



**Chastain Park Civic Association
Board Meeting
Minutes
February 25, 2019**

Time and Location: The February 25, 2019 Board Meeting was at 6:30pm in the McKerrow Conference Room at The Galloway School.

Board Members Present: Jason White (President), Mindy Kaplan (Secretary), Mikki Hawkins (VP Community), Kirk Oppenlander (VP Advocacy), Ashley Battleson (VP Community), John Brumfield, Walt Bryde, Brinkley Dickerson, Douglas Fluke, Marsha Holcomb (Sandy Springs Representative), Jubal Gatwood, Katie Reynolds, Marchela Roca, and Joe York.

Guests/Neighbors: James Ramsey, Vivek Gupta, Gordon Mathis, Rosa McHugh, Mark Nelson, and Richard Eckardt

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Ms. Hawkins, VP Community.

Motion Re: Approval of January 7, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Brinkley Dickerson moved that the CPCA Board of Directors approve the previously disseminated Board minutes. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Board Member List

Mindy Kaplan, Secretary, passed around an updated Board member listing. Ms. Kaplan shared that all Board members were contacted to gauge their interest in continuing on the Board and whether or not (s)he wants to serve on the Executive Board. As a result of that effort, several board resignations were received. The CPCA currently has 19 active Board members, and the updated list will be emailed to everyone.

Powers Ferry Bridge Update

Walt Bryde, Board Member, updated the Board on the progress of the Powers Ferry Bridge replacement. Mr. Bryde met with Chip, Bridge Project Manager that morning, to discuss the current status and next steps. Per that discussion, the city worked on moving the utilities for the past several months. During the relocation of the gas line, the crew hit granite which caused delays due to the need to drill. They expect to complete the utilities in the next few days. From this point, the project manager expects that the bridge replacement will be complete in approximately 6 months, with 4 to 5 months having no pedestrian traffic. Also, as part of the discussion, Mr. Bryde asked about plans to replace barriers on the bridge. The plan to prevent cars from going off the bridge on the south side of the bridge is to have a stone wall similar to what has historically been used. On the north, residential side of the bridge, the city plans to install a metal fence, similar to guardrails found on a highway. Mr. Bryde shared his concern regarding the use of a metal fence and the impact on the park's aesthetics. He

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requested that the Board approve a letter to be sent to the city sharing these concerns and requesting a wall similar to what is to be built on the south side of the bridge.

Motion Re: Powers Ferry Bridge Barrier Letter to City

Mr. Bryde moved that the CPCA Board of Directors approve and send to the City of Atlanta the drafted letter regarding the Powers Ferry Bridge barriers. Seconded. The Board discussed where there could be a price or safety difference in the two options. The consensus was that the Board is unsure, but does not believe that to be the case. Mr. Dickerson stated that if the CPCA Board approves, we should send to the NPU-A so that they can endorse it as well. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Update

Ashley Battleson, VP Community, provided a finance update to the Board in Kelley Gambrell's absence. Per Ms. Gambrell, the CPCA has approximately 315 member households and 11 Business Sponsors, and approximately 68% of household members also donated extra for security patrol. We are a little low in numbers compared to where we were at this time last year, but we still have checks coming in. Last year, we had a lot of people join between March and July. Cash currently in the bank is about \$53,000; however, there are PayPal amounts and checks to be deposited. We have more than enough money at this point to cover security patrol for the rest of 2019, as well as some other expenses. Before our next meeting, Ms. Gambrell will prepare a detailed analysis of where we stand for the rest of the year so that we can discuss if we want to increase patrol hours.

Nominating Committee Discussion

Ms. Kaplan shared that several board members have had one off discussions about starting a nominating committee, which would be responsible for identifying, asking, and slating potential board members, executive board members, and neighborhood representatives. Since the board members are voted on at our annual meeting in May, Ms. Kaplan asked if anyone is interested in serving on the committee. Marchela Roca, Mikki Hawkins, and Walt Bryde volunteered.

Holy Spirit Expansion

Kirk Oppenlander, VP Advocacy, kicked off the Holy Spirit Expansion discussion with an overview and update of activities to-date. The Neighborhood Preservation Association (NPA) and the church are continuing to be engaged in discussion regarding the proposed plans and studies, but a final plan for the project has not been filed with the city of Sandy Springs. As such, it is recommended that the CPCA Board note vote on the project at this time. The Board discussed special use permits and their discretionary nature. Jubal Gatwood, Board Member, shared his perspective that more conversation and sharing of information is required. He encouraged us to remember that Holy Spirit is a park partner, and we should review the upcoming traffic and hydrology studies. The Board will continue to watch for any new developments and discuss at future meetings.

Adult Day Care as Permitted Uses

Brinkley Dickerson, NPU-A Representative, passed around and discussed a letter he drafted to Keyetta Holmes, Office of Zoning & Development, regarding Z-18-128 which is proposed legislation to permit adult day care centers as Permitted Uses within R zoning classifications. Per Mr. Dickerson, the new legislation would cause commercial establishments, adult day cares, to be permitted within our residential neighborhoods. In addition, these facilities would require parking lots in the front yards to accommodate the workers and transportation of the elderly. The NPU is very worried about the erosion of single-family residential neighborhoods, and Mr. Dickerson encourages everyone to send an email to Ms. Holmes to share their concern with the proposed legislation.

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Neighborhood Crime

Ms. Hawkins, VP Community, discussed the upcoming townhall Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms is hosting on Thursday at The Atlanta History Center. The event is set to begin at 6:30pm; however, the doors will open at 5:30pm. She encouraged everyone to arrive early to reserve a seat.

Annual Meeting

Ms. Hawkins, VP Community, shared that the Annual Meeting typically occurs in May or June each year and is usually more social in nature. We will have refreshments, and it is a great way to meet and socialize with your neighbors. The Board is in the process of picking out a date and location. Stay tuned for more information.

Chastain Park Conservancy (CPC) Update

Rosa McHugh, Executive Director of CPC, introduced the CPC's new Director of Operations, Mark Nelson. He comes to us from the Piedmont Park Conservancy, and we are excited to have him join us. Mr. Nelson will continue the First Saturday Volunteer Days at the Park from 9am to 12pm. Feel free to stay and volunteer for the whole time or for just an hour. In addition, the CPC will host their 8th Annual Wine Chastain Event on April 27 and the Ray Mock Memorial Golf Tournament on May 3. Visit their website for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.