

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting  
Tuesday, October 1, 2013**

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

Present: 18

Absent 7

Proxies: 1

Cory Tibbs to Brian Arnold

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

- Welcome and mission of NPU-B.
- Welcome to Kathy Collura who replaces Russ Pennington as appointed neighborhood representative from Peachtree Heights East Neighborhood Association (PHENA).

**2. AUDIENCE RECOGNITION**

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 gave a report and also distributed the Project Points monthly newsletter.

- Single-Family Toilet Rebate Program offers a \$100 per unit rebate for up to two units per residence replaced with new toilets with a rating at or below 1.28 gpf. More info at [www.northgeorgiawater.org/toiletrebate](http://www.northgeorgiawater.org/toiletrebate) or 404-463-8645.

- Please no leaves, etc. in storm water drains: "only rain goes down the drain." Clogged stormwater drains should be reported to DWM Customer Service at 404-658-6500.

- Disposable wipes clog sewer systems and should not be flushed down toilets.

- Customers may visit [www.payATLwateronline.com](http://www.payATLwateronline.com) to enroll for e-billing and online bill pay.

- During past month 314 billing and meter complaints were received and resolved in NPU-B.

- For rainwater catchment questions, contact Yolanda Boazman at 404-546-1262 or

[YDBoazman@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:YDBoazman@AtlantaGA.gov)

- Single-lane closures for sewer repairs will continue on Paces Valley Road, near West Paces Ferry Road.

- Water system leaks should be reported to DWM customer service at 404-658-6500.

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

Major Van H. Hobbs, Jr., [VHobbs@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:VHobbs@AtlantaGA.gov)

Lt. Miller, Zone 2 Evening Watch Commander

- home alarm systems must now be registered. Flyers were circulated at the meeting. Flyers were also included in water bills. Cry Wolf is a private contractor is handling citations and fines.

Fines for APD false alarm responses are \$150 each for unregistered systems. For registered systems, the fine is reduced to no charge for the first APD false alarm response and \$50 for the second. Register online at [www.crywolf.us/atlantaga/](http://www.crywolf.us/atlantaga/) or by phone at 1-855-725-7102.

- prevent auto larcenies by not leaving valuables visible in vehicles.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD) 404-546-7000

Chief Richard Heard

No report.

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

Lt. Foster

Maj. Easterling reporting:

- Snatch theft of iPhones still a big issue. Be especially careful on trains as doors open and close, which is when most snatch thefts of electronic devices occur. Stolen iPhones can easily be sold at mall kiosks.
- A new “SeeSay” (Something Say Something) smartphone app is now available to report crime from your smartphone discretely while on trains or facilities. Messages or even photos can be forwarded to MPD using the app.
- Louis J. Grisoglio, Senior Community Outreach Planner, MARTA Office of External Affairs, reported regarding the new “Ride with Respect” program which goes into effect on November 9. The program sets standards of conduct and provides for violating riders to be suspended for up to one year.

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

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

- Annika Holder is the newly-appointed Director of DPR, and brings experience from the New York City Parks Department.
- Early voting at Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC) runs Saturday, October 25 to Friday, November 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Troops for Fitness is now program beginning later this fall at PHRC funded by a grant.
- Arts Books and Crafts for tots is free of charge at PHRC on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00.
- Zuma class Mondays evenings at 6:00 p.m. at PHRC.
- Garden Hills Poolhouse construction to begin soon.
- Piedmont Park 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is Saturday, October 19.
- Citizens may register for DPR-sponsored recreation programs by visiting the DPR section at [www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs](http://www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs)

Department of Public Works

Cheryl Hedgemon (404-330-6303) [cbHedgemon@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:cbHedgemon@atlantaGA.gov) reported  
(alternate contact is Verna Singleton at [VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov))

- “bumper sticker” type decals are available to identify plastic bags which contain leaves and other yard trimmings.
- Street lights, street signs, potholes, and other traffic issues are all under jurisdiction of DPW Transportation Department. There is a new program underway to check operation of street lights. Street lights which are not operational may be reported to Ms. Hedgemon.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

(404) 330-6050

[hshook@atlantaga.gov](mailto:hshook@atlantaga.gov)

[www.HowardShook.com](http://www.HowardShook.com)

Sally Silver introduced herself as a staff member and provided contact information for Councilmember Howard Shook.

H. Lamar Willis, Councilmember, Post 3 at-Large

(404) 330-6030

[hlwillis@atlantaga.gov](mailto:hlwillis@atlantaga.gov)

[www.lamarwillis.com](http://www.lamarwillis.com)

Kelly Jackson, [kdjackson@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:kdjackson@atlantaGA.gov) introduced herself as a staff member and provided contact information for Councilmember H. Lamar Willis.

Livable Buckhead, Inc.

Denise Starling, Executive Director

[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)

Mr. Tony Peters

- No report.

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

Alan Coleman [acoleman@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:acoleman@atlantaGA.gov)

404-658-6658 office; 404-902-0934 mobile

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](mailto:ssclair@AtlantaGA.gov)

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)

No report.

Buckhead Coalition

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

No report.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

NPU-B business representative elections will be held on Tuesday, November 12 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Phillip, 2744 Peachtree Road. Candidates, including incumbent business representatives, are to contact the business coordinator, Mark Tiller, to supply contact information, bios, and qualifying information. Appointed residential representatives are to contact the residential coordinator, Nancy Bliwise.

John Schaffner of BuckheadView.com announced a weekly newsletter which is emailed to subscribers. Subscribe online or by email to [buckheadview@gmail.com](mailto:buckheadview@gmail.com)

#### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**NPU-B Action: Minutes of the most recent regular monthly meeting were approved by vote of 19-0-0.**

#### **5. PLANNER'S REPORT**

Jessica Lavandier had no report, but the NPU-B acted on two matters which had been presented by Ms. Lavandier at the previous NPU-B meeting:

- Z-13-22 is a proposed ordinance to amend the general off-street parking requirements for eating and drinking establishments associated with hotels located in the mixed-use residential commercial (MRC) zoning district so as to correlate with the off-street parking requirements for free-standing or mixed use eating and drinking establishments set forth in the MRC designations. No vote was taken at the last NPU-B meeting but the NPU-B agreed informally at that meeting that the proposal would be taken under advisement for possible future vote.

**NPU-B action: It is the understanding of the NPU-B that there are no MRC Districts within the NPU-B area except those already governed by SPIs, so by unanimous voice vote the NPU-B chose not to express a position on the matter.**

- 13-O-1195 is a proposed ordinance to limit and regulate operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). Use of ATVs would be prohibited on public streets, sidewalks, bike paths, parks, etc. Even where otherwise permitted, ATV use would be permitted only by persons sixteen or more years of age and in possession of a valid Georgia driver's license. With reference to questions and concerns raised by several board members at the previous NPU-B meeting, it was subsequently determined that golf cart use would NOT fall under that definition or otherwise be regulated by the ordinance. It was also reported that ATV use in parks and other public areas has become a nuisance in some other NPU areas, and that the proposed legislation is needed to address those issues and to protect adjoining residential areas.

**NPU-B action: a motion to support legislation limiting and regulating use of all-terrain (ATVs) was approved by vote of 19-0-0.**

#### **6. INTERNAL REPORTS**

Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB)

Richard Rauh, NPU-B APAB delegate; Cathy Muzzy, alternate delegate.  
Mr. Rauh submitted a written report.

Ad hoc committee to consider amendments residential distance requirements in Alcohol Code

Bob Stasiowski announced that the ad hoc committee will meet October 23 to consider NPU-B recommendations. Maureen Hathaway, a Peachtree Park resident from Dale Drive, reported that she has circulated a petition which now has signatures from over 150 Peachtree Park households who are opposed and/or have concerns about this proposal.

## **7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Bob Stasiowski, Chair

#### Festival Applications:

- Five Paces Block Party (during SEC championship game)
- 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Macy's Tree Lighting on Thanksgiving evening will be a community-based entertainment theme with three local opening acts (all school-age children), followed by Brett Eldridge and then Judith Hill from The Voice. The final act has not yet been announced.

#### Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

- The Palm - change of agent / approved in committee 7-0-0
- Buckhead Tavern - new business / approved in committee 7-0-0
- Peachtree Tavern / change of ownership / approved in committee 7-0-0
- Taka Sushi / add distilled spirits to existing beer and wine license / approved in committee 7-0-0
- Sushi Kiku / change of ownership / approved in committee 7-0-0

**NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 19-0-0.**

#### Other Applications:

None.

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

Abbie Shepherd, Chair

D&T did not meet in September but will meet in October regarding recommendations for “wish list” of capital improvement projects to be funded with user fees, etc.

### **C. ZONING COMMITTEE**

Bill Murray, Chair

#### **Applications on Consent Agenda:**

V-13-146: 3674 & 3678 Kingsboro Road.

Applicant seeks a special exception from zoning regulations to construct a 6' open fence in the required front yard. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time. Approved 6-0-0.

V-13-097: 4103 Club Drive

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the rear yard setback from 20' (required) to 5' for a rear addition and to exceed the maximum lot coverage from 40% to 50% for a driveway. Applicant seeks no other exceptions at this time. Approved 6-0-0 with conditions which include a limitation of no more than 40 percent impervious surface coverage.

Z-13-006: 3463 (AKA 3465) PIEDMONT ROAD (Prominence)  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUCKHEAD/LENOX STATIONS BLOCK AREA MAP TO INCORPORATE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3463 (AKA 3465) PIEDMONT ROAD N.E. AND ASSIGN A BLOCK AREA THERETO; TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO REVISE THE BUCKHEAD/LENOX STATIONS DISTRICT STREET FRAMEWORK MAP AND TO REVISE THE BUCKHEAD/LENOX STATIONS HEIGHT FRAMEWORK MAP TO INCLUDE 3463 (AKA 3465) PIEDMONT ROAD N.E. IN THE TRANSITION STATION AREA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
Approved 6-0-0.

Z-13-010: 3700 Peachtree Road  
Applicant is requesting to rezone the property from RG-2 to RG-3. Approved 6-0-0 with conditions.

V-13-145: 2279 Fairhaven Circle  
Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the south side yard setback from 7'(required) to 2' to construct a storage shed. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time. Approved 6-0-0.

V-13-162: 2137 Virginia Place  
Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the east side yard setback from 7' (required) to 6'2" for single story addition to a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time. Approved 6-0-0.

V-13-158: 615 Darlington Road.  
Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the east side yard setback from 7' (required) to 3' and reduce the west side yard from 7' (required) to 3' for a new garage. Applicant did not provide a full set of plans for review. Applicant did not provide a full set of plans. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time. Approved 6-0-0 with conditions including minimum 5' west side yard set back and no kitchen to be included in new structure.

**NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 19-0-0.**

Other Applications:  
None.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

Since its September regular monthly meeting, and by unanimous email vote of a quorum of its members prior to the instant meeting, the NPU-B has authorized its Chair to address letters of support to Park Pride regarding the following two grant applications:

(1) A joint application from Livable Buckhead, Inc. and Buckhead Heritage Society for a grant in the amount of \$3,782.00 for clean-up and gravesite mapping at the Lowery-Stevens cemetery site on Lolidans Drive.

(2) An application from Peachtree Heights West Civic Association for a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to clear Sibley Park of invasive plants (kudzu) by grazing sheep.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.