

Chastain Park Civic Association
September 22, 2008

I. Welcome – Jim King

II. Past Minutes – Allison Adair

The June & August minutes were approved.

III. Treasurers Report – Jubal Gatwood

The City of Atlanta was invoiced \$10,000 for concert patrols. Membership is up 40 members to approximately 540 household memberships so far this year. A membership drive targeting approximate 900 non-member households is being coordinated. Volunteers would be needed to stuff letters. Susan Pitts has volunteered her home.

IV. General Business

V. Public Involvement – Melissa Abad

Fall Festival

The motion for the festival was proposed via email and passed - 20 yes, 1 abstention. The festival is proposed for November 8 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. It would be held near the Art Center with parking near Wieuca. Discussions are being held with the Art Center to partner. Organizers are looking for live music and food suggestions. A meeting will be held for volunteers.

Chastain Chill

Continues to be a success and will continue through October.

VI. Advocacy

NPU-A – Kurt Oppenlander

Most issues have been pertaining to walls i.e. height, etc. The owners of the property located at the corner of Putnam and Blackland were ordered to pay \$26,000 in recompense when in building a wall there was a loss of about 16 trees. The Buckhead Barn which is located at Northside and Broadland was ordered to cease operations as a horse riding / polo business. They are required to have a certificate of occupancy in order to run a business.

NPU-B – Mark Reece

No update to date.

Sandy Springs

Within the Chastain Park boundaries there is nothing new to report. Efforts are still being made to confirm whether or not Sembler has purchased the Chastain Park Apartments.

Landmark / Harold Bailey Property Update

R2B - 28K sq ft

Traffic Study Update

Currently there is nothing to report. The team is still in the process of getting feedback from the community and in discussions with the City of Atlanta. The traffic management plan will be a piece of the Connect Atlanta plan.

Park Liaison – John Williams

The new tennis center will be up for bid in October with the bid to be awarded in November and demolition to begin in early January. As long as the project is contracted by year end the project funding is safe. The trust fund is trying to push through several projects. In response to complaints about increased sound levels for concerts at the amphitheater, an email was sent to Claire Muller asking to get neighbors seated at table when contract is renegotiated. Brink Dickerson has been appointed the point person for the contract by Claire.

Park Drive Projects / Study Group

The Chastain Park Conservancy is leading a work study group including amphitheater joint venture, NYO, CPAC, Galloway, etc. CPCA reaching out to neighbors had meeting on Saturday to familiarize them with the projects: Hilltop Field (above Galloway) and Skyline Meadow (above park drive). Most neighbors were concerned about security and privacy issues. They would like to have a buffer and to limit use of Park Drive preferably by closing the road with the exception of concerts or at the least close the road after dark.

Neighbors have suggested that the Park Drive project include the clean-up of the pond (Ducks / Fishing), a dedicated loop on Park Drive, and a welcome center at blue lot. The Conservancy will hold an Open House at Park Drive near Skyline Meadows on the following dates:

9/24 6:30 pm

9/27 1:00 pm

Mark Root discussed the security being reviewed. He reported that 70 parking spaces in the green lot will disappear – red lot, blue lot or south end of park drive – still under discussion.

Sutton / North Atlanta Update

North Atlanta will start a rolling renovation in fall 2009. As of this 9th grade class, Sutton is only feeder to North Atlanta. North Atlanta continues to take IB students from other schools. APS is looking for a site to build a second middle school in Buckhead area.

VII. Security

Zone Reports – no reports – reached out to Barry Miller about anything we can do to improve security program. Continue to have “smash and grabs” at parking lot near gym.

VIII. New Business – Jim King

Connect Atlanta Plan

Connect Atlanta is a year long process studying connectivity in Atlanta. The final meeting for the Buckhead quadrant was held last week. The plan did not address the following important Buckhead issues: congestion, GA 400 / I-85 connectivity, East / West traffic relief.

Chastain Park would be impacted by the proposed grid for the Piedmont / Habersham / Roswell Road corridor. However, the grid will not work until the Roswell Road and GA-400 / I-85 issues are addressed. This would be a 20 to 25 year project. Additionally, it does not solve neighborhood cut-throughs.

One of the criteria of the project is to protect neighborhoods from a land use stand point. The current solution for GA 400 / I-85 connectivity is an issue since it would take out part of a neighborhood – much to resolve/ potential of Home Depot site on Sidney Marcus

EW Tunnel concept

Not enough relief for Buckhead – other quadrants got much more

Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods (BCN) – Jim King

BCN will create a forum for neighborhoods to share concerns and a network to communicate information. Currently, neighborhoods are not represented. Neighborhoods are losing direct representation with government because of third party entities such as development authorities in Atlanta. The first issues for BCN are solutions to GA 400 / I-85 connectivity and East /West congestion.

Motion for CPCA formally join BCN, pay \$100 membership fee, vote in support of the petition and that Jim King would represent CPCA on the BCN board.

Seconded

F – All

A – 0

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IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2008 at the Galloway School.

X. Adjourn