

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, July 1, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Andrea Bennett, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 17
Absent: 8
Proxies: 5
ET Laird to Bill Murray
Cathy Boston to Bill Murray
Amy Hillman to John Beach
Brian Ward to Jason Kendall
Mark Tiller to Jason Kendall

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Welcome and mission of NPU-B.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting passed by vote of 22-0-0.

3. REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES, COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHER AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

Major Van H. Hobbs, Jr., VHobbs@AtlantaGA.gov

Officer Adam Lee Alee@AtlantaGA.gov

- Auto larceny continues to be the most frequently-reported crime in Zone 2. Auto larceny is a property crime, so sentences are not nearly as severe as a robbery, which is prosecuted as a violent crime. Therefore, most arrested for auto larceny are released on bond. APD recommends that residents avoid/mitigate auto larceny risk by not leaving valuables in parked vehicles. Approximately 70 percent of auto larceny victims are NOT residents of the City.
- For July 4 celebration, APD resources will be managed and shifted as necessary between Lenox area and Centennial Park.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Tiffany Harlow, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor

404-612-4506 (office), 404-931-5567 (cell), tiffany.harlow@FultonCountyGA.gov

Tiffany Harlow reported on a significant disposition of a series of three related crimes committed in Zone 2 back in April. The first involved a victim picked up in Zone 2, driven around for approx. 21 hours, and left in another county. The second was an aggravated sexual assault; and the third a robbery. One of five suspects was tried, convicted, and sentenced to life plus 70 years. Another, was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment under a plea bargain. The other three defendants are still negotiating plea bargains.

Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department (AFRD)

No report.

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902) www.itsmarta.com
No report.

Livable Buckhead, Inc (LBI) - Denise Starling, Executive Director

www.livablebuckhead.org

Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)

www.buckheadcid.com

Buckhead Area Transportation Management Association (BATMA)

www.batma.org

Mr. Tony Peters, reporting for LBI, CID and BATMA:

- The new MARTA pedestrian bridge in Tower Place area is now open. There will be 24-hour police surveillance with at least one officer dedicated to patrolling the bridge area at all times.
- PATH400 Phase 1 is underway and scheduled for completion by end of calendar year 2014. Lenox Road is being modified in the "Loop" area between Tower Place and GA400 by narrowing each lane by approximately one foot to create space where the Path intersects Lenox Road.
- Regarding Peachtree Transformation, Phase III and IV, the planned public "open house" has been postponed to allow more analysis by GDOT. The open house will be announced later but will not occur until late August or September.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

No report.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM) (404-982-1480) www.atlantawatershed.org

Verna Bair (404-330-6040 office, 404-259-0023 cell) VABair@AtlantaGA.gov

- Ms. Bair distributed the DWM monthly Project Points newsletter and the DWM monthly NPU Talking Points and gave a presentation highlighting matters of particular interest to NPU-B.
- Water restrictions remain in effect. Landscape irrigation is permitted only on the even/odd schedule (excluding Fridays) between 4:00pm and 10:00am.
- Water-line insurance is available at www.utilitylineprotection.com or 866-922-9006.
- Online payments and e-billing enrollment are available at www.payATLwateronline.com
- Please report water system leaks to DWM customer service at 404-658-6500.
- 26 watershed issues were reported in NPUb in May. Approximately half were billing issues. All but two have now been resolved.

Department of Public Works

Cheryl Hedgemon (404-330-6303) cbHedgemon@atlantaGA.gov

Verna Singleton at VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

No report.

APD Community Service Division, Code Enforcement Section

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

No report.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (404-546-6813)

Angela Hill (404-237-2756) AHill@atlantaGA.gov (manager of Peachtree Hills Recreation Center)

No report.

City of Atlanta Office of the Solicitor: main office 404-658-6618

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No report.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

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No report.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica Lavendier, NPU Planner JLavandier@atlantaGA.gov 404-865-8522

The Department of Public works will be organizing public meetings to discuss the proposed Bond referendum . The meetings will likely take place in July, August, and near year end at various locations including the Peachtree Hills Recreation Center.

6. INTERNAL REPORTS

Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB)

Richard Rauh, NPU-B APAB delegate; Cathy Muzzy, alternate delegate.

Mr. Rauh submitted a written report.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bob Stasiowski, Chair

Festival Applications:

Mr. Xavier Russell presented plans for the Easter Seals 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk and FunFest to be held at Chastain Park on Saturday October 18th in the upper and lower Blue lots adjacent to the Chastain Amphitheatre.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

- Fogo de Chao / change of agent / approved in committee 4-0-0
- Meehan's Buckhead / change of ownership / approved in committee 5-0-0
- American Cut / new business / approved in committee 5-0-0
- Corso Coffee / new business / approved in committee 5-0-0
- Lugo Caffe / new business / approved in committee 5-0-0

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 22-0-0.

Other Applications:

None.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

No report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

- The Zoning Committee did not meet in June because each of the two pending applications was deferred at the request of the applicant.
- At its next regular meeting in July, the Zoning Committee will hear an appeal of administrative issuance of two building permits for 136 West Wesley Road. Applicant is the Archdiocese of Atlanta, and the property was formerly the residence of the Archbishop and is now being remodeled to serve as a residence for up to six priests assigned to the Cathedral of Christ the King. Appeals of administrative decisions are not voted upon in the same manner as pending applications, but the Zoning Committee is able to make comments and/or recommendations to the BZA.
- Fuqua Development LLC and/or Jeff Fuqua (formerly of The Sembler Company) plans to present another proposal for the site with frontage on Piedmont Road between Lindbergh Drive and Morosgo Drive, directly across from the Lindbergh MARTA station, within Special Public Interest District 15 (SPI-15). This is the site of the Walmart proposal back in 2012.

Applications on Consent Agenda:

None.

Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

People TV (cable channel 26) is considering adding a channel committed to NPUs – it would initially begin as an on-line channel but would eventually be aired on cable television much like the existing channel 26.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.