

**CPNO Board Meeting  
February 16, 2011**

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

Absent: Christie Kuropatwa

Guests: Elizabeth Kelly (Dressed for Success), Ben Dostal (Atlanta Track Club), Jen Bensch (Happy Ending Productions )

**I. Welcome** – Jay Sandhaus welcomed the Board and visitors at 7:03 p.m.

**II. Visitors**

- a. Elizabeth Kelly, Dressed for Success, Power Walk on April 30 in Candler Park. Dressed for Success is an organization that helps women get employment. They expect 250 walkers. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The walk will go from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. They will be out of the park by 11:30 a.m. They are still working through whether they will need off duty officers since they will be crossing roads. They will need to get port-a-potties and recycling bins. They will remove trash themselves. Randy Pimsler made motion to defer until there is more information. Lauren Welsh seconded motion. All board members agreed to defer. Need security plan and race route.
- b. Ben Dostal, Atlanta Track Club, Atlanta Women's 5k on March 26. Race has been in Candler Park for the past three years. Race will start at 8 a.m. Last person will be off the race course by 9:05 a.m. They will be done with the race by 10:30 a.m. The race will begin at Mary Lin Elementary. Ben Dostal shared race map and has emailed NPU regarding race. They expect 1700 racers. Randy Pimsler made a motion to approve. Mark Clement seconded motion. All board members were in favor. Ben Dostal will come to the membership meeting on Monday, February 21, to present to membership.
- c. Jen Bensch, Happy Ending Productions, Sweetwater 420 Fest April 15-17. This is their 4<sup>th</sup> year in Candler Park. Jen Bensch stated that they added extra day, Friday, April 15, from 4:20 p.m. – 10 p.m. They also added an extra day for set up but they won't close off access to park until Thursday, April 14. On the evening of Wednesday, April 13, they will be installing flooring for heavy equipment. Since they are putting the stage on the field, this year they needed to reserve the field. Monday, April 18, they will load out equipment by 6 p.m. They may have a couple of items to move out on Tuesday, April 19. They do not have the field rented on Tuesday after load out. They are closing Callan Circle – only residents will be able to get on circle and have increased police and security. They added Friday, April 15, in the hopes that folks will come out on Friday to minimize weekend traffic in the park. They are partnering with Marta. Last year the traffic through Marta during the festival was 5,800 in and 4,900 out. This is an 800% increase in ridership. They are using electric cars to move folks from Marta to festival. Stage will be on the field like MidSummer Music Fest. They are putting flooring all the way around the field. The flooring is permeable so it will not hurt the grass. Fencing will go up on Wednesday, April 13. Thursday, April 14, the beer trucks will be delivered. They

have to fence perimeter for alcohol license reasons. Police have to check to make sure no outside alcohol is brought in. The sidewalk from Candler Park Drive (near t-box 2) will be closed this year. There will be three entry points- Terrace Avenue and two on McLendon. This is a free festival. First year that the stage has been put on the field from 420. Jen Bensch will check to make sure it does not state that we are not getting a portion of the armbands on their website. Information about the festival was posted on the CPNO's website. Randy asked - Will this festival outgrow Candler Park? The impact will end up growing beyond what has been done for adjacent property owners. Jen Bensch stated that the city brought up this question at the permit meeting and stated that if they grow beyond last year they will probably have to look for another venue. More conversation needs to happen about venues that are large in Candler Park. Mark Clement made motion to support. Dave Aynes seconded. Six board members were in favor and one board member opposed. Randy asked whether the money that they are giving to Park Pride is going to Candler Park. No one knew for sure.

### **III. Old Business**

- a. January Board Meeting notes were not available.
- b. Child care for membership meeting. Overeaters Anonymous to relocate. We will have to apply to use the space in the basement of the E Congregation. One option for sitting is Eureka which currently houses an aftercare during the afternoon in the basement or look for someone to do childcare. Cherie King will follow up with Sheri Smithson, owner of Eureka, about childcare cost for membership meetings assuming the hours of 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Randy Pimsler to find out how much it will cost to rent. Price per 1 person – how many kids can one person handle. Dave Aynes made a motion to support childcare idea. Randy Pimsler seconded. All board members were in favor.

### **IV. New Business**

- a. Patch.com wants to write articles about us, record video. Jay Sandhaus is tabling until next month Board Meeting.
- b. NPU Comprehensive Development Plan. City of Atlanta is required to do a development plan every 3-5 years. They need to get input from local NPUs – transit, redevelopment, general growth, etc. CPNO will be hosting an open meeting with Candler Park residents to get ideas to recommend for growth in Candler Park. Nina Gentry is going to facilitate the meeting. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, maybe Manuals. Need to reserve room, ask for money from membership to pay for refreshments. This meeting will help lay the groundwork for going forward. Candler Park may not have participated in this in past years. NPUN is going to vote on a list of policies in March – characteristics that they want in the neighborhood. Dave Aynes made motion for the \$300 to pay for refreshments for the March 2 meeting. Trey Long seconded motion. All board members were in favor.
- c. Communications plan for job changes. There is an opportunity to fix some of the items that can prevent things from happening in the future. Jay Sandhaus would like to look at activities that we do repeatedly and come up with a consistent understanding on how we operate. Need to come up with some guidelines. Need to keep volunteers engaged. We all care about the neighborhood, we need to fix structural problems, become a better and more functional organization. Randy

Pimsler brought up the value for understanding how things have been done previously.

- d. Process for funding projects. Jay Sandhaus shared with the board the Funding Process Guidelines that he drafted for feedback. Jay Sandhaus is going to take the guidelines to membership to discuss. Jay Sandhaus stated that anyone can come to the membership meeting to ask for money at anytime. Randy Pimsler discussed putting guidelines into the by-laws. Jay Sandhaus asked for feedback from the board regarding the guidelines. Mark Clement mentioned that these need to be put on the website with the by-laws after the membership meeting. Jay Sandhaus stated that we need the strategic plan meeting to happen. Randy Pimsler threw out maybe having someone from the outside to facilitate the Strategy meeting. Randy Pimsler mentioned Marisa Pendelton who helped L5P come up with strategic plan – charges \$110 hour. The board talked about coming up with projects to be funded with profit from fundraisers before the fundraising event happens.
- e. Process for reviewing events that take place in the neighborhood. Mark Clement and Lauren Welsh will work together to bring a recommendation to the board. We need to come up with a list to give folks so they know what information is needed to discuss with the board.
- f. Available grant money from Park Pride. Randy Pimsler mentioned that there are two programs – major grant (\$20+ grant request) and minor program (\$1k project). Major project ideas – replace stairs to the basketball courts (\$40k-\$50k project) and where sidewalk is eroding across from Epworth where hillside is eroding. We need to match – e.g., \$40k project we need to come up with \$20k. Major project grant is an once a year opportunity. Randy Pimsler would be willing to manage project if we can get the grant. Dave Aynes is willing to help get the application out for a match on the major project grant. Jay Sandhaus recommended that we commit \$10k on the grant application. Lexa King made a motion that we recommend to the membership that we allocate \$10k towards a park pride grant for a physical improvement in Candler Park to go towards the sidewalk fix where the sidewalk is cracking across from Epworth. Randy Pimsler asked about the Friends of Candler Park. Mark Clement stated that he represents organization. Mark Clement has been doing movie night and the Candler Park 420 path as projects under the Friends of Candler Park. Jay Sandhaus requested that Mark Clement make a presentation at the membership meeting about the Friends of Candler Park, their role with Park Pride, how they interface with CPNO, who is involved, etc. Mark Clement stated that the Friends of Candler Park is not set up to do the Park Pride grant request this year. Mark Clement is OK with CPNO working with Park Pride and CPNO being applicant and partnering with Park Pride. Mark stated that Friends of Candler Park will support a project from CPNO in the park. Jay Sandhaus asked about CPNO's impact is with us submitting the grant request. Mark stated that the Friends of Candler Park works with Park Pride. Suggested options – CPNO sponsor project, pass on this opportunity for this year or partner with the Friends of Candler Park. Randy Pimsler stated that there are administrative and financial roles for the project. Money will go through Park Pride. Randy Pimsler mentioned that he does not know the Friends of Candler Park since he does not know anything about the group. Jay Sandhaus asked a few questions of Mark Clements - Friends of Candler Park created by Park Pride as an opportunity for friends to create a group to fund projects in the park. They create opportunities for doing projects in the park. They

are not set up to do grants. There are no by-laws for the Friends of Candler Park. Essentially they are a volunteer group that works to make improvements in the park. Mark Clement stated that he has about 12 volunteers on his email list. Randy Pimsler is Ok with listing the Friends of Candler Park application with CPNO. Randy sent out grant request earlier and no one on the board responded. Mark Clement stated that he just wants to have some recognition for the Friends of Candler Park. Jay Sandhaus suggested that we make a statement that this is in cooperation with the Friends of Candler Park on the grant application. Randy stated that he will make every effort to complete this grant application. Lauren Welsh seconded Lexa King's motion. All were in favor.

- g.** Constructive communication – Jay Sandhaus suggested that we work more to include more folks. Paige Parvin requested to have more access to information. Jay Sandhaus suggested that we add Kate Sandhaus and Paige Parvin to the board Yahoo group email list. Dave Aynes suggested that the Yahoo group should be considered public. It is not private. Lauren Welsh rescinded that she suggested that Kate Sandhaus be removed from the list. Randy Pimsler made a motion to add the Messenger Editor and the Webmaster to the board Yahoo group email. Trey Long seconded the motion and all board members were in favor. Jay Sandhaus stated that we will continue the conversation about email protocol.
- h.** Communications Board Member – Lauren asked what it would take to add this to the board. Jay Sandhaus would recuse himself since the recommendation would be to add Kate Sandhaus to the board to fill this role. Adding a Communications board position was brought up a couple of years ago. Jay Sandhaus requested that Lauren Welsh canvas the neighborhood for feedback on this role. Randy Pimsler suggested that the role be clarified. Lauren Welsh suggested that the role would be a good communication vehicle for the organization plus maybe adding some volunteer aspect. To add this role would be a by-law change. Lexa King mentioned that one of the things that came out of Manuals meeting was that the neighborhood wanted more socials and maybe this person could help with those. This is going to be tabled until next month.
- i.** Jay requested that the board members let him know if they had anything to add to the agenda for Monday's membership meeting.

**V. Officer Reports**

- a. Membership**
  - i.** Funding for acknowledgement of new neighbors, ill neighbors, etc. – deferred until next month's board meeting. Randy Pimsler gave Regina Brandt flowers since she was ill. Dave Aynes made a motion to repay Randy Pimsler for the flowers. Cherie King seconded. All were in favor.
- b. Treasurer**
  - i.** Tax return update – CPNO was forgiven the \$7,774.25 penalty. Small Business Services helped to get this forgiven.
  - ii.** 2011 Budget – Dave presented updated budget.
  - iii.** Small Business Services proposal (\$3k/yr for bookkeeping) – Dave will share this information with membership but the board will discuss next month.
- c. Zoning**
  - i.** 1435 Benning Place – Randy Pimsler stated that the zoning committee voted to approve this project. The zoning applicant only needed to send out

registered mail to two neighbors that they did not have signatures from and this was accomplished.

- ii. Regina Brandt and Dave Aynes are no longer on the zoning committee.
- iii. Zoning committee members include Derek Meriwether, Trey Long, Randy Pimsler, Tom Painter and Amy Stout.

d. Safety

- i. One hour safety seminar after membership meeting by Matt Podowitz (Melissa Uppelschoten coordinating). Jay Sandhaus asked if there were any objections to this. No one on the board objected.

e. Environment

- i. 420 Path in Park project – Mark Clement has an article in the Messenger about this project.
- ii. Publix Marathon – March 20. Trey Long is going to come ask for volunteers to do the cheering section.

f. Special Projects

- i. Easter Egg hunt proposal (\$499) – Easter egg hunt has been done by the Friends of Candler Park for the past few years. The Friends of Candler Park will do the permit and have the fees waived. Insurance would be under the Friends of Candler Park/Park Pride. Jay Sandhaus mentioned that we should go through Park Pride with the funding so their liability insurance is used. Lauren Welsh made a motion to approve. Dave Aynes seconded. All the board members were in favor.
- ii. Operating budget for 420 5k - Looking to grow the race this year. Last year there was some misunderstanding about the beer/arm bands. This year we are looking at giving the racers a wrist band and pay for their first beer. We are looking to do electronic timing. The race entry price was raised \$8 from \$20. It is \$28 this year. Last year we had 1,400 racers. T-shirts have gone up approximately \$.75. Mark Clement suggested that we go back to renegotiate with Jen Bensch about the arm band price. Jay Sandhaus is going to go back to Jen Bensch to see if we can renegotiate the price. Mark Clement made a motion to support the 420 budget. Lauren Welsh seconded motion. Six board members approved and one board member opposed.

g. Vice President

- i. Update on Alliance for Intown Neighbors meeting with George Dusenbury – Lauren Welsh is going to write an article. Next Tuesday, February 22, is the next meeting. Lauren Welsh cannot make the meeting. The meeting is at 7 p.m. Lauren Welsh will send out the meeting details. Usually an alternate goes. Lauren Welsh asked if there was someone that would be willing to be an alternate.
- ii. Update on meeting with Aaron Watson. Lauren Welsh will write an article with details.

**VI. Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m. Mark Clement made a motion and Dave Aynes seconded. All board members were in agreement.

Compiled by Cherie King, Secretary