

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2014**

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

Present: 18
Absent 5
Proxies: 2
Michael Graff to Bob Connelly
Frank Toye to E.T. Laird

1. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Welcome and mission of NPU-B. Welcome to Mr. France Campbell, new residential representative from Peachtree Hills Civic Association.

2. AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

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

Major Hobbs reported that reported crime in Zone 2 is down seven percent overall compared to last year. Significant arrests over past month include one suspect linked to over 200 theft by taking crimes in the City and also in Cobb County and other neighboring areas. Complex case squads are involved in such multiple-jurisdiction investigations. Zone traffic unit is making approximately 1200 traffic stops per month, mostly from 6:00 am until midnight, but as additional officers are hired APD plans are to increase to 24-hour coverage.

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

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:

- Mr. Peters reported regarding street closures for the Race for the Cure this Saturday, May 10, and also regarding status of current phase of Peachtree Corridor improvement project.
- Phases III and IV of Peachtree Corridor improvement project will be subject of public comment section in middle of June (TBA) or online at BuckheadCID.com
- Path 400 Trail, Phase 1, is still slated for completion by end of calendar year 2014, and trees removed for the trail will be recycled.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

No report.

Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department (AFRD)

Sergeant Randolph Council, reporting

- Old cell phones and other electronic devices may be dropped off at any AFRD fire station as part of a fundraising effort to assist with firefighter tuition.
- Nine-volt transistor batteries left in contact with metal items can generate enough heat to ignite a fire, so be sure such batteries are stored with non-conducting material covering the terminals.

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

Officer Jacoway (404-848-4813) reporting:

- The “See Something, Say Something” smartphone app appears to be improving the ability of MPD to control crime, as it enables riders to report crime or disturbances anonymously.

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.
- Sewer rehabilitation continues on Paces Valley Road new West Paces resulting in single lane closures. For information regarding SSES/rehabilitation work, call 404-546-3200
- Over past month, 16 complaints were received, about half were meter and billing issues, all but one resolved.
- Please clean up pet waste to avoid water source contamination.
- 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.

Department of Public Works

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

Verna Singleton at VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

The department of Public Works has jurisdiction to remove unlawful signs in the right of way and also to issue citations to those who place “step-in” and other signage in the right of way.

APD Community Service Division, Code Enforcement Section

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

Officer Sotilleo reported that most code enforcement complaints fall into one of two main categories: (1) property maintenance; and (2) vacant and burned out buildings. Maintenance cases may remain open no longer than 158 days, and vacant/burned out building cases may remain open no longer than 30 days. Most cases are resolved well within those required timeframes by voluntary compliance, issuance of a citation, etc.

- Report cases by calling 404-330-6190 or fax to 404-658-7084. A new 311 system for reporting violations will become available soon.
- At the request of an NPU-B member, the Division will investigate code enforcement violations at the vacant building located at 3 Peachtree Avenue.

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
Alan Coleman acoleman@atlantaGA.gov
404-658-6658 office; 404-902-0934 mobile
No report.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7
(404) 330-6050; hshook@atlantaga.gov; www.HowardShook.com
No report.

3. PRESENTATIONS

55th Annual Lenox Square Fourth of July Fireworks Show

Setup will begin on July 1 with most visible setup work to take place on July 2. Entertainment will begin on July 4 at 1:00 pm with recorded music. Live music will begin at 6:00 pm. The opening act will be the winner of a performance contest, followed by Departure (a Journey tribute band), and then Party on the Moon, a cover band which will perform until just before the fireworks show. The celebration will conclude with a 20-minute fireworks show from 9:40pm until 10:00pm.

World Cup Kickoff Event

Big Sky restaurant on Caines Hill Place will be hosting the event on June 14 from noon until 2:00 am. There will be two bands. Live music will begin at noon and conclude no later than 11:00 pm. General admission is \$20 and VIP admission is \$30. One officer will be assigned to traffic control and another officer to crowd control. There will be no street or sidewalk closures.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the preceding regular monthly meeting of the NPU-B will be presented for approval at the next regular monthly meeting.

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:

- Churchhill's-upstairs / change of ownership / approved in committee 5-0-0
- Churchhill's-downstairs / change of ownership / approved in committee 5-0-0
- Gypsy Kitchen / new business / approved in committee 5-0-0
- Katana Steak and Sushi / new business / approved in committee 5-0-0
- Shake Shack / new business / approved in committee 6-0-0
- True Food Kitchen / change of ownership / approved in committee 6-0-0
- Spring Hill Suites-Market / change of agent/ approved in committee 6-0-0
- Spring Hill Suites-Main Facility / change of agent/ approved in committee 6-0-0
- Octane Coffee Bar/ new business / approved in committee 6-0-0
- Copper Cove Indian Bistro / new business / approved in committee 6-0-0

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

Other Applications:

- Blue Moon Pizza / deferred (no show)
- Buffalo Wild Wings / deferred (no show)

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

No report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Consent Agenda:

SD-14-009: 471 4134 Wieuca Road

Applicant seeks to build a 3 lot subdivision where only 1 lot currently exists. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time. Approved in committee 8-0-0.

Z-14-016: 18 Peachtree Avenue

Applicant seeks to rezone the property from RG-2 to MR-3. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time. Approved in committee 8-0-0 subject to conditions presented by Garden Hills Civic Association.

Z-14-010: 3663 Peachtree Road

Applicant seeks to rezone the property from RG-3-C to RG-3. Approved in committee 8-0-0 subject to conditions presented by Ridgedale Park Hills Civic Association.

V-14-077: 3663 Peachtree Road

Applicant seeks an exception from the zoning regulations to construct a 5'6" fence, 7' gate and a 9'6" wall and columns in the front yard setback. 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:

SD-14-008: 471 Loridans Road.

Applicant seeks to build a 2 lot subdivision where only 1 lot currently exists. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time. Approved in committee 5-3-0

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of SD-14-008 passed by vote of 18-1-1.

V-14-054: 3083 West Roxboro Road

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations for a 49' driveway in the half depth front yard setback (20" max), parking pad in the front yard setback, 6' retaining wall in the half depth front yard setback, 3 retaining walls in the front and half depth front yard setback and an 8'8" on the south side yard setback. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

DEFERRED BY APPLICANT

V-14-033: 39 West Park Avenue.

Applicant seeks an appeal from a decision of Administrative Officer.

DISMISSED BY APPLICANT

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.