

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2014**

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

Present: 18
Absent 7
Proxies: 2
Amy Hillman to John Beach
Brian Ward to Jim Cosgrove

1. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Welcome and mission of NPU-B

2. AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

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

- Overall reported crime is down fifteen percent for the year, but larcenies (shoplifting) and auto larcenies continue to increase.
- During the recent snow storm many officers worked extremely long hours rescuing children from stranded school buses, etc. 80% of auto larceny victims are not residents of the City of Atlanta, which shows that the "plain view" education campaign inside the City has been an effective deterrent. Prevent auto larcenies by not leaving purses, electronic devices, and other valuables visible in vehicles.
- Twelve Zone 2 officers live within Zone 2

Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department (AFRD)

- Fire alarms must be registered with City of Atlanta. Fines for false alarms are increased – 1-855-725-7102 or www.crywolf.us/atlantaGA
- many fire-related fatalities involve improper use of space heaters. Nothing should be located within three feet of space heaters, and children should not be near space heaters, and space heaters should be turned off at night.
- every residence should have an escape plan involving at least two separate escape routes.
- Peachtree Bicycle shop fire was successfully contained within the bike shop.
- Stations 21 and 26 each housed a number of stranded motorists during the recent snow storms
- active shooter rapid response training program took place recently at lenox mall. New response system sends EMS concurrently with APD so that EMS can treat victims more quickly.

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902) www.itsmarta.com

Maj. Easterling reporting:

- The "Ride with Respect" program which went into effect in November continues to result in a large number of citations for various conduct issues such as panhandling, loud music, fare evasion, disorderly contact, smoking, etc.

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 gave a report and also distributed the Project Points monthly newsletter.
- March 17-23 is national Fix-a-Leak week. Visit the EPA website at www.epa.gov/watersense for suggestions to reduce leaks and wasteful water use.
- for information on the SFH toilet rebate program, call the Metro North Georgia Water Planning District at 404-463-8645 or visit www.northgeorgiawater.org/toiletrebate
- please consider a donation to the Care and Conserve Fund, which assists low-income and hardship customers with water bill payments and emergency repairs such as those necessitated by the recent hard freeze. For more information contact Southeast Energy Assistance at 404-885-1877 or visit www.atlantawatershed.org and navigate to "Care and Conserve."
- SSES sewer rehabilitation work is continuing on Paces Valley Road near the intersection with West Paces Ferry Road, causing periodic single-lane closures. Call 404-546-3200 for SSES project information.
- Water-line insurance is available at www.utilitylineprotection.com or 866-922-9006.
- online payments and ebilling enrollment are available at www.payATLwateronline.com
- Please report water system leaks to DWM customer service at 404-658-6500.

APD Community Service Division, Code Enforcement Section

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

404-330-6190 or fax to 404-658-7084

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

Officer Nicholas Shearer reported as follows:

- Code Enforcement Section is part of the Community Services Division of the Atlanta Police Department.
- "Step-in" temporary sign nuisance is not within jurisdiction of Code Enforcement. Where located within the right of way (ROW), enforcement is the responsibility of the Dept. of Public Works, and where located on sidewalks, enforcement is the responsibility of the Zoning Department and/or Bureau of Planning.
- A total of 23 Code enforcement complaints were received in past month, including 3 hazardous materials matters. In 10 of these 23 matters the investigation revealed no violation. Another four were brought into voluntary compliance. Two others are being researched further, and citations have been issued in connection with another two.

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

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

- Day programs for children ages 5-14 include a February break program available on February 14 and 17, a Spring Break camp (35.00 for the week), and a summer camp program (also 35.00 per week)

3162 Lenox Road demolition will begin soon.

- Citizens may register for DPR-sponsored recreation programs by visiting the DPR section at www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs

Department of Public Works

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

Verna Singleton at VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

No report.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Tiffany Harlow, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor

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No report.

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

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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 pedestrian bridge near Buckhead MARTA is expected to open in Spring. The new I85-GA400 ramps are expected to open in March. Five new traffic officers are expected to address congestion at the Lenox Loop and at the Piedmont/Peachtree intersection. GA400 path construction is being managed by the Path Foundation. The new Livable Buckhead community card program will have at least 18 participating businesses including retailers, hotels, and restaurants.

Buckhead Coalition

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No report.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

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Sally Silver participated in presentation of a master plan depicting re-design and construction of improvements to Charlie Lauder milk Park at intersection of Peachtree Road with East and West Paces Ferry Road and Roswell Road.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- Kelechi Uzochukwu, Graduate Research Assistant and PhD candidate in the school of Public Policy at Georgia State University, gave a report regarding a survey which will be circulated as part of her PhD dissertation work. She may be reached at KUzochukwu@gsu.edu

- Charlie Laudermilk Park: Bob Hughes and Sally Silver presented a master plan depicting the re-design and construction of improvements to Charlie Laudermilk Park at intersection of Peachtree Road with East and West Paces Ferry Road and Roswell Road.

NPU-B action: By vote of 20-0-0 the NPU-B authorized the Chair to address a letter of support to Charletta Wilson Jacks, Planning Director, with a courtesy copy to the office of District 7 Councilman Howard Shook.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: Minutes of the December, 2013 and January, 2014 regular monthly meetings of the NPU-B were approved by vote of 20-0-0.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

Ms. Lavendier reported regarding the upcoming 37th Annual Atlanta Urban Design Commission Awards of Excellence. A nomination form was circulated which outlines various award categories including Public Works of Art, Parks and Landscape Design, Urban Design, New Construction, Interior Design of Public Spaces, Historic Preservations, Adaptive Use, Contextural In-fill, Individual/Organization, and Sustainable Design. The project must be substantially complete in order to qualify for the award. Nominations must be received by the Office of Planning, City Hall Suite 3350, no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19. For further information contact Matt Adams at 404-330-6201 or mdadams@AtlantaGA.gov

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:

Peachtree Hills Arts Festival is scheduled for May 31-June 1, 2014. The promoter did not appear at the Public Safety Committee but the item was on the NPU-B agenda.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the Peachtree Hills Arts Festival passed by vote of 20-0-0.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

Bar-Taco 3802 Roswell Road / new business / approved in committee 3-0-0

W Buckhead / change of agent / approved in committee 3-0-0

Painted Pin / new business / approved in committee 4-0-0

Zoe's kitchen / change of agent / approved in committee 4-0-0
Trader Joe's / change of agent / approved in committee 4-0-0
Another Broken Egg / change of agent / approved in committee 4-0-0
Smoke Belly / additional facility / approved in committee 4-0-0

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 20-0-0.

Other Applications:
None.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Abbie Shepherd, Chair
No report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Consent Agenda:

V-14-011 2968 Hardman Court

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north transitional yard setback from 20 feet (required) to 7 feet for a rear 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 20-0-0.

Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:
None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.