

**Minutes of the Chastain Park Civic Association
Board Meeting, March 24, 2008**

The Chastain Park Civic Association (“CPCA”) Board met on March 24, 2008. A quorum was present. Attendees are shown on Exhibit 1 which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Jim King, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed several visitors to the meeting.

The minutes from the February 2008 CPCA Board meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to create a second CPCA Board position for a representative of the CPCA concerning City of Sandy Springs issues. Penelope Malone will fill such position.

Jubal Gatwood, Treasurer, stated there were no news items concerning the CPCA finances. The security patrol is paid in full and up to date.

Claire Muller was supposed to attend this CPCA Board meeting but could not do so. She did not yet have a response from the City of Atlanta Police Department (“APD”) concerning the closure of Pool Drive during the evening.

Kirk Oppenlander and Jim King continue to work with Georgia Power concerning the placement of monuments on Powers Ferry Road to mark the entrance to the CPCA area.

Jim King reported that construction of the south entrance to the PATH is complete at Laurel Drive and Lake Forrest Drive.

Kirk Oppenlander reported on the status of the nominating committee for the officers to be voted on at the April 2008 annual meeting. Allison Adair is nominated for the position of secretary. Kirk is continuing to receive responses from current Board members as to whether they wish to continue in their roles, and he should have this complete by next meeting. He is in the process of finding a Chastain Park pool representative. Caroline King has not yet completed followup with persons who expressed an interest in this position. Penelope Malone will serve with Jo Elliott on the City of Sandy Springs issues. Todd Davis stated that the people on the security committee were willing to continue serving. Jim King reiterated that many people can be workers on a committee who may or may not be Board members with voting rights.

Jim announced that Jim Sellars reported that the individuals who were accused of multiple armed robberies of women’s jewelry in Buckhead parking lots were convicted of the crimes.

A crew was in Chastain Park on March 21 installing security cameras. The cameras will be at the two entrances of Park Drive, and the third will be across from the gym. Todd Davis reported that Clair Muller had contacted him in response to the position statement from the CPCA concerning closing Park Drive. She has been in contact with the Parks Commissioner to discuss Park Drive and has talked with APD as to whether it is feasible (from a manpower standpoint) to have a gate to the street locked each evening and re-opened each morning, and also whether a gate would impede APD police activities. A question was asked about installing automatic, electronic gates but Todd said this was not discussed with Councilperson Muller. Todd's position was that the status quo should change. In other security matters, there was an attempted breakin on Eppington Drive. A pursuit chase by APD occurred on Tuesday in the neighborhood. There have been several breakins up and down Roswell Road and also one in Chastain Park.

Kirk Oppenlander reported nothing critical was occurring in NPU-A. There is a project underway called Connect Atlanta, started by the City of Atlanta. We have had several meetings with the Connect Atlanta representatives regarding the intersection at Piedmont/Roswell /Habersham/Powers Ferry Roads. Originally the focus was on ingress and egress of commuters to/from Piedmont Center and other Buckhead office developments. Jim King and Kirk Oppenlander attended several meetings to urge a more comprehensive solution. The solution should recognize that Chastain Park is the only major park on the north side and should not be inundated by speeding commuters. There are several overlays that have been considered. The solutions under consideration are 25-year solutions. Alternatives can be viewed at the CPCA website. Final meetings are underway now. This week is the last round of meetings and the recommendations will be made following the conclusion of those meetings. The original studies that preceded Connect Atlanta did not seem to recognize existing traffic patterns. The overlays show more of a village arrangement. There would also be more coordination with the City of Sandy Springs on timing of traffic lights. The goal is to create a grid structure. Mark Elliott stated that there must be ways to improve the traffic efficiency, but this may not address the cut-through issues. He asked if something in the plan would reduce cut-throughs in the CPCA area. John Williams asked if Connect Atlanta is cognizant of the recreation aspect of Chastain Park, with a goal of reducing traffic on Powers Ferry Road and Lake Forrest Drive. Connect Atlanta has been asked several times why the City of Sandy Springs has not been involved in the discussions. At the last meeting, Connect Atlanta representatives stated that the City of Sandy Springs would be contacted. A concern is that making it more difficult to use one road just pushes people onto other streets. The CPCA representatives have suggested curb cuts for MARTA buses so they will not obstruct traffic when stopping to load/unload passengers at bus stops.

Clair Muller has approached a resident on West Wieuca who has expertise in traffic management to investigate traffic calming efforts in our area on a pro bono basis.

A developer, Wesley DeFoor, is looking at property on West Wieuca Road and has approached the CPCA to discuss options. The parcels are near the Wachovia Bank. This street has multiple zoning. The CPCA stated that we would examine his development plans, although we reiterated our policy on re-zoning.

At the last meeting, we were told that a developer has purchased the apartment complex on Roswell Road, which has an exit onto West Wieuca Road near Tuxedo Pharmacy. We have not talked with the developer as to his intentions. Ron Carpinella stated that this area is transitional. The developer will have to follow the City of Sandy Springs zoning requirements. Ron's guess is that the front will be commercial and the back will be townhomes.

Penelope Malone reported that the Code of Ordinances for the City of Sandy Springs is now available on the City of Sandy Springs website. It was noted that Holy Spirit School is planning to build athletic fields on Lake Forrest Drive adjacent to I-285, but this is outside the boundaries of the CPCA. Bill Kasper asked if the City of Sandy Springs had any interest in obtaining this land for park space. It was felt that the City of Sandy Springs did not have the funds to obtain this land.

Ismail Castiblanco attended the meeting to explain a zoning issue concerning his property and request CPCA approval. He bought what he believed to be two parcels on Laurel Drive but the City of Atlanta recognizes this as only one lot and the City is requiring him to re-subdivide the lots (i.e. re-draw the boundaries). He is seeking support from the CPCA for his plans. It appeared that the plans were in conformance with the zoning requirements. Mark Reece said that Mr. Castiblanco technically did not have to present this issue to the CPCA, nor to the NPU if the subdivision conforms to the City zoning requirements. A motion was made and seconded to support the subdivision as it is being requested by Mr. Castiblanco. Allison Adair suggested Mr. Castiblanco may be aided by getting letters of support from his neighbors, for presentation to the NPU. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

John Williams stated that signs have been installed at multiple locations in Chastain Park, directing PATH users to the red lot for parking. A few people are using the red lots. Some of the signs may be modified to more clearly indicate where the parking is. These are temporary signs and the goal is to have permanent signs installed.

Jay Memory presented his proposal to perform in Chastain Park near the playground. His program has been successful in Cobb County and he is familiar with the Chastain area and would like to do the same on Tuesday afternoons through the spring and summer. He plays classic songs which adults enjoy. His concerts provide access to the community and he has found it to be a great way to distribute information to the community. Attendees are generally mothers and children; fathers are encouraged to attend as well. Jay noted that the CPCA is concerned about traffic, crime, etc. in Chastain Park and therefore it might be in our interest to not publicize this activity outside our community. Jay will obtain sponsorship so that there is no cost to the CPCA. Jim King noted that two permits are necessary (a large gathering permit and an amplified music permit). An electrical power source for the concerts has not yet been determined. The City of Atlanta suggested a generator but this is not Jay's preference. Caroline King asked how many people are considered by the City of Atlanta to constitute a large gathering. The answer was over 75. If there is amplified music then the amplified music permit also is required.

Bill Kasper stated he was generally in favor of this, but asked about the planned hours of performance, and how many people generally attend. Jay stated that in Cobb County he started with about 30 and this grew to 75 to 100 people. The hours would be 5 pm to 8 pm or 4 pm to 7 pm, but he is flexible about the hours of performing. Jim has spoken to Live Nation because there are four Tuesdays when there are concerts scheduled at the amphitheatre. Jim King has proposed stopping early on those dates. John Williams recommended talking to neighbors who back up to this area to determine their feelings. Jay stated that he can control the sound level himself and he will point the speakers away from the neighbors. Mark Root asked where Jay would perform and where people would sit. Jay stated that he would be experimenting; his equipment is small and portable; he might do two sets at two different locations in the area. Jay asked the CPCA members to suggest sponsors. Jim feels that the City of Atlanta would not have asked us to apply for the permits if the City was not going to approve the permits. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to pursue having Jay perform as discussed.

John Williams reported on discussions concerning amphitheatre trust fund expenditures. We are investigating having a camera installed at the red lot to further encourage use of that lot. We have requested an accounting of the trust fund. The Conservancy is pursuing funds for maintenance, assuming that the City's participation in maintenance may be reduced due to budget shortfalls. We have suggested funds for the security patrol as it currently exists and perhaps with enhanced patrols. John Williams will present his proposals to the CPCA Board at a future meeting.

The annual meeting is scheduled for April 28, with the exact location to be determined.

Mark Root introduced two representatives from the Venture which is the entity leasing the amphitheatre (i.e. Live Nation and the ASO; although these two individuals are employed by the ASO) who attended the CPCA meeting to evidence their interest in the CPCA.

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	X
Anne Boatwright		X	X		X	X		X	X	
Michael Bunch		X				X			X	X
Ron Carpinella						X	X	X	X	X
Dottie Corey						X	X	X		X
Todd Davis					X	X	X	X	X	X
Brink Dickerson		X				X		X		
Jo Elliott		X				X	X	X		
Mark Elliott					X		X			X
Jubal Gatwood		X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Matt Gelber									X	
Marsha Holcomb					X			X	X	
Bill Kasper		X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Caroline King			X		X	X	X	X		X
Jim King		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Mack Leath						X		X	X	
Ryan Lieberman								X	X	
Penelope Malone		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Julie Mann		X				X		X	X	
Carlos Moreno						X		X	X	
Ron Oertell									X	
Kirk Oppenlander		X				X		X	X	X
Mark Reece		X	X		X	X	X		X	
Patti Ross						X			X	X
Kevin Skedsvold						X	X	X		
Chris Southerland						X	X	X	X	X
Frank Toye						X			X	
Ray Vuicich										
John Williams					X	X		X		X