

# Candler Park Conservancy Meeting Minutes

## July 19, 2023

In attendance: Doug Wetzel, Eric Dusenbury, Van Jensen, Elliott Jones, Amy K Stout, Dan Hanon, Perry Smith, Lauren Welsh, Ryan Anderson, Jonathan Flack

The following items were discussed:

### 1. Setting Committee Meeting Dates

No committees met last month. We need to get them meeting regularly as this is where most progress is expected to be made. Here are the committees along with their meeting times and members:

- Projects - Meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. .
  - Elliott Jones
  - Dan Hanon
  - Perry Smith
  - Doug Wetzel
  - Van Jensen
  - Amy Stout (chair)
- Development - Meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
  - Jonathan Flack
  - Doug Wetzel
  - Lauren Welsh
  - Van Jensen
  - Ryan Anderson (chair)
- Governance - Meet on the fourth Thursday at 7:00 PM
  - Doug Wetzel
  - Eric Dusenbury
  - Perry Smith(chair)

### 2. Alternate Playground design consideration

The total budget for the playground is \$956K. Main components of this budget are:  
\$782K Playground Installation  
\$124K Retaining wall and irrigation to be installed by the City  
\$50K Contingency

Reviewed current fundraising sources and we are \$107K short.

We have asked the Waterfall Foundation to cover \$65K. They are meeting in August and we should hear back shortly.

We expect to raise \$42K from neighbors.

We may also ask CPNO for additional funds if we are close but fall short.

Work to be done by the Atlanta Parks Department is dependent on funding from the second tranche of the bond referendum and will move forward independent of the playground installation

- tennis court retaining wall
- irrigation

**Get Doug to send the document we reviewed.**

Great Southern Recreation is doing the playground installation for \$782K. Doug had a call with them and confirmed that number has not changed. The following options for reducing scope were reviewed in case fundraising falls short:

- \$695 with no tower
- \$723 replacetower with something less significant
- \$756 replace tower with shorter tower

It was agreed we would not cut scope unless we fall short on our fundraising.

### 3. Meeting with Parks Commissioner

Friday August 4 meeting with the commissioner via Zoom. Van and Doug will attend. Meetings are supposed to be quarterly meetings that have not been happening since the new commissioner. We hope to discuss the following items:

- Bond funds - second tranche. When to expect \$2.3 million. Most of these funds will be used for the Active Lawn Project.
- Playground status
- MOU - have conservancy manage bathrooms and weeding. We currently pay \$10K to clean bathrooms and \$2K to weed entrance and Irwin garden

### 4. Kiosk scout project at PATH

Emmet McNulty has proposed an eagle scout project to install an information kiosk near the corner of Terrace and Clifton Terrace. He received permission to move forward from the City and the Conservancy. The project budget has increased from \$900 to \$1,500 and Emmet is asking the Conservancy for \$1,250 of that. This item was sent to the Projects Committee for review.

### 5. Replanting at Erwin Garden.

It is three years old. Stacy Funderburke spoke with original landscape architect, Jacob Lange, and is coming up with a plan to refresh the garden. No funds requested at this time.

### 6. Additional weeding at Pool Garden

We would like to explore hiring someone to weck the pool gardens until the recent plantings become established. Van and Amy are currently handling weeding as

volunteers. Doug asked for a cost from the company that is currently weeding the front entrance.

#### 7. Recruiting

We need to start recruiting for new board members as several are scheduled to roll off at the end of their terms. This item will be addressed by the Governance Committee but all board members are expected to assist with the effort.

#### 8. Fall Fest

Candler Park Fall Fest is scheduled for September 31-October 1. The Conservancy has historically put on a 5K in conjunction with the festival. Doug Brandenburg had volunteered to handle the 5K and was involved in the spring. Doug Wetzel will confirm Doug Brandenburg is committed and working on it .

The Conservancy will have a booth at the festival. We would like the CPC booth to be in the Kidlandia section instead of with artists. The booth will be used to advertise our accomplishments, raise funds, and recruit new board members.

#### 9. Movie Night

There is a need for an organization to run Movie Nights in Candler Park. Ideally this will occur twice in the spring and twice in the fall scheduled around other events (OLPA is looking to schedule a movie night). Family movies work better. This was referred to the Development Committee.

#### 10. PATH.

The Olmsted Linear Park Association (OLPA) is organizing a meeting with stakeholders regarding the property at the northeast corner of the park (between Fairview and the PATH trail. Current stakeholders are OLPA, the Freedom Park Conservancy, The Paideia School (who owns most of the property) and the Candler Park Conservancy.

#### 11. CPC standard emails

The Conservancy has a set of standard emails (ending in @candlerparkconservancy.org). Amy Stout asked whether these are being maintained and wants to make sure they are being monitored by the proper individuals/groups. Doug will follow up with Omar who said he would continue to help with this. He will then let us know how to proceed.