

Candler Park Conservancy, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

7:00 pm

Rush Center Training Room

1530 Dekalb Ave NE, 30307

Present: Ken Edelstein, Elliott Jones, Dan Hanlon, Scott Lenhart, John Skach, Perry Smith, Amy Stout, Lauren Welsh, Doug Wetzel, and Jack White. Ben Klehr and Omar Zaki arrived late (~7:30pm).

Not Present: Stacy Funderburke* (with * denoting advance notice of absence provided)

This board meeting did not follow a typical agenda. Instead it was specifically designated as a special session for strategic planning exercises.

Strategic Planning Session

Board member Lauren Welsh served as facilitator for the session. Prior to the meeting, she shared sample documents from other organizations including a "Strategic Planning Summary" and a "Work Plan Template" from the Olmstead Linear Parks Alliance. The primary focus of this session was for the group to brainstorm about and generate examples of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats for the Candler Park Conservancy. Examples related to the board; the park, its amenities, and infrastructure; and their partners and constituents were discussed. Lauren indicated that she will organize the comments and concepts that were shared and compile them into a summary document for further board use. The group will hold another meeting (at a date to be determined) to cover additional topics related to strategic planning.

Meeting Logistics

The group agreed to reschedule their November monthly meeting from the third Wednesday (November 21st which is the day before Thanksgiving) to Monday, November 26, 2018.

Action Taken Without Meeting

On October 22nd, Perry Smith sent an email to report on the response from the Atlanta Audubon Society regarding our recent grant application for Habitat Restoration Funds. In his email message, he made a motion to request that the board authorize a commitment to fund \$3,750 towards the proposed habitat restoration project in the riparian corridor outlined in our application (projected to cost ~\$27,500). The motion was seconded, and approved. All thirteen current board members responded in favor of this motion within 48 hours. There were no abstentions nor votes against the motion.