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President's Message

Making Inman Park Great Again

By NEIL KINKOPF • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG



In this, my inaugural President's Column, I think it fitting to set out my platform and qualifications. I plan to be the strongest President the neighborhood has ever had on the issue of Lifelong Inman Park. My predecessor has said all the right things about how important it is for Inman Park to

be walkable and livable for all our residents and to remain so as we age. The neighborhood has made nice gestures toward this end through the sidewalk subsidy program and other measures. But frankly, this is all low energy stuff. I will direct the Lifelong Inman Park Committee to build a wall around the neighborhood to make sure no one can leave. Ever. Yes, it's gonna be huge.

As for my qualifications, well, just look at that photo. No problems there. That's a hand that can build a wall, all right. It's the hand that wrote history's second-best book, *The Art of the Neil*. If you're still not satisfied, well, talk to the hand.

I also plan to cast a wide net in searching for ideas to make Inman Park great again. I find inspiration, for example, in the call to break up the big banks. But we don't have any big banks in the neighborhood. So, I ask my neighbors to join me in calling to break up the big embankments. Of course, I am referring to the earthen berm that divides Springvale Park. Together, we can "Neil the Berm."

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Walkable Inman Park Neighbors' Stroll

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The Walkable Inman Park Campaign kicks off with the first Neighbors' Stroll.

Come celebrate healthy living and promote safe sidewalks as we walk through our neighborhood. Join us on Saturday June 18th at 8:00 a.m. in Poplar Circle. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of age. Bring those adorable children in strollers. Show off your cute canines. Chat with your friends. Meet new neighbors. Most importantly, WALK.

Enjoy complimentary "Coffee and Carbs". Support sidewalk replacement subsidies by purchasing a stylish Walkable Inman Park t-shirt for \$20.

Take this first step! Then plan to make walking a regular habit. Look for details about forming your own walking groups in upcoming Advocators, on the IPNA website, the Inman Park Facebook page, and Yahoo! group postings.

Walkable Inman Park is part of Lifelong Inman Park and supported by IPNA. 



WALKABLE INMAN PARK CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

When: Saturday, June 18 at 8 a.m.

Where: Poplar Circle

What: Neighborhood Walk to promote healthy living and safe sidewalks

Coffee and Carbs provided. Walkable Inman Park T-shirts (\$20) supporting sidewalk subsidies will be for sale

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IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - May 18, 2016

BY BEVERLY MILLER • IPNA SECRETARY • SECRETARY@INMANPARK.ORG

President Dennis Mobley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. It was motioned, seconded, and approved to amend the agenda to include: 1) election of officers to the Board of Friends of Inman Park; 2) reauthorization of up to \$35,000 approved last year towards the purchase of the Trolley Barn by Edgewood Street Railway Company; 3) Certificate of Appropriateness for 888 Edgewood Ave.

Newcomers: **Dan Durell**, 762 Dixie Ave., **Vessia Ringer** and **Hayden Jones**, 888 Edgewood Ave.

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the April Minutes.

Announcements: **Oreon Mann** announced: 1) he received a Community Service Award from the City of Atlanta for his dedicated work; 2) IP Book Club will meet May 31 at 7:00 p.m. at his home, 877 Edgewood, to discuss *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. **Pat Westrick** announced the next Porch Party on May 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn. **Cathy Bradshaw** announced: 1) a party Aug. 7, 3:00-5:00 p.m., to celebrate the signing 25 years ago of the Stop the Road settlement agreement; 2) the Atlanta History Center's Inman Park exhibit, opening July 7 and running for about 6 months, including Inman Park Day on July 16. Tyler Rogers, King of Pops, announced: 1) their new parking system means trucks will not be parked unattended for months; 2) they will move this fall to a building on DeKalb with the window service on Bernina remaining. Denise Dale announced a new private school coming to Decatur and she distributed information.

Police officers' reports: **Jared Watkins** announced: 1) a daytime purse theft at Victory Sandwich Bar and an afternoon alcohol theft from Beetlecat; 2) diners should not leave items out on restaurant tables; 3) warrants have been secured for the supposed culprits in the Colquit and N. Highland robberies. **Lt. Floyd** reported the 602 overall crime rate is down 28%. He advised documenting serial numbers from bikes and other valuables to prove ownership and to be a nosy neighbor and call police with suspicions.

Elected Officials reports: **Josh Noblitt** asked for votes in his HD 59 race next week.

IPNA officers' reports: Dennis Mobley, President, announced a vote on the new IPNA Bylaws. A motion to accept the new bylaws was seconded and carried. Dennis introduced the slate of nominees for incoming IPNA officers: President, Neil Kinkopf; VP of Zoning, Chuck Clarke; Treasurer, David Adams; and VP of Planning, Sara Maffey Duncan. It was motioned and seconded to accept the slate and the new slate was approved by acclamation. Dennis offered 7 nominees for the Friends of Inman Park Board of Directors: Steve Hays, Melissa Miller, Nick Franz, Barbara Leach, Alex Coffman, Neil Kinkopf, and Brian Roof. It was motioned and seconded to accept the slate. The new slate was approved by acclamation.

Brian Roof, V.P. Historic Preservation: **Ute Banse** presented plans for 752 Dixie Ave. including a special exception for a higher fence due to adjacent Krog St. Market. Immediate neighbors voted 6-0 in support. It was motioned, seconded, and approved to support their vote. Brian, with **Vissia Jones**, presented plans for a rear addition to 888 Edgewood, extending 2-3 feet from the existing structure with no variances needed. Immediate neighbors voted 2-0 to approve. A motion was seconded and carried to support that vote dependent upon approval from AUDC staff.

Barbara Leach, Treasurer, gave a financial report. Barbara asked **Steve Hays** for an update on the Trolley Barn purchase. Steve reported that the closing should be completed by May 28 and will not require the full \$35,000 pledged by IPNA. Dennis asked for a reauthorization of the previous motion. The reauthorization was motioned, seconded, and carried.

Michaela Kendall, V.P. Planning: **Cathie Berger** reported Walkable Inman Park is starting a walking group beginning on June 18 and meeting 8:00 a.m. Saturdays at Poplar Circle. Bring \$20 for a tee shirt. There are now 11 sidewalk repairs

scheduled. For repairs, contact Millie Astin. **Marge Hays** announced that she and Sandy Hoke have surveyed many sidewalks and assigned a status: 29 need attention, 84 need patching, and 59 need total replacement. Three parks are included in those that need to be replaced.

Rick Bizot, V.P. Zoning and NPU-N, announced: 1) NPU has given all neighborhoods a map and easel to facilitate discussion; 2) the city has promised crosswalks and improvements at Elizabeth St. and Lake Ave. by the end of May; 3) IPNA will vote next month on the NPU-N Bylaws. Rick also reviewed the project list for City's 2017-2021 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Community Work Program (CWP), including intersections of Krog, Lake, and the Beltline; Euclid and Edgewood; and crosswalks on N. Highland between Elizabeth and the BeltLine. A resident asked about ingress and egress for the new boutique hotel near StudioPlex. Rick stated that he can share preliminary plans. A resident asked if updating traffic signals is on the city's agenda. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** answered there are design plans in the works.

Chris Coffee, V.P. Public Safety, thanked the attendees and participants of this week's judicial candidates forum.

James McManus, V.P. Communications: Dennis announced for James: 1) a future "join now" button for the web site; 3) the future addition of IPSP upgrade memberships. A resident asked about renewing IPSP membership. Another resident reported she renewed online with ease.

Committee Reports: none

Beverly Miller, Secretary: nothing to report

Old Business: none

New Business: none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. 

Other Happenings to Note

The Atlanta Cycling Festival

June 16 - 18 • Various locations around Atlanta • atlantacyclingfestival.com

Bike rides, classes, parties and fun for a whole week!

Old Fourth Ward Park Arts Festival

June 25 - 26 • Old Fourth Ward Park • oldfourthwardparkartsfestival.com

A two-day celebration of community and tradition presented by the Atlanta Foundation for Public Spaces, the Festival is a major celebration of the arts while honoring the rich history of our community. Come see fine arts and crafts, a children's play area, local food concessions and live acoustic entertainment on the lawn.

Inman Park Exhibit

Beginning in early July • Atlanta History Center • atlantahistorycenter.com

The Atlanta History Center is beginning a new series of exhibits focusing on neighborhoods in the city. The first chosen is Inman Park, with emphasis on the history, the Festival and Tour of Homes and the Road Fight. Check website for details.

Atlanta Field Day

July 16 • Old Fourth Ward Park • atfieldday.com

Geared toward adults, this event has all the classic events like tug of war, relay races, obstacle courses, etc. - plus crazy new games and surprises throughout the day. Teams will earn points in each event to add up to your total for the day.

Attack of the Killer Tomato Festival

July 17 • 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Park Tavern • killertomatofest.com

Chef Ford Fry presents the 8th annual extravaganza of tomato-based treats from dozens of chefs and mixologists and live music to benefit Georgia Organics. An after-party follows at the Park Tavern from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Ticketed. 



the next

Porch Party

June 24 • 7:30 p.m.

**At the Inman Park Village Lofts
245 N. Highland Ave NE**

Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage to enjoy.



Your porch wants to host a party!
Call Pat or Richard Westrick to get on the schedule for 2016.
404-523-4801

IPNA Calendar

June
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IPNA Meeting
The Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

June
23

NPU-N Meeting
L5P Community
Center
7:00 p.m.

June
24

Porch Party
7:30 p.m.
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details

June
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Book Club
7:00 p.m.
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details.

July
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Fourth of July Party
Trolley Barn
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

July
20

IPNA Meeting
The Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

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Book Club
7:00 p.m.
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July
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NPU-N Meeting
L5P Community
Center
7:00 p.m.

Vacation Security Checklist

BY CHRIS COFFEE • VP, PUBLIC SAFETY
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Summer is here and many of us will be vacationing during the sunny season. Thieves look for “TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.” There are many things you can do to avoid becoming a victim when you are going to be away. Mainly, try to give the illusion you are home. Use this checklist before you leave:

- If you are a \$300 level member of the security patrol, request a Vacation Patrol Request on inmanpark.org with contact info and emergency contacts. Our security patrol will check your house once each shift.
- Have deadbolt locks installed on all exterior doors and ensure the key is removed from the inside.
- Make an inventory list and photos of all your electronics and valuables and send it to yourself by email or to one of the cloud based email providers like gmail, yahoo, or outlook.com. That way that information will be stored outside your home in the event something happens. You can also engrave your driver’s license number on the back of items to ensure you get them back.
- Double check ALL windows and doors (basements, bathrooms, kitchens) on all levels.
- Leave a car in the driveway.
- Use timers for exterior AND interior lights and TVs. Thieves are immune to motion and night sensor lights since everyone has them now.
- Set your alarm for AWAY if you have internal motion detectors.
- Tell a trusted neighbor about your plans, leave emergency contacts and a key with them. Ask them to check the house and call police if they see anyone around.
- Cancel newspaper, have mail held, or ask a neighbor to bring them in for you.
- Ask a neighbor to pull down AND up your trashcans if you are gone trash day. Thieves look for cans still on the street a few days after pickup.
- Limit how many people you tell of your plans. DO NOT POST YOUR VACATION PLANS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.
- Upon returning, walk around the house once to look for any signs of a break-in. You don’t want to walk in on a crime in progress. If you see something open or broken, go somewhere else and call police or security patrol. Let them check the house first. **M**

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity – May 2016

Susp. Person.....	9
Info for Officer.....	3
Parking Complaint:.....	2
Alarm.....	1
Burglary to Business.....	1
Veh. Accident with injuries.....	1
Veh. Accident.....	1
Theft.....	1
Residential Burglary.....	1
Theft from Vehicle.....	1

Our Sympathy & Condolences

Condolences to Josie Starnes of Spruce Street, and Debi Starnes of Edgewood Avenue, on the death of Josie’s son Danny Starnes.

Condolences to Melissa Miller of Hurt Street on the death of her mother, Ermogene Miller.



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President's Message *continued*

On a serious note, I plan to model my presidency on that of Barack Obama—but not the presidency you are probably thinking of. While he was a law student, Barack Obama was the President of the Harvard Law Review. The Law Review is a group of smart, talented, aspiring lawyers who work on an all-volunteer basis. Being embryonic lawyers, the group could be more than a little contentious. By all accounts, young Barack Obama was masterful at listening to all sides and bringing people together in their common pursuit.

Our neighborhood is full of smart and talented people who genuinely care about our community. It is inevitable that there will be some disagreement over what is best for that community. I hope to be a respectful convener: someone who can help us talk openly and thoughtfully about our aspirations. I hope to be an effective

facilitator: someone who can help us deliberate insightfully about our plans to realize those aspirations. I will be ever mindful that I am assuming the presidency of an all-volunteer organization. That means I may have a fancy title, but it carries no meaningful power. Whatever we achieve, we will achieve together.

In this connection, I cannot have asked for a better role model than my predecessor. Dennis Mobley has served this neighborhood brilliantly. I may fill his position, but I will never fill his shoes (hard to know if I could fill his gloves, though; I haven't seen a picture of his hands).

I look forward to hearing from you about your goals for the neighborhood, and I look forward to the adventure of pursuing them together. **M**

A festive poster for the Annual IPNA Fourth of July Celebration. The background is red with a pattern of white stars. At the top, there's a blue banner with white stars and a yellow and black butterfly. The text is in white and blue, with a bold, stylized font for the main title.

Fourth of July Party!

ANNUAL IPNA FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Join us for a couple of hours to celebrate Independence Day – a great place to visit with your Inman Park neighbors or just show off your new Peachtree Road Race t-shirt!

Monday, July 4 @ 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Trolley Barn

Rain or Shine

All Inman Park neighbors are welcome. IPNA will provide chicken and beverages. Please bring a covered dish to share.
Event Coordinator: Carol Mitchell (404-659-2579)



Festival Focus



Dennis Mobley promotes Ethan Thomas and David Coffman in Trash Command



Photo by Kenyon Wells



Photo by Kenyon Wells



Photo by Kenyon Wells



Photo by Kenyon Wells



The Inman Park banner shows off in the parade



First Place Parade Winners: Cabbage Patch Kids of Inman Park. Photo credit: Bill Gower



Cabbage Patch Kid Nina Saghafi
Photo Credit: Bill Gower



Michael and Georgette Rogovin



Marching Adominables Photo Credit: Julie Noble

Congratulations to the 2016 Inman Park Festival Parade Float Winners:

- 1st Place Inman Park Cabbage Patch Kids
- 2nd Place Big Mask Project
- 3rd Place Summer Fun



Festival Focus



Cooper Piece with Greg and Sandra Scott



The lead singer of Bogey and the Viceroy



The Westricks



Dennis Mobley



Lanterns

Joel Award Winners

From the Rainbow Nation and humble means, with no electricity 'til she was a teen
Raised on a sheep farm and on to Cologne,
a stint in Gwinnett...now she calls IP home.

She could have settled and been content,
but decided her time was better spent
Working with those in their golden years
to allay their worries and their fears.

To age in place is all they ask,
so helping out became her task.
From Social Security to Medicare
from retirement plans to hospice,
Where she helps them learn to navigate
through taxes, wills, even their estates.

And as we make our way through Inman
Park on sunny days or after dark,
Unreliable lighting and uneven ground
make it hard for some to get around.
To make it safer she would strive
to truly affect our daily lives.

Through Lifelong Inman Park,
cracks and quirks she helps fix,
For many lifelong neighbors
who wish to stroll in bliss.
With a walkable 'hood as our main goal
we're all so blessed she's in this role.

In keeping with her neighbors' dream
she settled on a well-worn theme,
She pitches in and volunteers
for Festival or helping peers.
Three times she's lent her house to Tour
and steps up for the slot du jour.

With an easy laugh and a warm, bright
smile,
she's always going the extra mile
She's a gal you can count on, yes indeed;
a friend when there's a friend in need.

Cathie Berger
April 29, 2016

A young one he is, by count of his years,
But he's an 'old soul,'
to our neighborhood seers.

Most of his life,
we've watched him pitch in,
Heard him say he LOVES Festival,
and the 'hood he lives in.

Since he was two, he rode "trashy" carts,
Tying 'kraut-laden bags
with gusto and heart.

He plants trees, build playgrounds,
and puts up flags;
heaves Hefties at Festival— 'til Zero Dark
Thirty— and he never drags.

From "Alta Academy,"
he went to Georgia Tech,
yet still worked Festival in "camo,"
then sang with "Glee,"
a gold tie at his neck—
That's why we say—
he's OUR Ramblin' Wreck!

From kid jobs to leadership,
when something needed doing,
He arrived early and stayed late;
that was a shoo-in.

It does take a village to raise our kids well,
And this kid-turned-adult
makes our hearts swell.

For 21 years, he's been quite a spark
To this community we call home,
our beloved Inman Park.

Wherever life takes him,
he'll set a good tone.
We're proud this young man
is one of our own.

Cory Gabriel Feig-Sandoval
April 29, 2016

Like all the hottest trends,
he began up on Degress,
Back in the days
when that street was a mess.

After battling drug lords and then some,
he needed a move
So he was off to Grinnell
where he now gets his groove.

Where do we start
with this Renaissance man?
He's held every post
and has done all he can.

Like most of us,
he started out slinging beer,
Then sounds of Festival Committee
rang in his ear.

He hocked all our t-shirts
and tickets with glee
He could be heard on his headset saying,
"Can everyone hear me?"

Off-season he still needed
to keep us on course
So he pedaled memberships
in our security force

Once that job was covered
he was an easy mark
And appointed as our rep
to conserve Freedom Park

An Inman Parker "for life"
he had seen and done it all
So when the nominating committee came,
he heeded their call

He spent years as the Supreme Commander
in charge of Festival's trash.
But now he would be in charge
of IPNA's resources and cash

And lest anyone assume he's a "new kid"
Remember his father was raised here on Euclid

Update the website, no problem, he said,
While making sure budgets didn't fall into red

And upon which Inman Parker
do we this award bestow?
Our president and "Supreme Commander"
...our buddy: D-Mo.

Dennis Mobley
April 29, 2016



Thank You you for Joel Award

Neighbors,
I am deeply grateful and delighted to be one of this year's Joel Award recipients. The award was a total surprise to me! I thank the Lifelong Inman Park Initiative Committee for making it possible. While I greatly appreciate being personally honored, I am extremely thankful that this award highlights the work of the Lifelong Inman Park Initiative and its dedicated committee members. The committee is energized by the Joel Award and pledges to continue its efforts to make Inman Park livable for all ages.

Sincerely,
Cathie Berger

IPUMC Welcomes New Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries

BY SARAH ADAIR • OFFICE MANAGER, INMAN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • 404-522-9322

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee is happy to announce that we have hired Cecelia Newman as our new full time Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries. Cecelia is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of the University of South Carolina. She served for a year and a half as the Director of Children and Youth at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina before becoming the Associate Director of Youth at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock, Texas in January of 2014.



Cecelia Newman

Cecelia is engaged to be married to William Reilly in August. William will be entering the Candler School of Theology in August to pursue ordination as a United Methodist pastor. Cecelia will join us on May 15th, and we look forward to meeting and welcoming William later this summer. **M**

New Mary Lin Playground Celebrated at April Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

BY JANE SMITH • JANE@APPRAISALSMITH.COM

After more than two years without a playground due to the school's renovation and construction, Mary Lin students once again have an exciting play space to call their own. Featuring climbers, swings, spinners, a giant outdoor chess set, a court, small track, and "slide mountain," the new playground is a huge hit!

The April 17th ribbon cutting ceremony, sponsored by Mary Lin's PTA and YP for Schools, was well attended—APS Board Members Matt Westmoreland, Cynthia Briscoe Brown, and Leslie Grant joined Lin Principal Sharyn Briscoe and scores of students and parents on a gorgeous Sunday to thank all those who donated and volunteered and to officially open the new play area. The Mary Lin Education Foundation's Playground Committee in conjunction with the PTA, raised over \$150,000 to design and build the new play area.

The playground includes a Buddy Bench, where children can sit when feeling shy or lonely, letting other children know to invite them to play or walk and talk. It is a simple idea to foster friendship and inspire inclusion and kindness. The Buddy Bench was dedicated at the ceremony to beloved Mary Lin guidance counselor, Brenda Stroman who passed away this past month. **M**

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25 Years Later: 'Stop the Road' Reunion

BY CATHY BRADSHAW • NEIGHBOR • CBRAD999@BELLSOUTH.NET

Atlanta's second largest park wasn't supposed to be a park. What is now Freedom Parkway was conceived as a limited access, multi-lane toll road with five bridges over neighborhood streets to connect downtown to Stone Mountain Expressway and to allow traffic to flow rapidly through "blighted urban neighborhoods." In the 1960's and early 70's, 219 acres of land, including approximately 600 residential housing units, commercial spaces and churches, were condemned and bulldozed.

In 1972, a Blue Ribbon Panel commissioned by Governor Jimmy Carter, declared that the road would not be built "at this time." The following years produced many plans and ideas of how to use the land, labeled the Great Park. One plan involved museums, an amphitheatre and housing.

The cleared land lay idle, overgrown with kudzu, until 1981 when ex-president Jimmy Carter, Mayor of Atlanta Andy Young and Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner Tom Moreland struck a deal to create the Presidential Parkway, locating the Carter Presidential Library in the right-of-way. This new version of the expressway had amenities including "Tot Lots," playgrounds just a fence away from the high-speed, multi-lane road. Five bridges would go over neighborhood streets. Brown pavement would be used to "soften its appearance." Or, as the neighborhoods saw it, "lipstick on a pig." The same old pig.

What followed was an extraordinary example of citizen organizing. People from Inman Park, Poncey-Highland, Candler Park, Druid Hills, the city of Decatur, Lake Claire, Virginia Highland and East Lake banded together, litigated, lobbied and demonstrated through multiple attempts to build a highway in the vacant land.

The threatened in-town neighborhoods formed C.A.U.T.I.O.N (Citizens Against Unnecessary Thoroughfares in Older Neighborhoods) to coordinate litigation, fundraising, volunteers and lobbying. Phone trees, block captains and fliers gave those in opposition the ability to quickly mobilize large numbers of people. Thousands of opponents showed up at the Civic Center to publicly condemn the proposed road plan after the GaDOT released its Environmental Impact Statement that the road would have no impact on the surrounding area.

As legal battles drug on, another group, the Roadbusters, brought street theater, protests and non-violent civil disobedience into the mix. While CAUTION and hundreds of volunteers worked with City Hall, County governments, the State Legislature and Federal agencies, construction crews found the Roadbusters in trees they were supposed to cut down. Roadbusters came ready to be arrested and many were as they blocked bulldozers and made news.

Civil rights leader and then City Council Member John Lewis as well as Atlanta's first African American Mayor Maynard Jackson put their support behind the protests, contributing credibility, visibility and advice.

After years of lawsuits plus the election of 64 pro-neighborhood candidates, Maynard Jackson was re-elected mayor in 1989. The Mayor encouraged City Council to pass an ordinance to stop the



Presidential Parkway. As part of yet another lawsuit, DeKalb Superior Court Judge Clarence Seeliger referred GaDOT, the City of Atlanta and CAUTION to mediation. Newly elected Governor Zell Miller urged the new GaDOT commissioner Wayne Shackelford to find a compromise. After more than 54 hours of negotiations, all parties reached a resolution, the Settlement Agreement, which was debated and voted on by each of the represented parties as well as each of the neighborhood organizations.

Freedom Parkway, an at-grade, low speed parkway with no truck traffic and no bridges over city streets, was to be built to provide access to the Carter Center. The remaining 200 acres of land were to be made into a City park with extensive biking and jogging paths, to be completed in time for the 1996 Olympics.

Freedom Park was born. The Freedom Park Conservancy was created to replace CAUTION. The Olmsted Park Society (later becoming Olmsted Linear Park Association) was formed to protect the parks along Ponce de Leon that were designed in the 1890s by Frederick Law Olmsted as the backbone of the design of the Druid Hills neighborhood.

It has been 25 years since the halting of road construction and signing of the Settlement Agreement to preserve the intown neighborhoods. It is time to have a reunion party to celebrate.

Please put August 7th on your calendar. More details to follow. **M**

NPU-N Update

BY RICK BIZOT • NPU-N REPRESENTATIVE FOR IPNA • NPU.N@INMANPARK.ORG

Notes from the May 26, 2016 meeting:

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Department: Captain Scott Gourley reported that there have been several bicycle thefts; he recommends not leaving bicycles unlocked or at unsupervised racks. He also noted the recent thefts of tires from cars and trucks.

Fire Department: David Rose reminds parents to not leave kids alone in cars, not even for a minute, and to lock cars after making sure everyone is out. Since 1998, there have been 559 heatstroke deaths of children left in cars, an average of 38 per year. See more at: <http://www.gahighwaysafety.org/campaigns/child-passenger-safety/heatstroke/>.

Dept. of Public Works: Dennis Muma reported that they are getting close to starting work on the Lake/Elizabeth intersection pedestrian improvements.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT (BZA):

545 Hardendorf Ave NE (V-16-052, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations 1) reduce the required half-depth front yard from 17.5 feet to 10.5 feet in order to construct a single family dwelling. Application was deferred at the start of the meeting; applicant was not present.

638 Hardendorf Ave NE (V-16-079, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning ordinance to 1) reduce the required north side yard setback from 7 feet to 4 feet and 2) reduce the required south side yard setback from 7 feet to 6 feet to allow an addition to a single family dwelling. Applicant received support from LCN. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

425 Sterling St NE (V-16-098, Candler Park); seeking a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the required north side yard setback from 7 feet to 2.9 feet to allow a portion of unconditioned basement crawl space to be converted to finished floor area. Applicant received support from CPNO. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

819 Belgrade Ave NE (V-16-109, Poncey-Highland); seeking a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the required half-depth front yard setback from 15 feet to 2 feet to allow for construction of a single family dwelling with a detached residential accessory structure (one-story garage). Applicant received support from PHNA. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

1975 Tuxedo Ave NE (V-16-125, Lake Claire); seeking a special exception from the zoning regulations to reduce the west side yard setback from 7 feet to 3.2 feet for an addition to an existing single family residence. Application was deferred at the start of the meeting; applicant was not present.

ZONING REVIEW BOARD (ZRB):

Z-16-28: An ordinance to amend the 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, by amending the text of the ordinance, including individual zoning district regulations and definitions, so as to hereafter require a special use permit for supportive housing uses; and for other purposes. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

1147 Boulevard Dr. SE (Z-16-033, Reynoldstown): Applicant seeks rezoning for several properties from R-5, C-1 to MRC-2. Applicant received support from RCIL, conditioned on the site plan dated 5/6/16. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

OLD BUSINESS

NPU-N Maps and easels: Randy Pimsler delivered a mounted neighborhood map and easel to each neighborhood/district in NPU-N, to

NPU-N Members

The citizenry advisory council of this neighborhood planning unit includes representation from the following areas:

Cabbagetown
cabbagetown.com

Poncey-Highland
ponceyhighland.com

Candler Park
candlerpark.org

Reynoldstown
reynoldstown.net

Druid Hills
druidhills.org

L5P Community Center
l5pccc.org

Inman Park
inmanpark.org

L5P Business Assn
little5points.com

Lake Claire
lakeclaire.org

aid discussion during meetings. These were funded by an NPU grant.

NPU-N Bylaws Affirmations: Constituent organizations need to vote to reaffirm the NPU-N bylaws in one of their upcoming meetings (no changes to bylaws from last year). Vote tallies to be reported back to NPU-N by June 30.

LEGISLATION FOR INFORMATION ONLY (NO VOTE)

16-O-1208: An Ordinance to fix the schedule for water and sewer rates until July 1, 2020 and gives the option to increase after that date. Section 2-45 of the Code requires any legislation that proposes a fee increase be placed on the agenda of APAB and each NPU.

PUBLIC NOTICES

2017-2021 CIP-CWP Public Hearing: The Community Development/ Human Resources Committee Public Hearing for the 2017-2021 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) & Community Work Program (CWP) will be held June 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd floor in the City of Atlanta Council Chambers, 55 Trinity Avenue, S.W. More information about the CIP-CDP is available at <http://www.atlantaga.gov/index.aspx?page=391>. For additional information, please contact Rodney M. Milton at 404-335-1944 or rmmilton@AtlantaGa.Gov.

2016 Comprehensive Development Plan: Development of the 2016 Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) is underway! The City of Atlanta's Charter and the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 call for local governments to develop and adopt a comprehensive plan. The Department of Planning and Community Development, Office of Planning has begun the process of developing the City of Atlanta's 2016 Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). Two rounds of community meetings will be held between May and August to incorporate community input for the 2016 CDP. A final public hearing will be held September 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm at City Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall and the plan will be adopted by City Council by October 31, 2016. To view the 2011 CDP, please visit: <http://www.atlantaga.gov/index.aspx?page=376>. For additional information, please contact, please contact Rodney M. Milton at 404-335-1944 or rmmilton@AtlantaGa.Gov.

NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, January through October. The November and December 2016 meeting dates will be: Mon., Nov. 28 and Thurs., Dec. 29, 2016. The meetings begin at 7:00 pm in the Little Five Points Center for Arts & Community, 1083 Austin Ave NE. All are welcome to attend. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2016. M

The Inman Park Trolley Barn

By STEVE HAYS • ATLBARN@BELLSOUTH.NET

The sale of The Trolley Barn from the City of Atlanta to the Atlanta & Edgewood Street Railway Company (AESRC) closed on Friday, May 27, 2016!



AESRC's Board of Directors is comprised of ten Inman Park neighbors. The non-profit organization was formed 40 years ago to save the 1889 Trolley Barn which was on the verge of falling down. Almost 30 years ago the renovation was completed, and the Barn began operation as an event facility. Having been purchased by the City of Atlanta before renovation began, the City rented it to AESRC for \$1 per year. AESRC's goal, which was achieved, was to generate enough money to maintain the building and not to cause the City any expense or trouble.

About two years ago, The Trolley Barn was included on a City list of surplus property to be sold, and the rent was raised to \$2,500 per month. Initially the sale was to be by sealed bid but, after intervention by some great neighbors, the Mayor decided that it should be sold through Invest Atlanta, the City's development arm. And it finally was sold on May 27, after a very successful fundraising campaign by an incredible group of AESRC Board members and friends, a great deal of work by the Board and our Director, a period of uncertainty where progress seemed very slow, and then a busy final week. Fittingly, the closing preceded a porch party at The Trolley Barn by a few hours.

I extend a sincere thank you to all the wonderful neighbors, friends, and IPNA who were so generous with your time, support and, yes, money. We could not have done it without you. Thanks also to the personnel at the City, Invest Atlanta and Peach State Federal Credit Union.

The Inman Park Trolley Barn has become a very well-known and popular facility, particularly for weddings and wedding receptions. It will continue to operate as an event facility. Full details about the history and rentals are available at www.thetrolleybarn.com. **M**



Congratulations to Oreon Mann for winning a Community Service Award from the Mayor of Atlanta! This is a huge honor. Luckily, Inman Park is the recipient of much of that hard work and service! Photo credit Dennis Mobley

Welcome New Neighbors

Scottie-Beth and TJ Lindsley
of Austin Avenue

Book Club Calendar

The Inman Park Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm to discuss the featured selection. Please bring a covered dish to share and contact Jan Keith (404-688-7330) with any questions.

June
28

Euphoria
by Lily King
Jean Shank | 68 B Waddell Street

July
26

Americanah
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Linda Dunham | 12 1st Avenue
(Kirkwood)

Agenda

June 15, 2016

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available
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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Police Officers' Reports
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Planning
 - i. NPU By-Laws Reaffirmation
 - ii. NPU-N project list for the city's 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Campaign and Community Work Program
 - iii. Liquor license application for 112 Krog St. #1A (new location, beer only) Applicant: Matt Hinton (Bell St. Burritos)
 - C. Zoning
 - ii. Application for Special Administrative Permit for 10 Krog St. Applicant: Brad Goodwin (Krog Dogs, hot dog stand)
 - D. Historic Preservation
 - E. Public Safety
 - F. Communications
 - G. Treasurer
 - i. Mid-year Budget Report
 - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn



Good to Know

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership:

Available to those who live within, own property within or operate a business within the boundaries of Inman Park. Membership is free 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 starting 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

InmanPark.org
InmanParkFestival.org
Facebook.com/InmanPark

Report All Crimes: Call 911

IP Security Patrol: 404-414-7802
L5P Mini-Precinct: 404-658-6782

L5P Business Association

www.little5points.com

Want to be a part of next month's *Advocator*?

If you have news to share with your neighbors in the July issue of the *Advocator*, please send your submissions to advocator@inmanpark.org on or before June 20.

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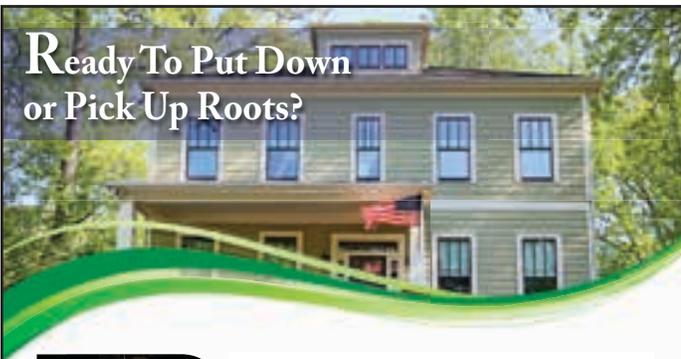


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