

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2014**

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

Present: 16
Absent 9
Proxies: 6

Amy Hillman to John Beach
Jason Kendall to Mark Tiller
John Bailey to Bob Stasiowski
Michael Graff to Bob Connelly
Cathy Boston to Bob Connelly
Corey Tibbs to Andrea Bennett

1. CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS

- Welcome and mission of NPU-B
- Welcome to new NPU-B residential representative Sara Ohmer from Peachtree Heights East Neighborhood Association (PHENA)
- Election of 2014 NPU-B officers: By vote of 22-0-0 Bob Stasiowski was re-elected to serve as Treasurer. By vote of 22-0-0 Jim Cosgrove was re-elected to serve as Recorder.

2. AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

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

- Overall reported crime is down five percent for the year, but auto larcenies continue to increase. 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.
- Three new officers have been assigned to Zone 2.

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

Prosecution of recidivist offenders is a priority. Most Zone 2 crime is not committed by Zone 2 residents, so recidivism statistics are difficult to compile. Legislation provides that repeat offenders are to be given maximum sentence, but often the actual time served is much less. The Fulton County District Attorney’s office had a 97% conviction rate on cases tried over past year.

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

Maj. Easterling reporting:

- North Precinct headquarters has been moved from Lindbergh to Dunwoody.
- Only Part 1 crime in North Precinct during December was one snatch theft of cell phone in Buckhead station which resulted in an arrest.

- The “Ride with Respect” program which went into effect on November 9 has already resulted in a large number of citations for various conduct issues such as panhandling, loud music, fare evasion, disorderly contact, smoking, etc.

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

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

- New “Dancercise” and Yoga classes to begin soon, 1-2 days per week, at no charge.
- New “Tots Program” to begin in March for children ages 3 and 4.
- 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.

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.
- 12 meter and billing complaints were received and resolved in December
- water-saver kits are available free of charge at fire stations. These include water-efficient showerheads, aerators, etc.
- Current projects within NPU-B include CCTV work on Rickenbacker, Northmoor Court, and Westminster Circle
- SSES project near intersection of West Paces Ferry and Paces Valley Road. Call 404-546-3200 for SSES project information.
- Ms. Bair received eight billing/meter complaints over the past month, all are now resolved.
- Wrap/insulate pipes and leave water dripping during hard freezes.
- “FOG” awareness: Most sanitary sewer spills are caused by Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) placed in drains and kitchen sink garbage disposals – please dispose of FOG as solid waste/trash.
- 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.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

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No report.

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No report.

APD Community Service Division, Code Enforcement Section

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
No report.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org
No report.

Livable Buckhead, Inc.

Denise Starling, Executive Director

www.livablebuckhead.org

Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)

www.buckheadcid.com

Buckhead Area Transportation Management Association

www.batma.org

Mr. Tony Peters

No report.

3. PRESENTATIONS

None.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of minutes from the last regular monthly meeting will be on the agenda next month.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

No report.

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:

None.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

Café Bistro, 3500 Peachtree Road / change of agent / approved in committee 6-0-0

Zinburger, 3393 Peachtree Road / change of ownership / approved in committee 6-0-0

Zoe's Kitchen, 3655 Roswell Road / 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 22-0-0.

Other Applications:

Spring Hill Suites 3459 Lenox Road / change of agent / DEFERRED

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Abbie Shepherd, Chair

No report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Consent Agenda:

V-13-253 236 Eureka Drive.

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the half depth front yard setback from 17'6" (required) to 11'6", the front yard setback from 35' (required) to 24' and the East side yard setback from 7' (required) to 4' to allow for a second story addition and a screen porch addition to the top and rear of a 1 ½ story SFR. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

Approved: 5-0-0

BL-13-044 349 Peachtree Hills Avenue.

Applicant seeks a Special Administrative Permit to request an administrative variance to allowed shared parking spaces at 349 Peachtree Hills Avenue.

Approved: 5-0-0

V-13-249 3280 West Roxboro Road.

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the side yard setback from 10' (required) to 3' for a 2nd story addition and enclosing a carport. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

Approved: 5-0-0

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

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 7:35 p.m.