

Chastain Park Civic Association
October 27, 2008

I. Welcome – Jim King

II. Past Minutes – Allison Adair

The September minutes were approved.

III. Treasurers Report – Jubal Gatwood

The City of Atlanta paid the \$10,000 invoice for concert patrols. Membership is up to approximately 580 household memberships so far this year. A membership drive targeting approximate 1,200 non-member households is being coordinated. Volunteers would be needed to stuff letters. Susan Pitts has volunteered her home. We will have a booth at the Fall Festival and have had flyers at the Chastain Chill. Additionally, we have received numerous contributions outside of membership dues.

IV. General Business – Chris Southerland & Debra Fowler

Jim King reported that John Williams had to step down as the Park Liaison for personal reasons. John was very instrumental in leading several projects including the Master Plan, Tennis Center and the Red Lot Initiative.

Jim called for a motion to have Chris Southerland to act as Park Liaison. The motion was seconded. No discussion.

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Jim King called for a motion to have Debra Fowler replace Allison Adair as the NPU-A representative. The motion was seconded. No discussion.

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V. Public Involvement – Melissa Abad

Chastain Chill

This has been very successful community event. The last one of the season is tomorrow night. Attendance has been great lately since the weather has been great. We have had 30 to 140 people in attendance.

Fall Festival

The festival will be held Sunday, November 9 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. It will be held near the Art Center with parking near Wieuca. Discussions are being held with the Art Center to partner. Several volunteer meetings have been held. We are still looking for volunteers for the day of the event. The event will have live music, crafts, games, hay ride, etc.

VI. Advocacy

NPU-A – Kurt Oppenlander

No update to date.

NPU-B – Mark Reece

There is no new update. Most new activity is happening in the Buckhead Village which is having a tough time getting permits approved in the City offices due to the budget / staff reductions

Sandy Springs

There is no new update with the exception of small improvements such as sidewalks. Activity has slowed due to the economy.

Transportation – Susan Pitts

There is no funding for repaving of Powers Ferry. The following projects have been budgeted for: Stella to City limits, W.Wieuca to Powers Ferry and Mt. Paran to City limits.

Traffic Study Update – Brian McHugh / Kirk Oppenlander

The team is working on a study of memo of recommendations. The team has been working with getting feedback from the community and been in discussions with the City of Atlanta. We are not looking to change things that much. W. Wieuca is the main focus of the park. We have looked at stops for streets entering Powers Ferry and Lake Forrest. Additionally, the study is looking at a solution for Park Drive such as a pedestrian path. Although, there is some input to close Park Drive. The recommendations will reflect signage, pedestrian paths, capital projects and traffic calming on Powers Ferry and W. Wieuca. The traffic calming and pedestrian improvements also include visual cues and security related safety issues.

The team is looking into Park Drive safety issues including: closing it after dark / 11pm, separating / cutting it into two, making it one-way reversible for concerts, experimenting with a Sunday or Saturday closing for pedestrian use, putting another camera on park drive with monitors at all times, a traffic count of usage and speed and time of day, and lowering vegetation for sight distance.

Additionally, the team recommends a side walk for Dudley Lane and a uniform entry into the park with visual cues horizontal traffic calming.

Park Update – Jim King

With regard to Hilltop Field (above Galloway) and Skyline Meadow (above park drive), most neighbors were concerned about security and privacy issues. The study group meetings were held and neighbors want the road closed. The study group did address security issues that did everything but close the road. The police patrol stated that the road is legally closed after 11pm and they can legally ticket after that time. The City Park Policy states that that the road should be closed 11pm – 6am but extends to 1 am on concert nights. The City Parks Commissioner has the authority to close the road. At minimum there should be signage that the road is closed at 11 pm.

Neighbors that are directly impacted: Dudley Lane, Barbara Lane, Worth Drive, Dudley Court and Stella Drive.

Mounted patrol is located at Grant Park which logistically limits time spent at Chastain Park. They are in need of stables and are looking into space at Chastain Horse Park.

Red Lot – Bill Kasper

Master Plan has the building of a parking deck in the gulch on W. Wieuca. It had been suggested that in the interim that Path patrons use the red lot for parking. This would alleviate parking congestion for the non-PATH users (golf, tennis, pool, NYO, play ground). Signs were put up this past week and they promptly disappeared. The Conservancy is going to readdress in an upcoming meeting.

Tennis Center – Jim King

Has heard that it will be completed by the Spring '09.

Boot Camps – Jim King

There are reports that some Boot Camps have left the park. It could be due to some new City regulations requesting that for-profits pay a fee to operate and pay a percent (maybe 25%) of revenue to the city of Atlanta.

VII. Security – Todd Davis

Officer Miller gave an update about area security issues. Break-ins and “smash and grabs” have decreased. However, there have been issues with solicitors such as magazine sales persons. Please remember to contact the security service when you are out of town. Members can contact the security patrol at 4) 812-9272 / 4) 424-1549.

VIII. New Business – Jim King

Holiday Party – Jim King

Will email with dates for input

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 24, 2008 at the Galloway School.

X. Adjourn