

Candler Park Conservancy Board Meeting

October 19, 2022 (7pm)

Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Present: Amy Stout, Doug Wetzel, Omar Zaki, Perry Smith, John Wolf, Jonathan Flack, Stacy Funderburke, Dan Hanlon, Lauren Welsh, Ben Klehr

Absent: Scott Lenhart, Kim Awbrey, Elliott Jones, Jack White, Van Jensen

Motions approved during this meeting:

- The meeting minutes from September were unanimously approved.
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Welcome & review of previous minutes -Doug Wetzel

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Fall Fest 23 – Doug Wetzel

- Doug indicated the rescheduled Candler Park FallFest will be November 12 and 13. It will be entirely in the park without any street closings, so there will be a smaller footprint; but CPC will still have a booth.
- Please sign up for a two-hour slot on either Saturday or Sunday (between 12 noon and 6 pm).
- When FallFest was cancelled on October 1-2, we offered road race/fun run entrants the choice of getting a refund or doing a virtual race. ~60% chose the virtual option, and they will get the T-shirt. We need to deliver these T-shirts though. John Wolf and Amy Stout volunteered to distribute to people in the neighborhood. We returned entry fees to people who cancelled before the race. We still need to figure out how refund to others that cancelled later. (Registration was through active.com.).
- Overall, there will be ~\$1,500 profit from the event.

Governance - Ben Klehr

- The committee did not meet this month. - Lauren has a potential candidate for the board – Polly Sattler. Amy Stout and Stacy Funderburke both vouched for her. She is rolling off the Flint Riverkeeper board, has a background in environmental policy and advocacy, and is willing to help host events / do fundraising.

Finance – John Wolf

- The Treasurer reported that the current balance is \$270K. Total receipts for the year are \$68K+, which exceeds what we budgeted. We have had ~\$27K in expenses charged against the CP Decides budget of \$34K. We are still within budget, even though this total includes some of the “small projects” expenses (for instance, the pavilion work). We are also below budget on all other expense categories as well.

Projects – Amy Stout

The committee did not meet this month, but she provided the following updates:

- The pool house mural is complete.
- After last month’s CPC board meeting, she sent the group’s feedback to Micah Lipscomb at Perkins & Will regarding the proposed tree planting plan. He has not had time to review and respond yet, due to other pressing items.
- Trees Atlanta is tentatively planning to plant 40 trees on the hillside over the soccer field on Saturday, December 10. We will help promote the event / recruit volunteers once the date has been finalized.
- Amy Stout and Kim Awbrey met with Edi Kelman last week to practice setting up for the Bi-Racial History Project event scheduled for October 22. Edi still needs additional volunteers if anyone is available.
- Doug reported that he was contacted by a Lake Claire resident who is proposing to do an Eagle Scout project in the park. He is interested in building a wayfinding kiosk on the triangular mound at the entrance to the PATH at the corner of Terrace Avenue and Clifton Terrace. Doug told him he needed to get approval from CPC, CPNO, and then Park Design. He thinks CPC can have a lot of input on the design. Stacy suggested the scout discuss his plans with Aaron Weiner in the Parks Department first before going too far, because they may not support this.

Development – Stacy Funderburke

- The committee did not meet this month, but he would like to have a meeting next week. They need to talk strategy about fundraising for playground.

Playground – Doug Wetzel

- With regards to fundraising, we are currently short by \$235K for the new budget total of \$995K. They are putting in a couple of applications for grants and going back to previous donors/foundations. About half of board members have sent in their commitments so far, and he will be reaching out to those to collect the remaining donations. The design is final. We have not yet ordered the equipment. We are going to wait until we have all the funds raised to do that.

CP Decides – Covered above.

- ALA Bond Referendum – Ben said he saw a plan from the Mayor’s Office, and our project is in the third tier. Lauren confirmed. This means the Active Lawn / Amphitheater project won’t even be considered until 2025. It’s not clear if we could get moved up into a higher tier/earlier place in the schedule, since we already have design/construction plans. Stacy will reach out to the Parks Commissioner to get insight on how the various parks-related projects have been prioritized, and Ben will reach out to Liliana Bakhtiari.

These October meeting-minutes were generously taken by Amy Stout.

Adopted