

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting  
Tuesday, April 2, 2013**

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

Present: 19  
Absent 6  
Proxies: 4  
Brian Arnold to Bob Stasiowski  
Bob Connelly to Bill Murray  
Amy Hillman to Bill Murray  
Jay Bailey to John Bailey

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

- Welcome and mission of NPU-B.

**2. AUDIENCE RECOGNITION**

Livable Buckhead, Inc.  
[www.livablebuckhead.org](http://www.livablebuckhead.org)  
Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)  
[www.buckheadcid.com](http://www.buckheadcid.com)  
Buckhead Area Transportation Management Association  
[www.batma.org](http://www.batma.org)  
Tony Peters  
No report.

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2  
Major Van H. Hobbs, Jr., [VHobbs@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:VHobbs@AtlantaGA.gov)  
Reported crime in Zone 2 is down over past month, but robberies in Zone 2 are up. Most robberies occur very late evening or very early morning. Currently under investigation is a series of robberies in close proximity to ATM machines. Some victims have been forced to make ATM withdrawals. Increased traffic enforcement has been used to provide opportunities to stop suspicious vehicles. Reported auto larcenies are about even with last year, but auto larceny arrests are up over 200 percent, indicating successful enforcement.

Atlanta Police Department (APD), Community Oriented Policing Section (COPS)  
[AtlantaCops@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:AtlantaCops@atlantaGA.gov) (404-546-5650)  
No report.

Atlanta Fire Department (AFD)  
Chief Richard Heard  
Sergeant Randolph Council  
In 2012 over 95,000 calls for service were received by AFD. EMS performed 84 successful resuscitations. There were only five fire-related deaths. Current initiatives include use of fire stations as a short-term "safe place" for at-risk individuals, such as victims of child abuse or other domestic violence. Fire hydrants are being serviced. Registration with "Smart 911" is voluntary but recommended, as the information received is used to aid responding EMS and/or

firefighters. Approximately 70 new firefighters have recently joined AFD. April 1 was celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of racial integration of AFD.

Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DPRCA)

Al Dodson, [ADodson@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:ADodson@atlantaGA.gov) (404-817-6739)

Ansley Hill reporting 404-293-3880 [AHill@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:AHill@atlantaGA.gov)

Citizens may register for DPRCA-sponsored recreation programs by visiting the DPRCA section at [www.atlantaGA.gov](http://www.atlantaGA.gov)

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters [GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org](mailto:GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org)

- The Buckhead Coalition is providing complementary park benches to neighborhoods. Requests due no later than April 29.

- The Buckhead Coalition will launch its Diplomatic Leadership Corps program this summer and is accepting nominations of Buckhead Residents ages 25 through 30 who are aspiring to community leadership. Approximately twenty-five candidates will be selected for the program, which is free of charge and will take place June 10 through 14. The program includes an introduction to civic service and a four-day adaptive business leadership certificate program at the Georgia State University, J. Mack Robinson College of Business.

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902) [www.itsmarta.com](http://www.itsmarta.com)

No report.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM) (404-982-1480) [www.atlantawatershed.org](http://www.atlantawatershed.org)

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

Ms. Bair is new ambassador to NPU-B, replacing Thomas Kopanski. Ms. Bair gave a report and also distributed the Project Points monthly newsletter. Water system leaks should be reported to DWM customer service at 404-658-6500.

Public Works

Johnny Moore III, Solid Waste Manager, [JMooreIII@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:JMooreIII@atlantaGA.gov) (cell 404-558-5151)

Mr. Decius Aaron, Collections Chief, Solid Waste Services

No report.

APD Community Service Division, Code Enforcement Section

[CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov); 404-330-6190 / 404-330-6735; fax: 404-658-7084

Officer S. Clair, Code Enforcement Officer (404-416-8092 mobile); [ssclair@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:ssclair@AtlantaGA.gov)

No report.

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

No report.

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](mailto:tiffany.harlow@FultonCountyGA.gov)

The Community Prosecutor's Office is aiding law enforcement with crime investigations in the area.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Atlanta Civilian Review Board (ACRB) 404-865-8622. [www.acrbgov.org](http://www.acrbgov.org)

Lee Reid

Bill Bozarth

Mr. Reid and Mr. Bozarth are each members of the Atlanta Civilian Review Board (ACRB), an advisory board to the Chief of Police which hears complaints of misconduct by law enforcement or corrections staff within the APD or the Atlanta jail. These complaints involve matters such as false imprisonment, abusive language, excessive force, etc. The ACRB was established by ordinance in 2007 as an independent agency to provide citizen oversight of misconduct accusations against sworn members of the APD and the Atlanta Corrections Department.

#### Crime Stoppers Atlanta

404-577-TIPS; [www.CrimeStoppersAtlanta.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersAtlanta.org)

Mr. Duncan Gibbs

Crime Stoppers is a community-based non-profit organization aimed at removing criminals from the street. Crime Stoppers accepts on-line donations and also has an annual fundraiser, the Blue Jean Ball, to raise funds to use as rewards to citizens who supply tips to aid law enforcement in solving crimes. Lock doors. Keep valuables out of sight, especially in autos. Call Crime Stoppers at 404-577-TIPS to supply anonymous tips which will remain outside the public domain and thus not be subject to freedom of information (FOIA) requests. Thus far 171 arrests have come about as a result of tips supplied to Crime Stoppers Atlanta.

#### Kevin Leff, Esq. (Counsel for Scott Selig)

Mr. Leff reported regarding a “white paper” conceptual proposed ordinance to permit sales of wine and beer (but no distilled spirits) in certain areas along the Peachtree Street and Peachtree Road corridor which would otherwise be prohibited by the existing ordinance which requires 500 feet separation from residential areas. Mr. Leff distinguished “straight line” distances from “walking” distances. He plans to seek a general exemption along the Peachtree Street and Peachtree Road corridor for large retail centers with a minimum of 75,000 square feet of gross leasable space. He notes that the existing Publix and Trader Joes have special ad hoc “spot” exemptions.

**NPU-B Action: A resolution was approved by vote of 22-1-0 indicating a general openness/receptiveness to considering a draft ordinance along the lines discussed.**

### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**NPU-B Action: Minutes of the most recent regular monthly meeting were approved by vote of 23-0-0.**

### 5. PLANNER’S REPORT

Susan Rutherford (404-546-1251) [SRutherford@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:SRutherford@AtlantaGA.gov)

Ms. Rutherford reported regarding proposed ordinance 13-0-0426 which would amend land subdivision ordinance to encourage “green infrastructure,” including things such as narrowing required street width for new subdivisions and otherwise reducing impervious ground cover, and also proposed ordinance 13-0-0427 to define the circumstances under which new subdivisions are required to connect to the municipal sanitary sewer system rather than using private septic systems. The NPU-B members will review the draft legislation and vote during the next regular monthly meeting.

## **6. INTERNAL REPORTS**

### Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB)

Richard Rauh, NPU-B APAB delegate; Cathy Muzzy, alternate delegate  
Richard Rauh gave a brief report and also submitted a written report.

## **7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Bob Stasiowski, Chair  
Brian Arnold, reporting:

#### Festival Applications:

None.

#### Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

- Atlanta History Center / change of agent / approved in committee 6-0-0

**NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 23-0-0.**

Other Applications: None.

### **B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Abbie Shepherd, Chair  
No report.

### **C. ZONING COMMITTEE**

Bill Murray, Chair

#### Applications on Consent Agenda:

##### V-13-024 / 4630 Club Valley Drive

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the East side yard setback from 10 feet (required) to 6 feet for a second story addition. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time. Approved in committee 8-0-0.

**NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 23-0-0.**

#### Other applications:

None.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.