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## President's Message

### Giving Thanks to the Festival, Trolley Barn and L5PCAC

By Amy Higgins • President@inmanpark.org

Every April as I watch Festival unfold, I take a moment to reflect on all the volunteer hours, blood, sweat, and tears that go into making it possible and I give thanks for being able to be a part of this community. The Festival is the defining feature of our neighborhood. Next year we will be celebrating 50 years of Festival! If you have never made time to volunteer in the past, I recommend you mark your calendars for the last weekend of April 2022 so you can be a part of the half century celebration.

Of course, the Festival isn't the only thing that makes Inman Park special. In the context of this continuing pandemic, I am especially grateful that we have two great assets in the neighborhood: The Trolley Barn and the Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community (formerly the Little 5 Points Community Center.) Each institution has partnered with CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort) and Fulton County to provide Covid testing and Covid vaccines. They have each worked with the American Red Cross to conduct urgently needed blood drives. The convenience and adept management that each organization employed in carrying out these services has taken some of the stress out of what has been a very taxing year. Please remember that these institutions didn't just emerge by accident, they were created by neighbors who were willing to invest their time and often their own money for the benefit of our community. We'd all be poorer in spirit today had the buildings been demolished or sold off for strictly private use.

As we slowly, cautiously emerge from Covid isolation, I encourage you to explore the many great offerings that L5PCAC and the Trolley Barn provide. L5PCAC hosts Horizon Theater, Gateway mime and mask performances, the Atlanta Jugglers, Rising Phoenix T'ai Chi, and many other unique arts groups including the incomparable Seed and Feed Marching Abominable! The Trolley Barn is partnering with Fever to provide candlelight concerts on the patio through most of the summer (and perhaps beyond).

Sometime in the next several months, the IPNA meeting will leave Zoom and return to our home at the Trolley Barn. I hope to see you there!



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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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## May 25

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

## Jun 29

***"The Hena Artist"***  
by Alka Joshi

**BIG NEWS!**  
**INMAN PARK BOOK CLUB TO RESUME**  
**FACE TO FACE MEETINGS IN JULY!**

We are cautiously resuming face to face meetings in July.

Masks must be worn and food/drinks will not be shared initially (even though this is a critical part of book club!).

In July we'll meet outside around Paula Mason's pool and in August we'll picnic outside at The Water Tower Park.

All dates and book selections remain the same.

Happy Reading!

Get your Butterfly flags  
(2 sizes!) and Historic Inman Park  
(HIP) stickers at  
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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](mailto: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!

Welcome new neighbors:

Reid Scott to Brickworks

Amber Miller, Brickworks Circle

Ellen and Kevin Creekmore,  
Euclid Avenue

## 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](http://inmanpark.org) and use the "Buy a SHOUT-OUT" pulldown menu to let the *Advocator* help you surprise that special someone!

## Neighbor to Neighbor

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

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

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

## Gardener's Corner/Corner a Gardener

By Yr. Editrix • [advocator@inmanpark.org](mailto:advocator@inmanpark.org)

In which Yr. Editrix corners a gardener and asks a few dumb questions. This month's Cornered Gardener is Carolyn Jordan-White of Virgil Street!

Yr. Editrix: What is this palm tree called?

Carolyn Jordan-White: Windmill palm.

YE: It survives in this climate. Would you say it thrives in this climate?

CJW: What's been amazing is that it survived after the tree planted over it died. It used to have an enormous tree over it. So you see it gets these little brown edges on it. It's more sun than it really would prefer.

YE: Carolyn, why do you have peonies and I don't have peonies?

CJW: Your yard has a lot of tree roots, as do a lot of Inman Park yards. I think that's hard for plants to compete for space and nutrients. We're really not the ideal peony climate. They grow well farther north—Michigan, Wisconsin. They like that cool.

We get a little too hot too quick. But we get a nice blast for a little while. They just smell so wonderful I thought it was worth it.

YE: What would you say is the biggest risk of planting a food crop in your front yard?

CJW: Well that's where my sun is so that's why I do it! If I had sun in the back I'd probably do it in the back. It's probably not ideal. I'd like to think people who walk their dogs pull them back from...

YE: Peeing actively on food that's being grown?

CJW: Yes.

YE: What's your favorite thing blooming right now?

CJW: Snapdragons! And the peonies. This blue salvia. And the clematis! Lettuce. The cilantro is dying back. Arugula is dying back. It's getting hot. We're in the transition period—it's time to figure out what to change in the holes that are going to happen when everybody gets too hot. What's going to come up next.



## Doggo the Month: Bernice



Even more gorgeous in person.

## IPNA Calendar

May 19

**IPNA Meeting**

Zoom  
7:30 p.m.

May 25

**Book Club**

See page 4  
for details

May 27

**NPU-N Meeting**

Zoom  
7:00 p.m.

Jun 16

**IPNA Meeting**

Zoom  
7:30 p.m.

Jun 24

**NPU-N Meeting**

Zoom  
7:00 p.m.



## Inman Park Residents:

Want to keep up with local events, civic activism, and neighborhood content related to Inman Park? Join our Inman Park Google Group with almost 1000 subscribers. Email admin Patty Durand at [pdurand@bellsouth.net](mailto:pdurand@bellsouth.net) to join.

# Speak for the Trees: Words to Live By

By Jim Abbot • abbot.jim@gmail.com

I used to teach a seminar at Agnes Scott College called “Trees and Forests.” It sounds like ecology, doesn’t it? In fact, it was a lit course.



we can’t tell our story — the story of humankind, I mean — without telling the story of the forest, too. They’re intertwined.

Think about it: we humans began clearing the forest when we finally settled down to plant crops and build cities. The forest, our onetime home, became scary wilderness. It was where the Big Bad Wolf licked his chops as he waited for Little Red Riding Hood to come skipping down the trail.

City good, forest bad. And yet one of the oldest works of literature already sees a problem. The hero of the epic poem Gilgamesh travels with his friend to the Cedar Forest and slays the terrible giant whom the gods had appointed to protect it. Now the men are free to cut the trees and float them downriver to their city. So far, so typical. Yet as the story continues, we see how this heroic adventure leads to the death of the friend and a crisis for the hero.

We should read Gilgamesh as a cautionary tale. The city and the forest have to find a way to coexist. Nature is not our enemy, but neither is it like the dog someone dresses up in a cable-knit sweater. In Inman Park, we’re fortunate to live amid a very distant relative of that legendary Cedar Forest — let’s choose to be its ally, not its adversary.

The reading list reached from Greek tragedy to Shakespeare to Janisse Ray, the Georgia essayist and naturalist. My premise was that

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## Inman Park Elected Officials Event

By Cristy Lenz • cristylenz@gmail.com

On April 24, the IPNA Diversity and Inclusion Committee hosted a Winner’s Circle celebration for elected officials. Traditionally, our public servants ride in the Festival parade and we honor them afterwards at a reception along the route. This year we didn’t have a parade but wanted to keep alive the tradition of hosting our elected officials. We were thrilled to have in attendance Georgia House District 58 Representative Park Cannon, US District 5 Congresswoman Nikema Williams, Senator Jon Ossoff, and Senator Raphael Warnock. Each spoke to the crowd of Inman Park residents about their fight for equal voting rights for all Georgians, speaking against SB 202. The Indigo Girls also graciously donated their talent as musical guests. Several members of Atlanta City Council attended the forum, including Council President Felicia Moore, Post 2 At-Large Matt Westmoreland, Post 3 At-Large Andre Dickens, Post 1 At-Large Michael Julian Bond, and District 2 Councilmember Amir’s Farokhi’s Chief of Staff, Jay Tribby. Ro Lawson, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Head, opened the event. Deva Hinton-Lawson, Inman Park resident and poet, recited “An Ode to Inman Park,” her original

work about growing up in the neighborhood.

The Inman Park Tour of Gardens, this year’s Festival replacement, made for a great weekend in the best neighborhood in Atlanta. We are grateful that many of our elected officials wanted to join us in the neighborhood for this special weekend.

We would like to thank our planning volunteers: Ro Lawson, Robert Hahn, Beverly Miller, Ruth Wall, Bobbie Paul, Ayisha Taylor and Cristy Lenz. Without their hard work, the event would not have happened. A big thanks to longtime Inman

Park residents Scote Dunn and Stephanie Monore of the Waddi Art Gally who graciously donated their beautiful space to hold our event.



# Introducing Some New IPNA Board Members

Changes to the IPNA Board are coming up! Here's an introduction to some of the new members who are generously contributing their time and effort to our neighborhood success.

## President-elect – Cristy Lenz

Cristy Lenz has lived in Inman Park for eight years. She is the owner of Food Tours Atlanta, a walking food and history tour, and works with the Little Five Points Alliance as their Executive Consultant. Cristy is a former VP of Communications. She is the admin for our website, Memberclicks, (she hates it as much as you do). She organizes the annual IPNA holiday party, heads up the Oral History Committee under Lifelong Inman Park, and is on the ad-hoc Diversity and Inclusion advisory council. Cristy loves Inman Park and says the best thing about volunteering in the neighborhood is the community you find when you know your neighbors and work alongside them. Also, the epic block parties on Virgil. If you see her leading a tour or walking her dog, please stop and say hello.

## Secretary – Alex Ganim

Alex and her husband Chris moved to Atlanta from DC in 2014 for Alex to continue her career in Public Health at US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They fell in love with Inman Park and felt fortunate to become homeowners in the community in early 2015. Since 2015 they have grown their small homestead with two tiny humans, two

cats, a brood of hens, and more plants than can be counted. Alex volunteered with IPNA to serve as a more active community member and to become more familiar with the rich and quirky history of Inman Park and its residents.

## Treasurer – Dahshi Marshall

Although a Midwest native, Dahshi Marshall has lived in Atlanta for more than 20 years and considers himself a proud Atlantan. Dahshi and his wife Sandra have been Inman Park residents for the past 9 years, where they live with their young daughter. Given his background in finance and his outgoing personality, Dahshi currently works in financial services and retirement planning. When Dahshi is not working, you can find him enjoying one of our neighborhood parks with his family or yelling from the stands at Atlanta United matches. Along with his commitment to his family and his business, Dahshi has a strong affinity for Atlanta and Inman Park and is passionate about serving his community.

## VP of Communications – Melissa Lawrence

Hi everyone! My name is Melissa Lawrence, and I hope to be the new Communications Chair. I want to get involved because, well, I love Inman Park. When the pandemic hit, just like for everyone else, it was a tough time for our family. One bright spot in an otherwise difficult year was getting to know our neighbors. What started as a nightly show

of appreciation for our healthcare providers by banging pots and pans quickly became a nightly hangout filled with games, costumes, cocktails, and camaraderie. It affirmed how much I love our neighborhood and want to be involved in making Inman as amazing for other people as it has been for me. I live on Virgil Street with my husband, Adrian, and our children Katherine and Anderson. I'm excited to get to know more of my neighbors and help the neighborhood in any way that I can.

## VP of Public Safety-Tom Baldwin

Hello Inman Park Neighbors. I am honored to have been nominated for the position of VP of Public Safety. Inman Park has been my home for over 23 years, living the entire time on Waddell St. I am excited about contributing once again to this neighborhood I love. I've been active in the past with Festival (I was "Beer General" years ago) and I've also been active with outreach efforts at our neighborhood church, Inman Park United Methodist. This is my first time serving IPNA as a board member and Public Safety is the one I've had in mind should the time be right and the opportunity there. It looks like that time is now. I might even pull in my college age kids (22 and 20) to help out from time to time. I look forward to serving this great neighborhood.

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## Calling all Visionaries to Establish the Little 5 Points Community Center Garden

By Aaron Schwartz • [little5pccgarden@gmail.com](mailto:little5pccgarden@gmail.com)

Little Five Points Center for Arts & Community (L5PCAC) is looking to establish a Community Garden within the bounds of the Center, utilizing an untapped swath of land that has enormous potential to become a first-rate garden.

We are hoping to recruit a dedicated core group of volunteers, approximately 5-8 people, representing neighboring communities, specifically Little Five Points, Inman Park, and Candler Park. This "Planning Committee" will participate in the organization, design, and ultimate creation of the garden. David Shorter, Director of L5PCC, and Aaron Schwartz, Inman Park resident, are spearheading this effort.

Our vision is for this garden to have a social justice/social impact backbone, whereby a portion of the food grown will be donated to

families in need. Partnering with other local Food Justice initiatives is also in the works. This is a phenomenal opportunity to be an active planner in the community, to strengthen our neighborhood by maintaining a vibrant garden, where people can get to know each other and can feel positive about local fresh food to take home. In order for a garden to be sustainable as a true community resource, it must grow from local conditions and reflect the strengths, needs and desires of the local community.

Please email [L5PCCgarden@gmail.com](mailto:L5PCCgarden@gmail.com) if you are interested in applying for a position on the Planning Committee. Our goal is to have an active garden by Fall 2021!

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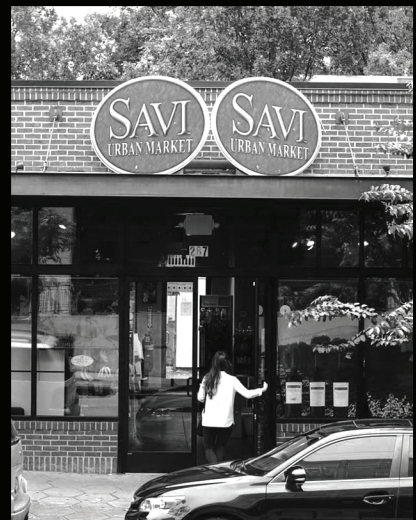


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# What a Great Quasi Festival

By Yr. Editrix • [advocator@inmanpark.org](mailto:advocator@inmanpark.org)

Our beloved Inman Park Festival was delayed in its full glory for another year to comply with requirements of social distancing in the time of COVID...but this traditional end-of-April weekend was still jam packed with many fun, safe, outdoor activities. One of the comments heard again and again from neighbors was how much they enjoyed this stripped down quasi festival--it felt very intimate, organic, and spontaneous. Of course we know that all the time spent organizing the Caterpillar Parade, garden tour, vendors, and many musical porches was anything but spontaneous--it was the very hard work of a dedicated corps of Inman Park volunteers and generous donors. But the feel of it took many by very pleasant surprise. Children in their butterfly finery marched. Seed-n-Feed's crack drum troupe pounded. Tractor rides were enthusiastically accepted. Elaborate bloody marys were constructed and consumed. Pottery purchases were contemplated. Gardens were drooled over and musicians set porches on fire (not literally, much). Again and again, Yr. Editrix heard from neighbors "this is so great!" and "I wasn't expecting so much to be going on!" and "I'm having such a great time!"



I don't believe this was COVID-adjusted levels of fun either--this was just pure Inman Park community joy.

So next year, with any luck, we will be back in the usual way and we can work on refilling our coffers, and we can all finally have a corndog. But many of us will remember quasi festival

2021 as something really special. Guess you just had to be there.



(credits to William Byrd and Johnathan Katz for photos)



# Atlanta Vaccination Campaign

Greetings Atlanta Neighborhood Associations,

All Georgia residents ages 16 and older are now eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. As part of her vision of One Atlanta, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms is encouraging all eligible Atlantans to make their vaccine appointment today. The vaccine is safe, effective, and **free**.

Vaccinations are available at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium and Georgia International Convention Center by appointment.

**The vaccine is free, even without health insurance. A government ID is not required to receive the vaccine. Evening and weekend appointments are available.**

You can register for an appointment online at <https://gtavras.powerappsportals.us/>, by calling the Georgia Department of Public Health at **888-457-0186**. Our office can personally assist you in getting an appointment, arranging a MARTA ride, or coordinating door-to-door transportation. If you want to drive, parking at Mercedes-Benz is free when getting the vaccination.

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## Arts at Oakland

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Historic Oakland Foundation will offer this event free to the public from dawn to dusk, honoring the important role that Oakland Cemetery has played this year as an open and accessible green space for our community. Tours and expanded hours in Oakland's Visitors

Center will be offered on the weekends, and King of Pops will serve up sweet treats on site.

On Sunday, May 30, ride your bike into the cemetery for a special "Bike in for the Arts" tabling event, and browse vendors at the Bell Tower Boutique.

For more information and to purchase tour tickets, please visit [oaklandcemetery.com/arts](http://oaklandcemetery.com/arts).

## 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](mailto:junoble@yahoo.com) or [secretary@inmanpark.org](mailto:secretary@inmanpark.org) to join

# IPNA Meeting Minutes: April 21, 2021

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

[Note: between 7:31 and 9:06, the number of participants varied, beginning with 38 people at the start of the meeting, and with a high of around 53 people logged on at 8:17]

Welcome/Introduction of newcomers

Sarah Segan and Brad Oppenheimer (Dixie), Sara Martin Henderson (Edgewood), Alex Ganim (Alta).

Police officers' report – Sgt Moody reported that the officers are no longer on extended 12 hours shifts; they are back to the usual 8-hour shifts, which will make officers more available for Security Patrol. In Zone 6, all crime is down in the last 28 days, with robberies in particular down 14%. Q: Any updates on street racing? Are the incidents declining or holding steady? A: They have made a lot of arrests and impounded a lot of cars.

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

Announcements

Our District 2 Atlanta City Councilmember Amir Farokhi and his wife Julie welcomed their first child, baby girl Kanako Elizabeth Okada-Farokhi. (Inman Park butterfly gifts are on the way!) Darcel Stewart reported that Transportation Committee reviewed has met and will give a full report next month on noise abatement initiatives, among other items. She reminded membership that "Quiet your Ride" signs can be purchased here: <https://locations.theupsstore.com/ga/decat/2107-n-decat-rd/sign-printing> Barbara Leach (Chair of Beautification Committee) reported that the new "Welcome to Inman Park" signs will be installed just after the Tour of Gardens. The 5 wooden signs that were designed by neighbor Curt Wilson 20 years ago have been stolen or in disrepair; 3 of those are available for purchase in the ToG Auction April 19-26. In February IPNA voted to set aside \$2,500 to update the design and replace the signs.

Elected officials' reports – Jay Tribby was present on behalf of Amir Farokhi's office and reported that discussions and a vote to repurpose the city jail have been happening recently: <https://citycouncil.atlantaga.gov/Home/Components/News/News/2504/> Also, all 110 MARTA bus routes (curtailed by Covid-19) will be restored by 4/24. Most service in Inman Park will stay the same. Q: Why is the new Tree Ordinance not going in front of the NPUs first? A: Not sure; will ask Legislative Director Tony Lucadamo for clarification on that and will follow up.

City of Atlanta Tree Ordinance - Jim Abbot (Inman Park Tree Watch and Arboretum) gave a brief update on the new Tree Ordinance. This is a basic need and right of Atlanta residents, affecting our clean air and water. He has attended many meetings and reviewed many documents since this process began, and is pleased to see the City reach out and incorporate ideas from the community. In many ways this new Ordinance is much improved over the 20-year-old version (for example, actual tree-removal companies will be involved and consulted). He does believe this will protect more trees, and in general hopes Inman Park will show our support for the proposal, but contingent on some changes needed; Trees Atlanta should work with the City to achieve these basic goals:

- No net loss of trees

- Goal of 50% tree canopy (currently 47%)
  - Broaden the category of "Priority Tree" to include more species (e.g., native trees)
  - More transparent use of the trust fund
  - Involve the community; more time to appeal before a tree comes down
- Motion to support the City's proposal for a new tree protection ordinance, with the request that the City Council work with Trees Atlanta to adopt as many of its suggestions as possible. Second. Unanimous agreement.

Q: Does this new variance and setback (80%) make it more difficult for developers? A: It relies on the "professional judgement" of the City, which could be problematic. Q: Could we add/request language for minimum footage or to reduce the setback? A: We can propose this. Members decided that "Overall we are encouraged by many provisions but have concerns about administrative setbacks variance and involvement with immediate neighbors on contiguous properties impacted."

Motion to not support the stand-alone provision of Ordinance as currently written (allowing administrative variances to reduce required building setbacks by 80% to preserve trees. Consensus was a possible 80% in required yard width was excessive) Second. Unanimous agreement.

There will be another public hearing on May 6. Find a fuller version of Jim's assessment here: <https://inmanparktrees.com/2021/02/09/new-tree-ordinance-delivered-to-council/>

PAD introduction and discussion – delayed until May meeting

Little 5 Points Alliance – Cristy Lenz, Chris Curley and Al Caproni gave a brief update on some items:

- There is an active Safety Committee working to figure out initiatives
- The Mini Precinct has closed; may be opened in new location at some point
- The Findley Plaza improvement project has been bundled into two other city projects and will begin work in the first quarter of next year

Safety on Colquitt – Neighbors Doug Alvarez and Joan Steigerwald presented concerns with the shared driveway which runs behind businesses on Euclid in L5P and exits on Colquitt. Cars exiting the parking lot too fast often endanger pedestrians, too many cars parked tightly along the lane force vehicles up onto neighbors' yards, lack of marked parking creates confusion in the lot, etc. Q: What are you proposing? A: Open to suggestions, but thinking about wildcat striping, speedbumps or bollards to calm traffic. Q: Is this area included in the L5P Alliance Mobility Study? A: (Curley) Yes, in the parking analysis section. The confusion in this "unmanaged" parking lot comes because several businesses own different portions of it.

Politicians' event and budget allocation vote – The IPNA Board recently approved \$1,800 to be used for an Elected Officials Event ("IPNA Winner's Circle") which will occur on Saturday 4/24 when the Inman Park Festival Parade would have started. This political celebration was organized by the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee, who is excited to keep the momentum going," in a year where we could not have a Parade because of Covid. The funds will be primarily used for security and to livestream the event on the Inman Park Facebook page.

#### IPNA officers' reports:

President Amy Higgins introduced a request from neighbors Jim Emshoff and John Dwyer to remove the broken pavers on Euclid/Edgewood in Delta Park and replace temporarily with mulch to make that area accessible to audiences viewing live music in that area during the 2022 Festival. The cost would be \$350, to be taken from the General Fund. Q: Isn't that area part of a larger project of improvement stated to begin later? A: Yes, but that is not yet scheduled and this quick fix is needed. Q: Do we need approval from the Parks Department? A: This may get their attention and speed up true repairs. Motion to support the allocation. Second. Unanimous approval.

VP of Historic Preservation - Sara Wittich introduced architect Ute Banse, who presented on behalf of the owners the proposed changes to 776 Dixie Avenue, which will require a type 3 certificate of appropriateness. This is mostly an interior renovation, but they plan to also expand the existing, finished attic and add two dormers which will be visible from the street. Q: How did immediate neighbors respond to this proposal? A: Immediate neighbors and the Historic Preservation Committee all unanimously approved. Motion to support. Second. Unanimous approval.

VP for Zoning - Regina Brewer presented a request from one of the the new owners of Pure Taqueria for a change of agent (from previous owner) for liquor license. The immediate neighbors all supported this request. Motion to support. Second. Unanimous approval. Regina then gave an update on 320 North Highland (Villa de Grip), which a judge recently rezoned to a commercial classification (MRC-I-C) Amir helped negotiate this compromise, and the City Council voted to approve with two conditions: 1. Lifting the condition prohibiting commercial use above the main level 2. Widening the driveway to allow 24' width for two-way traffic. The Copenhill lot remains residential. We suspect that the owners wish to demolish the existing building but that would be very difficult to legally do. Q: Does this mean the design process now starts over? A: Yes.

VP of Planning – Patrick Pontius Nothing new to report

VP of Public Safety – Kevin Curry – reported that we are hiring a new officer to fill an evening shift

Treasurer - Kay Kirsche – reported that there is \$125k in operating account and \$150k in reserves. \$34k will be spent soon on sidewalk repairs. Q: What is the status/timeline of that project? A: Will reach out to Millie Astin and ask.

VP for Communications - Melissa Miller – nothing to report

Secretary - Julie Noble – nothing to report

Scott Evans, NPU-N – reported on new legislation proposed to allow onsite sales from urban gardens. There is a presentation later this month and he will report back with more info in May.

Committee Reports – Eric Goldberg (Chair of the Inman Park Education Committee) reported, regarding APS future use of the empty Inman Middle building, that there have been several meetings (APS-wide on 3/30 and two neighborhood specific meetings on 2/24 and 4/14) The EdComm will be putting out a document with data and neighborhood-wide survey on this topic soon and will host another meeting in May.

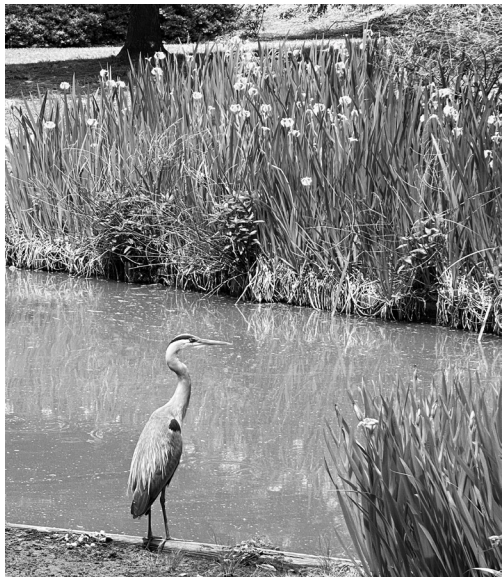
Old business/New business – Sam Bailey, Co-Chair Inman Park Tour of Gardens Committee announced tickets for Saturday and Sunday are sold out! Friday tickets are still available and they are looking into expanding ticket sales for the sold-out days. If you ordered merchandise, you will get an email about pick up. The silent auction will be live until April 26 at 6pm. <https://qtego.net/qmlink/inmanpark> The Caterpillar Parade will be on Thursday April 22 RSVP HERE: <https://forms.gle/52XaA8kaMNPeUSHV6> Volunteers are still needed, so check out the website and sign up, please. <http://inmanparkfestival.org/gardens/> Many thanks to Sam and Jane for countless hours of work on this event!

President Amy Higgins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Seconded. Approved

## Springvale Park Update: Blooms for Garden Tour

By Beau Weidman • [g.weidman@comcast.net](mailto:g.weidman@comcast.net)

We saw the festival bloomers for Garden Tour 2021. The plantings of Springvale paid off with



big color. The Irises were yellow and purple. Plenty of red came from illisium and calycanthus. The best of the native azaleas that weekend were among the Florida flame group: "Solar Glow", "Mooshatanio" and "Red Sunset" along with the slightly earlier "Firecracker" and slightly later "Tangerine Delight". The period of April 21 and 30 isn't complete without the often overlooked pink Atlantic azalea and the Chapman rhododendron.

There are plans to reactivate the water pump system, improve lawn drainage and continue tree preservation efforts with removing invasive growth.

## Hey Runners!

Are you a runner disappointed because you didn't win a bib number in the Peachtree Road Race for 2021? There is a way you can get a bib and help one of my favorite charities, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The Atlanta Track Club has assigned bibs to AFSP. AFSP is asking each runner to raise at least \$500 through contributions in order to qualify for a bib. If you are interested, I am happy to help you with fundraising and to make an initial donation to your efforts. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3aqmNjL> And let me know if you want my help and support @sdorn47@comcast.net.

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# Agenda

May 19, 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](http://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 June issue of the Advocate, please send your submissions to [advocator@inmanpark.org](mailto:advocator@inmanpark.org) before May 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](http://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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[InmanParkFestival.org](http://InmanParkFestival.org)  
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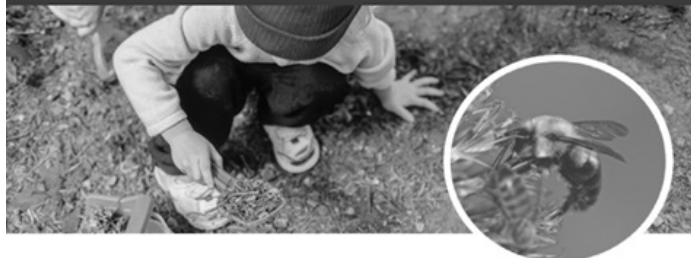
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