

## **Candler Park Conservancy, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

7:00 pm

Rush Center Training Room

1530 Dekalb Ave NE, 30307

Present: Corey Anderson, Ken Edelstein, Amy Erwin, Stacy Funderburke, Dan Hanlon, Ben Klehr, Scott Lenhart, Randy Pimsler, John Skach, Amy Stout, Doug Wetzal, and Jack White

Not Present: Lauren Welsh\* (with \* denoting advance notice of absence provided)

Visitors: Elliott Jones

*The agenda for the meeting (although not formally adopted) was as follows:*

1. Perkins + Will Presentation on Park Visioning
2. Committee Reports / Action Items
  - Finance and Audit Committee
  - Environment, Projects, and Programming Committee
  - Membership, Fundraising, and Communications Committee
  - Board Development and Governance Committee

### *Presentation by Perkins + Will on Park Visioning*

Lauren Fraley and Chelsi Rome attended and presented a vision plan update. The plan consists of thirteen "key projects"

1. the beaverwalk
2. amphitheater
3. the pond (relocated playground with "lily pads" of play)
4. the cliffs (western edge, above soccer field)
5. active lawn (revamped playing field with surrounding loop path)
6. the beach (stream-centered play area between playground and Terrace Avenue)
7. entry drive and parking
8. Candler Park Drive (road diet and path)
9. golf course
10. clubhouse renovation
11. poolhouse and pool renovation
12. primary paths
13. secondary paths and trails

Key design features for each project were described. Illustrations of suggested plantings and materials for construction were shown along with mocked-up images of park users in some of the proposed new and/or improved spaces. They see this as a 20- to 30-year vision plan.

Board members provided feedback, expressing both praise and some concerns. There was discussion about the imagery and the extent to which it will serve as a tool to inspire excitement for the plans in both the public and potential funders and should not necessarily be considered definitive or literal depictions of the eventual end product.

The Perkins + Will team requested board feedback within the week. Their available hours will run out at the end of February.

### *Updates from Standing Committees:*

#### *Finance and Audit:*

- Ben had shared a draft budget for 2017 prior to the board meeting.
- After some discussion, it was agreed that additional details and formatting would add clarity.

- It was also noted that some previously-approved expenditures had not been included in the proposed expenses for the upcoming year, such as the amount approved for a consultant for strategic planning.
- The Chair made clear that approving the budget did not constitute approving any given expenditure and that separate votes would be required.
- The board decided that adopting the budget would have to wait until the February meeting.
- The Secretary agreed to review all past meeting minutes to determine any approved expenditures that should be included in the budget.
- It was noted again that the board needs to adopt a set of overarching financial policies.
- The potential need for a formal annual audit was considered but then determined not necessary at this time given our operating budget.

*Environment, Projects, and Programming:*

This committee met 01/17/17, and a written report was provided.

- Jack outlined a proposal to hire Elise Cormier to undertake a study of the riparian corridor that the committee was recommending the board approve funding for.
- The objective would be for Elise to assess existing conditions, meet with relevant parties, and formulate a set of recommendations for best practices to address issues and concerns around the interface between the wildlife habitat and the golf course areas of play.
- A motion to authorize this \$1,250 expenditure was approved.

*Membership, Fundraising, and Communications:*

This committee met 01/03/17, and a written report was provided.

- There was no discussion of committee activities or requests for votes on any action items.

*Board Development and Governance:*

The committee did not meet this month, and no written report was provided.