

**Minutes of the Chastain Park Civic Association  
Board Meeting, May 21, 2007**

The May 2007 meeting of the Chastain Park Civic Association (“CPCA”) was called to order at 6:40 pm on Monday, May 21, 2007. Attendees are shown on Exhibit 1 which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

A quorum was present.

The CPCA currently has 20 Board members, making 11 a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 2007 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Kirk Oppenlander sent in an email asking when the City of Atlanta would be meeting regarding sound levels for the amphitheatre. Jim King stated the CPCA has not been notified of any changes to the contract. Ray Mock stated that this item was on the agenda of the community development meeting last Tuesday and he attended it to testify for the new tree ordinance. This was the second reading and the vote was to make the temporary sound level permanent, and to take the sound study portion of the surcharge and place it in the trust fund. The trust funds would be combined into one trust fund. There is some thought that the sound rules for the amphitheatre are being changed to ‘four strikes you’re out’ rather than ‘three strikes you’re out’ but Ray said that this policy would be eliminated entirely; instead the legislation would put in place a graduated fine for a violation of the defined sound level. Bill Kasper stated we had improvement on the sound with the 63 herz limitation but there were sporadic times last year when the overall loudness generated complaints. Documentation was only available for the second half of last year. The CPCA felt it would be good to have an entire year of sound levels. Bill Kasper sent Alonzo Craig an email 3-4 weeks ago and specifically asked if there were any upcoming changes in policy or procedure having to do with the amphitheatre for the 2007 season and Bill was told there were no other changes. Diane Harnell Cohen and Clair Muller know this is a very important issue to us and not one of casual interest. Jim King attended the Van Morrison concert and was told by Alonzo Craig that the sound is being compressed within the amphitheatre. Jim also spoke to another person who stated that the system has the equivalent of a governor. It is unknown whether this is a new or pre-existing feature. The fact that there is no transparency from the City on this issue is strange. Jim King read the memo Bill sent to Alonzo as well as the response. Alonzo stated that the operating and sound levels would be the same this year as for the last two years. Jim stated that the CPCA would investigate this matter. During a subsequent phone call to Claire Muller during the course of this CPCA meeting, the CPCA learned that the legislation concerning the sound level was passed in the City Council.

Jubal will send a copy of the Treasurer’s Report to the Board.

On security, there has been a lot of criminal activity in the Chastain Publix shopping center. The City of Atlanta has placed a security camera in the parking lot. There have been some ongoing issues with kids drinking in Chastain Park. John Mark Karr has been seen in the neighborhood again. Jim has notified the security patrol and the police department. Neighbors are contacting fellow neighbors about the situation. We do not know if Mr. Karr is living here or visiting. Jim will provide a security report in the near future.

Jim welcomed Anne Boatwright to the Board as Chairman of Public Relations. Anne plans to start a dialogue with the Northside Neighbor. Anne plans to write press releases and take pictures with positive angles to keep the CPCA name in front of people. Julie Mann has some specific ideas about starting some activities in our community such a Book Club, Walking Club, etc. Jim stated that he envisioned that each neighborhood in our area would have a representative on our Board and we have hoped that we could be the central hub to grow interest in a particular area. Jim would like to focus on the neighborhood. Jim reported having over 200 swimmers in the pool. Ron Oertell will be inventorying the stakeholders. We continue to look for someone to coordinate the web site but Jim and Jubal will handle this in the interim. Maria Diedrich has agreed to help with the newsletter until we have someone for that position. A newsletter may be coming out in June. Julie can put something in the newsletter about proposed neighborhood rroups.

Kirk Oppenlander stated that over the next 6 to 8 months the city will be changing from a CDP to a strategic study. Kirk sees his position as ensuring that the CPCA is heard and influence this process. Other concerns are the infill housing ordinance and tree ordinance. The 20-house development on the south end of Powers Ferry has now been deferred twice for 60 days. The Bureau of Planning and the City of Atlanta legal department have taken a very conservative view on introducing a new zoning district to this area. Kirk cannot force the applicant to stop the proposal. The only concern is that we do not have a final recommendation from staff and that the applicant has met privately with the Commissioner of Planning. Jim King was told by one of the neighbors that the immediate neighbors like the project and have been lobbying downtown for it. This project would require a major change in the CDP. Brink Dickerson offered to extend the R-2B zoning to this area, but he needs support from the neighborhood. Jim is concerned that some of the proposed new development would significantly change the character of the neighborhood. The City has supported Kirk's position that no additional buffers are required. The new Commissioner of Planning has taken some positions on the Tree Ordinance that are of concern vis-à-vis zoning. We must be watchful for setting a precedent for all the gateways into the CPCA area. Brink tried to approach the Commissioner early in his tenure and was not able to get an audience. Bill Kasper suggested we should at least get a letter sent to the Commissioner. Kirk is continuing to stay on top of this matter. Kirk reported that Tuxedo Park neighbors put out a survey of 90 residents and none are in support of this project.

Mark Reece stated there is a proposed mixed use project across from the Publix on Roswell Road. We are concerned about a possibility of a high rise that may be proposed

for this area as the present condo developments back up to homes on Lake Forrest Lane. There is an application at 169 Interlochen to reduce the front-yard setback. Mark has not yet met with the applicant and so cannot report on it. A draft of the new CDP is out. The Roswell corridor looks intact except the area on Wieuca Road now looks like Roswell Road zoning rather than residential in the back.

Jo Elliott had nothing to report on the City of Sandy Springs. Jo does want to investigate the density of Sandy Springs.

Jim reported a police chase that ended at the Chastain Park Gym involving the City of Sandy Springs. The City of Sandy Springs and the City of Atlanta worked together on the arrest.

Michael Bunch reported extensive traffic activity with respect to pulling the stakeholders together. A recent meeting was held with EDAW and a number of the stakeholders to review the consultant's report and provide feedback. The groups are looking at ingress efforts during the concerts and what the people do who are at each location. Part of the study is looking at signage and how to guide incoming traffic to the proper parking areas. Traffic is being evacuated faster. Ray Mock and Michael have looked at parking signage in the Park to determine that the signage in the Park makes sense and to identify hot spots. One proposal is better directional signage (perhaps temporary to advise residents). There are more radios being used by the officers during the concerts and the officers and the parking center operators are talking during concerts. The overflow parking on Lake Forrest Drive was discussed. A checklist has been created of problematic areas. A question was asked about handicapped parking in front of the pool. The pool has requested handicapped spaces. The next stage is an inbound traffic plan. Michael needs to know from the neighborhood how certain streets have managed the no parking that has put into the place. Michael stated the most effective method for traffic control is an officer and a radio who knows when areas fill up. Michael stated that the lead officers are having a meeting to share knowledge. Kirk asked about one-way streets in and streets out. There is discussion about incremental implementation and then tweaking. Pool Road was strongly suggested to go exclusively out to Powers Ferry. Park Drive was decided to leave as two-way. Some suggestions were made to aid egress from the area after the concert. Bill has been meeting with the stakeholders. Michael asked to be made aware of other areas that are hot spots where people are having trouble with parking. Shuttles are another idea to pursue, such as The Buc or the Fur Bus.

Mark Reece asked that the lightning warning system be explained on the website for the benefit of the neighborhood.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. There will be no CPCA meetings during the months of June and July of 2007.

**EXHIBIT 1**

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

**GUESTS:**

Bob Mason	X
Ray Mock	X