

## **Candler Park Conservancy Annual Meeting & Presentation**

March 29, 2022 (7pm)

Virtual Meeting by Zoom

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**Present:** Kim Awbrey, Dan Hanlon, Ken Edelstein, Jonathan Flack, Stacy Funderburke, Elliot Jones, Ben Klehr, Scott Lenhart, John Skach, Perry Smith, Amy Stout, Doug Wetzel, Jack White, Lauren Welsh, Omar Zaki

**Not Present:** John Wolf

Also present were members of the public.

### **Motions approved during this meeting:**

- Amend bylaws to provide a one-time term board membership extension.
  - Renew six members' terms with the extension.
  - Renew one member's regular term.
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### **Board Business before the Annual Meeting's 2021 State of CPC Presentation:**

1. All conditions for the approval of the amendments to the bylaws have been met. No comments have been received during the 30 days. Update allows a one-time additional term extension.

**Motion to adopt the amendment to the bylaws extending term limits, approved unanimously.**

2. Group looking to Dekalb County Commissioner's effort to do a traffic calming study.
  - Jeff Rader Dekalb County Commission is implementing. BK is collecting information and liaising to detail the nature of CPC support as a possible partner.
  - CPC would pass through funds for a McClendon Ave. traffic calming study hosted by CPNO. It is named The Slow Street project. Overall goal is to slow down the speed McClendon.
  - AS and LW add support – struggle at CP Drive is that the entrance to the park acts a driveway and how can we improve the entrance to the park. Opportunity for a larger discussion with partners.
3. Board Member Terms: Renewing, Retiring, Beginning.
  - Board member term renewals include six members receiving a term extension and one member renewing for a regular second term. Individuals who will be renewed for 2-year term are: Stacy Funderburke, Dan Hanlon, Elliot Jones, Amy Stout, Lauren Welsh, Doug Wetzel. Perry Smith will renew for a second 2- year term.
  - CPC's CPNO representative is now Jonathan Flack, who has received the baton from Ken Edelstein.
  - Thank you to Ken for serving as CPNO representative.
  - Thank you to John Skach for your service.

**Motion to renew 6 members receiving an extension. Approved unanimously.**  
**Motion that Perry Smith's term be renewed. Approved unanimously.**

4. Thank you to Jonathan Flack already accomplishing liaison with CPNO, our most important partner.
5. It is agreed that expenses and accounting for the Playground project should be overseen by the projects committee.

### **Annual Meeting's 2021-22 Candler Park Conservancy Annual Presentation by Doug Wetzel**

#### Intro & Context

- 100 Year Anniversary of the Park: A special time for CPC
- History of CPC
- Mission and Goals of CPC
- 20 Year Vision of CPC as a guide
- Smaller Projects

#### 2021 Highlights

- 2021 Candler Park Decides effort and partnership yielded collaboration and 6 projects leveraging 94k in new projects in the park.
- Bathroom opening has received excellent feedback and has been in partnership with the City. Much community support and fundraising for this.
- Pool Project is being planned to paint and refresh the condition of the pool for the upcoming season.
- Trees Atlanta 5-year project to remove Kudzu is underway.
- New bike racks are installed, benches have been restored and repositioned.
- Trees Atlanta has planted an urban orchard in the park.
- Beaver Buddy Art project will be installed when location is determined.
- New Relationships
- Outreach and Communication
- Entrance and Erwin Garden are being maintained regularly

#### 2022 Plans & Goals

- Within the context of the overall Candler Park Vision Plan's 15 concepts and components, CPC is currently looking to achieve the Active Oval project and Amphitheater as a part of the city TSPLOST funding, and the Playscape renovation. A 750k project is planned following the receipt of a Park Pride Legacy grant to renovate the playscape using Perkins and Will design, efforts to make the playground a reality are coordinated by a playground committee and all are welcome to join. Design will address runoff and erosion issues on the hill. Fundraising to match the Park Pride Grant will launch as renderings appear, anchored with CPC program funds, board member commitments.

- CPC seeks new board members, all are welcome to inquire about opportunities to join the board or committees.
- Intending to relaunch Movie Nights to provide this popular event and engage members.
- Beavers Bluegrass and BBQ is scheduled for May.
- Fall Fest 5k will move forward.

Invitation: All are welcome to participate in the Conservancy

Slide: Current Board Composition, Names and Roles

2022 = an exciting time for large and small projects.

Thanks to DW for the presentation

Movie Night: Mark Clements supporting the return of Movie Night, done for 14 years previously. Power and Bathrooms are a game-changer.

Dan Curl made several recommendations to share with Projects Committee regarding tennis courts and invasives.

DW closes, "It was a good year! Looking forward to an even better one. Thanks all for the help!"

The End