

IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - April 19, 2017

By Beverly Miller, Secretary - [secretary@inmanpark.org](mailto:secretary@inmanpark.org)

**President Neil Kinkopf** called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He welcomed everyone and said we will have a quick and efficient meeting since it is Festival month. He thanked Hampton and Hudson for providing delicious food for our meeting.

**Newcomers:** **Zelda Jackson**, who is running for City Council; **Andres, Lindsey, and Frankie Hayworth**, 128 Hurt St.

**Police Officers' Reports:** **Sgt. Keller**, Zone 6 supervisor, advised leaving no items in parked cars and hiding items that must be left in cars. He also provided his email address, [wmkellner@atlantaga.gov](mailto:wmkellner@atlantaga.gov), and asked that residents contact him with any questions or concerns.

**Minutes:** It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the March, 2017, IPNA Minutes.

**Announcements:** **Billy Streck** of Hampton and Hudson announced that they have a new chef and a farm-to-tavern approach and are open for lunch and dinner. **Jennifer Ohme**, O4W Business Association Executive Director, announced Fire in the 4th, a fundraising event for the association on May 20. **Cathie Berger** announced the Neighbors' Stroll this Saturday morning at 8:30 at Poplar Circle. **Neil** announced that home tour tickets are available for \$12 during tonight's meeting. **Steve Hays** announced a neighborhood wide clean-up at 9:30 this Saturday, corner of Edgewood Ave and Druid Circle with coffee and doughnuts provided. Attendees should bring gloves and yard tools.

**Elected Officials' Reports:** none

**IPNA Officers' Reports:** none

**President Neil Kinkopf** asked five properties be added to the agenda. Moved, seconded, etc.

**Brian Roof, V.P. Historic Preservation**, 922 Austin, immediately next to The Albert. presented by Cooper Pierce. Three variances are requested. It will mean a 34% increase as opposed to 30%. Second variance means the garage is over the height limit by 3.5 feet but due to terrain won't be visible from the street. Privacy fence in the backyard. Atlantis avenue is a public street and not an alley so the 4 foot picket fence rule comes into play even though it's a backyard fence. Immediate neighbors voted 4-0 in favor of allowing all three variances. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the recommendation of the immediate neighbors. Neil commented that he would like to change the nature of the motions we make in these cases. He desires that we instead motion to support or not support the application. This takes the confusion out of the voting also. It was moved, seconded, and approved to application. 401 Sinclair - Brian's house - application to finish the screen porch and make it into a room. Type B application, no variances. Adds no width or height to the home. Also adding one window. Immediate neighbors voted 9-0 to support. It was moved, seconded, and approved to application. 128 Hurt St. Type III. Certificate of Appropriateness because the addition can barely be seen from the street.. No variances. 6-0 vote by immediate neighbors. It was moved, seconded, and approved to application. 393 N. Highland - special exception variance applied for because the pool is adjacent to the street because of the driveway in the backyard. There is a 14-ft crop from the back of the house to the alley behind and so is not visible for the street. Immediate neighbors did not show up for the meeting, but 6 neighbors supported by letter. It was moved, seconded, and approved to application. 216 Hurt St. - Type III. Certificate of Approval for a small addition in line with the rest of the house. Immediate neighbors voted 5-0 in favor of the application. No variances are required. There is no UDC staff report as yet. It was moved, seconded, and approved to application.

**Chuck Clarke, VP Zoning - Brian Roof** for Chuck, presented Bar Mercado's Giovanni Ray, opening in Krog St. Market, is seeking approval of their liquor license. Neil requested samples in the future. Immediate neighbors did not attend the meeting, so there was no vote. It was moved, seconded, and approved to support the application.

**Neil** gave an update on the Druid Hills Preschool matter was on the agenda for this week's city council meeting, it it has been remanded back to the zoning committee. There are conditions attached that require that the school not use Rugby. The school has added hours for a pre-care and after-care period, and numbers of students have increased since the initial application. It is expected to return to City Council for their may meeting. A resident recommended that people write to their City Council representatives in protest on how the matter was handled.

Neil introduced **Jay Sandhous from the** Freedom Park Conservancy Board and Friends of Freedom Bridge. They want a bridge over the PATH from Moreland Avenue to Freedom Park. The original 1994 plans called for a bridge in this location and the DOT originally graded for a bridge. Friends polled people in the neighborhood and discovered interest. They held community meetings for discussion and to gather design ideas and create a concept image that is also available online. They are far from building but are fundraising to finance a 6-9 month design process. The FP Conservancy is also going through a fundraising phase to implement a master plan. A resident asked about government approval. DOT would approve since it goes over a public road. Also Georgia Power for power lines. Chris Coffee pointed out that Mary Lin students could ride bikes or walk to school without going on dangerous roads. Jay pointed out that students on the east side could also get to school more easily. Estimates on similar projects are 3-5 million dollars. He is not asking for any approvals right now from IPNA. A resident pointed out that the reason the bridge was not originally built during the road fight settlement process were handicap access, graffiti. The neighbors would not approve the settlement process if it concluded the bridge. Freedom Park Conservancy is trying to improve the entire park and it is preferable to make this part of the master plan and not making this a separate part of the project that would detract from Park funding. Jay agreed the bridge should be part of the master planning process.

Neil presented the slate of candidates for the next term. He thanks Megan Holder, Suneel Gupta, and Andy Coffman. Megan thanks Chris Coffee, Beverly Miller, Brian Roof, and James McManus for their service. Tom Abelew is slated for Public Safety. Christy Lenz for . Chris Coffee will replace Beverly for Secretary. Bios will appear in an upcoming Advocate and the candidates will be present at the May IPNA meeting for the vote. James will continue to work on the website. Brian will devote himself to family. Neil said he has loved working with the current board and is thrilled to be able to report that although he's disappointed that four terms are expiring.

**Sarah Maffey Duncan, VP Planning - no report**

**Chris Coffee, VP Public Safety - no report**

**James McManus, VP Communications - no report**

**David Adams, Treasurer - no report**

**Beverly Miller, Secretary - no report**

Committee Reports:

Old business: Signs will be posted for Festival all around the neighborhood. An Amazon series, *Lore*, is shooting on Euclid and has made a \$1000 donation to the neighborhood. Neil said to let Karen Geockel (kgoeckel@me.com) know if there are problems. The production company has agreed to be gone by Festival. Neil pointed out that a donation does not mean that IPNA does not advocate for the neighborhood. Christel Sundin is in charge of vendors for Festival.

*New business:* A resident pointed out that the Inman Park Festival map in the *Advocator* does not make it clear that parking will be allowed only on the west side of Waddell Street during Festival. **Lauren Welsh** announced that she is running for Atlanta City Council, District 2.

It was motioned and seconded to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.