

**Chastain Park Civic Association
November 24, 2008**

I. Welcome – Jim King

II. Past Minutes – Allison Adair

The October minutes were approved.

III. Treasurers Report – Jubal Gatwood

Jubal reported that membership is only at 554 paid members vs. the 580 incorrectly reported last month. This is accounts for only 30% of residents. He would like to see an increase in membership. He also reported that there is currently enough money to carry through to the end of year. Additionally, we have received an account receivable from the City of Atlanta of about \$4k or \$5k.

IV. General Business

BCN Update – Jim King

Jim reported that the petition for connecting GA-400 has been signed by 15 of the 32 active neighborhoods. Additionally, he made a motion to name Allison Adair and Kirk Oppenlander as alternates with voting powers. The motion was seconded. No discussion.

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Also, the BCN proposed a petition change the middle lane of Northside Drive to a turning lane from reversible lane. Jim made a motion to approve him signing the petition on behalf of CPCA. The motion was seconded. No discussion.

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V. Public Involvement

Fall Festival Update

Caroline King reported on behalf of Melissa Abad. Approximately 500-600 people attended the event. There were games, crafts, food drive and a membership drive. The results of the food drive were below expected but the volunteer turn-out was great. Melissa said that she would like to explore sponsorship opportunities for next year.

Holiday Party

Brink Dickerson offered to host the holiday party at his home on December 12.

Dog Park

Tandy Haas introduced the concept of creating a dog park for Chastain Park. She said that Alpharetta has a great example of a dog park. Debra Fowler noted that there is also one at Frankie Allen Park. Scott Jones said that he has developed several and would be happy to help.

VI. Advocacy

NPU-A – Kurt Oppenlander

Kirk reported that there are no major updates. However, there has been a decrease in applications for variances since economic crisis. The board met with Claire Muller about streamlining processes for permitting, subdivision ordinances and green projects. Additionally, Debra Fowler brought up that due to the reduction of staffing in the police department that security issues should be reported to the police in addition to neighborhood security. The police look at the rate of incidences for allocation of man power.

NPU-B – Mark Reece

Jim reported on behalf of Mark that there are no updates.

Sandy Springs

There is nothing new to update.

Transportation – Susan Pitts

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

Park Drive Update: Susan / Brian / Kirk

Two plans have been proposed:

I. Plan A

Keep Park Drive open and build a path along side the road which would cost \$950K.

II. Plan B

The team would like to see Park Drive as a pedestrian mall with limited driving access for concerts by with electronic ballards / manual gate creating turnarounds at both ends of the road from Dudley to the end of the Path / play ground and from ampitheater side from Stella to X with drop-off for fields and Use for pedestrians, cyclists, emergency vehicles, concerts.

Chris proposal – two types users – serious – daily / casual have signage with mileage to create different paths and direct to park in red / blue lots

Trust Fund Projects

Chris reported that he along with CPC representatives and Mark, JP met with Parks Commissioner about the status of the trust fund. He stated that projects fell into three major buckets:

- 1) Common Area Maintenance \$96K
- 2) Security Patrol cert Patrol, Park, Camera \$65K

3) Master Plan Projects

Minor Projects:

- Water Fountain at Red Lot
- Park Drive Traffic Calming

Major Projects:

- Extend path to red lot
- Meadows / Hilltop field
- Improvement of W.Wieuca corridor sidewalks
- Playground

Proposed NYO / Field of Dreams Lot Expansion

- Create a turnaround
- 40 additionally parking spaces
- Build infrastructure to create road to connect to gym
- Cost = \$250K

Tennis Center

Chris reported that out of approximately 90 offers for bids there was only one bid that came back and it was \$1 million. He thought that it was the same contractor that worked on the pool.

Meadow Project / Hilltop Field

Penelope was concerned about tree removal. Mark Root told her that removed trees would be replaced. There would be no lights installed. Mark stated that since NYO really wants the fields and are willing to work with any concerns of the neighbors. Also, because of the shade and proximity to water with regard to grass they are looking into astro-turf.

VII. Security – Todd Davis

Zone Report

Todd Davis reported that he met with Officer Miller about participation in the Security Program. Officer Miller would be open to participate in town hall type meetings about area security issues. Members can contact the security patrol at 4) 812-9272 / 4) 424-1549.

Family Watch Dog

Jim King reported that the Association sent out two emails to members with the Family Watch Dog website. This was to remind neighbors to check to the website but also to make members aware of a new resident that is has been convicted of crimes of this nature.

Police & Fire Budgets

Jim King reported that the City of Atlanta has made across the board budget cuts that affect all departments most concerning in both the Police and Fire Departments.

Other

Jim King reported that CPC has expressed an interest in increased security patrols in the park during the holidays. Separately, the park commissioner has approved funding for parks security.

VIII. New Business – Jim King

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2009 at the Galloway School.

X. Adjourn