

Candler Park Conservancy, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

7:00 pm

Rush Center Training Room

1530 Dekalb Ave NE, 30307

Present: Ken Edelstein, Dan Hanlon, Stacy Funderburke, Elliott Jones, Ben Klehr, Scott Lenhart, John Skach, Perry Smith, Amy Stout, Lauren Welsh, Doug Wetzal, Jack White, and Omar Zaki

Not Present: None

Guests: John Dargle, Clara Kwon, Dan Calvert, Jay Tribby

This was the Annual Meeting of the Board with the Members.

The agenda for the meeting (although not formally adopted) was as listed below:

1. Meet and Greet (with pizza and drinks)
2. Welcome and Update
3. Keynote Speaker – John Dargle, Jr. – Commissioner, Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Atlanta
4. Voting on Nominations for At-Large and General Director Positions
5. Questions and Community Feedback

Welcome and Update

Vice-Chair Lauren Welsh addressed the group. She reviewed recent progress and accomplishments including

- Preparation of schematic designs for the Active Lawn and Amphitheater projects from the Vision Plan (all by Perkins + Will)
- Development of a conceptual design plan for the Playground (also by Perkins + Will)
- Removal of invasive species and planting of native species in the woodland coves area
- Receipt of Audubon grant award for removal of invasive species in the riparian corridor
- Plans for the Amy Erwin Memorial Garden
- Programming such as the Pollinators in Candler Park event, guided bird walks with Atlanta Audubon, tree tagging by Paideia volunteers, and the first annual Beavers, Bluegrass, and BBQ membership event

Keynote Speaker

The City of Atlanta's Commissioner from the Department of Parks and Recreation addressed the group. He has been in his current position since October, 2018. He noted that the Parks Dept will have a kickoff for a comprehensive master plan effort starting in June or July. They are working on retaining accreditation. He opened the floor to answer questions and hear concerns from the audience.

Voting

There were four open positions for General Directors, which are voted on by the board. Ben Klehr, Scott Lenhart, Jack White, and Omar Zaki were elected to two-year terms by the CPC board members present. There was one open position for an At-Large Director. Kim Awbrey was elected to a two-year term by CPC members present.

The CPNO-appointed Director, Ken Edelstein, was also recognized. He will serve another term.

Other

All were invited to attend the second annual Beavers, Bluegrass, and BBQ event to be held Sunday, May 5. Terrace Avenue will be closed as will the fifth and sixth holes on the golf course.