

**Chastain Park Civic Association (CPCA)
February 23, 2009**

I. Welcome – Jim King

II. Past Minutes – Allison Adair

The January minutes were tabled for review.

Board Members in Attendance:

Allison Adair	Jim King	Patti Ross
Sherri Adair	Caroline King	Kevin Skedsvold
Kelley Day	Kirk Oppenlander	Chris Southerland
Jo Elliott	Carlos Moreno	Frank Toye
Jubal Gatwood	Susan Pitts	John Williams
Bill Kasper	Mark Reece	

III. Treasurers Report – Jubal Gatwood

News letters are going out in two mailings soliciting renewals and new memberships. Membership should increase with community outreach activities, i.e. July 4th Parade and Fall Festival. Additionally, we may get more members due to our security patrol and the decreased police force.

IV. General Business – Jim King

There were no general business issues to discuss.

VII. Security – Todd Davis

Security Patrol

The CPCA security committee met with the Chastain Park Conservancy (CPC) and the neighborhood security patrol officer, Barry Miller. At the meeting he stated that he felt that the security patrol for the neighborhood should continue to be coordinated by the CPCA. The security patrols covers about 30 hours per week. The schedule varies to avoid any visibility patterns.

New Zone 2 Leadership

Jim King reported that Major Sellers recently retired and was replaced by Major Robert Browning. He has worked with the APD Narcotics division for the majority of his career.

V. Public Involvement - Caroline King

Events

Melissa Abad is beginning pre-planning for the July 4th event. She requested that the board sign-up to volunteer for planning committees and event volunteers. Melissa has started the permit process for Chastain Chill and the July 4th Parade. Melissa has voiced that she would like to have for Chastain Chill a permanent power source, a gazebo for the performer and volunteers for the parade. Jim King discussed the potential parade route. He asked people to email their ideas to Melissa.

GA DOT Meeting – 400/85

Jim King reported that the GADOT will present their solutions to address this issue at a meeting Thursday, February 26 at 5:00 pm at St. Phillips Cathedral.

Watershed Department

Jim King reported that he wrote a letter on behalf of the BCN to Howard Shook, chair of the Atlanta Executive/Finance Committee about the Watershed Repayment Plan and copied the Atlanta City Council Members. (Get letter from Jim)

Zoning R-2B Potential Concept for East Chastain Park

Re: Brink’s email – no discussion, since Brink was not in attendance.

Kirk reported that 6 years ago CPCA created a Land Use and Zoning Policy.

Newsletter

Caroline King reported that she and Sherri Adair met about recreating and distributing a hardcopy newsletter for members that could possible include concert schedule, security, park activities, history, tidbits, service recommendations, neighbor Q & A, advertisements, etc.

Jim King made a motion that the Board accept sponsorship monies and be able to solicit advertising.

- For – 14
- Oppose - 1
- Abstain - 1

VI. Advocacy

NPU-A – Kirk Oppenlander

Kirk reported topics of discussion were about the Zoning R-2B Concept and Conservation Subdivision Substitute.

NPU-B – Mark Reece

Mark reported that there was another presentation of the Beltline. There is not a lot that would pertain to our area. Christ the King had some issues about development. There is nothing to report about the former Stein Mart location. Additionally, there is nothing new to report on the entertainment complex proposed at the former Orvis location at the corner of Peachtree and Piedmont.

Sandy Springs – Jo

There is nothing new to update zoning wise.

Penelope made a motion for CPCA to join the Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods.

- F – All
- O – 0
- A – 0

Park Update

Trust Fund

Kirk reported that today the Trust Fund should be about \$1.5. It is possible that it has been placed in the General Fund or if in the Trust Fund bucket that it may be re-appropriated for other projects. Additionally, the Commissioner stated that it could be used to cover costs associated with the Tennis Center.

Opportunity Bond

Kirk reported that Diane said that commitments made last July looked at some things as necessities and in today’s environment are luxuries.

Transportation & Park Drive – Susan Pitts & Kirk Oppenlander

Kirk reported that a couple of weeks ago that he met with the CPC. At the meeting it was agreed upon that they look into the installation of temporary screw in speed breakers which could be installed in about 6 weeks. However, recently the CPC proposed that EDAW be retained to do a study regarding Park Drive which would take about 7 weeks. The study which would cost approximately \$25K - \$50K does not cover critical safety issues, parking, or loss of use. Additionally, the Joint Transportation Committee has been working on this issue and already submitted its initial findings. On the other hand, the creation of a limited access pedestrian mall would probably only cost \$25,000 to implement.

Jim will provide a list of the CPC board.

Tennis Center

Jim King reported that the Parks Department has considered re-bidding the project due to the decline in construction costs resulting from the current economy and because there was only one bid. Jim expressed real concern that re-bidding the project would cause delays forcing the project under a new administration which would put existing dedicated project funds in jeopardy and could kill the project.

VIII. New Business

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2009 at the Galloway School.

X. Adjourn