

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

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

7:00 pm

Rush Center Training Room

1530 Dekalb Ave NE, 30307

Present: Kim Awbrey, Ken Edelstein, Dan Hanlon, Elliott Jones, Ben Klehr, Scott Lenhart, John Skach, Amy Stout, Doug Wetzel, Jack White, and John Wolf

Lauren Welsh arrived at ~7:25 pm

Not Present: Stacy Funderburke,\* Perry Smith,\* and Omar Zaki\* (with \* denoting advance notice of absence provided)

Guest: Anne Weinberg

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

1. Welcome
2. Review and Approve Prior Board Meeting Minutes
  - Motion to Amend Governance Section of 8/21 Minutes (Introduced by Scott Lenhart via Email)
3. Committee Reports
  - Board Development and Governance Committee
  - Membership, Fundraising, and Communications Committee
  - Finance and Audit Committee
  - Environment, Projects, and Programming Committee
    - Update on Playscape Project Design Development
    - Update on Active Lawn & Amphitheater Park Pride Grant Application Work

### *Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes*

A motion to adopt the draft meeting minutes from the August board meeting with two modifications (one related to the governance committee section and one related to the active lawn cost estimates) was unanimously approved.

### *Committee Reports:*

#### *Board Development and Governance:*

- The committee did not meet this month (so no written report was provided), but the committee will meet next week.
- Scott Lenhart noted that at the upcoming meeting the committee will discuss the nomination of Anne Weinberg and another nomination that we received, as well as consider proposed board guidelines.
- Scott encouraged the group to get to know Anne and any other nominees as they are brought forward in anticipation of a vote at next month's board meeting.
- Anne Weinberg introduced herself to the group, saying that
  - She was a relatively new resident of Atlanta (1.5 years),
  - she had provided a document about herself to the governance committee,
  - she had recently joined the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization zoning committee,
  - she was a member of the First Existentialist Congregation and their programming committee and had invited Amy Stout to speak at First E about the Conservancy and the beaver habitat as part of that group's efforts to cover more environmental topics, and
  - she worked for the EPA for thirty-four years, including many years working on the 319 program that funded the daylighting of the stream in Candler Park.

#### *Membership, Fundraising, and Communications:*

- This committee met September 3rd.
- Doug Wetzel asked all board members to sign up for a two-hour shift manning the CPC booth during the two days of the Candler Park Fall Fest (October 5 and 6).
- He provided a list of activities and projects completed by the Conservancy in the past year for board members to use as talking points, and the group discussed what visual aids should be presented there.
- Doug updated the group on plans for the Fall Fest 5K, noting that registrations are up by 15% compared to last year.
- He noted that there will be another committee meeting prior to the 5K and the festival and that he'll be sending out instructions before the race for day-of production activities.

#### *Finance and Audit:*

- The finance committee did not meet since the last CPC board meeting, but Treasurer Elliott Jones provided a very detailed financial summary that included income and expenses for the year to date, as well as projected expenses based on previous commitments from prior years.
- He noted that for 2019 our total expenses (paid and pending) have been ~\$5K and our revenues have been ~\$18K.

#### *Environment, Projects, and Programming:*

- This committee met on September 11, and Jack White provided an update on the group's activities.
- The committee has been focused on completion of the invasive removal in the riparian corridor that was funded by the Audubon grant. Walter Bland is also working on a planting plan that is the next step for this project.
- He noted that the committee is requesting \$500 to hire landscape architect Elise Cormier to meet with golf course designer David Johnson and Parks Dept staff member Clara Kwon to build support and buy-in from the golfing community and the City regarding these future plans for the riparian corridor.
- A motion to approve \$500 for this hire was approved.
- Jack reminded the group that the Conservancy will incur additional expenses for the replanting, since the majority of the Audubon grant was used to cover invasive removal.
- Both Walter Bland and Elise Cormier will contribute to the planting plan.
- Jack is coordinating a walk-through with Walter Bland, David Johnson, and Elise Cormier, but he does not have a date yet.
- Jack noted that he sent out an email summary from the September 8 public presentation of the Perkins + Will playscape designs on the day of the event.
- Dan Hanlon noted that he, Stacy Funderburke, John Skach, and Ken Edelstein have been working on next steps for the Active Lawn/ Amphitheater project. They plan to have all the information needed for the board to vote next month on whether to apply for a Park Pride grant this fall to fund this work.
- Dan and team are working on revised cost estimates, talking with the City about how to protect a potential investment like this, and meeting with CPNO share updates and build support.

#### *Other Topics*

The group discussed the upcoming Curlfest, a one-day gated, ticketed event to be held in Candler Park on September 21. The fences are already up. Dan tried to communicate with the event organizer about erosion control issues, but he was rebuffed.

Lauren noted that she has a draft of a job description for an executive director, and she said she would share it with the board. We do not currently know how such a position would be funded, but different possibilities are being considered.

There is a group of volunteers from REI that has offered their time on October 12. We should have plans for when such opportunities are presented.

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