

**Minutes of the Chastain Park Civic Association
Board Meeting, September 24, 2007**

The Chastain Park Civic Association (“CPCA”) met on September 24, 2007.
A quorum was present.

Sidewalks are being installed throughout the community and the neighbors seem pleased in general. The city has suggested a red light at the end of Laurel Drive; however different city agencies must agree on this. Powers Ferry Road going north from Jett Road has been surveyed for sidewalks.

Jim King has placed a call to Georgia Power inquiring about the magnolias to be planted around the substation on Powers Ferry Road. Mark Reece is to provide an updated sketch for the monuments.

Dudley/Tall Pines/Stella

A cul de sac is being considered for this area. Karen McEnerney is addressing this matter, as well as Jo Elliott.

Wieuca Road

Mark Reece stated that Christ Church wishes to build there, with parking on West Wieuca. Thirteen of the fifteen property owners have been approached about selling to the church. Plans are for a 600-seat sanctuary.

Security

There were no issues to discuss.

Public Involvement

An email was sent out concerning clubs that are forming. The CPCA website has been updated.

Chastain Park Conservancy

Mark Root described the Master Plan.

- On Powers Ferry, there is a four-foot sidewalk. They would like to have a ten to twelve foot sidewalk, with a wall on the road side. At Nancy Creek there would be a separate pedestrian bridge with overhead protection.
- The Tennis Center needs to be changed. There is a need for additional courts. They would like to have a tennis and welcome center with restroom and water fountain public facilities.

- At the north end there is discussion of (i) breaching the wall at Laurel Drive to get to the PATH directly and (ii) building a restroom to be a shared facility on the golf course.
- There is considerable parking at the amphitheatre. They have discussed extending the PATH to the parking lots adjoining the amphitheatre. There is discussion of a roundabout at the Stella Drive/Pool Road/Powers Ferry Road intersection.
- There is discussion about raised tables or some notification of leaving the parking area and entering the residential area.
- A few parking spaces may be gained on Pool Road.
- More gym space is needed. There would be a plaza in the front, then the gym, then a 300-400 space parking deck. There is discussion of an exit onto Lake Forrest behind the Field of Dreams.
- Alternatives must be found of marking the crosswalks on Lake Forrest.
- Dropoffs for the NYO fields have been investigated near the Lake Forrest Drive/West Wieuca intersection. West Wieuca Road is a busy street. Safety needs to be enhanced. Parking would be removed from West Wieuca and moved to a plaza up to the first stairwell with dropoff and pickup lanes.
- People now are walking on Park Drive as a result of cleanup efforts to remove the overgrowth. The PATH from the playground would be extended on the south side of the street. A playground has been requested for a slightly older age group and for handicapped use.
- The arts center would move the pottery center and the front façade of the center would be re-landscaped.
- The Master Grill would be rehabilitated and the A-frame structure rebuilt.
- The TOTS building would be removed and replaced by a field.
- The upper blue lot would be changed from blacktop to a greenspace-friendly surface. The lower blue lot would be decked.
- Some woodland has been cleared at Lake Forrest Drive and Nancy Creek. They would like this to be unprogrammed greenspace.
- The Atlanta Water workspace is off limits to change per the City of Atlanta at least for the next five years.

Jim King reported that the bike paths do not meet code on Lake Forrest. Various options are being investigated. Speed tables would be put at the major intersections.

The consultants were told that the tennis center and the gym area are the only two positions for parking decks.

The Conservancy was told that the Park must give up \$.50 of each dollar earned in Chastain Park for other parks in the City of Atlanta.

Bill Kasper stated that the Master Plan project has been difficult because what we decide will not be changed in the future and will dictate the look of the Park for 10 years in the future. Early on it was decided there was too much current traffic to allow building additional facilities. Parking was identified early on as a concern. The community stated support for a parking structure in the 300 to 400 car range. Neither the CPCA nor the community was ever really involved in the question of adding recreation fields. There is a lot of landlocked area in the golf course. The golf course is under lease for nine more years. Bill feels a ten to twenty year plan should look at reallocating the landlocked areas for recreation, with a particular emphasis toward youth recreation. Bill feels the most significant improvement has been NYO, the second has been the PATH. The Conservancy is now showing great progress with upkeep and cleanout of overgrown areas. Bill's objective/suggestion is to see an aspect of the plan allow for the ability to put ball fields into the facility if the golf course becomes available. Caroline King asked if we could put in optional areas in the golf course. Bill would like the waterworks out of the Park and the golf course re-designed to use the waterworks and allow access to the landlocked areas. There are 60,000 rounds of golf played in Chastain Park, which funds other parks. A company that did not participate in the recent RFP for the golf course has said that it is possible to re-design the golf course. Mark Reece asked for the purpose behind the welcome center at the tennis center. It is driven by the safety factor of having the restroom facilities in a managed facility. The American Legion can operate at its present location as long as it remains an American Legion Hall. Jim feels the consultants are hamstrung for creative ideas because they are trying to please the Parks Department and the CPCA Board should push for new solutions. Bill would like the Master Plan to allow a redesign of the golf course to be considered in the future, as an option. The Conservancy is in the process of setting criteria for priorities, such as safety, traffic, and parking. The gym/parking deck is in the \$15 mm area. There will have to be a capital campaign led by the Conservancy to raise these funds. As a regional park, the Conservancy must go to every NPU in the City for approval. Caroline King asked to have kids involved in the design of a new playground. Bill Kasper would like playground space to be moved up in the priority list.

Jim suggested preparing a statement of the Board, to be circulated by email, outlining these suggestions, which would be sent to the Conservancy.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August meeting.

Eight members were suggested to be added to the Board to create a more widespread voice for the community on the Board. This would bring the Board to a total of 30 members with 31 positions authorized. A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations.

Piedmont Road Intersection

A redesign has been suggested. Two meetings are tentatively scheduled to discuss the alternatives. There is significant concern about causing cut-through traffic through the neighborhood.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

EXHIBIT 1

Name	5-07	6-07	8-07	9-07	10-07	11-07	1-08	2-08	3-08
Anne Boatwright	X								
Ron Bossick				X					
Michael Bunch	X								
Denice Burch									
Ron Carpinella									
Leigh Catherall									
Pat Chesney									
Heather Chronos									
Cameron Cole									
Todd Davis				X					
Brink Dickerson	X								
Maria Diedrich									
Jo Elliott	X								
Jubal Gatwood	X			X					
Marsha Holcomb				X					
Bill Kasper	X			X					
Caroline King		X		X					
Jim King	X	X		X					
Penelope Malone	X	X		X					
Julie Mann	X								
Ron Oertell									
Kirk Oppenlander	X								
Mark Reece	X	X		X					
Winston Smith									
John Williams				X					

GUESTS:

Bob Mason	X			X					
Ray Mock	X								
Tom Brereton				X					
Mark Root				X					
Mark Elliott				X					
Mark Root				X					
Tom Brereton				X					
Patti Ross				X					
Frank Toy				X					
Carlos Moreno				X					