

CPNO Board Meeting  
March 14, 2011

Attending: Trey Long, Lexa King, Dave Aynes, Randy Pimsler, Cherie King, Mark Clement, Lauren Welsh, Jay Sandhaus

Absent: Christie Kuropatwa

Guests: Connie Weimar (Olmsted Linear Park Alliance)

- I. Welcome – Jay Sandhaus welcomed the Board and visitor at 7:07 p.m.
- II. Visitors
  - a. Connie Weimar to discuss a \$5,000 grant to the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance. Connie brought the CPNO grant application to the meeting. The Olmsted Linear Park Alliance maintains parks on Ponce de Leon. Fredrick Olmsted designed the parks on Ponce. The Olmsted Linear Park Alliance has raised \$9.5M to restore the parks. Southside Ponce parks have been restored. Deepdene Park is being worked on. The Olmsted Linear Park Alliance is looking to fund an endowment to upkeep the parks. They would like to name a bench in honor of Jenny Richardson. Mark Clement asked what kind of recognition CPNO will get if CPNO agrees to approve funding. Connie mentioned that they would publish the donation in the Olmsted newsletter that CPNO partially funded a bench and write an article for the Messenger. Board voted to have Connie come back to the April board meeting to answer questions from the board after they have had a chance to review the grant application.
- III. Old Business
  - a. Parking/traffic plan for Sweetwater 420 Fest (Document from Jen to be reviewed). Lauren Welsh asked how it was determined that Callan Circle was going to be closed and that other streets such as Benning were not to be closed. Mark Clement mentioned that Callan Circle gets jammed up with traffic and needs to be closed and if we start closing other streets like Benning, Miller, etc. it would jam up Candler Park Drive. Jen Bensch and Chris Clark will be at the March meeting to discuss.
  - b. Finalize & publicize childcare plan for this month. Randy Pimsler's wife (Elaine Gale) and son (Elliott Pimsler) will be at the March membership meeting to provide childcare. Jay Sandhaus proposed that children age 2 or older be eligible to participate. The limit will be 6-8 per adult. A sign in sheet with parent contact information needs to be completed when the child is brought for childcare. Lexa King mentioned that it would be good to have parents sign up for childcare prior to the meetings.
  - c. Event application process (Lauren & Mark). Mark Clement sent email with recommendations to the board today. Lauren Welsh asked at what point the applications would come to the NPU. Mark suggested that the event review committee should include individuals from Friends of Iverson Park, Friends of Candler Park and the Freedom Park Conservancy. Mark suggested that low impact events (class D or E) be taken straight to membership and high impact events (class A, B or C) come to the CPNO board prior to going to membership. Mark and Lauren will work on putting the process in writing and will bring it to the next board meeting.
  - d. Patch.com would like to work more closely with us. Patch.com is a local community website owned by AOL. They want to film videos that are relevant to people in our area.

- e. Vote to approve January and February board meeting notes. Lauren Welsh made a motion to approve both January and February and Mark Clement seconded. All were in favor.
- f. Dave Aynes asked about having membership Appendix details included in the Messenger going forward. Jay Sandhaus is going to check into this and make sure it happens.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Need an owner for child care 1-year plan. Randy Pimsler volunteered to make sure that the childcare continues to be funded, to write up the rules, to create a sign in sheet, and to make sure the childcare providers are coming. Dave Aynes volunteered to come up with budget. Randy Pimsler mentioned that the church's insurance covers accidents in the building.
- b. Communications Officer – Lauren Welsh worked with Kate Sandhaus and came up with a job description which Lauren socialized to the board for review and input. Randy Pimsler made a motion to consider the by-law change and Mark Clement seconded. All were in favor. Jay Sandhaus stated that the language needs to be firm and written out in order to make a by-law change. The board recommended changes to Lauren. Lauren to socialize and get email vote with changes incorporated. The board can appoint an individual after membership has approved the by-law change.
- c. Randy Pimsler mentioned that resolutions that were adopted at previous meetings and may not have been included in the current by-laws. Cherie King to get binder from Courtenay Dusenbury which includes resolutions, by-laws and a CD and give to Jay Sandhaus for review.

#### V. Officer Reports

- a. Membership
  - i. Lexa King mentioned that Front Page News will be bringing refreshments to the March membership meeting. Flying Biscuit is a maybe for April.
  - ii. Lexa King asked about an official way of welcoming and acknowledging events (i.e., death, illness, etc) and a welcome packet for newcomers to Candler Park (i.e., list businesses, history of area, list of officers, meeting dates and coupons from local businesses). Trey Long mentioned that he got coupons from local businesses (not from CPNO) when he moved into Candler Park. Lexa suggested that for illnesses or death maybe a coupon to a local restaurant (e.g., Mercantile) for a prepared meal. Lexa suggested using the website to encourage Candler Park residents to email her to let her know of events (new resident, illness, etc.). Jay Sandhaus requested that Lexa write up how it will work and socialize to the board.
- b. Treasurer
  - i. Sweetwater 420 5k Update. Dave Aynes gave the following update. There are 500 race entries so far. The course map has been finalized. The race is going to be on the roads and not through the park or using the path. The finish line is on Candler Park Drive. The course is more invasive to the neighborhood since it is on McLendon. The race begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 16. As in years past, they will use a rolling road block instead of blocking off streets. The permit will be applied for soon. The goal is 2000 racers. Randy Pimsler asked whether we need to talk to Druid Hills about running through their neighborhood for a portion of the race. Dave is going to look into letting them know. Mark Clement commented that some neighbors feel that CPNO is only looking at the funds they are getting because of the race and not the impact of the Sweetwater 420 Festival on the neighborhood. Jay Sandhaus recommended that individuals call him if they have recommendations on how this can be handled differently.

c. Zoning

- i. Amy Stout would like to leave the Zoning committee. There will be an open seat. Randy Pimsler would welcome another member and will mention at the next membership meeting.
- ii. Update/discuss Radial Cafe + Open House this Wednesday. Randy Pimsler mentioned that the immediate neighbors are concerned about the liquor license and additional traffic/parking. The CPNO board is invited to attend the open house on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Radial. Randy Pimsler has met with neighbors twice so far.
- iii. Three zoning applications need to be reviewed at the membership meeting. Randy Pimsler stated that they did not get in the Messenger. Jay Sandhaus stated that these have to be included in the email meeting notice. This is the only way to be able to vote on these items at the membership meeting since they were not included in the March Messenger. Jay will also post on the website as well.

d. Safety

e. Environment

- i. Trey Long was contacted by a resident about cleaning up the graffiti on the post office on Moreland Avenue. The resident has contacted the landlord and has received approval to paint over the graffiti. The resident is looking for CPNO to pay for the materials. Trey stated that there are funds left from the graffiti kits to use for this purpose. Dave Aynes suggested taking before and after photos to post on our website and to send to the landlord.
- ii. Cheering zone for Publix March 20. Trey Long stated that we are in the Division 2 (Full Marathon) and that the prizes are \$1000 and \$1500. Trey needs help spreading the word. Jay Sandhaus requested that Trey post something on the website. Jay stated that he would send out an email to get folks involved.

f. Special Projects

- i. 'Spring Has Sprung' 15k (Apr. 9, 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.) – Mark Clement stated that this race skirts the neighborhood and has little to no impact on our neighborhood. This race impacts Moreland and North Avenue for a little bit. Ben Dostal offered to come to talk about this. Mark to circulate race map.
- ii. 790 The Zone Midsummer Music Fest – Mark Clement stated that according to their permit application that they are sticking to the June date.
- iii. Friends of Candler Park – Mark Clement gave the following updates:
  1. Workday is Friday at 11 a.m. to do path in Candler Park. Looking to install native plants. About 90 volunteers are coming. The Green Pickle is going to feed volunteers.
  2. Movie night in May – Captain Planet is going to let us do 3-4 episodes. Captain Planet is going to be there. Eco Addendum is going to be there – they will come and do a plant sale. Funds will go towards plants for Candler Park.
  3. Kudzu extraction – Mark is meeting with an individual that is approved by City for kudzu removal. There is a 5 year plan to get rid of kudzu. Mark would like to request some funds from CPNO to help pay for the kudzu removal. Jay Sandhaus suggested that Mark put something in writing and bring it to the board for review. There is a Park Pride micro grant that can be applied for in the amount of \$1000. The plan is to replace kudzu with native plants.

- g. Vice President
  - i. CDP process, upcoming vote on proposals from neighbors. Lauren Welsh stated that several individuals attended the CDP brainstorming meeting. Many have never attended CPNO meetings before. Nina Gentry, Urban Planner, took the results from the meeting and came up with 13 policies. The policies will need to be voted on individually at the membership meeting. Jay Sandhaus will post the policies on the website and request that individuals email questions to Lauren. Lauren to check with Nina about adding a policy about a bridge over Moreland Avenue per Dave Aynes' request. Dave suggested that the membership vote be on paper. Ballots to be counted during meeting. Everyone is going to be allowed to vote. Lexa King will hand out ballots when individuals sign in at the meeting. The results will be announced at the end of the meeting. The voting will be closed down at 7:30 p.m.
- VI. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. Dave Aynes made a motion and Mark Clement seconded. All board members were in agreement.

Compiled by Cherie King, Secretary