and Inman Park) in partnership with WRFG has aired and you can hear it here:: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XjaPphXJ5NClBYk0Zo5pm-wl\_XMRqRq-/view?usp=sharing

2. Sandy Hoke announced the LAST Zorch (Zoom Porch) Party of the season will be March 19th at 7:30. Link will be sent via email Memberclicks.

Elected officials' reports – Amir Farokhi was at the Poncey-Highland neighborhood meeting tonight; no other elected officials present

#### IPNA officers' reports

President Amy Higgins introduced Jim Abbot (Inman Park Tree Watch and Arboretum) who gave a brief update on the new Tree Ordinance. In short, the current Ordinance is 20 years old. When first created, it was the most progressive in the country, but now it is outdated and not effective. The newest draft is very dense and "While the basic principles and overall approach to tree protection are unchanged - Atlanta regards its trees as essential resources for safeguarding our health and promoting our welfare, so it regulates not just trees on public property but also many privately owned trees - there are in fact many changes in this

proposal." Q: Is it better? A: Yes, it will preserve more trees. Q: Can we strengthen it and make it even better? A: Yes, IPNA should, in his opinion, focus on a goal of 50% tree canopy and work on the definition of a "priority tree." Find a fuller version of his assessment here: https://inmanparktrees.com/2021/02/09/new-tree-ordinance-delivered-to-council/

Barbara Leach (Chair of Beautification Committee) informed membership of impending new "Welcome to Inman Park" permanent signs. The 5 wooden signs that were designed by neighbor Curt Wilson 20 years ago have been stolen or are rotting. In February IPNA voted to set aside \$2,500 to update the design and replace the signs. Artist Anaitte Vaccaro has created several designs, which membership reviewed via shared screen. Q: Are these larger than the original signs? A: Yes, slightly. Q: Can we make them out of metal instead of wood? A: The resin-treated wood we plan to use will be durable and cheaper than metal. Q: Will they be resistant to graffiti or will we have paint to retouch? A: Yes, we will have paint, and we will look into a graffiti-resistant surface coating. There was some discussion about creating a fundraiser to pay for solar lights around the base of each sign (which would cost a few hundred dollars per), but it was decided that we will simply give neighbors the opportunity to donate towards solar lighting if they wish. Membership voted: Design #1 with smooth edges = 11 votes. Design #2 with scalloped edges = 42 votes.

Darcel Stewart, the newest member of the Transportation Committee, reviewed again the 9 noise abatement initiatives (https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2021/Darcell.pdf) and introduced new designs for "Quiet your Ride" signs that that can be purchased here: https://locations.theupsstore.com/ga/decatur/2107-n-decatur-rd/sign-printing

The cost is \$18 plus tax for a 18x24 sign. Click on "CONTACT US" and complete as noted. In the comments box, please indicate the following: NOISE ABATEMENT SIGNS/Quantity/Color. All signs can be picked up and paid for at The UPS Store, 2107 N. Decatur Rd., Decatur, GA 30033 (Near Emory University) or special arrangements can be made.

Membership voted unanimously for IPNA to purchase 6 of these signs to place near the new stop signs on Lake Avenue.

VP of Historic Preservation - Sara Wittich introduced Elliott and Kate Wood, who are seeking a Type 3 Certificate of Appropriateness and walked membership through their plans for renovation at 1130 Alta Avenue, which include a side addition which is mostly hidden from the street (visible from side only). Motion to support; seconded. Unanimous approval.

VP for Zoning - Regina Brewer introduced Justin Amick (owner of 240 North Highland – Painted Park Restaurant - formerly Parish – of Concentric Groups) and architect William Jay George, who presented their vision of desired changes to both indoor (adding 1,000 additional square feet to create a total of 6K) and outdoor space; they want to connect the "beach" (back patio) to the "ocean" (Beltline) and increase foot traffic from the Beltline by adding 2,500 SF of greenspace which would hold 112 seated guests, plus an outdoor area for games, etc. This new configuration will affect the driveway and fire lane of Grinnell Lofts, and many residents of the Lofts were in attendance to voice their dissent of the plan.

Representing for the GL neighbors, Derek Sanderson and Howard Schekter expressed an opinion that the plan was too dense for the small space, that they are concerned both about legal aspects,

about easements, and about safety. Resident Judy Clements wrote to the neighborhood that "There will be a permanent bar directly adjacent to the Beltline. Servers will bring food orders from the building to the outdoor pedestrian patrons. The only access The Grinnell will have will be driving right through this new outdoor serving area, including our vehicles, all service vehicles, vans, garbage trucks, etc. We fear that this situation will be very unsafe, driving through a crowd of drinking people and restaurant serving staff...The Immediate Neighbors voted to not support the project." There were many questions from the attendees:

Q: Is the food service delivering to new outside space? A: There will be a gazebo to cater to patrons in that area, but only room for about 20 seated customers. Q: Will this new configuration close off access to the Beltline from Highland? A: No, you can still connect from the existing path. Q: What is the total number for outdoor capacity? A: 122 patrons Q: What is the plan for parking? A: Valet. They will use the same shared company as Barcelona and park in Highland Steel. They assume most patrons are walkers from the Beltline and not drivers. Q: How will you handle spillover from the outdoor space to the Beltline and make sure patrons aren't clogging path for walkers/bikers? A: The outdoor space will be partitioned off with a full height privet hedge that keeps people in, with a 3-foot buffer zone. Q: What about scooter parking? A: That happens now in the gravel lot; not sure what the Beltline rules are. Q: How will Grinnell Lofts folks use that safely? A: They will change the design (a rolling gate?) to increase safety. Q. What are the hours? Exact hours are not finalized, but they expect to be serving on Fri/Sat until midnight, per noise ordinance. Q: What was the immediate neighbors vote? A: 30 opposed to the plan, 1 in support. Q: Why use a privet hedge? That is an invasive species. A: How about a boxwood instead? Motion to oppose this project as presented. 84 voted to oppose

project; 3 voted to support.

Regina then introduced representatives from Euclid Ave Yacht Club (owner Manny Maloof and alcohol licensing attorney Dana Resnick) who are requesting a liquor license (change of ownership – Maloof purchased the bar from Donald "Hippie" Hinamon). Q: What changes will be made to the establishment? A: Not many changes – some interior work and improvements. Q: New hours? 11:00am – 3:00am except Sunday 11:00am – midnight, lunch served every day. Motion to support; seconded. Unanimous approval with 67 votes.

• 320 North Highland/347 Copenhill ("Villa de Grip") update and vote – deferred to April meeting

#### **Planning**

- Introduction of new Little 5 Points Alliance "Public Safety and Community Outreach Committee" deferred to April meeting
- Introduction of the PAD Initiative (Police Alternatives and Diversion) deferred to April meeting

Treasurer - Kay Kirsche - nothing to report

VP of Public Safety - Kevin Curry - nothing to report

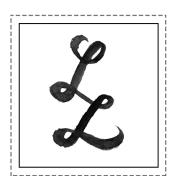
VP for Communications - Melissa Miller - nothing to report

Neil Kinkopf, NPU-N - nothing to report

Secretary - Julie Noble – nothing to report Committee Reports - none

Old business/New business – none President Amy Higgins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Seconded. Approved





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## Agenda

April 21, 2021

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

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

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