

Candler Park Conservancy Board Meeting

January 17, 2024 (7PM - Zoom)

Present: Ryan Anderson, Zack Beasley joined the meeting after he was elected, Dan Hanlon, Van Jensen, Alex Long, Andy Maddox, Perry Smith, Amy Stout, Theresa Watkins, Doug Wetzel, John Wolf

Absent: Eric Dusenbury, Eric Ericson, Jonathan Flack, Stacy Funderburke Elliott Jones, Lauren Welsh

Guest: None

Meeting Called to order at 7:00

Motions Presented During this Meeting:

- Motion to adopt minutes from the December 29 board meeting. **Unanimously approved**
 - Motion to appoint Zack Beasley to the Candler Park Conservancy Board effective this board meeting. **Unanimously approved**
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Approved Agenda:

- Review Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Welcome Visitors
 - Vote to invite Zack Beasley to join the CPC Board
 - Governance Committee Report (Perry Smith) (5 min)
 - CP Pool & Lake Claire Pool Discussion (5 min)
 - Projects Committee Report (Amy Stout) (10 min)
 - Development Committee Report (Ryan Anderson) (10 min)
 - Finance Committee Report (John Wolf) (10 min)
 - Playground Next Steps(Doug Wetzel) (10 min)
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Opening Topics:

CP Pool & Lake Claire Pool Discussion (Van Jensen)

- Eric Ericson and the pool task force met with Amir.
 - There is concern about the City investing a lot of money in an affluent neighborhood.
 - Eric Ericson will serve as liaison to the City on this issue.
 - Will look at how we can use the pool expansion to make the part more inclusive (more availability). Piedmont Park may be a good model.
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Committee Reports:

Board Development and Governance (Perry Smith):

- New Candidate Election - Zack Beasley. Unanimously approved.
- Brian Gordon is interested in joining the board. He lives on Candler Park Drive and will attend next month's meeting as a guest. Like Zack Beasley he is an attorney.
- Eric Dusenbury has spoken with Park Pride about insurance requirements and whether we need general liability insurance for the playground construction. Feedback is we do not need the insurance. Park Pride has overseen similar projects and does not have General Liability Insurance. The Governance Committee will table this.
- MOU front. Spoke with former Parks Commissioner George Dusenbury and Michael Halicki of Park Pride. Feedback to date is that organizations like ours, without staff, don't require an MOU. The Governance Committee is therefore not pursuing.
- Streamline bylaws. The current bylaws are fairly cumbersome. It would be good to review this. The Governance Committee, hopefully with new lawyers on the board, may take this up this year.
- Annual meeting requires 45 days advance notice and must occur prior to April 1. Not prepared to talk dates so will be addressed offline.

Zack Beasley joined the meeting after the report from the Governance Committee.

Membership, Fundraising, and Communications (Ryan Anderson):

- December had ~\$5,000 in brick sales
- Have sold 180 bricks but still have space for more.
- Spoke with Micah of Perkins and Will to finalize the size of the brick sidewalk. It was expanded to accommodate additional sales.
- Looking to get all the inscription text by end of January
- There are 200 bricks in the current playground that will be installed in the new playground. We will not be making money on these. Instead it will be \$35 per brick for a total of \$7,000. Old bricks will be identified with 2001 on the third line.
- Will use playground ribbon cutting as the neighborhood event for 2024. It will take the place of the Beavers, BBQ, and Bluegrass. Will look to include a food truck or two and possibly face painting. Hoping to expand further in 2025.
- Movie nights - two in the spring and four to five in the fall.
- Cost to produce bricks need to be added to the playground installation budget
- Need to identify big-money donors to ensure they are properly recognized on either a

step or a bench. Also need to add this cost to the project installation budget.

Amy Stout joined the meeting

Environment, Projects, and Programming:(Amy Stout)

- No December or January meeting
- Still waiting on approval from the City on projects that were submitted in October
- Fundraising has started for improvements to the Amy Erwin Memorial Garden. Goal is to raise \$24,000. Need to make sure earmarked donations are properly handled.
- Effort to clear the culvert on the north end of the golf course. It needs to be addressed but it is not an immediate need. Amy will follow up with the City to see if they will move forward on this effort.
- Woman from the EPA was reaching out because about 50 people are coming to Atlanta for training on wetlands. Candler Park brook restoration will be a showcase of the effort. Steve Jones, the engineer who oversaw the installation, will give two tours (25 people each). Might we invite the public to these tours?
- EPA suggested requesting funding to naturalize the culvert on the north end of the golf course. We would need a volunteer to work on this grant.
- Next meeting is the second Tuesday of February.

Finance and Audit (John Wolf):

- Not much activity since January 1 report
- Current balance at ~\$471k
- If we collect all funds and playground expenses come in on budget then we will have ~\$55k remaining after the playground is installed.
- Would like to hold off on additional project work or programming until playground figures are better known.

Playground (Doug Wetzel):

- Shade plan. Shade structures need to go in at the same time as the playground. Working with Kieth at the Parks Department. The City Parks Department has not brought any funding to the project. We need to coordinate with the City. They may not be ready in time to align with our installation. The Shade Structure money is coming from the Active Lawn Amphitheatre.
- Tennis hill plan is not dependent on the playground installation. It is to address the existing retaining wall that is losing its structural integrity. The City is doing this work.
- Still waiting on funds from organizations that pledged support. City is outstanding. Need the vendor to invoice Park Pride
- Should have project installation timeline when we meet in February

Meeting adjourned at 7:56