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President's Message

IPNA Budgeting

By Amy Higgins • President@inmanpark.org

It's budget season again in Inman Park. Covid and the accompanying loss of yet another Festival have encouraged us to focus very carefully on how we spend our money. Fortunately, previous IPNA boards have left us with a healthy reserve fund so we can pay our bills again this year without needing to spend down our savings. Couple that with the fundraising success of the Tour of Gardens this past April and we are in decent shape financially speaking.

Since we are looking carefully at the budget this month, I thought I would highlight the sources of our funding. Here are our primary revenue sources:

1. Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP) dues
2. Advocate ad sales
3. IPNA swag
4. Film industry donations
5. Wine Stroll/Fall Fundraiser
6. The Inman Park Spring Festival and Tour of Homes

Of course, the IPSP dues are allocated exclusively for Security Patrol expenses. This includes pay for the officers and other misc. expenses associated with operating the patrol. In a typical year, IPNA tops off the dues with an extra \$10,000 - \$20,000.

The Advocate ad sales fund - you guessed it - the printing and mailing of The Advocate. Thanks to the dedication of the Advocate team, we are getting close to covering the full cost with ads but need to have a little IPNA money allocated to close the gap.

IPNA swag such as butterfly banners and HIP (Historic Inman Park) bumper stickers are available for purchase at the Intown Business Center on Inman Village Parkway. Each purchase puts a little money back in the IPNA coffers and lets you show off your neighborhood pride.

Our film and special events committee coordinates filming in the neighborhood and is often able to negotiate donations from production companies to offset the noise and inconvenience of movie-making in the neighborhood. It's not a lot of money but it does help - certainly in years like this when money is tight.

Each fall from 2013-2019, our BeltLine Wine Stroll committee hosted a fabulous wine tasting event at local restaurants in Inman Park and on the adjacent stretch of the BeltLine. Money from that event has helped pay for pathway and playground improvements in Springvale Park and lighting in Freedom Park. This event is returning on October 23 as the new "Inman Park Wine Stroll with Music and Art." If we are going to continue improvements in our parks, we need to work together to make this event a success.



And, of course, if you've lived in the neighborhood for any length of time you know what a huge event the Inman Park Spring Festival and Tour of Homes is. This is the event that put Inman Park on the map! In a typical year, it is where we earn the lion's share of our income. It funds everything from sidewalk repair and park maintenance to Tree Watch to grants to our local public schools, community center, and library. The effort we put into hosting Festival and how we spend the money it produces are a reflection of our values. If you are new to the neighborhood or have been here a while and just never found the time to volunteer, this is a great year to get involved

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2021 Inman Park Book Club

Meets at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of most months.

Most book selections are available at our neighborhood bookstore:

A Cappella Books

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Sep 28

"The Vanishing Half"

by Brit Bennett
John Floyd, 116 Elizabeth St.,

Oct 26

***"The Splendid and the Vile:
A Saga of Churchill, Family,
and Defiance During the
Blitz"***

by Erik Lawson
Diana Glad, 960 Edgewood Ave

Get your IPNA vinyl banners,
cloth masks and Historic
Inman Park (HIP) stickers for
sale at Intown Business Center



Welcome
Graham Guerra, Lila
Subramanian, Myrna Guerra, and
Tennessee Guerra to
Edgewood Ave!

If you are new to Inman Park, welcome!
We're so glad you're here.

Please contact the IPNA hospitality chair
at
hospitality@inmanpark.org

Also, if you have personal news or
a life event to share, the Hospitality
Committee would love to hear about it
and recognize you in the Advocate.
Get in touch!

Give Them a Shout-Out!

Celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in the
Advocate!

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 Advocate 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

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

L5P September Events

Little Five Points Center for Arts & Community:

September 4th: Bizarre Bazaar 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

September 17th: Osun Festival Forum Manga African Dance 6:30pm to 8:30pm

September 18th: Tucci Recycling Event 10am to 3pm; Osun Festival Forum Manga African Dance 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

September 23rd: Emory Community Health Night Free COVID19 and STD Testing 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

September 24th: Blood Drive 10:00am to 3:00 pm

Tickets for the Little 5 Points Ghost Tour On Sale Now!

Want to experience an evening of ghostly thrills and chills? The Little 5 Points Business Association and the Little 5 Points Center for Arts & Community are proud to present the first annual Little 5 Points Ghost Tour. Throughout the month of October, our "spirit guides" will take you on a walking tour of Little 5 Points and tell you all about the ghosts, ghouls, and phantoms who haunt our historic neighborhood. All tours take place in the evening, with start times at 7:00 and 9:00 PM.

Some of the ghostly beings you'll learn about (and may meet!) during the tour include:

- A movie theater ghost with a sense of duty and taste for whiskey
- A long lost musician who likes to prank unsuspecting visitors
- A fallen police officer who protects Little 5 Points, even in death
- A teenage girl who lost her life during a shooting at a witch's coven

Tickets for the Little 5 Points Ghost Tour will go on sale September 1, 2021, and will be available on Eventbrite. Be sure to purchase your tickets today, as there is only a limited amount available. Tickets are \$25.00, with proceeds benefitting the Little 5 Points Business Association and the Little 5 Points Center for Arts & Community. For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit L5PHalloween.com.





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IPNA Calendar

Sep 15

IPNA Meeting

Zoom
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Sep 23

NPU-N Meeting

Zoom
7:00 p.m.

Sep 28

Book Club

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Oct 20

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7:30 p.m.

Oct 23

IP Wine Stroll

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Oct 26

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Oct 28

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 to join.

IPNA Proposed Budget

The proposed IPNA budget for 2021-2022 is posted below, per IPNA bylaws.

IPNA 2022 Budget		2021 Approved Budget	2022 Budget Requests	Change
REVENUE	IPNA Security Memberships - Individuals:			
	Individual IPSP Dues			
		\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -
	IPNA Security Memberships - Business:		\$ -	
	Seed and Feed	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
	Trolley Barn		\$ -	\$ -
	Inman Park UMC	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
	IPNA Security Memberships - Multifamily:		\$ -	
	IPV Master Association	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
	Inman Mews	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 2,070.00	\$ -
	Inman Park Townhomes on Dixie		\$ -	\$ -
	Iron Workers Lofts		\$ -	\$ -
	Bass Lofts (to be offset by increase in Security Patrol Exp)		\$ -	\$ -
	Brickworks Condo Assoc		\$ -	\$ -
	Inman Walk HOA	\$ 2,672.00	\$ 2,672.00	\$ -
	Inman Motor Works Condos		\$ -	\$ -
	Other Income:			
	Interest	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
	Festival /Tour of Gardens	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
	Atlanta Beltline Wine Stroll	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Advocator - Advertising revenue	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 15,300.00	\$ -
	IPNA Flags & Banners	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
	Film Industry - Donations		\$ -	\$ -
	Home For the Holidays	\$ -	\$ 45,672.72	\$ 45,672.72
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 121,792.00	\$ 227,464.72	\$ 105,672.72
EXPENSES				
Public Safety	Police Officers	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -
	Yard Signs/Stickers/copies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
	Graffiti Removal	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
	Officer Appreciation	\$ 480.00	\$ 480.00	\$ -
	Patrol Car Expenses:			
	Repairs and equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
	Fuel	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
	Insurance / Registration	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
	Telephone	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -
	Subtotal - Public Safety	\$ 130,180.00	\$ 130,180.00	\$ -
Communications	Advocator - publishing expense	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (19,900.00)
	Hospitality	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ (250.00)
	Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Historic Preservation, Zoning & Planning general expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	Subtotal - Communications	\$ 21,150.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (20,150.00)
Planning	NPU-N Mtg Space Contribution	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
	Lifelong Inman Park	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Inman Park Master Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Subtotal - Planning	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,000.00
Beautification	Beautification Maintenance	\$ 10,580.00	\$ 11,520.00	\$ 940.00
	Beautification Maintenance - Enhancements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Springvale Maintenance - General	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Homeowner Sidewalk Subsidies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Lights - Freedom Park	\$ -	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 57,000.00
	Subtotal - Beautification	\$ 14,080.00	\$ 73,520.00	\$ 59,440.00
Executive	General Board Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (500.00)
	Baby sitter for monthly IPNA meetings (\$50/mo)	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
	Storage Closet build out - Trolley Barn	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Bank, Merchant credit card charges	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
	Memberclicks	\$ 5,730.00	\$ 3,372.00	\$ (2,358.00)
	Intuit and Quick books	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 20.00
	Property Tax	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ -
	CPA - Audit / Tax Prep. Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
	Insurance - D&O for Officers	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
	Trademark	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -
	Corp Registration	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
	Website Redesign		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Legal (zoning)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Subtotal - Executive	\$ 22,720.00	\$ 29,882.00	\$ 7,162.00

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Social	Inventories: IPNA Flags / Banners / Stickers	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)
	Holiday Party	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	4th of July Party	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Porch Parties	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	2020 Festival Social for Local Politicians	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other Social Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Subtotal - Social	1,500.00	\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)
Grants	Little 5 Mini Precinct *	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)
	Ponce de Leon Library	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)
	L5P Center for Arts	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)
	L5P Alliance Mbr Dues	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)
	Board Discretionary Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Education:		\$ -	
	Midtown High School	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	Howard Middle School	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	Mary Lin Elementary School	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	Hope Hill Elementary School	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
	Subtotal - Grants	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (16,000.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$208,730.00	\$238,682.00	\$29,952.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		\$ (86,938.00)	\$ (11,217.28)	

Cash on Hand as of End of FY 2021	\$197,066.00
Less: Projected Deficit for FY 2022	\$ (11,217.28)
Total Cash on Hand as of End of FY 2021	\$185,848.72

Inman Park Wine Stroll October 23!

The Inman Park Wine Stroll with Music and Art is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23, 1-6 pm.

Tickets go on sale on eventbrite August 30! Click Interested or Going now so you can be notified of event updates.

Proceeds go to Springvale Park and the Inman Park Security Patrol!

Formerly the BeltLine Wine Stroll, this event, now in its eighth year, is the longest running wine tasting event on the east side of Atlanta. This year's event has been re-formatted to include live music and art in addition to wine tastings at 16 locations in historic Inman Park. Included among the 16 wine tasting locations at this year's event:

- 6 front porches on which bands will be performing live music
- 6 front porches featuring local arts and crafts

- 2 restaurants
- 2 art galleries

At each of the 16 venues, attendees will sample reds and whites curated by the events' wine experts.

Along the way, ticket holders will stroll through leafy Inman Park on their way to and from the event's wine tasting venues, allowing attendees to enjoy the Victorians and architecturally interesting housing stock characteristic of this historic neighborhood. Tickets cost \$50 per person and are available now for purchase on Eventbrite.

Ticket link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inman-park-wine-stroll-with-music-and-art-tickets-70437230653?aff=ebdssbeac>



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Jim Abbot's much-beloved monthly column, *Speak for the Trees*, will be appearing on a quarterly basis in *The Advocate*--Inman Park's *Lorax* est occupatus! Please welcome our new featured nature writer, Lynn Koehnemann, who will delve into her expansive knowledge of Atlanta, Inman Park, geography, gardening, and so much more in her monthly column.

Of Redwoods, Rhododendrons, and Microclimates

By Lynn Curtis Koehnemann • lkoehnemann@gmail.com

My grandmother kept her woodland violets planted under a hedge on the north side of her house to shelter them from the hot summer sun. We had not heard the word back then, but this was a microclimate. Microclimate refers to the climate of a very small or restricted area with distinctive temperature, rainfall, drainage, windbreaks (artificial or natural), or sunlight. My favorite example of a microclimate is the Oaxaca region of Mexico which is home to 36 varieties of indigenous corn. Each type of corn is especially suited to its unique habitat. The rugged topography of Oaxaca produces microclimatic environments winding from the tropical coast through narrow temperate valleys and up to montane cloud forest.

The USDA Plant Hardiness Zones are generalized, so microclimates do occur within each. For example, Midtown Atlanta is an urban heat island in the Piedmont region of Georgia with hotspots up to 10 degrees F. warmer than the suburbs. In Inman Park, the dense tree canopy reduces the urban heat island effect by shading surfaces and releasing water vapor into the air. We see trees and plants thriving even though the USDA Plant Hardiness map suggests not locating them here.

The out-of-zone and very unexpected coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) on Elizabeth Street was planted before 1900 and lived until lightning struck it in 1981. The new trees that sprouted from its base look healthy and are now emerging above the tree canopy. The distinctive climate of coastal California, where redwoods originate, with its cool coastal fog and very dry summers, might distract us from the frequency of lightning here in Georgia. Georgia has frequent summer rainstorms and lightning occurs eleven times more often in Atlanta than in the Pacific Northwest. Redwood trees prefer well-drained soil and this spot is perched above the street with a mossy slope below.

Another surprise is the collection of deciduous native azaleas (*Rhododendron* sp.) in Springvale Park. While a dozen native (wild) azaleas species occur in the cooler and moister Blue Ridge Ecosystem, fewer than half of these occur naturally here in Fulton County. And the urban heat island effect would make it difficult to grow even these few varieties in much of Atlanta. Native azaleas perform best in dappled shade in the transition zone between forest and field - in a well-drained but moist spot. The steep (well-drained) north-facing slope at Euclid has partial afternoon shade and adequate soil moisture to help compensate for the excessive summer heat. A healthy layer of leaf litter and mulch helps retain moisture and cool the soil during the summer. The deep contour of the site of Springvale Park has the potential to channel the wind toward this slope - and cool it.

Microclimates also occur, of course, within a simple home garden. One house on Edgewood has a tropical palm tree! It was moved from inside to the south-facing porch when it grew too tall. Snuggled up against the house's entrance, it has continued to thrive outdoors in this protected location for more than ten years. A streetside vegetable garden on Elizabeth takes advantage of the full sun in an open, unshaded spot. This garden's impressive okra plants and sunflowers need 6 - 8 hours of full sun each day. In contrast, a rain garden off Lake sits downslope in a very damp spot planted with an enviable array of Siberian Iris, pitcher plants (*Sarracenia* sp.), and papyrus.

Go here to see the ArcGIS Urban Heat Island Severity for U.S. Cities: <https://tinyurl.com/wzzaw7sb>

Memories of Helene Mills

By Cathy Bradshaw • cbrad999@bellsouth.net

If you eat or attend classes at the Helene S. Mills Senior Multipurpose Facility, you might have had an opportunity to meet Helene Mills, for whom the facility was named.

I met Ms. Mills in about 1995 and worked closely with her through the years battling drug dealers and slum lords in the section of the Old Fourth Ward south of Freedom Parkway and east of Randolph. It was a 12 block area that was riddled with vacant houses, absentee landlords, gun fire at all hours, overgrown lots, drug houses, shot houses (where you take your own glass or jar and buy the amount of alcohol you could afford, esp on Sunday when no store sales were allowed in Georgia), and "cook" houses (where drugs were cooked, not where drug dealers provided meals for their workers). Ms Mills, several business owners and a few long-time neighbors coordinated many neighborhood clean-ups and worked to improve the area. At

our first clean-up, we were surprised when about 75 people showed up. Ms Mills introduced us to many neighbors whom she had not seen in a long time, because people went to work and then locked themselves inside because of the crime in the area. Miss Mary, on John Wesley Dobbs, provided safe haven for kids to hang out after school. Ms. Ammons, on McGruder St, became well-known for her fabulous Red Velvet cakes and Salmon Patties inside flakey biscuits.

Since Ms. Mills had lived in the Old Fourth Ward since she married, she and the other long-timers could help us ID the drug dealers, knowing their aliases and family names. A group of us created the "Fourth Ward Neighbors, Inc." and Ms Mills was a frequent worker as the organization was beginning to accomplish the goals of improving the area.

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Inman Park Parents!

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



Memories of Helene Mills, con't

Ms. Mills was a tireless advocate for seniors and senior rights and attended many City Council meetings and Fulton County Commission meetings. She often laughed about the number of "hot dog and lemonade" events she attended through the years, refusing to be bribed by refreshments. She attended those events as well as campaign parties to ensure that the issues facing seniors and neighbors were not ignored.

Her professional life was at the Internal Revenue Service. She had one son, Leander, who passed away about 2 years ago. After retirement, Ms. Mills continued to work to improve the lives of neighbors and seniors throughout the city. She also worked with her neighbors and local business owners to ensure a senior facility was located in the Old Fourth Ward. The Helene S. Mills Senior Multipurpose facility on John Wesley Dobbs was the result of those efforts. She could often be found at the construction site encouraging workers to get the job finished so "her seniors" could start using the facility. When I attended the dedication with Ms. Mills on September 17, 2002, I leaned over to Ms. Mills and told her I looked forward to being old enough to use the facility when I reached 60. She responded, "Honey, you are 55 and already old enough." Since the opening, I have taken aerobics, water aerobics, and other exercise classes as well as a Power Point computer class. I served as Treasurer on the Board with Ms. Mills for about ten years.

Her efforts for seniors and neighbors in the city and the Old Fourth Ward are the reason the Mills Facility was named for her.

Ms. Mills passed away on Saturday, August 28, 2021. I think she was 94.

Springvale Park Update: Festival and SVP Inseparable

By Beau Weidman • g.weidman@comcast.net

So much of Festival surrounds Springvale. It is almost as if one is a part of the other. We can decide how to increase the benefits to each by selecting plants with appropriate bloom time as the master plan is implemented. The balance of 1) Festival bloom color, 2) year round blooms and 3) use of native plants are considerations to maximize. The main tent is on Euclid. North SVP hosts the kid zone as well as a trash and recycling utility function. Vendor booths use Edgewood and Waverly, while the parade marches past.

Don't forget to schedule the Oktoberfest - Columbus

Day volunteer opportunities. Just look for the Google sheet to be issued for sign up or email me to choose a Saturday. Dates are October 9th and 16th. Then Wine Stroll is on the 23rd. Be sure www.springvalepark.org is on your list to visit.



Out of the Darkness Walk

By Sally Dorn • sdorn47@comcast.net

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. It is a time to think about the lives that have been needlessly lost to suicide. Suicide is preventable. I lost my eldest daughter, Michelle, to suicide 20 years ago. I am a member of the board of the Georgia Chapter of the American Foundation to Prevent Suicide because I don't want other people to die by suicide nor do I want other people to experience the tragedy of losing a loved one to suicide.

One way I work to accomplish these goals is by participating in the Out of the Darkness Walk each year. This Walk raises awareness of suicide and the existence of suicide prevention programs. The Walk also raises funds to support suicide prevention programs and to fund research about suicide. This year I am co-chair of the Walk. We have a goal of having over 4,000 walkers and raising over \$450,000. The Walk this year (Covid restrictions permitting) will be Sunday November 7th at 2:00 pm in Piedmont Park. Many Inman Parkers (including Cathy Bradshaw, Jane & Keith Burnette, Thom Abelew, Melissa Miller, Eileen Brown, Bobbie Paul, Pat and Richard Westrick, Randy Bailey, Ati Alvin, Patty Durand, Bill Dorn, Janet Sowers, Susan Thompson, Marnie McMurry, Marilyn and Bill Grist and others) have joined Team Michelle Ferguson Priestly to honor my daughter who lived in Inman Park from 1978 to 2001.

Please consider joining Team Michelle and helping us prevent suicide by going to this link:

<https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=269101>

If you have any questions, please call me at 404-202-0100.

Getting Ready for Festival's Fabulous 50th: Inman Park History Part 1

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Beginnings:

Inman Park is Atlanta's first planned residential suburb and Atlanta's first electric trolley neighborhood. Inman Park was the brainchild of a renaissance thinker named Joel Hurt (1850-1926) who, with a team of investors, created an ideal Victorian neighborhood. Inman Park was named after Samuel Inman (1843-1915) who was called by Henry Grady the "first citizen of Atlanta." Hurt had been impressed with the northern park-like neighborhoods created by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead. Hurt relied upon his own civil

The first lots were auctioned in May 1889. By 1890 eight houses were either finished or under construction. By the end of 1891 there were twenty houses built or under construction. Unfortunately, the Panic of 1893 led to a recession and severe depression. As economic conditions improved after the turn of the century, Inman Park's residents included Atlanta's movers and shakers such as Ernest Woodruff (Trust Company Bank and Coca-Cola); Asa Candler (founder of Coca-Cola); Dr. Charles Davis Hurt (founded Wesley Memorial Hospital, predecessor of Emory); Judge Benjamin Harvey

Hill, Jr.; Robert Winship (founder of the Winship Machine Co.); Rev. Wilbur Fiske Glenn (prominent Methodist minister); George King (founder of King Hardware); Governor Allen Candler; Bishop Warren Candler (major figure in the Methodist Episcopal Church) and many others.

Turn of the Century:

Victorian architectural styles began to wane, and Atlantans wanted the less frilly Craftsman and American Four-Square style of homes. Automobiles became more numerous and people became less reliant on trolleys for travel to work downtown. Many of Inman Park's elite moved to Ansley Park and Druid Hills. Deed restrictions which controlled original development on size and cost of homes

engineering skills and those of landscape architect James Forsyth Johnson to plat Inman Park in the late 1880s on land that was part of the July 1864 Battle of Atlanta. Several historical markers and the Cyclorama depict the Battle.

lapsed in 1910. Inman Park was becoming a solidly middle-class neighborhood with smaller bungalows and more modest single-family houses, duplexes, and apartment buildings.

...TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH!

Doggo the Month:

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IPNA Meeting Minutes: August 18, 2021

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

Participants varied over course of meeting, peak attendance was 47 people.

Welcome/Introduction of newcomers: None.

Police officers' report:

- Lt. Webb present and provided update that HIT teams are providing heavy weekend enforcement support against street racing.
- Tom Baldwin updated that the state police have pulled back support of the special patrol units, but there is a lot of monitoring on social media and law enforcement is finding it to be less organized. Sgt Soukup is looking at patrolling to help with a specific violator on Lake Ave.

Minutes of last meeting: (First and second motions to support & unanimous approval)

Announcements:

- Ballroom dancing events on the nights of July 24th and 31st at the Little 5 Points Center for Arts & Community (L5PCAC) in the café space 7:00-9:30p. Tickets \$15: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ballroom-dancing-extravaganza-tickets-161685328169?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
- Two candidates for 2021 City of Atlanta Municipal General Election introductions to IPNA:
 - o Brandon Goldberg – Post 1 At-Large. Midtown resident. <https://www.brandoncorygoldberg.com/>; brandon@brandoncorygoldberg.com; 404-981-5778.
 - o Tamara Jones – Post 7 At-Large. Inman Park resident. <https://www.tamaraforaboe7.com/>
- Barbara Leach
 - o WRFG Labor Day Blues BBQ 1-6:30pm on September 6th at Park Tavern. Tickets are \$22 at door, \$17 in advance. <https://wrfg.org/>
 - o Blind Willie mosaic being moved & reinstalled at L5PCAC by original artist. Unveiling celebration on August 29th at 4pm. Brick inscriptions available to support the project, currently \$100 and will be \$150 after 8/29. <https://l5pcac.square.site/>

Elected officials' reports:

David Dreyer, State Representative, District 59.

- Passed legislation last year to have harsher fines for street racing, hopefully enforcement of this will help the issues experienced by the neighborhood.
- 20 Republicans passed election bill against voter's rights, and upcoming risk that the Fulton election board may be taken over by Republican elected official under new takeover provision. Democrats have been fighting nonstop against this, as the greatest issue and highest priority. Voting Rights Act would help prevent the worst parts of this legislation. Fulton Delegation (Dreyer is chair for Representatives) will have a hearing/session with the congress to discuss.
- Question about funding for private counsel to get best support for these efforts? Fulton County Commission's decision, and county's attorneys are on it, but very high stakes issues and David is pushing for additional counsel.

• Question if hearing will be public? Can Fulton County voters show up and support? David shared state election board is supposed to provide rules and regulations for investigation but have not. Open records request conducted and expect this will be part of legal challenge at some point. Will demand period of public comment.

• Do you have an update on the Homestead Exemption? David shared this renewal will be on ballot this fall. Targeted relief for seniors or long-time homeowners was supposed to happen this year, was stalled in Senate and will be done next session. A big reason our property taxes are so high is that Fulton Development Authority provides outsized benefits to commercial property owners. Properties of >\$5M are only paying 1/3 of their tax value. Impact falls on other taxpayers and homeowners.

• Note on Redistricting – maps will be redrawn based on census very soon. Atlanta has seen a lot of growth, but not all parts of intown were not reflected (expect impact of new multi-family properties in our areas are a lagging indicator). Will mean big issues and expected to combine Democrats into the same districts. Expect major legal challenges, and the best lawyers are already retained Democratic House Caucus, and many other groups partnering on this. Will be discussed around the end of October and early November in a special 2 week session.

• Question about what we can do to support David and other elected officials against the voter suppression efforts? David promoted Fair Fight and encouraged contacting elected representatives.

IPNA officers' reports:

VP of Zoning:

- 300 North Highland – parking variance for new bank ATM. Presentation by Chris Quinn from TK Installation (Design-Build firm representing Chase Bank). (First and second motions to support & motion passes with 13 yea/8 nay).
 - o Variance requested for a walk-up ATM, eliminating 1 parking spot. Parking will be reduced below minimum parking requirements, and property has an existing variance. Slab where ATM located will be raised to same level as sidewalk, new light fixture and bollards for safety. Two handicap spots in lot will be untouched. None of 6 immediate neighbors attended meeting on this.
 - o Concern expressed about the high demand for parking in this lot and possible safety concerns with low visibility from road.
 - o What happens if ATM goes away? ATM is under a 5-year contract with two 5 years options. Lot and parking space will need to be returned to original state if discontinued.
- 1029 Edgewood Avenue – Change of owner and liquor license application for new restaurant, Kitty Dare. Presentation by owner Jaamy Jamshad, and representative Dana Resnick. (First and second motions to support & motion passes with unanimous support from 46 participants).
 - o Immediate neighbors meeting last night, and vote was unanimous to support new restaurant. 70% food 30% alcohol sales. Mediterranean & Middle Eastern cuisine, mostly dinner, and plans to expand to lunch. Patio will be used for seating, and there will not be live entertainment or amplified music
 - o Lot of past restaurant experience and was liquor license agent at Last Resort grill in Athens. Strict policies for serving alcohol and TIPS requirements for staff.
 - o COVID policies will be monitored and adjusted to latest guidance. Staff will be masked, and patrons asked to

wear masks until seated, when using bathroom, etc. May skip seating tables if situation becomes more severe. Will recommend vaccination of staff, but not sure legality.

- 342 Copenhill - rezoning application of Villa de Grip property – (First and second motions to support & motion passes with 24 yeas, unanimous support).
 - o Adjacent parcel always been commercial, was recently rezoned with restrictions. Judge recently ruled this property in question is an RC2, Mixed residential commercial. The owners have committed to maintain this property as strictly residential and require rezoning to allow for consistency with adjacent property to allow for egress from the parking garage. MRC1 – ending, allow egress driveway 30-40 ft driveway w curbcut.
 - o Immediate neighbors meeting was very engaged, they are concerned about entry & exit from N. Highland. There was unanimous support from immediate neighbors for the rezoning application. Floor area same as rest of R5, but owners are limiting to less F.A.R. even though this lot will only be used for residential. All commercial on other adjacent lot. 20 ft buffer with RG2. Green space kept at corner.
 - o No final design available to share at this time, plans will go to urban design committee- all design aspects are regulated. Traffic will be big issue. Elizabeth and N Highland intersection may need city attention. Expect a future traffic flow study from city may be needed for the adjacent intersections.
 - o Will these conditions carry forward to any new owners of property? Yes, forever part of this parcel. Zoning is not permanent, could be rezoned.
 - o Provide more info on valet service? Valet will not stack up on Copenhill. Space for 6 before parking in the deck. Commissioner Rowan involved. Traffic flow in alley needs to be discussed in future. SAP will address some of these other concerns. Civil and traffic engineers will be engaged to look at Copenhill/Highland/Elizabeth/Bernina. IPNA Transportation Committee should be involved in future.

VP of Planning:

Beltline Rail Now presentation from Matthew Rao

- Grassroots organization to promote rail on the beltline, according to 'More MARTA' plan for 2/3 of beltline loop. 2035 is target for completion of the beltline, and this would add rail on the "J" part that the city owns, as a first priority. This effort extends and corrects issues with the streetcar by integrating with MARTA (at Inman Park) and creating a greenrail bed, pervious surface, park-like. Stakeholder engagement occurred in May, and input provided in the Hulsey yard proposal was also fed into this plan. The BeltLine won't touch this until 2045, but the Federal infrastructure bill provides a huge opportunity to speed up the timeline. Beltline Rail Now is working with elected officials. Next mayor, city council, and voters will decide. Beltline Rail Now will conduct transit scorecard to incumbents and candidates running to help inform residents/voters to know candidates position on transit. Organization will not likely directly support a candidate.
 - Question about looking at low emission buses to integrate into plan? All beltline planning based on greenrail plan. Buses would require paving more of beltline. Demand estimated at 31,000 people, based on projection from Atlanta regional estimates. Rail is higher class of transit, corridor width for buses would need to be wider for bus. Trains follow same track 100% of time, no room for error.

VP of Historic Preservation:

- Update on historic building near Krog. Developer is doing well and making discussed changes to be more historically accurate.

President Amy Higgins:

- Freedom Park lighting project (Austin to North Highland) requires a second (and final) vote on funding. Will require \$57,000 for installation, and park department will support lights maintenance. (First and second motions to support & motion passes with 22 yeas, unanimous support).
- Expect \$35,000 proceeds from wine stroll event and around \$90,000 in upcoming fiscal year to spend. Full budget will be shared next month. We will not have to dip into reserve funds.
- Current IPNA Treasurer Dahshi Marshall will move to East Lake next month, but will stay on thru October. Anyone interested please reach out to Amy at ahigginsaia@gmail.com. Term would be around 1.5 years.
- Upcoming events:
 - o L5P Halloween Festival "Monsterfest," October 16-17th (support provided during July IPNA meeting).
 - o Inman Park Wine Stroll with Music and Art, October 23rd from 1:00-6:00pm
 - o Devil's Pajama Party in Krog Tunnel, October 30th (Motion to oppose, seconded. 24 support motion to oppose the Devils Pajama Party, zero voted to support of party).
 - o Inman Park Little Pumpkin Parade, October 31st at 5:00pm

Security: Security update reports are now being posted to the IPNA website, including a link to APD crime report to specific neighborhoods. Must be logged in to view, and links can be found by current news, IPNA monthly, and crime reports.

Treasurer: none.

Communications: none.

Secretary: none.

NPU Report: none.

Committee Reports:

Education committee update from Amy Higgins:

- Regarding the recent education discussions, there will be changes coming. It's important that we have an expression of support for our existing education committee. Howard Middle School was major win for neighborhood, and we can credit Education committee for that success. I have full faith and confidence the Education committee can lead the neighborhood on this issue. The one line in the sand the neighborhood has agreed on is that we don't want to be split up. Some parents may not agree with all the education committee positions, and they are welcome to act as individuals or concerned parents in contacting APS, and elected officials. We cannot have individuals contradicting Education committee positions, and say they represent IPNA. Education committee is our voice and our lead on these discussions. (First and second motions to support existing education committee guidance and representation of IPNA to represent the neighborhood. Motion passes with 25 yeas, unanimous support).

Old business/New business: None.

President Amy Higgins motioned to adjourn at 9:43pm, which was seconded & approved



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Agenda

September 15, 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

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 before September 20.



Good to Know

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership:

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership: Available to those who live within or own property within the boundaries of Inman Park. Membership is \$5 with online registration at inmanpark.org. Membership allows you to vote (see bylaws online for details), gives you access to the directory and makes you eligible for special neighborhood events. In addition to being a member of IPNA, you may register for the Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP) which staffs off-duty Atlanta Police officers to patrol our neighborhood. There are four levels of commitment beginning at \$50 per year. IPNA meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Trolley Barn. IPSP membership is based upon a rolling annual membership term. Your renewal date is one year from your membership date and again every year after that.

Websites

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