

Candler Park Conservancy, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

7:00 pm

Rush Center Event Room

1530 Dekalb Ave NE, 30307

Present: Amy Erwin, Stacy Funderburke, Elliott Jones, Dan Hanlon, Ben Klehr, Scott Lenhart, John Skach, Amy Stout, Lauren Welsh, Doug Wetzel, Jack White, and Omar Zaki.

Not Present: Stephen Aultman* and Ken Edelstein (with * denoting advance notice of absence provided)

This was the annual members' meeting. The meeting agenda (drafted by the Chair and included below) was not formally adopted at the event but was followed.

7:00	Meet and Greet with Pizza and Refreshments	
7:30	Board Chair Welcome and Update	
7:45	Voting on Nominations for At-Large and General Director Positions	
	<u>Category of Board Position</u>	<u>Nominations</u>
	Open General Director Positions (7)	Stacy Funderburke
		Dan Hanlon
		Elliott Jones
		John Skach
		Amy Stout
		Lauren Welsh
		Doug Wetzel
	Open At-Large Position (1)	Perry Smith
	Recognition of CPNO-Appointed Director (1)	Ken Edelstein
8:00	Keynote Speaker Heather Alhadeff Director of Special Projects & Initiatives, Department of City Planning, City of Atlanta	
8:45	Questions and Community Feedback	

Board Chair Welcome and Update:

Board Chair Stacy Funderburke opened the meeting at 7:30. He thanked current board members for their service, summarized recent conservancy accomplishments (including the ongoing maintenance of the garden at the front entrance of the park, the installation of a bike fixit station, and the removal of invasive species in the cove) and noted that the group is focused on the implementation of the Vision Plan that was prepared by Perkins + Will and has been prioritizing those projects. He announced that the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization (CPNO) had voted to award the CPC up to \$60,000 to use for surveying and design work related to the construction of an amphitheater and improvements to the playing field. He invited the involvement of residents of Candler Park and adjacent neighborhoods and encouraged them to join CPC committees and become board members.

Voting on Nominations for At-Large and General Director Positions:

The members of the board voted on the seven open general director positions. A motion to support the slate as presented was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. Thus Stacy Funderburke, Dan Hanlon, Elliott Jones, John Skach, Amy Stout, Lauren Welsh, and Doug Wetzel were elected to two-year terms.

The conservancy membership voted on the one open at-large board of director position. A motion to elect Perry Smith to a two-year term was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Keynote Speaker:

The chair introduced Heather Alhadeff from the City of Atlanta. She is a city planner who was recruited back to the Department of City Planning to head up the Urban Ecology Framework. This is a new

initiative that is related to the Atlanta City Design program and will be focused on the natural resources of the city.

She noted that Atlanta is known as the City in the Forest, that residents have a strong connection to nature, and that we will need to be very careful as the city grows in order to preserve our natural systems and assets. She stated that the Atlanta City Design had endorsed the objective of “We’re going to design for people. We’re going to design for nature. We’re going to design for people in nature.” She also noted that the five core values of the Atlanta City Design are equity, progress, ambition, access, and nature.

The Urban Ecology Framework will perform a comprehensive evaluation of the city’s system of interconnected, functional green spaces in Atlanta. The first step will be to conduct an inventory, and the second step will be to identify what assets need to be protected and/or restored. A third major goal will be to update the city’s tree protection ordinance. The overall goal of the UEF is to develop an action plan and to provide a tool for decision-making in city planning.

Questions and Community Feedback:

Heather answered questions from the audience regarding future steps, public input, the scope of the project, integration with other City departments, improving tree protection, and economic pressures.