

**Minutes of the Chastain Park Civic Association
Board Meeting, February 25, 2008**

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The Chastain Park Civic Association (“CPCA”) Board met on February 25, 2008. A quorum was present. Attendees are shown on Exhibit 1 which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 2008 minutes and the motion was unanimously approved.

Jubal Gatwood, Treasurer, reported that the CPCA has tapped into our certificate of deposit to meet current cash flow needs as we await the 2008 membership dues.

Jim King reported that the security of all residents is a CPCA initiative, especially following the incident that occurred on Park Drive. A neighbor asked if the CPCA wanted to work with the Buckhead Alliance regarding the installation of security cameras on Park Drive. The Buckhead Alliance is leading this effort although the CPCA Security Committee has agreed with the installation of the security cameras. This issue arose during the most recent NPU-B meeting. The Buckhead Alliance is handling the program for Buckhead, and three cameras for Chastain Park have been added to the Buckhead Alliance’s overall security camera plan. The contract has been signed and it is now a matter of implementation. Ron Carpinella asked where the cameras will be placed and was told they would be at either end of Park Drive. The CPCA hopes the cameras will be a crime deterrent. The CPCA is not publicizing the cameras; rather we are leaving it to the Buckhead Alliance to publicize this.

An email has been sent out by the Chastain Conservancy urging PATH users to park in the red parking lot in Chastain Park. This lot is located on Powers Ferry Road, near the Horse Park covered riding facility. The Conservancy plans to install stretching stations and picnic tables near the red lot, to encourage use. The CPCA is asking Councilmember Muller to complete a sidewalk on Powers Ferry Road from West Wieuca Road to the red lot. The CPCA has been asked by the Conservancy to contribute \$1,000 to the efforts to encourage use of the red lot. The Conservancy and NYO are each contributing \$1,000 to this effort. The idea of encouraging use of the red lot was generated during the development of the Master Plan. A question was asked about the use of the red lot during concert nights. The lot would not be available to PATH users on concert nights. A question was asked about the CPCA fiscal situation, given that we have had to take funds from the CD. The answer was that we have had to take funds from the CD in past years, while awaiting membership dues to be paid. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse actual expenses incurred by the Conservancy on the red lot effort, not to exceed \$1,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

The CPCA was approached by a neighbor who became aware of a program involving a musician, Jay Memory, who plays in a Cobb County park. Mr. Memory would be willing to come to Chastain Park on Tuesday evenings to play music at the playground.

The neighbor is contacting potential sponsors for this event. The hours of the music would be approximately 4 pm to 7 pm, April through October. The CPCA does not think this would be a conflict with boot camp or other Chastain Park events. Mark Root of the Conservancy noted that this would bring more traffic into an already congested area. Bill Kasper noted we had discussed an initiative to have events which would bring people in the community together. Julie Mann is working with the musician on this program. Marsha Holcomb asked about trying this for a few evenings to determine if it is feasible. Jim King said that this could be discussed. Mr. Memory charges at an hourly rate for his services, but the actual charges have not yet been discussed. Mark Root wanted to be kept aware of what is going on in the Park regarding amplified music. Jim King noted that there were several issues concerning the music presentation which still need to be investigated and finalized. Jim will provide further communication on this matter as information is available.

Peachtree Presbyterian Church wants to have an Easter Egg Hunt near the playground on March 22. This has been done in previous years. This event would be publicized in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Jim King has offered the CPCA's help in securing the permit from the City of Atlanta Parks Department, as this matter is tied up with the City at present.

The CPCA annual meeting will be in April 2008. A motion was made and seconded and approved unanimously to create a nominating committee to present a slate of officers to the Board at the March 2008 meeting. Kirk Oppenlander was named the chairman of the nominating committee, and the members are the three Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and Allison Adair. The nominating committee will ask the present officers and board members if they wish to continue in their present roles, and determine if there are openings.

The Conservancy requested a letter be written by the CPCA to the City of Atlanta stating the CPCA's support for the Master Plan. This letter has been delivered to Mark Root and he has forwarded it to the City of Atlanta. The CPCA also sent our representatives to NPU-A and NPU-B to support the Master Plan. The Urban Design Commission has given a positive recommendation to the Master Plan.

Jim King reported that the floodlights on the lower ball fields are controlled by NYO. The City of Atlanta controls the lights on the upper ball fields. These lights remain on until 11 pm for security reasons and are on a timer.

The last of the sidewalk projects is being completed on the west side of Lake Forrest Drive, near the intersection with Laurel Forest. A three-way stop has been approved by the City of Atlanta Traffic Department for the Lake Forrest/Laurel Forest intersection. Councilmember Muller has asked to see a comprehensive traffic plan for the Chastain Park area prior to agreeing with such stop sign installation, but the CPCA believes that the stop sign will be installed.

Ron Carpinella inquired about the status of installing peninsulas in roads in our area. A question was asked about traffic calming efforts on Powers Ferry Road because there is no buffer from traffic for pedestrians walking along Powers Ferry. This issue is addressed in the Master Plan. The police officer in attendance at the meeting (representing Barry Miller) suggested calling the Atlanta Police Department to ask for attention to speeders in our neighborhood. A suggestion was made to contact the PEDS group for assistance in this regard.

Jim King estimated that one million dollars has been spent on sidewalks in our area. Michael Bunch has communicated with Karen Meinzen McEnery, the Sandy Springs Councilperson for our area, about installing sidewalks on Lake Forrest Drive. A question was asked about whether the new Sandy Springs impact fees could be spent on sidewalks. Ron Carpinella noted that all new houses in Sandy Springs are required to have sidewalks, although in situations where houses are being replaced one-for-one (that is, one house is torn down and replaced by one house), this requirement is a gray area.

Georgia Power had promised to construct monuments at or near the Powers Ferry/Roswell Road intersection, as a part of the expansion of the substation on Powers Ferry. This initiative has become a bit bogged down at present. Other areas of the city which erected similar monuments had to take out a liability policy in connection with the monuments. Jim King stated that the Board would be kept informed on this matter. A question was asked if we should release Georgia Power from an obligation to install the monuments, given that Georgia Power had done an exemplary job on the landscaping, tree protection, and MARTA bus stop and that ultimately we pay for Georgia Power's expenditures in our monthly power bills. The answer was that Georgia Power does not feel that the CPCA has been unreasonable in our requests. The CPCA will revisit this issue and report back to the Board.

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Todd Davis, VP of Security, distributed a draft of a position statement on the closing of Park Drive in the evening hours, which would be sent to Councilmember Muller. Park Drive would not be closed on concert nights. Ron Carpinella asked if the road closure request would be adversely affected by the installation of the security cameras and a discussion then followed concerning the timing of the security camera installation relative to the request to close Park Drive at night. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously passed authorizing Todd Davis to finalize the letter requesting that Park Drive be closed at night, and send it to Councilmember Muller.

Kirk Oppenlander reported no issues in NPU-A. There is a general meeting of NPU-A each month at which members of NPU-A may vote. The City of Atlanta is in the process of transitioning to a replacement for the current Community Development Plan. Kirk wants to ensure that the CPCA has input into this process. The agenda of the NPU-A can be put on the CPCA website if people are interested.

Mark Reece reported no new zoning issues affecting our area in NPU-B. NPU-B was pressed for a vote on the Master Plan. The Master Plan was approved by NPU-B, but

there were some dissenting votes. It was not clear why there was opposition in NPU-B, and Mark was surprised by this reaction.

Marsha Holcomb reported that the apartment complex in the City of Sandy Springs, on Roswell Road near West Wieuca Road has been sold. Marsha was asked to check with Jo Elliott on this matter so that the CPCA could be proactive on the future development of this land.

Mary Norwood has solicited neighborhood participation in the Atlanta Home Show.

There is no progress to report on Brink Dickerson's offer to pursue changing the zoning of the east Chastain area. This matter was tabled for the March CPCA meeting, when Brink could report on it.

There are eight or nine special interest groups listed as being available on the CPCA website, but there has been little response. It was suggested that the communication to be sent asking for 2008 membership dues include a statement directing people to the website, in an effort to encourage participation in these groups.

Articles have been solicited for the CPCA newsletter. The website has been updated and includes the current minutes and the organization chart of the Board.

The Buckhead Reporter had a recent article about the Piedmont Road/Ivy Road corridor. A link to this article will be sent to the Board. A question was asked about the nature of the issues on this matter as they concern the CPCA. The CPCA's initiative is to work on what is built where, how traffic will flow, etc.

Bill Kasper distributed an email regarding possible expenditures from the Amphitheatre Trust Fund. In the past the City of Atlanta Parks Department has asked the CPCA how we wanted to spend these monies. The CPCA has no legal authority to designate how the funds are spent, but the Parks Department asks for our input as a courtesy. Bill has not seen anything from the Parks Department to date about proposed spending for 2008. Bill suggested the CPCA be more proactive in suggesting areas for spending the trust funds. There is approximately \$450,000 per year going into the fund. Mark Root asked to work with the CPCA to develop a four- to five-year long-term plan for expenditures which would yield the biggest positive impact for Chastain Park. Bill Kasper asked to table this item for the March 2008 meeting. Mark Root was asked to coordinate with John Williams on this matter, for presentation at the March 2008 meeting.

There being no further business, 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
Allison Adair						X	X	X	
Anne Boatwright	X		X	X	X		X	X	
Michael Bunch	X				X			X	
Ron Carpinella					X	X	X	X	
Dottie Corey					X	X	X		
Todd Davis				X	X	X	X	X	
Brink Dickerson	X				X		X		
Jo Elliott	X				X	X	X		
Mark Elliott				X		X			
Jubal Gatwood	X			X	X	X	X	X	
Matt Gelber								X	
Marsha Holcomb				X			X	X	
Bill Kasper	X			X	X	X	X	X	
Caroline King		X		X	X	X	X		
Jim King	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Mack Leath					X		X		
Ryan Lieberman							X	X	
Penelope Malone	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Julie Mann	X				X		X	X	
Carlos Moreno					X		X		
Ron Oertell									
Kirk Oppenlander	X				X		X	X	
Mark Reece	X	X		X	X	X		X	
Patti Ross					X			X	
Kevin Skedsvold					X	X	X		
Chris Southerland					X	X	X	X	
Frank Toye					X			X	
Ray Vuicich									
John Williams				X	X		X		