

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

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

Present: 18
Absent 0
Proxies: 3
Amy Hillman to Brian Arnold
Mark Tiller to Jason Kendall
Lisa Martinez to Andrea Bennett

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

- Reported crime in Zone 2 has dropped further and now down 2 percent over the year.
- Burglary suspect injured in gunfight during home invasion and charged with one count of robbery. It appears that he may be suspect for a number of other burglaries in Zone 2.
- "Sterling Silver Bandit" has been identified and has committed similar crimes elsewhere in Georgia and also in New York, Florida, and Tennessee.
- "Smash and Grab" suspects in Lenox mall have used no weapon, so chargeable with larceny but not robbery.

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

No report.

Atlanta Police Department (APD), Community Oriented Policing Section (COPS)

AtlantaCops@atlantaGA.gov (404-546-5650)

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.

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

No report.

Atlanta Fire Department (AFD)

Chief Richard Heard

No report.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

No report.

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

No report.

Livable Buckhead, Inc.

www.livablebuckhead.org

Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)

www.buckheadcid.com

Buckhead Area Transportation Management Association

www.batma.org

Tony Peters

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. Seasonal water-use restrictions are in place, meaning even/odd schedules and no Friday irrigation.

Contact Yolanda Bozman at 404-546-1262 or YDBozman@AtlantaGA.gov for more information regarding water-use restrictions. Water/sewer rates become much higher beyond 3 CCF per month. Irrigation meters may be purchased at 55 Trinity Avenue. The cost is \$1,885 within the City of Atlanta for a ¾ inch tap and irrigation meter. The 2012 Water Quality Report is now available online at www.atlantawatershed.org. Customers who wish to enroll in e-billing and online bill pay may do so at www.payATLwateronline.com. Water system leaks should be reported to DWM customer service at 404-658-6500.

Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DPRCA) (404-546-6813)

Angela Hill (404-237-2756) AHill@atlantaGA.gov

Denise Jordan reported

Pets must be on leash in all City parks, with exception of two dog park areas. Summer camps at Peachtree Hills have begun. Citizens may register for DPRCA-sponsored recreation programs by visiting the DPRCA section at www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs

Department of Public Works

Cheryl Hedgmon (404-330-6303) cbHedgmon@atlantaGA.gov

Ms. Hedgmon distributed a newsletter and gave a presentation. Fourth of July collection will be same schedule as usual. Roll-offs are available for bulk collection – call Verna Singleton at VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

3. PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Atlanta Public Schools (APS) www.atlanta.k12.ga.us (404-802-6537)

Dr. Tony Burks, TBurks@AtlantaPublicSchools.us

Dr. Burks supervises the North Cluster of schools. Dr. Burks discussed the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS), which focus on the “Four Es:” Excellence, Equity, Ethics, and Engagement. Construction of new North Atlanta High School campus on Northside Parkway is on schedule. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for Thursday, November 14 at 10:00 am. APS is participating in “Common Core Curriculum” which consists of voluntary national standards promulgated by U.S. Department of Education with input from a number of governors.

Breathe Easy of Fulton County; <http://www.breatheeasyfulton.org>

Elana Jordan; elanajor@gmail.com (510-967-6198)

Ms. Jordan indicated that the main focus is promoting benefits of smoke-free bars and restaurants, and educating public regarding risk of exposure to second-hand smoke.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: Minutes of the most recent regular monthly meeting were approved by vote of 21-0-0.

5. PLANNER’S REPORT

Jessica Lavandier

- a. An online assessment is being conducted to determine compliance with the fair housing choice program which is in place to implement federal fair housing act.
- b. 13-O-0641 is draft ordinance to establish new Atlanta Entertainment Department to handle issuance of permits, etc.
- c. 13-O-1097 is draft ordinance which would permit tenants leasing 100,000 square feet or more to have a sign on the exterior of the building even if they do not occupy 25 percent of building space as required under current ordinance.
- d. 13-O-1043 is draft ordinance which would amend permit fees charged by the City.

6. INTERNAL REPORTS

Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB)

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

In lieu of his usual written report, Mr. Rauh distributed a new APAB monthly newsletter.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bob Stasiowski, Chair

Festival Applications:

Live music event is planned at 5 Paces on Irby Street on August 30.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

- Red Pepper Taqueria, 3133 Piedmont / change of ownership / approved in committee 7-0-0
- Canton Buddah, 2900 Peachtree Road / change of ownership / approved in committee 7-0-0
- Ocean Prime, 3102 Piedmont Road / change of agent / approved in committee 7-0-0
- Vine and Tap, Lenox Village Shops / new business / approved in committee 7-0-0
- Cains Hill Group, 3198 Cains Hill / new business / approved in committee 7-0-0

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 21-0-0.

Other Applications: None.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Abbie Shepherd, Chair

No report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Consent Agenda:

V-13-075: 285 Eureka Drive; Approved in committee 9-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the east side yard setback from 7' (required) to 4' and reduce the west side yard setback from 7' (required) to 3' for a rear deck and side addition. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-13-081: 74 Mobile Avenue; Approved in committee 9-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 35' (required) to 32.2' to allow for a second story addition to a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-13-082: 73 Park Circle; Approved in committee 9-0-0 with neighbor verification

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the south side yard setback from 7' (required) to 4.5' for a rear addition. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-13-079: 77 East Andrews Drive; Approved in committee 9-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to locate a business identification monument sign 3' from the street where the required setback is 30' from the property line. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-13-084: 4044 Emma Lane; Approved in committee 9-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north side yard setback from 10' (required) to 5'8" for a rear addition. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-13-090: 2881 North Hills Drive; Approved in committee 9-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the South side yard setback from 7' (required) to 3' for a basement and attic build out. Applicant did not provide a complete set of plans for review. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

SD-13-015: 859 Loridans Drive; Approved in committee 9-0-0

Applicant seeks to build a 3 SFD subdivision.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 21-0-0.

Other applications:

V-13-054: 125 Lakeland Drive; Approved in committee 8-1-0 with conditions
Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the North side yard setback from 7' (required) to 3'. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of V-13-054 (125 Lakeland Drive) passed by vote of 21-0-0.

U-12-026 (Peachtree Road UMC youth center)

It was further reported by the Zoning Committee to the NPU-B that U-12-026 (SUP for Peachtree Road UMC youth center) was deferred for 30 days to allow additional time for Applicant and Buckhead Forest Civic Association to reach an agreement. The matter will be on the Zoning Committee agenda at its next meeting in July.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.