

Candler Park Conservancy, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

7:00 pm

Rush Center Training Room

1530 Dekalb Ave NE, 30307

Present: Ken Edelstein, Dan Hanlon, Stacy Funderburke, Scott Lenhart, John Skach, Perry Smith, Amy Stout, Lauren Welsh, Jack White, and Omar Zaki. Ben Klehr arrived at ~7:40.

Not Present: Elliott Jones* and Doug Wetzel* (with * denoting advance notice of absence provided)

Guests: Kim Awbrey, John Wolf

The agenda for the meeting (although not formally adopted nor strictly followed) was as listed below:

1. Welcome and Introduction of Kim Awbrey
2. Review and Approve Prior Board Meeting Minutes
3. Rival Entertainment/CPNO Update
4. Update on Work Plan
5. Committee Reports
 - Board Development and Governance Committee
 - Annual Meeting Discussion
 - Membership, Fundraising, and Communications Committee
 - Environment, Projects, and Programming Committee
 - Discussion and Vote on Amy Erwin Memorial Project
 - Discussion and Vote on Perkins + Will Pro Bono Playground Proposal
 - Finance and Audit Committee
 - Discussion and Vote on 2019 Budget

Welcome and Introductions

Potential board member Kim Awbrey was introduced to the group. She has been nominated as an At-Large Director candidate. She has lived in Atlanta since 2005 and has experience working with wildernesses in South America and Africa.

Candler Park resident John Wolf was also introduced. He coaches a Paideia Jr. High golf team.

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the draft minutes from the September 19, September 26, November 26, and January 15 board meetings was approved.

Rival Entertainment/CPNO Update

Amy Stout updated the group on the discussion and vote at the February CPNO meeting regarding Josh Antenucci's application to hold the annual Candler Park Music and Food Festival in Candler Park again this year. The CPNO board recommended that the membership not support a motion introduced by Randy Pimsler at the January meeting indicating that CPNO support the CPMFF application with the condition that the event organizer work with the Parks Dept, the Dept of Watershed Management, and the CPC to implement clean up protocols that don't pollute the stream with silt, and the motion failed. The group agreed that the CPC should still make efforts to prevent the problems from previous years. A motion was passed authorizing the Chair to write to Adrienne Wright in the Parks Dept (copying event organizer Josh Antenucci, CPNO President Dana Fowle, and Councilmember Amir Farokhi) to formally request a commitment that muddy pallets not be pressure-washed on the parking lot during clean-up after this festival.

Update on Work Plan

Stacey, Dan, and Lauren met to follow-up on the board's retreat / strategic planning session held December 8. It is their suggestion that the new committee chairs be engaged to help implement the items we

prioritized at the retreat. They plan to have a meeting of the chairs in March. The work plan is still in a draft framework at the current time.

Committee Reports:

Board Development and Governance:

- The committee met February 13 to discuss preparations for the annual meeting that will be held Wednesday, March 20.
- Jack, Ben, Scott, and Omar will be on the ballot for General Directors.
- A motion to approve an expenditure of \$150 for pizza, beer, wine, and soft drinks for the annual meeting was approved.

Membership, Fundraising, and Communications:

- The committee last met February 5, and the meeting focused primarily on planning for the BBBBQ event that will be held May 5. The street will be closed this year. In addition to business sponsorships, they are considering a raffle to raise funds.
- Perry also noted that CPNO is managing the movies in the park for 2018, but CPC may want to take ownership of this event in 2019.
- There was a lack of enthusiasm for managing the Easter egg hunt previously organized by CPNO.
- On June 9, Streets Alive will return to Dekalb Avenue, and CPC may want to have a presence there.

Environment, Projects, and Programming:

- This committee last met on February 12, and a written report was provided.
- John Skach reported that the group is working on an inventory / project champion tracking system for small projects within the park.
- The City / Clara Kwon in the Parks Dept has now given approval for us to move forward with the invasive removal project funded by the Atlanta Audubon Society grant.
- We could not find a company to remove the mulberry trees for free, but Boutte will do it for \$400. A motion to authorize spending up to \$400 to hire Boutte Tree to remove white mulberries was approved.
- There will be a trail-building activity done in conjunction with boy scouts in two weeks. A motion to authorize expenditures not to exceed \$100 for buying refreshments and paying for tool rentals for this project was approved.
- Jacob Lang has provided a pro bono landscape design plan for the Amy Erwin Memorial Garden. It will be a linear garden located between the coves at the south end of the park and along the western side of the sidewalk. It will include a bench. The CPC will manage the project with an anticipated budget of \$20-24K. The Conservation Fund would donate \$10K, and the rest would be from donations by friends and family. It will be installed through a series of volunteer planting sessions, and ideally it would be a spring planting. A motion to support the Amy Erwin Memorial Garden as conceived and described in the documents shared at this meeting was unanimously approved.
- Perkins + Will has made an additional offer of pro bono services, specifically 360 hours in order to generate a schematic design for the playscape project. However, this will require us to hire outside civil engineer and arborist expertise estimated at ~\$8K. The group discussed the pros and cons. It was noted that we have ~\$6K in our account that is earmarked for the playground. In addition, Ben noted that we have sufficient funds to commit to this and to fulfill other proposed budget items without any additional income. A motion to accept Perkins

+ Will's proposal, enter into the agreement with them, and commit to spending \$8K for the required outside expertise was unanimously approved.

Finance and Audit:

- Elliott was not present, and the meeting had run long; so the group deferred on adopting a 2019 budget.

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