

**CHASTAIN PARK CIVI ASSOCIATION MINUTE MEETINGS: August 23, 2007**

The following members of the Chastain Park Civic Association meeting (“CPCA”) attended the meeting at Jim & Caroline King’s house on August 23, 2007, beginning at 6:40 p.m.:

Anne Boatwright;  
Todd Davis;  
Jo Elliott;  
Jubal Gatwood;  
Marsha Holcomb;  
Bill Kasper.  
Caroline King;  
Jim King;  
Julie Mann;  
Ron Oertell;  
Kirk Oppenlander;  
Mark Reece; and  
John Williams.

The following members were not in attendance:

Ron Bossick.  
Michael Bunch;  
Ron Carpinella;  
Brink Dickerson;  
Maria Diedrich;  
Penelope Malone; and  
Winston Smith.

A quorum was present.

The minute meetings from the May 21, 2007 meeting minutes were approved by 11 aye votes and one abstention (Jo Elliott).

For the Treasurer’s Report, Jubal Gatwood and Jim King provided an update on expenses and available funds. The CPCA is spending approximately \$5,000/per month on security. The security dues collected to date from the CPCA membership will allow CPCA to cover security expenses through October 2007. The Board discussed addressing any potential shortfall for the year though a supplemental membership campaign. Also, the CPCA received reimbursement from the City of Atlanta for concert security provided by CPCA.

Jubal Gatwood and Jim King informed the Board about updates to the CPCA’s website. The updated website contains additional links and information concerning community and neighborhood groups. The Board discussed sending out an electronic newsletter to reduce expenses. Efforts to eliminate duplicates from the e-mail list resulted in a current count of approximately 1,300 e-mail addresses. Jim King and Jubal Gatwood encouraged the Board to send comments/critiques concerning the updated CPCA website.

Jim King reported on the current plans by the Georgia Department of Transportation (“GDOT”) for the vehicle bridge on Powers Ferry. The GDOT will not replace the bridge because its engineers reported that it is “safe”. The Board discussed the status of the pedestrian bridge proposed for Powers Ferry. The City of Atlanta has advised that construction on the pedestrian bridge will not take place until 2008. The Park Commissioner is insistent that the bridge have a covered roof which allows water to seep through it to deter individuals from using it as a make-shift, over-night shelter.

Jim King provided an update on the status of the City of Atlanta’s sidewalk project for the Chastain Park area. There are plans to extend the sidewalk on Powers Ferry from Jett Road to Eppington. Also, the sidewalk in front of the Sardis Church is currently being installed on the north side of Powers Ferry. The Park’s Commission and City of Atlanta may widen the Path on Powers Ferry. If this occurs, it could mean a shift of the Powers Ferry roadway to the west. This may result in encroachment on residents’ property. The Board will continue to monitor these discussions.

Mark Reece provided an update concerning the status of the monuments that Georgia Power has agreed to provide for the entrance to the Park coming from Roswell Road to Powers Ferry. Current discussions with Georgia Power and the City of Atlanta place the monuments east of the five-way stop on Powers Ferry. There are also discussions concerning placing a small granite wall with the name “Chastain Park” near the sidewalk on the rounded corner of Powers Ferry and Lake Forrest Drive.

The Board had extensive discussions about the Master Plan recently published by the Chastain Park Conservancy. Several members expressed disappointment at the Master Plan’s thoroughness and lack of specificity. There were comments by several members that the Master Plan appeared to be more of a renovation project as opposed to setting a course for Chastain Park for years to come.

The CPCA board also discussed the bond update and the three “options” that have been circulated by Representative Claire Mueller’s office. The Board discussed why there should be only three “options” presented to the Chastain Park neighborhood. The Board discussed other options available to the City of Atlanta for making material improvements to Chastain Park which are not reflected in the three proposals. Jim King raised an alternative option of informing the City of Atlanta that the \$2 million should be devoted to completing a project within Chastain Park and completing it very well so that the neighborhood and users of Chastain Park would substantially benefit.

The CPCA Board discussed expanding the CPCA’s Board membership to include a number of Chastain Park stakeholders and Chastain Park community schools. This discussion focused on what benefits these potential new membership spots would bring to the CPCA Board; Chastain Park; and the surrounding neighborhoods. After discussion, the proposal was put to a vote and passed unanimously. No member present at the meeting abstained from the vote.

Julie Mann provided a report on the current activities for community.