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"People say graffiti is ugly, irresponsible and childish... but that's only if it's done properly." ~ Banksy

Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11th, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

6:45p Welcome and Snacks

7:00p Meeting begins

Welcome & Announcements

Review and approval of June minutes

Valencia Hudson - City of Atlanta

Atlanta Police Department

Financial Report - Dan Thompson

Committee Reports

NPU - John Dirga

Historic Preservation and Land Use

Committee - Nicole Seekely

265 Iswald Street - Type II - Siding Replacement

745 Wylie Street - Type III - Carriage House and Side Yard Variance due to existing tree

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Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch -

Peyton Stinson

Volunteering - Chelsea Arkin

Cabbagetown Initiative - Chris McCain

Transportation - Shaun Houlihan

Imagine Memorial - Greg Giuffrida

Old Business

CNIA Board Communications Chair

nomination: Caitlin Reade Keenan

New Business

Leiliana Bakhtiari, candidate for City Council District 5

8:04p: Adjourn!

Final June minutes will be adopted at the July meeting. The Community Center is located at 177 Estoria Street.

Comforting the Disturbed and Disturbing the Comfortable

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Forward Warrior! is back, and the sixth edition promises to be bigger and better than ever. On Saturday and Sunday, July 1st and 2nd, more than 35 artists will convene on Tennelle and Wylie Street.

creative process. You are invited to witness the artists putting their blood, sweat, tears, and love on the wall, for all to see, admire, and critique. A truly brave act. Bravery comes in many forms. be it a soldier on a battlefield, or an artist in

the public arena... moving forward means taking new ground and being unsure of what each step will bring. No guarantees.

For decades now, Cabbagetown has been a mecca for artists of all types. Peter Ferrari (and Sam Parker, before him), have sounded the battle cry. And in doing so, they have given voice to those that might not otherwise have one.

Forward Warrior! makes our lives better. It makes us think, smile, cry, live, love, give, take, share, talk, and listen.

New this year, John Dirga has collaborated with **The Stacks** COA Board (led by

Brandon Stutton) and Stackian Edie Morton, to create a "Cabbageheads Only" exhibit on the Stacks wall that lines the Northwest end of Carroll Street. This added gallery will begin to take form later in the month.

By hosting, Cabbagetown has once again shown itself to be a rock standing out in an ocean of doubt and compromise. **Well done neighbors!**



Peter Ferrari on Tennelle Street, 2016

The artists will focus their talents, paint cans and brushes towards expressing a vast range of thoughts and visions: social, political, devotion, opposition, love, love lost, humour, rebellion, in unison, solidarity, or unilateral.

Forward Warrior! is free art and expression on a grand scale. An epic art gallery that does not charge an entrance fee. This is an art movement that not only celebrates the unveiling of the final piece, but also shines a bright spotlight on the

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Brick Road
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14. Andy Goldstein- Property tax consultant. Q&A: 404.822.3643

- Will help seniors at no charge.
- Recommends appeal across the board, unless you're already under a BOE decision. File electronically (make sure get and keep submission confirmation #) and send copy and letter certified return receipt..OR hand deliver 2 copies with record stamp at delivery. All communication must include parcel identification number.

• NUTS and BOLTS of What to Do: You will see choices on how to appeal: Board of Equalization, Arbitration, or Hearing Officer. CHECK Board of Equalization. Check VALUE and UNIFORMITY. (Meaning value too high accd to sales and uniformity is neighbors have much higher or lower than yours) Also, have choice of how to be billed (temporarily billed awaiting appeal). Choices are 85% of FMV or 100% FMV.

You will likely get a 30 day letter, noting a minor decrease in value, OR you may get a 50k reduction, BUT reject whatever they offer and move on to the Board of Equalization. You won't get any less than their original offer anyway and they cannot raise your rate. You then agree to appear before the 3 members of the board for the hearing

(3 citizen panel). The county appraiser will also present their case for their value. You present your case, then a decision is made. Whether you win or lose your appeal, your rate is frozen for 3 years.

- Focus efforts on getting millage rate decreased by councilwoman. This is an election year, so we should really push our officials because they vote on millage rate this summer. Deadline to appeal is July 10th. The Fulton County commissioner will attend our July 11th meeting.

15. Kendall Rawls Motion to form a committee focused on managing/address real estate taxes headed up by Kendall Rawls. Seconded, and approved unanimously. Need name, mission statement etc for July meeting.

Reach out to other intown neighborhoods who are also in our same crunch. Motion carries. First order of business is to write a letter. Motion for CNIA board to send a letter addressing concerns to elected officials asap. Second, unanimously approved. Please contact Kendall if you would like to join the committee and help spearhead the efforts. kendallrawls@gmail.com

Meeting Adjourned 9:10p!

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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, June 13th, 2017, 7p at Cabbagetown Community Center, 177 Estoria Street. Meeting conducted by Katie Butler. Minutes recorded by Karyn Corell.

1. Motion to accept minutes from May meeting. Second. Unanimously approved.

2. Atlanta Police Dept, Zone 6

- Crime down 10%. Target -15%. Zone 6 is down 6%.
- Auto larceny up as usual in summer with kids out. Keep cars clean!
- Limit "attractive nuisances" like giant tv boxes on the curb, chargers in cars etc.

3. City of Atlanta Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong

- Visit in place of Valencia (Valencia's birthday holiday)
- Touched on trash can requests at high traffic areas. Approved at 4k spending.
- Tye sidewalk will be repaired. Replacing bricks is under consideration.
- Krog lighting/improvement project. 40K approved for that.
- Touched on on-going transportation study she helped fund with 12k contribution.
- Katie asked again about parks issues we've requested before, like water fountains being turned on.
- Kendall asked about dumping site on end of Berean at the Memorial end.
- Peyton asked about lighting on Wylie. He reached out originally a year ago to no avail to several offices, including Natalyn's. Natalyn promised to look into it and get back to Peyton.
- Louise asked about the orange building on Memorial/Boulevard and the status of the outstanding warrant for the owner. Warrant is still active.
- Theresa asked about street striping on Wylie that is currently double striped, multicolored, and confusing.

4. Dan Thompson, Treasurer

\$15,776 balance. \$5k earmarked for security grant. Deposited \$1495 revenue from newspaper ads. \$448 printing check cleared. Paid \$707 for May newspaper and \$560 for June. Also paid \$610 for Cabbagetown Reunion security. Returned \$650 to Boulevard Tunnel Initiative.

5. NPU, John Dirga

- Camp Best Friends put on by Parks Dept June 5th-July 21st, but can join anytime.
- Water saver kits available at fire stations: low flow faucets, shower heads, water quality tablets.
- Permits approved for : Olmstead Linear Park Garden Party June 17th. L5P Halloween parade for Oct 21st. Liquor License approved for CO Atlanta, LLC. (Rize Pizza bldg in Va Hi).
- Several zoning regulation variances approved. Details at www.

npuatlanta.org. Motion to support NPU bylaws at Special Voting Session June 22nd: Seconded, 26 in favor, 0 opposed.

6. Nicole Seekely, Historic Preservation & Land Use

- Type II Cert of Appropriateness: 719 Molly St (new build last year) want to extend their deck and add stairs for access. HPU supports. Motion to support, second. Unanimous in favor.
- Type III Cert of Appropriateness: 205 Berean. Presented by Patrick Chopson of Patterson r & d. Old chicken coop property on Berean being divided into 2 shotgun house builds. Patrick conducted very extensive compatibility study ahead of planning and design. Incorporated off street parking and sidewalk into plans. Working around large oak. Neighbors had several questions..HP recommends support provided soffit change and FAR ratio adjusted as agreed. Motion, second. Carries w unanimous vote.
- Nicole brought up the idea of spearheading a group among surrounding neighborhoods to vision/plan what could be done with Hulsey Yard when CSX sells. ctownhp@gmail.com if you'd like to be involved. The sale is NOT pending but we are wanting to get ahead of the inevitable as they will not likely be able to afford operating costs on such a valuable property for much longer.
- Dival and Trish introduced themselves. They bought the lot on Powell near EPL park and will be presenting their plans for house build at the July meeting.

7. Peyton Stinson-Safety

- Leave cars empty. Nothing of note to report.

8. Transportation Committee: Shawn Houlihan

- Data from survey being crunched now and will report on that at July meeting.

9. Cabbagetown Initiative, Katie for Chris McCain

- CNIA met last night to start Chomp planning talk. Neighbors get ready to rally!
- Trying to get support together for the Forward Warrior! event July 1st & 2nd for the CSX wall updates.
- Still talks of merge of CI and CNIA. **Toolbox 9** building website to consolidate information of 2 boards. Any questions: cabbagechat@gmail.com
- Laura Bellinger asked about where we are in the new community center building. CI in charge of that project. **Perkins + Will** are working on drawings pro-bono, so we must be patient. We were hoping for July but it will likely be later.

10. Laura Bellinger: Hospitality

- Nothing new on the horizon outside the annual events. Fall new neighbor party next event.
- Laura introduced herself as new chair.

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President's Letter



**KATIE
BUTLER**

Thanks to everyone who came out to Bar Hours on June 25th! We had a nice group in attendance, and we discussed a wide range of issues, including:

What is the Beltline going to do about the other (west) side of the Krog Tunnel?

As you may know, the Cabbagetown Initiative (CI), sister organization to CNIA, currently manages the landscaping and maintenance of the two triangles on either side of the tunnel. CSX provides some

financial assistance for these activities, but the neighborhood bears the brunt of the costs and responsibility for maintaining the Krog Tunnel Triangles and the CSX wall along Wylie and Tonnelle. CNIA will reach out to our Beltline contacts to see what the plans are, and to mention, "Hey! Wouldn't it be nice if both sides of the tunnel could accommodate Beltliners and if both sides of the tunnel entrance had that lovely landscaping?" We will keep you posted.

What are the next steps for the new CNIA property tax workgroup? Those of you who attended the June CNIA meeting know that the neighbors voted to create a committee to explore ways to make ours and our neighbors' property taxes make sense – for now and the future. Kendall Rawls offered to head up this new committee. They will bring a draft mission statement to the July 11th CNIA meeting. If you're interested in helping, come on out to the meeting!

Why don't we use the Cabbagetown Park amphitheater for regular local music performances? Great question! CI has previously discussed this idea as a way to better make use of the fantastic resource we have in that amphitheater. Those who know me know that I'm not opposed to music. (Understatement!). Laura Bellinger, the CNIA Hospitality Chair, was there to hear this idea, and the Cabbagetown Initiative will be discussing a similar idea at its (public) meeting on July 10th. Full steam ahead on this idea, too, folks.

This month's CNIA meeting (on Tuesday, July 11th, 7p, 177 Estoria) will be another good one. We will talk a bit about establishing the mission and goals for our new property tax workgroup. We will also be hosting Liliana Bakhtiari, candidate for our City Council seat (District 5). That said, it will be shorter than last month's meeting. In fact, I hereby declare that it will either be over by 8:05 or I will conduct the entire next meeting (August) while in a (wall-supported²) handstand. You can be in bed by 8:30p! Also: **free pizza!**

Next bar hours: this is going great, and furthermore, it's fun. So, please join me for the next session in August. I'm penciling it in for Sunday, August 27th at Carroll Street Cafe from 4-6p. Meanwhile, email me at cabbagechat@gmail.com if you want to chat about something, find me on Facebook or Nextdoor, send a message in a bottle to me while I'm on my July vacation... Let's connect. **Katie**

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CNIA July Calendar

July 1st & 2nd, 10a to 6p

Forward Warrior! This year's mural-painting extravaganza. Come to Wylie and Tonnelle and watch the magic happen.

July 10th, 7p

Cabbagetown Initiative Board Meeting. Public meeting. CI board members meet to make sure we are maintaining our parks and gearing up for Chomp (among other things). Cabbagetown Community Center: 177 Estoria

July 11th, 7p

CNIA Meeting! Local politics! Exciting new plans for things! Free pizza! C'town Community Center.

July 17th, 7p

Historic Preservation & Land Use Committee Meeting. Public meeting of the committee that

keeps Cabbagetown looking and feeling like Cabbagetown. C'town Community Center.

July 20th, 4-6p

C'town/R'town Transportation Committee Meeting. Public meeting where you can join your neighbors and help solve all of our parking, driving, biking and walking woes. C'town Community Center.

July 27th 7p

Neighborhood Planning Unit-N Meeting. Public meeting where Cabbagetown, Candler Park, Druid Hills, Inman Park, Lake Claire, and Little 5 Points talk about development in our area. Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community: 1086 Austin Ave.

There's No Place Like Home

By Jake Elsas

Finally. After almost four years, **The Patch Works Art & History Center** has found its home.

What first began VERY rudimentarily in a loft at The Mill (aka: "The Stacks") – as those of you who dropped by during The Stacks Lofts+Artists Tour in December of 2013 might remember – followed by a year-long experiment in an ex-tattoo parlor, and then followed by a year of being homeless, the Patch Works is now fully "legit" and can (at long last) claim a permanent location.



*The Patch Works Art & History Center at
593 Gaskill Street, SE, Cabbagetown, Atlanta, Georgia 30316*

Passion for the history and people of Cabbagetown helped us persevere! So, thank you to all the many supporters, who expressed their interest in having us in

the community. Without y'all, we could never have maintained the energy necessary for seeing this through. So, without further ado, here is the address of our new home:

**593 Gaskill Street, SE
Atlanta, Georgia 30316**

The house is located on the corner of Gaskill Street and Carroll Street, right next to **Agave Restaurant** (and if you know the history of Agave's building, you might appreciate how fitting it is to be in this particular spot).

Officially, The Patch Works takes possession of the location July 1st, 2017, but setting up the space will take some time before we open to the public. In the meantime, please don't

hesitate to reach out to us for more information.

Sweet Home, Cabbagetown!

Good On You Mayor Reed

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Earlier this month, Mayor Kasim Reed declared that Atlanta would honor the Paris Climate Agreement. In doing so, Mayor Reed joins ranks with the mayors of more than 100 other U.S. cities – and more than 169 countries – to lower carbon emissions.

"The President has made a disappointing decision... to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate agreement, and by extension, global leadership," Reed said. *"This decision isolates our country from international partners in shared, global efforts to curb climate change, and at its core is an assault on our future stability and prosperity."*

This is an election year. So where do the mayoral candidates stand on the issue? **Atlanta Magazine** reports the following:

Peter Aman. We must act today if we are to preserve the Atlanta of tomorrow. As mayor, I will work to ensure every community in our city has access to clean water and air, renewable energy, and expanded transportation and housing options so all of our citizens can participate in Atlanta's continued economic growth.

Atlanta City Councilwoman Keisha Lance Bottoms ...Policy decisions made by this president have negatively impacted the trajectory of generations. Closer to home... we live in a city where thousands of children struggle to live with asthma, and I am saddened to think of what America's withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement will mean for them.

Fulton County Chairman John Eaves. When I am mayor of Atlanta, I will do everything in my power to ensure that we do our part to curb carbon emissions, so that future generations of Atlantans will have a healthy city in which to live and thrive.

State Senator Vincent Fort. As mayor I would maintain the city's commitment to the Paris agreement. It's all the more critical in a city like Atlanta where income inequality is at a such a high level. Climate change impacts working-class, poor people, and the elderly more than anyone else. I'm going to maintain that commitment, heighten it, and broaden it and make sure the issues of class and race are dealt with in climate change efforts.

Atlanta City Councilman Kwanza Hall. The President's wrong-headed decision to withdraw from the Paris agreement strengthens my resolve to do all in my power to help Atlanta reach our ambitious goal of 100 percent clean energy by 2035. Over time, the clean energy program I have proposed will engage everybody in Atlanta by creating good jobs, lowering our utility bills, cleaning our air and water, and doing our part to mitigate climate change.

Atlanta City Council President Cesar Mitchell. President Trump may not wish to carry the mantle of responsibility to our planet, but we can still do our part. As city council president, and as your next mayor, I pledge today to pick up what he has dropped and make Atlanta do her part in the spirit of the Paris climate agreement.

Cathy Woolard. As city council president I started Atlanta's first energy conservation program. As mayor I will build upon that work to ensure Atlanta participates with mayors all over the world to mitigate the impacts of climate change. We have a moral responsibility to ensure the excesses of our carbon-based economy don't cause misery to the poorest of the poor and leave an irreversible legacy for our future generations to endure.

Stinson & Seekely

It's not a law firm. It's just two good people volunteering their time to make things better.

By Peyton Stinson, Cabbagetown Public Safety

As the temperatures begin to rise, so does crime. Here are some tips to help combat crime. Keep your car clean. If you are going out of town make sure to hold your mail with USPS. Leave your porch lights on at night. If you have a security camera point it towards the road.

Lastly, if you missed out on the **Ring** flash sale last month they have provided our neighborhood with the coupon code **7cabbagetown** (all lowercase) good towards \$25 off the Ring Video Doorbell on ring.com. **CtownPS@gmail.com**

By Nicole Seekely

The Cabbagetown Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee exists as a resource for all property owners, builders, developers, real estate professionals and others interested in renovation and redevelopment in the neighborhood.

We take an active role in reviewing all development proposals (big and small) for Cabbagetown. This monthly "corner" will be here to answer FAQ and common misconceptions about working in the neighborhood. Please don't hesitate to email us at **ctownhp@gmail.com** for any questions/comments/concerns!

There was exciting news this months regarding building permits for small projects - this would affect Cabbagetown as well as all other neighborhoods.

According to **AtlantaIntownPaper.com**, "The Atlanta City Council has voted to allow changes in the requirements for building permits. An amendment to the existing building code will allow general repair work up to as much \$10,000 to be performed without a building permit.

This will apply to an existing single-family, duplex, multi-family or non-residential structure. The amendment, which passed unanimously on Monday, increases the monetary threshold from \$2,500 to \$10,000, and serves to remove some of the regulatory burden on those seeking to perform repairs or building upgrades."

Godspeed Joyce

One of Cabbagetown's favourite daughters, Joyce Brookshire, passed away on June 4th, 2017. She was 76. Joyce was born in the Appalachian mountains. Her family moved to Atlanta to work at **The Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill**. She grew up in Cabbagetown. Her mother worked in the mill and raised four children alone in an \$11-a-month rental after her husband went out for apples and never came back, said Elise Witt, a fellow singer-songwriter and friend for 38 years.

In the 70s and 80s, Joyce toured with folk singer Guy Carawan, and had a band, **Phantoms of the Opry**, with Phyllis Boyens.

Her first solo album, **North Georgia Mountains**, was released in 1977. Other albums followed, including, "**Whatever Became of Me**" in 2000 and "**Cabbagetown Ballad**" in 2005. Joyce will be missed dearly.

You Can Do It! Act Locally.

By Chelsea Arkin

Do you want to get involved in the neighborhood and don't know how? Cabbagetown has a ton of events and meetings coming up that we would love for our neighbors to attend.

My name is Chelsea Arkin and I live on Carroll Street. I just joined the CNIA board as the volunteer/community wrangler and am excited to help people get involved in our neighborhood's activities. Here are some upcoming events and meetings that we would love to see you attend:

Do you want to hear about issues taking place in our neighborhood and others? NPU-N (which includes Cabbagetown, Candler Park, Druid Hills, Inman Park, Lake Claire, and Little 5 Points) meets on the 4th Thursdays of the month at 7p at the Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community at 1086 Austin Avenue. The next couple meetings are July 27th, August 24th, September 28th, and October 26th.

Are you annoyed by the traffic situation in the neighborhood? Do you think we should have resident parking permits? You're in luck! The next Cabbagetown/Reynoldstown Transportation Committee Meeting is on July 20th at 6:30p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.



Do you want to be involved in development and redevelopment in our neighborhood? The Cabbagetown Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee always meets the third Monday of every month at 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

Are you new to Cabbagetown? Keep an eye out for the next Cabbagetown Roll Call party this fall! This is when CNIA throws its next biannual party just for YOU. One of your neighbors will host, and all of your neighbors will shower you with greetings, food and drinks to make you feel especially welcome in your new neighborhood.

Stewart Wins Georgia Author of the Year

By Donna Smith Fee

Cabbagetown resident, Gray Stewart's debut novel *Haylow* has won the 53rd annual Georgia Author of the Year Award.

Haylow is a satire based in Atlanta during the 1996 Olympic Games. Its protagonist, a white professor at a historically black college, struggles against his family and the increasingly polarized and corporatized world of "blackacademia."

The novel cuts a satirical swath through the booby-trapped territory of race politics in "the city too busy to hate."

Kirkus Reviews calls *Haylow*, "An amusing and sometimes quite scathing look at academia, racial tensions, and the oppressive weight of the past that still characterizes life in the South."

Foreword Reviews writes "Through deftly alternating perspectives and with quiet, occasionally biting humor, *Haylow* depicts Atlanta at the end of the twentieth century, still marked by the Civil War and decades of racial conflict yet moving toward its future as a capital of the New South. Five Stars."

Haylow's arrival is timely, given today's bombastic political rhetoric and palpable racial tension. The novel exposes the thorns in our language and miscommunication that keeps social injustice and personal bias on slow-simmer in daily society.

Gray Stewart is a third generation white Atlantan, who spent more than a decade teaching writing and literature at Morehouse College, a historically black college and the alma mater of Dr. Martin Luther King.

He also worked as a paramedic at **Grady Memorial Hospital**, Atlanta's lifeline for the indigent and one of the busiest Level I trauma centers in the country. These experiences have given Stewart a unique vantage point from which to describe Atlanta.

The novel is available at livingstonpress.uwa.edu, IndieBound, Barnes&Noble, Amazon.

com, and area bookstores in trade paperback, ISBN 978-160489-174-4, for \$18.95 and in hardcover, ISBN 978-160489-173-7, for \$30. For more about Mr. Stewart and his writing, visit graystewart.com.



Gray Stewart and Jessica Roth at the Georgia Author of the Year Awards.

A Living Wage in the ATL

By Larry Stewart

On Wednesday, June 21st, 2017, the Atlanta City Council approved its \$648.6 million Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund Budget, raising the minimum wage for city employees to \$13.00 per hour and committed to securing \$15 per hour by July 1st, 2019.

In 2016, Councilmembers Andre Dickens and Felicia Moore co-sponsored a resolution to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of gradually increasing the minimum wage for all full-time City employees to \$15.00 per hour over a three year period.

"I am proud that the City of Atlanta is continuing its rich history of being a model employer in our state. Atlanta employees deserve to

be paid a living wage and today's budget actions and amendments prove that the City will take care of the employees that take care of the people", said Dickens.

"I believe that the quality of services provided to its residents will be advanced because raising the wages reduces costly employee turnover, eliminates disruption in services, increases productivity and creates a more stable work environment," said Dickens.

Dickens continues "Statistics show that increasing the minimum wage will increase consumer purchasing power, increase workers' standards of living, reduce poverty and stimulate the economy."

Cabbagetown Initiative: Monthly Meeting

*Cabbagetown Initiative Community Development Corporation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 8th, 2017, 7p. Location of Meeting: Cabbagetown Community
Center, 177 Estoria Street, Atlanta, GA 30316.*

*Present at Meeting: Katie Butler, Morgan Felts, Paul Freeman, Heather
Bradley, Alexa Mosley, Kendall Rawls, and Joe Farr. Not Present: Tova
Baruch, Whitney Bolster, Chris McCain, and Adrienne Ford.*

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cabbagetown Initiative
CDC was called to order at 7:04p on June 12th, 2017 at Cabbagetown
Community Center by Vice President Paul Freeman.*

I. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the May 8th, 2017 meeting were distributed and unanimously approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alexa Mosley provided an overview of the CI budget and logistics. Alexa also discussed the Chomp budget and projected income.

IV. Reports

a. Governance Committee

Paul raised the need to elect a Secretary for CI. MOTION [Katie]: To elect Joe Farr as Secretary for CI with Morgan Felts agreeing to assume the role of Secretary in Mr. Farr's absence. (Seconded and APPROVED unanimously).

b. Chomp & Stomp Committee

Whitney was absent from the meeting, but Heather provided an update in her absence. The board discussed the need to finalize the sponsorship deck with all due haste.

MOTION [Joe]: To authorize Heather to amend the contract with Rick to include \$500 amount for creation and finalization of a deck upon Friday, June 16th, 2017 (Seconded and APPROVED unanimously).

c. Parks Committee

Tova was absent from the meeting, but Heather provided an update. Heather reported that the tree work approved by the board in May 2017 is moving forward. Cabbagetown Park was recently aerated. Tova has put in several work orders with the City of Atlanta. The committee is in discussion with **Brightview** regarding some planting; final details will be brought to CI for approval.

d. CNIA

Katie reported that the website design is looking great and should be ready to launch in August 2017. Katie also reported that CNIA would elect a new Volunteer Chair at its June meeting.

e. Community Garden Committee

Kendall will be the Point of Contact for the Community Garden.

f. EPL Committee

Paul provided an update on work accomplished and the resolution of any requests received. The board discussed the future possibility of a partnership with Reynoldstown to broaden the scope and reach of EPL. Paul will reach out to Reynoldstown reps and report back to CI regarding the feasibility of a partnership.

g. Communications & Tech Committee. No report.

VI. New Business

a. Forward Warrior! MOTION [Alexa]: To pay Forward Warrior \$2,700 for their work on the CSX wall. (Seconded and APPROVED unanimously).

b. CSX Grant

CI will move forward with a grant application to CSX to fund additional improvements and maintenance along the CSX wall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19p.

Minutes submitted by Morgan Felts, CI Board Member.

CNIA Minutes, Cont...

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11. CNIA Board nominations:

• Nominee for CNIA at large member and volunteer wrangler: Chelsea Arkin of Carroll Street. Motion, seconded, and unanimously approved.

12. Boulevard Tunnel Initiative: Donnell Woodson

Exploring incremental ways to involve stakeholders in improvement projects. **Renew Atlanta** is focusing some money to tunnel, starting with sidewalk maintenance/design. William Massey and Gavin Bernard, metal artists, are coming on to add art. Peter Ferrari and Molly Rose Freeman will be redoing the mural. Trey Cason: Initiative explaining the tunnel project being comprehensive. Emphasis on collaborative focus between Sweet Auburn and Cabbagetown. Hope to over-communicate rather than folks feeling like something was done without input. Green space, tunnel, art, etc. There will be open meetings and parties in the coming months. This mural will include the entire tunnel, including the stairwells, inside and outside of tunnel. They will be presenting plans for our vote closer to the implementation. Showed 4/5 designs with tag prevention in mind and utilizing designs that are easy to correct/touch up. Very graphic, thematic designs. Nicole asked if project has been funded already. NO, they are not. They are near the beginning of the fundraising efforts. They are presenting to National Park Svc, Ctown, Oakland, O4W, Sweet Auburn districts, and the city. Renew Atlanta is involved. \$17k needed to complete the mural project alone (including 5 year maintenance plan). Target implementation date is Spring of 2018.

13. Lee Westmaas from The Stacks

Here from **The Stacks** to talk about landscaping project outside The Stacks on Carroll St. They want to weed the crepe myrtle tree boxes and plant mondo grass to fill in the tree boxes. Motion to approve, seconded. Unanimous. *Continued on page 3.*

The Drought is Over

With almost 3.5" of rain this past month, and nearly two feet of rain already this year, the National Weather Service declared our drought over. As a matter of fact, Most of the United States has emerged from drought conditions including the long suffering West coast. Only 6% of the Country remains in drought conditions.

Climate Change



BRANDON SUTTON

In June, I went to D.C. to lobby for Congressional action on climate change along with 1,300 other Citizens' Climate Lobby volunteers from across North America. CCL relies on a 70,000+ person lobbying brigade nationwide to promote effective market-driven federal climate policy. This was my 5th year on The Hill lobbying for Carbon Fee & Dividend legislation, but this year brought a newfound urgency; President Trump's

decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord highlighted the enormous importance of engagement at all levels.

If you haven't followed this issue, the CliffsNotes version goes like this: for decades, scientists have warned of rising temperatures due to unchecked greenhouse gas emissions, and for the past two decades, countries all over the globe were unable to reach an agreement on addressing the issue. Then, remarkably in December 2015, 195 countries signed a historic accord where every country agreed to reduce emissions as soon as possible to keep global temperature rise below two degrees Celsius.

So, what the hell does that have to do with Cabbagetown? Good question. It turns out that local governments (cities in particular) across the nation stood up and said that they intended to fulfill their obligations under the Paris agreement with or without action at the national level. This is a critical point. While CCL works tirelessly to promote bipartisan legislation in Congress, cities can adopt policies that reduce emissions and promote energy efficiency at the local level immediately. Atlanta is one of the cities that said it intends to keep moving forward on this issue. Yeah!

This is an election year in Atlanta. We're electing new Council members and a new Mayor. This could be a campaign issue that the candidates are asked to address. I expect to hear how our leaders intend to move the ball forward so that Atlanta can be out in front and realize some of the substantial economic benefits of addressing climate change.

If you've been following my column, you might detect a pattern; I'm a fan of taking responsibility and acting on issues I believe in. I recently decided to step back from another major volunteer commitment to focus squarely on this urgent issue in the years ahead. We simply do not have any more time to debate what science has already concluded – climate change is real and we must act now to address it.

I invite all my fellow neighbors to think of ways to contribute positively to this effort. If you need any ideas on where to start, I'm happy to provide some suggestions. But let's certainly work with our local officials and urge them to adopt climate-friendly policies swiftly. Who knows, we may even see some job creation right here in Cabbagetown as a result.

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The Yellow Brick Road

By Kyle F. Bidlack

For Emerald City Bagels, the yellow brick road leads to East Atlanta Village.

HUGE congratulations to Stackian and Cabbagehead Deanna Halcrow. Deanna (pictured to the right with her daughter Jackie) has long searched for a brick and mortar location for her growing business. She looked into a spot or two here in Cabbagetown but ultimately found a home at the former *Gravity Pub* space on Glenwood. They hope to open later this summer.



Deanna and her team have cultivated a dedicated following of bagel lovers through a lot of hard work, and long hours. They are a trusted pop-out vendor all around town... especially in front of *Milltown Tavern* on Sunday mornings where devotees can be seen queued up five and six

deep for their daily fix of New York style bagels.

Emerald City Bagels does not use the New York label lightly. Deanna grew up on Long Island, so she knows a thing or two about a thing or two.

Currently *Emerald City Bagels* is baking about 1,000 bagels a day. Once they move into their new home, Deanna thinks they'll be able to up production to 5,000 per day, and maybe add new flavours like rye, pumpernickle, pretzel and whole wheat.

The American Dream is alive and well in Cabbagetown. What we must never forget is that more often than not, the dream does not happen overnight or with little effort. It often requires more perseverance than that possessed by Rosie the Riveter.

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Movie review: *Flyboys* (2006)



LACEE ADERHOLD

Directed by Tony Bill with performances by James Franco, Martin Henderson, Phillip Winchester, Tyler Labine, Abdul Salis, David Ellison, Jean Reno, and Jennifer Decker.

Flyboys is the story of The Lafayette Escadrille. During World War I, prior to America entering the war, a group of Americans joined the French military to become fighter pilots. The life expectancy of a pilot in WWI was 3 to 6 weeks. These brave men experienced the beginnings of flight and participated in the final years of chivalry on the battlefield.

Blaine Rawlings (Franco) lost his family ranch to foreclosure. William Jensen (Winchester) wants to be a hero like his father and grandfather before him. Eugene Skinner (Salis) owes a debt of gratitude to the French. Briggs Lowrey (Labine) needs to prove to himself that he isn't the family disappointment. Vernon Toddman (McErlean) just wants to learn to fly. Eddie Beagle (Ellison) has a checkered past. These men arrive together to join the Escadrille.

Captain Thenault (Reno) and Reed Cassidy (Henderson) show them the ropes as they learn to navigate a new language, engage the enemy, and not fall out of the sky. Cassidy is the wild card. He's been there the longest and has multiple dogfights under his belt. He's al-

ways taking off on additional missions to go after the ones that got away. His true goal is to take down the pilots that killed the men in his squadron. And he takes care of Whiskey, the Escadrille's lion.

The Americans reside in an enormous chateau paid for by The Vanderbilts. Life on the ground is generally very relaxed. When the men aren't training, they spend their days in town and their evenings in the bar. Once the training is over, the fight begins.

The men learn much about the honor in war and the chivalry between the pilots in the air. Once a plane is downed, the pilot is to be allowed to make his way back home. And occasionally, if the enemy sees that your machine gun is jammed, they'll call it a day and wait to engage in battle when talent will proclaim the victor.

As we get ready for the summer and July 4th is on the horizon, Cabbageheads might enjoy the story of the first American dog-fighters. The names were changed, for the most part, but the stories are true. The Escadrille were instrumental in the bombings of the German munitions supply depot in Jametz. And, yes, they really did have lion mascots named Whiskey and Soda.

Favorite quote: Thenault – We don't want you bringing bullets home. We have millions. Leave the bullets up there. Let the Germans take them home. **Trivia:** Flyboys facilitated the creation of a motion capture equivalent for airplanes.



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Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

What music is Cabbagetown listening to? Good question. Here are this month's most played songs on the Milltown Tavern juke box.

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|---|--|
| 1 KENDRICK LAMAR
HUMBLE. | 9 CALVIN HARRIS
SLIDE |
| 2 CHRIS STAPLETON
WHEN THE STARS... | 10 DJ KHALED
I'M THE ONE |
| 3 THE ALLMAN BROS.
STORMY MONDAY | 11 GLEN CAMPBELL
SOUTHERN NIGHTS |
| 4 KENDRICK LAMAR
DNA. | 12 LIL DICKY
BRUH.. |
| 5 JAMES TAYLOR
CAPT. JIM'S... | 13 TOM PETTY
I WON'T BACK DOWN |
| 6 JIMI HENDRIX
BOLD AS LOVE | 14 PAUL THORN
PIMPS & PREACHERS |
| 7 MIGOS
T-SHIRT | 15 SWEET
FOX ON THE RUN |
| 8 ALIOTTA, HAYNES...
LAKE SHORE DRIVE | |

Eating Crawfish & Fighting Cancer

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Four years ago, Daniel Gura and three college friends had an idea, host a crawfish boil to help raise funds to fight cancer.

Fast-forward to today and the event has spread to nine cities (and growing) and has raised over \$400,000. On May 20th, Daniel (with the help of many friends... Milltown Tavern, Wasted Potential, The Chumblers, Jay Desai, Zach Toth, and many others) worked his magic here in Cabbagetown.

Besides a few hundred pounds of crawfish and a small boatload of kegs, attendees grooved to live music, Giant Jenga, raffles, DJs, dancing, laughs, and great conversation...all in the Milltown Tavern parking lot. Even a late day shower from Mother Nature couldn't dampen the vibes or consumption of crawfish. In unrelated news, scores of neighborhood cats converged on the Milltown Parking lot for days afterwards. Reason unknown.



The New Krog Tunnel

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Ok...it's not REALLY the new Krog Tunnel. After all it's more than 105 years old, but our sweet painted lady DID get some fancy new handrails and lighting, thanks to the folks at *The Atlanta Beltline*.

Here's the official update: Work continues on the Eastside Trail extension. Among the items left on ABI's to-do list: soil confirmation testing, landscaping, security camera activation, and coordination of construction activity at an adjacent property (*Studioplex*). The Eastside Trail extension is expected to open later this summer.

Krog Street Tunnel Lane Closures: As part of the project to extend the Eastside Trail, new lighting and handrails are being installed inside the Krog Tunnel. Safety issues at the intersection of Krog St. and DeKalb Ave. are also being addressed by installing a "pedestrian scramble" which will completely halt traffic in all directions and allow pedestrians to traverse the intersection.

Work on the northbound lane was completed this week; work on the southbound lane is scheduled for July 1st-20th. During the construction period the southbound lane will closed to vehicle traffic from 9:30a - 3:30p.

Dear Tax Man, You're Fired!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

As many of you might recall, this newspaper reported last month, that our fair city stood on the precipice of a major property tax hike.

Most residents were to be faced with double-digit percentage value increases with values in some neighborhoods set to rise as much as 79 percent.

But then, the people spoke. And our local government listened. A week after the Board of Assessors said it doesn't have the legal authority to throw out the new and much higher property valuations, the elected Fulton County commissioners used a newly discovered but very old law to do it themselves.

With dark forbodings for 2018, Chairman John Eaves admitted that it's a temporary fix. *"It does provide relief to property owners for the 2017 year, as we go into 2018. It's not a final solution,"* Eaves told *WSB-TV*.

One commissioner who voted for the rollback, first threw a barb at Eaves, who's running for Atlanta mayor. *"Why kick the can down the road to next year after the mayoral election is over? Why not deal with it here today?"* Fulton County Commissioner Marvin Arrington told *WSB-TV*.

"This is not a political game, here. This is real. Real and grave. People's lives, choices about where they can live, facing eviction," Fulton County Commissioner Bob Ellis said.

For Cabbageheads who recieved higher tax bill notices in the mail, you can ignore those hikes... for now. The wise among us might use those voided bills to plan and budget for 2018.

Thronges of taxpayers complained that the appraisers who set the new property values made too many mistakes. *"Clearly, in my opinion, the errors are simply too rife,"* said Fulton County Commissioner Lee Morris.

There is a general acknowledgement that property values are getting higher. *"To do it all in one year, it's unfair. It's just unfair,"* said Fulton County Commissioner Liz Hausmann. *"We will listen. That's the bottom line, and not only will we listen, we'll do something about it,"* said Fulton County Commissioner Emma Darnell.

Commercial property owners are not quite as lucky. Only Fulton County's 317,000 residential property owners get the reprieve. Commercial property owners will see new assessment notices in the mail around mid-August.

Who's the biggest loser in all this? Atlanta Public Schools, that's who. They were expecting about \$24 million in new revenue based on the new valuations.

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712 Kirkwood 2 BD/2 BA	\$449,000
Pending	Price
181 Tye St. 4 BD/3.5 BA	\$575,000
176 Savannah 2 BD/2 BA	\$425,000
154 Savannah 2 BD/2 BA	\$379,000
751 Wylie St. 2 BD/1 BA	\$365,000
Sold	Price
172 Powell St. 3 BD/2 BA	\$460,000
252 Estoria St. 2 BD/2.5 BA	\$426,100
686 Kirkwood 2 BD/2 BA	\$260,000

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Sold	Price
686 Kirkwood 2 BD/2 BA	\$260,000



COMMERCIAL

For Sale	Price
577 Ralph McGill	\$495,000
Pending	Price
480 JW Dobbs Unit #115	\$310,000

CONDOS & LOFTS

For Sale	Asking
The Stacks	
Unit E318	\$417,700
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit H526	\$374,900
2 BD/2 BA	
Milltown Lofts	
Unit 101	\$300,000
2 BD/1 BA	
Unit 305	\$200,000
1 BD/1 BA	

PENDING

CONDOS & LOFTS

Conditional	Price
The Stacks	
Unit ?	\$419,900
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit F111	\$280,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Pending	Price
The Stacks	
Unit H420	\$295,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit H427	\$275,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit E008	\$250,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Milltown Lofts	
Unit 1106	\$305,000
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit 710	\$289,900
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit 701	\$199,900
1 BD/1 BA	
181 Powell Street	
Unit 1	\$175,000
2 BD/1 BA	

SOLD

CONDOS & LOFTS

Sold	Price
The Stacks	
Unit E113	\$415,000
2 BD/2 BA	
212 Berean Ave.	
Unit 2	\$229,995
2 BD/1 BA	
Milltown Lofts	
Unit 507	\$200,000
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