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President's Message

Become a Member of the IPNA Board!

By Amy Higgins • President@inmanpark.org

It's that time of year again when we begin preparations for the transition to a new team of IPNA board members. For those of you who are newer to the neighborhood, please know that IPNA is not a homeowner's association. It is a dynamic collection of folks who call Inman Park home regardless of whether they are homeowners, renters, or local business owners. We work in collaboration with the City of Atlanta to maintain and improve our neighborhood with efforts including traffic calming, park lighting and playgrounds, and negotiations with developers to help preserve the character and quality of life in Inman Park as it inevitably grows and evolves.

We are currently looking for a new recruit to serve as the incoming IPNA Vice President of Communications. As a member of the board, the VP of Communications will help identify and discuss the issues concerning Inman Park and formulate solutions. The role involves keeping the neighborhood up to date via website updates and e-mail blasts to members.

The ideal candidate should have some basic computer skills, be able to manipulate documents and photos, and be at least somewhat knowledgeable about website design and management. She or he will also be tasked with setting up microphone equipment at the Trolley Barn when we are able to meet in person again – hopefully soon!

The commitment is two years, starting June 1st of 2021 and ending May 31st of 2023. There are two required evening meetings per month - the IPNA meeting on the third Wednesday of the month plus a board meeting the week before. Once the pandemic finally subsides, we will return to in person meetings. Although we all know Zoom can sometimes be suboptimal for meetings, the in-person board meetings are fun as well as productive and feature wine and cookies in addition to great conversation.

Over the course of the next couple of years, the IPNA board plans to explore options for a new website that will help us improve our communication and outreach. The VP of Communications will help lead this effort. Although this would certainly be a great fit for a



looking for new members...

"digital native" (I'm looking at you Millennials and Gen Z!), the main requirement is simply an ability to write and communicate clearly and desire to serve the neighborhood. Does this sound like you? If so, please reach out to me for more information at president@inmanpark.org.

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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:

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Mar 30

“Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love”

by Dani Shapiro

Apr 27

“The Firebrand and the First Lady: Portrait of a Friendship: Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Struggle...”

by Patricia Bell-Scott



Zorch Party!

Friday, March 19th 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.

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” pull-down menu to let the *Advocator* help you surprise that special someone!

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!

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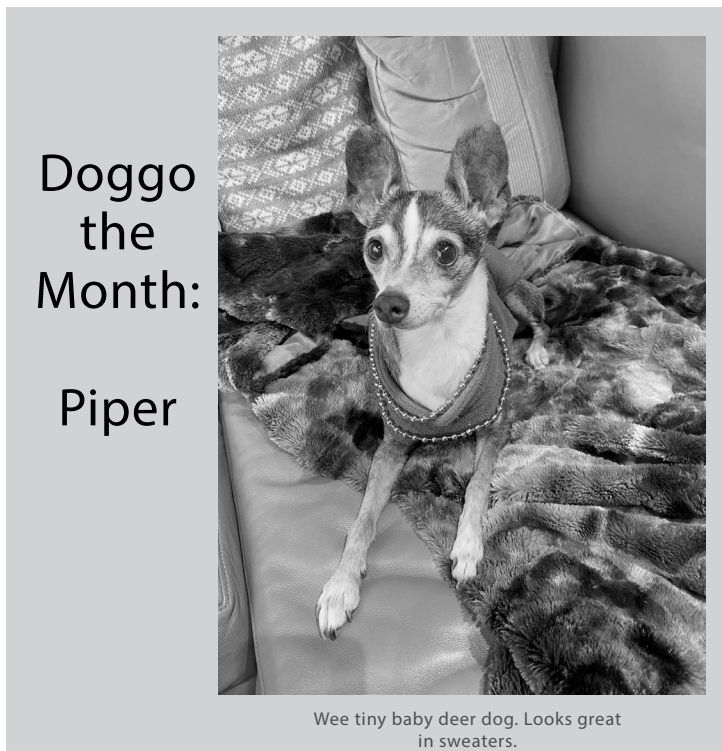


Welcome, New Neighbors,
Lynn and Gordon Berg,
Inman Village Parkway

Meet Our New NPU Rep Scott Evans

Hi Inman Park. I've been nominated to be the incoming NPU rep and wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I've lived in Inman Park for 15 years, and first got involved with the IPNA as a member of the IPNA Security Patrol. Working with the patrol taught me a lot about how the neighborhood is policed, and ultimately led to working with the IPNA, the Freedom Park Conservancy, Georgia Power and the city to install lights along the path that weaves through Freedom Park (with one more phase to go!). Working with the IPNA has been a great privilege and one that I've enjoyed, so I was thrilled when I was approached to help out as the NPU rep. I hope I can continue the great work that has been done by my predecessors, namely Neil Kinkopf and Rick Bizot. (Big shoes as they say.)

On a more personal note, I live on Battery Place with my wife Donna, my daughters Logan and Elliott and my two English bulldogs, Snow and Peggy. I look forward to meeting more of my neighbors, and helping the neighborhood in any way I can.



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

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

IPNA Calendar

Mar 17

IPNA Meeting

Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Mar 19

Zoom Porch Party

See page 4
for details

Mar 25

NPU-N Meeting

Zoom
7:00 p.m.

Mar 30

Book Club

See page 4
for details

Apr 21

IPNA Meeting

Zoom
7:30 p.m.



Speak for the Trees: Life as Inman Park's Tree Guy

By Jim Abbot • abbot.jim@gmail.com

It's Friday, February 26, and here's what the past couple of weeks looked like for the Tree Guy of Inman Park. (Keep reading for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!)



Yesterday I met with Jacob and Cate from Trees Atlanta. Together we flagged sites for the 80 trees that dozens of volunteers will be planting tomorrow at the Little 5 Points Center for Arts & Community and nearby along Euclid, Austin, and Sinclair. Later, our new coordinator for the Inman Park Arboretum, Lynn Koehnemann, contacted me to discuss the purchase of

additional granite markers. Before dinner, I made sure to set out on the street some branches that Tree Watch pruned recently from crape myrtles in front of The Natalie.

Last week, Philip Covin and I were among those who represented Inman Park at the City of Atlanta's celebration of Arbor Day, which this year honored the late John Lewis. Philip and I planted some of the hundreds of flowering trees that will soon beautify the greenspaces along John Lewis Freedom Parkway.

Earlier in the week, Commissioner Tim Keane delivered his department's revised Tree Protection Ordinance to the City Council. I joined hundreds of Atlantans listening in as the Committee on Community Development and Human Services took up the proposal. I had already posted on the Inman Park Tree Watch website a comment on that draft tree ordinance, the first of what will surely be several posts between now and April.

As you can see, the life of a Tree Guy is full of varied activities, almost all of them immensely satisfying. The entirety of those activities ranges from project planning to advocacy to giving a neighbor a recommendation for a tree service. Trees Atlanta is Inman Park's indispensable partner in all of this, and many stalwart neighbors never miss an opportunity to help.

All that said, it's past time for me to begin training my successor, even if my "retirement" is not imminent. Have you ever considered being a Tree Guy or Gal? If so, let's talk!

Freedom Barkway Renovations and Opening

By Olivia Pedersen • oliviahowebrowne@gmail.com

A new look for our park deserves a loud bark! Freedom Barkway Big dog park is open for business!

Hello again to all dog lovers of Inman Park, Old fourth ward and surrounding areas. We are delighted to announce that essential renovations to the big dog park are complete and we are open for dog business! Thanks to Amir Farokhi, our District 2 council member, Aaron Wiener and Patrick Hand with the City of Atlanta (Department of Parks and Recreation), the construction work, to shore up drastic erosion, is now complete. A big thanks also to the efforts of Sylvia Romeijn, chair of the board, Shannon Makaila and volunteers and neighbors in our community for their efforts and persistence in making this vision a reality. You probably know that this public land was dedicated a few years ago to our community for use as a dog park. Its popularity has grown, especially during this pandemic. We, the neighbors are responsible for keeping the park clean and safe, and your donations are used for general upkeep. If you would like to be part of this team, please contact us: we'd love to have you join us so please follow us on instagram, facebook, and our website: freedombarkway.com



And there's more...our application for a grant with Park Pride to match the investment from Parks and Recreation has been approved and this will enable us to make additional upgrades such as providing better shade in both parks, lighting and a doggy wash station. Thank you Park Pride team!

A note to small dogs: we have not forgotten you! Plans are afoot to improve the small dog area with more shrubbery, landscaping and seating – and perhaps more space too! We welcome suggestions, as always, so please contact us on all our social media outlets. We will listen!

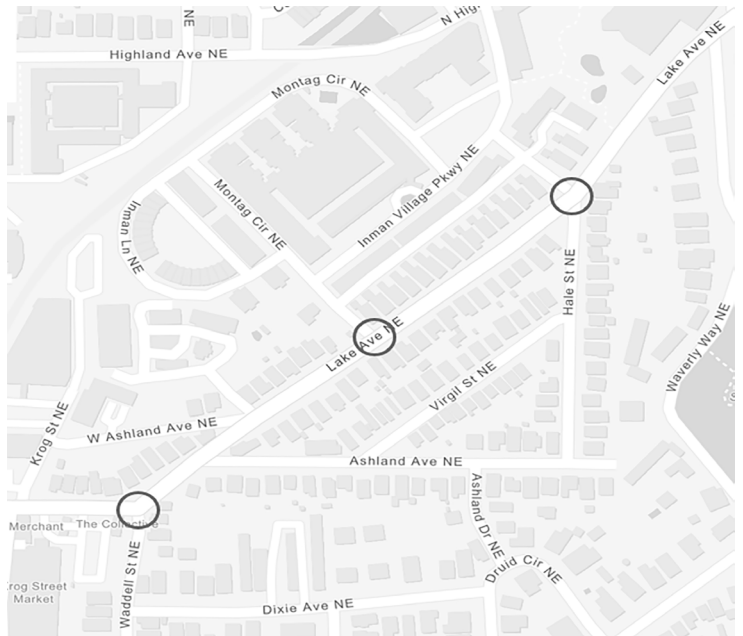


Stop! In the Name of Lake

By Matthew Brooks

After a groundswell of support from Lake Avenue residents, IPNA, and City Council, the Atlanta Department Transportation will soon begin the long-anticipated install of stop signs and crosswalks along Lake Ave. The installation will fulfill a recommendation over seven years old, the Krog-Lake-Elizabeth-North Highland Transportation Strategy, to address increased traffic stemming from the Atlanta Beltline and to facilitate pedestrian and bicycle safety along major corridors.

In the coming weeks, expect to see workers installing notice signs along Lake Avenue at the designated intersections to prepare drivers for the traffic calming measures. In total, three intersections will receive crosswalk striping and all-way stop signs – Montag Circle, Hale, and Waddell. After the notice signs have been in place for several weeks, ADOT will then begin the installation of the permanent signage and crosswalks. Special thanks to our fantastic IPNA president, Amy Higgins, for her work in facilitating the effort and to Councilman Farokhi and Jay Tribby for efficiently turning the vision into reality. In short order, the drag strip between Waddell and Elizabeth will soon be a distant memory!



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Springvale Park Update: Brave Snake in the Park

By Beau Weidman • g.weidman@comcast.net

The largest outpouring of volunteers and financial support in quite a few years came during the Presidents Day - Mardi Gras weekends. Thanks to all who contributed in every way. We received a corporate sponsorship from Cobblestone Consulting due to the efforts of Laurie Bacopoulos. Hopefully, the Wine Stroll will be able to resume. New Shrubs were planted, invasive growth cleared and mulch renewed. Salute to the mountain volunteers as they were on some very steep hillsides. The emphasis is on shrubs that flower around the time of Festival. Be sure to see the blooms during the last weekend of April.



One of Georgia's beauties is the Oconee azalea (*R. flammeum*) "Harjo". This cultivar blooms orange to red in early April and is named after a Native American. His nation was Creek, the tribe Muscogee and family Harjo. Their original home was the Athens to Macon area, but after losing in tribal warfare with the Cherokees, they were pushed south across the current location of Atlanta towards Columbus. The US later moved the tribe to Oklahoma. His name was Brave Snake Harjo and he delivered an impassioned speech before the US Senate in 1906. He expressed a long list of grievances, rightly so, including the taking of their lands in Georgia. While protesting against tribal land being converted to the private property parcels system, violence erupted with whites and the authorities after which he was never seen again. Stories vary between a lynch mob killed him and hid the body, or he escaped to Mexico, or he lived hidden among the Native American Community. If anyone thinks this azalea should be in Springvale and wants to sponsor it, just email me. Although one is nearby, I have never seen any snake in the park, neither azalea nor reptile.

Did you know there is one mountain laurel, three rhododendrons and five azaleas on south Euclid hill? Other shrubs are at its base.

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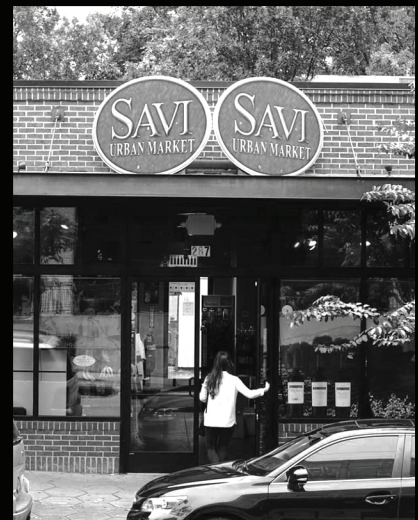


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Inman Park Transportation Committee Update

By IPNA Transportation Committee • transportation@inmanpark.org

Noise Abatement Initiative

It is time that we, the Inman Park neighbors take action. For many months, our beautiful neighborhood has been subject to the disturbing excessive exhaust noise from loud modified muffler cars, motorcycles and other vehicles that drive through our streets. On Sunday, January 10, 2021, neighboring Little 5 Points was the site of a 200 car stunt event which ended with cars scattering into the surrounding neighborhoods, including Inman Park. Almost daily, even without such large events, our Inman Park streets are being used as a thoroughfare, frequented with revved up, back firing and excessive exhaust engines. More recently, cars were reported set to race and doing donuts at 2am at the intersection of Euclid and Elizabeth Street, almost crashing into one of our neighbor's fence. This is not only a nuisance, it is dangerous.

Another issue is loud music being played by cars driving through and parked on our streets.

Our neighbors in Midtown and Buckhead have been vocal in demanding staunch action against these violations and we in Inman Park should do so as well. We need stronger lobbying of our City Council, APD and applicable others to end this problem. Below are proposed ideas which if implemented collectively, may prove effective, as no one item alone has been able to stop this activity.

1. Request that a share of the newly deployed Fulton County Sheriff personnel (including deployed in Buckhead) and Inman Park Security Patrol augment APD to enforce the Atlanta Noise Ordinance and applicable others in Inman Park. (CODE OF ORDINANCES City of ATLANTA, GEORGIA, Article IV., §§ 74-131; Georgia Vehicle Code § 40-8-71. Exhaust system; prevention of noise, smoke and fumes)
2. Request that these law enforcement personnel issue citations to violators consistently. Make it difficult to freely race through our neighborhood unabated.
3. Direct APD to erect temporary barricades, similar to those on the 600 block of North Highland Ave., at various strategic locations or where car events take place to deter, divert and re-direct loud traffic out of our neighborhood. Currently our streets are being used as a thoroughfare to get to Little 5 Points where the "200 CAR EVENT" was held Sunday, January 10, 2021. Fox5 News reported, "They work. We will put down more as police tell us where they need them," top city official Josh Rowan told Atlanta City councilmembers on Wednesday, 1/13/2020.
4. Capitalize on newly installed stop signs along Lake Ave. NE to catch noise violators.
5. Augment cameras located at Elizabeth/Lake/Austin or other strategic locations, with noise level meters to capture license plates of noise violators.
6. Erect "Residential Quiet Zone/Police Enforced" or similar signage in our neighborhood. Display that this activity is not acceptable in our neighborhood. (This is currently being investigated.)
7. Include checking for noise violations as a mandatory part of emissions testing.
8. Issue letter to area businesses requesting that patrons and employees respect the neighborhood by not playing loud music from their cars after leaving their establishments.

9. Explore the possibility of permit parking as exists on Austin Ave. to reduce the number of vehicles playing loud music from their cars after leaving the restaurant/retail district.

We have some new information regarding our North Highland traffic improvement project. As a reminder, since 2016 we have been working together with RENEW project managers, Public Works, Inman Park neighbors, and city traffic engineers. The design for this project focuses on our goals of 1) creating safer streets for pedestrians, bikers, and drivers and 2) reducing traffic speed while also fitting into our budget.

Inman Park North Highland Corridor Project

For those of you new to this project, this project includes the stretch of North Highland between Alaska and Elizabeth. Plans include new crosswalks, flashing beacons, rideshare drop off areas, bike lanes, additional parking spots, and bulb-outs at intersections to improve visibility. Given how long we have been focusing on getting something done, we thought you might like to have a timeline of what has happened over the years and where we are today:

- February 2017 approval and funding from T-SPLOST and impact fees (as part of our Inman Park priority projects)
- August 2018 project moved into the design phase; anticipated start date late summer or early Fall 2019
- November 2019 anticipated start date pushed to Summer 2020 due to right of way issues
- February 2020 anticipated start date pushed to October 2020 still due to right of way issues and the bid process
- Today... the bid package is complete and will be grouped with other ATLDOT projects to be submitted "soon," however the anticipated start date is now pushed to late Spring 2021

Obviously, this is frustrating. On the positive side, we are seeing less traffic in the area due to COVID which means safety risks do not appear to have significantly increased over the past 9 months. If you want to contact Amir to discuss this situation and the continued delays, I encourage you to do so.

How you can help

The transportation committee needs members. We have been focusing a lot on these projects, along with the Edgewood/Euclid project, but there are so many more things we could be monitoring and communicating about! It would be great to have someone report out on Edgewood Ave changes, on Moreland improvements through L5P, on plans for Dekalb Ave, on bike lanes. We would love to have an advocate for keeping our crosswalks painted (calling 311 when there is a need). If you have a passion for anything transportation related in our neighborhood – we have a place for you! Contact us any time!

Tour of Gardens April 23-25, 2021

Are you ready for the Inman Park Garden Tour? We are! Save the Date: the last weekend in April is OURS.

Since the City of Atlanta is still not issuing permits for outdoor events, we are going to creatively have a safe and fun event to benefit our neighborhood. Here is the scoop:

- Tour of ten house gardens and The Trolley Barn garden—mask and social distancing enforced
- Limited number of garden tickets (\$25/each) sold FOR THAT DAY ONLY (crowd control). Wrist bands will identify your tour day
- Six porches will have musicians
- Twenty-five (25!) porches will have artists/vendors
- Two dance festival areas

Hours: Friday, April 23 4-8 pm; Saturday, April 24 12 noon-4pm;
Sunday, April 25 12 noon-4pm

Check-in for ticket/wrist bands at The Trolley Barn. Swag and food trucks will also be there. No alcohol will be sold.

March 1—Volunteer website goes live. We need YOU. Please volunteer. Stay tuned for more info. We are metamorphosing into a beautiful butterfly.

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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>

IPNA Meeting Minutes: February 17, 2021

President Amy Higgins called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

[Note: between 7:30 and 9:26, the number of participants varied, beginning with 29 people at the start of the meeting, and with a high of around 47 people logged on at 8:32.]

Welcome/Introduction of newcomers: Craig Kimbrough of Grinnell Lofts introduced himself. Welcome to the neighborhood, Craig!

Police officers' report - Sgt. Moody was present to give some updates. Crime stats: up in robbery lately but down in auto larceny. As always, he reminds membership never to leave car running/keys in ignition and if you have a fob instead of keys, make sure you store it far away from the car itself. Q: Do you have any updates on efforts to curtail street racing? A: That is specifically the jurisdiction of Auto Crimes Unit, but he can tell us that they are increasing efforts to identify license plates and go after owners. Q: Are most plates identified local (from Atlanta area)? A: Some metro, but mostly Gwinnett and Henry county. Q: (Darcel Stewart) Can you stay in the meeting to hear my presentation re: ideas to cut down noise from street racing activities? A: Sgt. Moody can stay for some ideas, yes.

[Note: Darcel's complete list of ideas can be found here: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2021/Darcell.pdf>]

Q: Is it possible to issue citations for noise? Is the Fulton County Sheriff's office helping? Also, we know that the APD is helping the Buckhead community; is this an issue of resources? Can more resources be allocated to us? A: Not sure, but he will look into that. Q: What about barricades (like on Highland near the H Bakery)? Will we get those for special events we know will occur, like the Final 4 NCAA Basketball Tournament on March 4? A: Extra personnel will be assigned to patrol that day; APD has canceled days off. Q: How about cameras used to capture plates; do they also have a noise meter? A: Those are purchased by the Atlanta City Council, not APD. To his knowledge they do exist but we do not use them. Please contact pjries@atlantaga.gov for more information or dardst12@gmail.com if you'd like to help Darcel work on this noise reduction plan.

Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve January Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Approved.

Announcements

1. Jane Bradshaw Burnette, Festival Committee announced that, because the City is still not issuing permits for festivals, there will be no regular Inman Park Festival in 2021. However, we will be hosting a fun and safe alternative: the inaugural Inman Park Tour of 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. The website will launch March 1, and a limited number of tickets (no paper tickets – wristbands) will go on sale March 15. Tickets are \$15 each and good for ONE DAY ONLY. Hours will be Friday 4-8, Saturday and Sunday 12-4. Volunteers will be needed, so check out the website and sign up, please. Motion to support proceeding with Tour of Gardens. Seconded. All approved.

2. Pat Westrick and Alex Kronemeyer announced that a new initiative (in honor of the late Bill McMurry) to replace all the

"Inman Park" sign toppers is well underway and will be completed by Garden Tour weekend! Volunteers will be needed to help install, so keep an eye out for that.

3. Amy Higgins announced that there will be a beer commercial being filmed at Savi from 8:00 pm Feb 19 until 6:00am Feb 20. One lane of Elizabeth will be closed overnight.

4. Jane Burnette announced that the Inman Park Festival's 50th Anniversary Committee has partnered with radio station WRFG to create a monthly program about Festival (history of, reasons for, stories about), which will air starting Thursday Feb 25 at 9:45am. The first interview is with Pat Westrick.

5. Sandy Hoke announced the next Zorch (Zoom Porch) Party will be February 19th at 7:30. Link will be sent via email Memberclicks.

Elected officials' reports: Amir Farokhi, Atlanta City Council District 2 gave updates on several items:

1. The 3 stop signs coming to Lake Avenue will probably be installed next month.

2. The CSX/Hulsey Yard neighbors meeting last month regarding noise, light pollution and hours of operation went well. Negotiations to improve all aspects are underway. If you have specific thoughts regarding this effort, please reach out to Amir at arfarokhi@atlantaga.gov.

3. Villa de Grip lawsuit update: court recently ruled that owner has the right to develop some mixed use, but not both lots. Q: Will NPU be needed for city rezoning? A: Not sure yet. Amir will work with us for the best outcome possible and will keep us unformed on news.

4. Regarding street racing, Amir confirms that we cannot place barricades (as previously mentioned in meeting) on Moreland in L5P because it is a state highway. He stated that this is not just a city problem, but an issue statewide. There have been 257 noise citations written.

Q: When will the city be issuing permits for outdoor festivals? A: Not certain; Mayor Bottoms has been very cautious. Perhaps fall.

Q: Update on Edgewood/Euclid merge project? A: It is overdue. He will ask for an update (and clarification on whether this project was bundled into the re-bid with Findlay Plaza). Q: The upcoming Comprehensive Development Plan and zoning code rewrite is a big lift. How long will this take? A: This is a 12 month+ process.

IPNA officers' reports

President Amy Higgins reported on the 465-471 North Highland (aka NC-13, aka Wisteria Block) outdoor dining update and shared a letter written to the owners: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2021/NC-13%20Outdoor%20Dining.pdf> This is a temporary situation because of the pandemic, and unique to this area only.

VP of Historic Preservation - Sara Wittich was absent, so Amy introduced Adam Stillman, the architect for changes to 360 Sinclair Avenue, who shared the plans on screen. This was reviewed by the Historic Preservation Committee and by immediate neighbors and unanimously approved. No variances needed. Q: (from immediate neighbor who had not been able to attend meeting) How will stormwater retention problems be handled in between the houses? A: Drainage issues will be addressed in several ways. Q: During renovation, where will trucks park on Sinclair (which is narrow)? A: As a courtesy, they will communicate with all sub-contractors to ask them not to double park. Q: Do the new windows match the historic

precedent? A: Yes, they do. Motion to support; seconded. Unanimous approval.

Regina Brewer then outlined some changes proposed for 240 North Highland – Painted Park Restaurant (formerly Parish). Owner Justin Amick would like to create additional space in the back to hold 112 seated guests, plus an outdoor area for games, etc. Some of this space is being used by Grinnell Lofts for a driveway, and negotiations are in process to figure out a solution. This has been deferred for a month to allow Grinnell residents to work with an attorney and a civil engineer to better understand how the 3 plan options will impact their access to their garage; final plans will be presented to IPNA membership prior to going before the UDC. Neighbors commented on the complications of this project (parking, loss of access for Lofts, increased noise from a “party park” affecting Grinnell Lofts’ residents as well as other nearby Beltline community). Q: Did anyone reach out to neighbors across the Beltline from this property to see what they thought? A: That’s not Inman Park, but those folks will receive communication and be asked for input. Q: Do we get to offer opinions on design? A: No, there are no regulations for that (subarea 2 & 3). Q: How will parking be handled? A: They plan to share the valet company used by Barcelona. Q: Will cars be unsafely parked in a fire lane, as we have seen before? Q: This is a tricky area but they will be asked not to.

VP for Zoning - Regina Brewer presented updates on 320 North Highland (“Villa de Grip”) lawsuit; a judge has ruled that the lot with the existing building can change zoning, but the empty lot must remain residential. More information coming soon.

Q: Update on proposed short-term rentals ordinance? A: We need to ask Amir (already left meeting) for more information on this.

VP of Planning – Patrick Pontius and L5P Alliance members Al Caproni and Cristy Lenz presented Little 5 Points Alliance Strategic Plan and membership voted unanimously to support:<https://ipna.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2021/L5PA%20StratPlan%20BOD%20Presentation%20Distribution%20Copy.pdf> Pat and Freedom Park Conservancy IP rep Philip Covin lead us through the FPC Master Plan (<https://www.freedompark.org/master-plan/>) and salient parts of the survey, which they hope all Inman Park residents will fill out:

<https://swa.mysocialpinpoint.com/atlanta-freedom-park/project-prioritization-survey/>

Several IP neighbors have been involved in each step of this process; this is the final survey round, and even though the format is less than ideal (you can only choose 3 items to champion, no feedback on things we don’t want/like, no cost estimates or budget information given, the boundaries given for each neighborhood are sometimes not accurate, no way to identify which ‘hood you are from when you fill out survey, etc) Cathy Bradshaw and Al Caproni urged that it is still important to fill it out, as there are 12 potential projects slated for our “leg” (or “wing,” or “zone”) of the park. President Amy Higgins highlighted two projects she found intriguing (the Treehouse Village Playground in Poplar Circle where the outdated Urban Nirvana playground now resides, and the Inman Arboreal Gallery, in the section of the Park between Euclid and Austin).

Philip stated that this has been a huge and time-consuming process; the Park covers over 200 acres. He will take all our comments back to the FPC Board, and they will come back to us in

April or May for more feedback. He also dispelled a rumor he had heard; the FPC will not be painting the Thornton Dial sculpture red. The also will make it a priority to clean the John Lewis plaque, which needs some TLC. The IPNA will send a letter to

FPC, reiterating four key points of importance for Inman Park:

1. Partners for a Passive Park—The settlement established this foundational concept and we expect Freedom Park to continue as a passive park, especially the leg in Inman Park. We already provide a lot of volunteer time and money and fully expect to continue to do so as we value this for the broader community.
2. The Legacy of John Lewis and CAUTION—Our neighbors put years of passion, hard work, sweat, and tears into fighting the freeway and creating Freedom Park. We want to ensure that the legacy as told via the memorials to John Lewis and CAUTION endures. The shared narrative and these memorials need to be maintained and emphasized. We will support and help with smart projects that advance this important legacy.
3. Bridge over Moreland—We remain concerned about the feasibility of a bridge over Moreland and would want that to go through a full study before any final decision. The rendering in this survey round makes it look easy and does not illustrate the type of bridge needed to address DOT and ADA requirements, nor the likely prohibitive construction costs. We assume this is just conceptual in this round and look forward to having a more detailed conversation if the bridge idea advances to the final projects list.
4. Adjacent Neighborhood Feedback—We hope the adjacent neighborhoods will get to share their collective voice too as expressed previously. It is imperative that each neighborhood has a chance to participate in all phases of the Master Plan and sign off on the final review and approval round before actual implementation commences. We are happy to reach out and get them more involved if you like.

Treasurer - Kay Kirsche - Reviewed proposed budget for spending “Home for the Holidays” proceeds (we raised a net of \$46k in the December fundraiser).

■ Sidewalks: \$33,686.10 for the Lake Avenue project. The permit and bond were obtained last March and are still valid. (Millie noted that there are \$31,622.84 of other sidewalks ready to begin when funding is available.)

■ Education: an additional \$2,500 (\$5k total for Grady, Howard, Mary Lin and Hope-Hill)

■ Springvale: an additional \$2,500 (\$6000 total for professional maintenance)

■ Beautification \$2,500: Researching replacing missing/rotten “Welcome to Inman Park” sign construction (contingent upon membership reviewing and approving the design and materials) All items were briefly discussed; Motion to vote on FY2021 amended Budget as presented. Seconded. Unanimous in favor. Budget passed.

VP of Public Safety – Kevin Curry – absent

VP for Communications - Melissa Miller – nothing to report

Neil Kinkopf, NPU-N – absent

Secretary - Julie Noble reminded membership to participate in the Grady (now Midtown High) PTSO virtual auction in February. Bidding opens on February 21st at noon and runs through a livestream event February 25th from 7-8 pm: <https://gradyhsptsa.ejoinme.org/2021>

Committee Reports: none

Old business/New business – none

President Amy Higgins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Seconded. Approved



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March 17, 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

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

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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 March 20.



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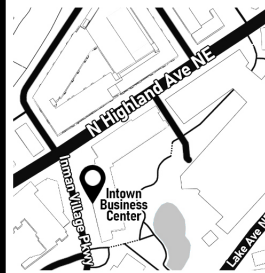
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