



**Chastain Park Civic Association
Membership Meeting
Minutes
August 27, 2018**

Time and Location: The August 27, 2018 Board Meeting was at 7:00pm at the Chastain Horse Park Clubhouse.

Members & Neighbors Present: Jason White (President), Kelley Gambrell (Treasurer), Mindy Kaplan (Secretary), Ashley Battleson (VP Community), Mikki Hawkins (VP Community), John Terry (VP Safety), Christine Crampton, Teresa Joel, Jubal Gatwood, Mary Dodson, Marsha Holcomb, Kim Agah, Steve McClelland, John Brumfield, and Katie Reynolds, Marchela Roca, Tejas Patel, Stacy Vaughn, Douglas Fluke, Kristen Neff, Lawson Neff, Donna Hinkes, James Ramsey, Anthony Burnett, Meri Cotney, Sabrina Henderson, Gordon Mathis, Pam Neill, Rena Sartain, Margaret Edwards, Mary Beth Brennan, Rosa McHugh, Peggy Carroll, Richard Eckardt, Scott Jones, Alison Jones, Dale Massey, Wendy Hackett

Guests: Jim Elger (Senior Policy Advisor & Community Affairs at Office of Chairman J.P. Matzigkeit), James Calleroz White (Galloway School)

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by Jason White, President.

Introductions

Mikki Hawkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

She's Wired Presentation

Mikki Hawkins shared that the CPCA has a business sponsorship program where local businesses support our organization. She's Wired is a new sponsor, and Sue Cleere, She's Wired Owner, joined us to share information about the services they provide. The organization began in 2009 when women reached out to her to learn technology, and she decided to take a teaching approach to technology with She's Wired. They provide setup, training, trouble shooting of various technologies in your home or office. As a CPCA member, if you book an appointment by September 15, 2018, you will receive a 20% discount if you mention you are a CPCA member.

Treasurer's Report

Kelley Gambrell gave an overview of our current financial position. She shared that we have approximately \$47,000 in our bank account, and have around 600 members. The new member drive will begin in October, and we hope to increase our membership. There are approximately 1,500 to 2,000 households in the Chastain Park neighborhood so there is room to grow.

Discussion Re: Street Captains

Mikki Hawkins shared that the CPCA is looking to revive our street captain program. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and volunteer without a big time commitment. If you are interested in serving as a CPCA street captain, please reach out to one of the board members for more information.

Discussion Re: Membership Survey

Mindy Kaplan thanked everyone who participated in the membership survey this summer. We received some great feedback, and the Board is reviewing and discussing the information provided. Mark Peabody was the winner of the Zoe's gift card.

Discussion Re: Powers Ferry Bridge Update

Jim Elgers, Senior Policy Advisor & Community Affairs at Office of Chairman J.P. Matzigkeit, provided an update about the Powers Ferry bridge replacement. The bridge will be completely closed; no walking or driving across the bridge will be permitted during construction. Alternative walking routes have been drafted and are available for review. Pineland and Hillside Drive will remain open during the project, and APS bus drivers have been notified. Jim asked for neighbors to keep an eye out and if anything looks out of place to contact JP's office.

Neighbors raised concerns about the backup of traffic on Jett Road during school dismissal times. It is dangerous for children to cross the street in that area already, and there are safety concerns with the additional traffic. Also, the intersection of Jett and Powers Ferry is not correctly marked. There is a need for an officer to be posted at these peak times.

Another concern is the 5-way stop south of the park on Powers Ferry. This intersection backs up, and drivers find it difficult on normal peak times. Neighbors requested that an officer be posted during peak rush hour times to assist with the flow of traffic.

One neighbor shared her conversation with her child's APS bus driver and that driver was not aware that the Powers Ferry bridge was going to be out. There are concerns that the information has not trickled down to each bus driver. Neighbors requested that JP's office reach out to the individual school affected by the project to notify the local leadership.

Chastain Park Conservancy (CPC) Update – Play Day for Rose

Rosa McHugh, CPC Executive Director, shared that on Monday, September 3 at 11:30 am, CPC will be hosting a dedication ceremony of the newest playground addition - the Rose Caroline Sugarman Playscape. The playground equipment was given by family in memory of Rose Caroline Sugarman, who died at age six of a glioblastoma, a malignant brain tumor.

Because of the new playground equipment and improvements made to-date, the CPC is eligible for a \$100,000 Park Pride grant, which is due on September 28.

Motion Re: Park Pride Grant Letter of Support

Mikki Hawkins moved that the CPCA members approve the writing of a letter of support for the CPC to receive a \$100,000 grant from Park Pride. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chastain Park Conservancy Updates

Rosa McHugh provided the following updates.

- The shade structures were cut too short so they are re-doing them at no cost. They should be installed soon.

CPCA Mission is to: Protect the interests of the residents of the Chastain Park community; Create or strengthen relationships with our neighbors, leading to a vibrant, desirable community; Encourage a healthy interest in community affairs; Investigate and correct civic abuses; Maintain strong relationships with our elected representatives for the common good.

- The West Wieuca Path Project has been delayed due to concerns about how the speed tables would impact emergency response vehicles. They are working with the city.
- Striping of Park Drive has been permitted, and they are in the process of finding a contractor. It should take approximately 6 days to complete the project, and they will coordinate with Galloway.
- Please consider supporting the CPC's First Saturday program which is a volunteer community day. The next one scheduled is this Saturday, September 1 at 9am. Volunteers meet in the Chastain Park Red lot.
- They have noted that there are lots of dead limbs along Park Drive. If you see any hazardous items in the park, contact Parks Customer Service at 404-546-6813 to have a work order created.
- If you see any general maintenance items in the park, please contact Rosa McHugh because she follows up with the city to ensure things are taken care of.
- There was a park wide maintenance meeting held last Friday with representatives from the city so things are making progress.
- Rock Chastain will be held on Thursday, October 4. This benefit concert is a primary funder of CPC's projects throughout the year. Tickets are \$50/each.
- The CPC is only \$5,000 short for the Bocce Ball court. Once the funds are raised, it will be located on the playground property next to the Arts Center driveway

Motion Re: LiveNation Concert on September 4,2019

Rosa McHugh shared that she received a request to hold a concert on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. Since it is after Labor Day on a weekday, it is outside of their approved timing. The membership discussed how a portion of the funds raised from the tickets supports improvements to the park, and the better the attendance the better.

Tejas Patel moved that the CPCA approve the one-time concert on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sandy Springs Updates

No updates.

NPU-A and NPU-B Updates

Representatives were not in attendance; no updates available.

New or Unfinished Business

Mikki Hawkins thanked new board member, Marchela Roca, on organizing and managing the amazing 4th of July parade this year. It was a huge success.

A neighbor asked Jim Elgers about an update on the milage rate. Per Jim, the City of Atlanta had a full rollback.

Representative Debra Silcox introduced herself and shared that she is running for reelection in the upcoming election. As a Sandy Springs resident, she loves our area and has represented us since 2016. If you have any questions, please reach out to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.