

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2013**

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

Present: 18
Absent 7
Proxies: 3
Jason Kendall to Bob Stasiowski
Randall Kent to Bob Stasiowski
Abbie Shepherd to Bill Bozarth

1. CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS

Welcome and mission of NPU-B.

2. AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Livable Buckhead, Inc.

www.livablebuckhead.org

Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)

www.buckheadcid.com

Buckhead Area Transportation Management Association

www.batma.org

Mr. Tony Peters

- No report.

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

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

- Overall reported crime in Zone 2 is down 2 percent over the year.

- Robberies in Zone 2 are up this year, approximately 100 this year to date, but still lowest of all APD zones.

Aggravated assault down 17 percent.

Auto theft down 7 percent.

Auto larcenies (items stolen from vehicles) up.

“Silver Thief” being held in Florida and will be extradited to Georgia as a result of warrants issued by Zone 2. Same suspect believed to be involved in thefts in Athens, Columbus and Thomaston. Stolen items were crushed and sold by weight to metal dealers located out of state.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

404-546-7000

Chief Richard Heard

Captain Kelly

- October 6-12 is fire prevention week. Salica Glickman 404-546-7269

- Citizens Fire academy begins 9/24. Contact mamiddlebrooks@atlantaGA.gov

- to enroll in Smart 911 program, visit www.smart911.com

- AFRD has recently added five new engines, 3 new ladders, and 3 battalion chief trucks (2 more to come)

- Station 26 will be getting an advanced life support (ALS) engine

- looking for funding for “Quick Unit” SUV with life support equipment to be operated by two personnel for fast response particularly during rush hour, etc.
- Fire calls in last month included 3300 Lenox Road (JW Marriott), a kitchen fire in a residence on Slaton Drive, and a kitchen fire at 3747 Peachtree Road (Lenbrook)

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

Lt. Foster and Maj. Easterling

No reported crime during holiday weekend in North Precinct.

Part 1 crime about level with last year

Part 2 crime (less serious non-violent crime) up 42 percent so far this year.

Be especially careful on trains as doors open and close, which is when most snatch thefts of electronic devices occur

A new “SeeSay” (Something Say Something) smartphone app is now available to report crime from your smartphone discretely while on trains or facilities.

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.

- Rain barrel workshop to be held on Thursday, September 19 from 11 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the DWM Water Works Lodge, 655 Green Street, NW. The workshop fee is \$40.00 which includes one rain barrel and materials and can be paid on site by check or cash. To register contact Yolanda Boazman at 404-546-1262 or YDBoazman@AtlantaGA.gov
- water and sewer line warranties are available
- new floodplain notices: property-specific info available at www.atlantawatershed.org
- Please no leaves, etc. in storm water drains: “only rain goes down the drain.”
- During past month 3 irrigation meter refunds and 12 meter issues were resolved within NPU-B.
- Customers may visit www.payATLwateronline.com to enroll for e-billing and online bill pay.
- Water system leaks should be reported to DWM customer service at 404-658-6500.

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

Mr. Coleman presented a summary of primary code-enforcement prosecution functions of the Solicitor’s office, then discussed some specific provisions. Yard signs must be off the right of way per City code section 138-13. Ten feet off the curb is a good rule of thumb. Blowing leaves into street is unlawful disposal of litter within the meaning of City code section 74-606.

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

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

- First annual tot Olympics to be held September 28.
- Basketball clinics on four Mondays beginning September 9.
- After school program available for \$35 / week, including transportation from APS schools.
- Lacrosse and soccer programs will begin in September. Open house is August 13 at 6:30 pm, and anyone interested in volunteering to coach please contact DPR.
- Demolition to begin soon at 3162 Lenox Road
- Pre-K program on Tues and Thursdays from 11:00 to 12:00
- 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 reported
(alternate contact is Verna Singleton at VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov)

- DPW in process of hiring four more officers and one supervisor to step up issuance of citations.
- Efforts being made in other NPUs to improve/increase recycling.

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.

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.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

No report.

3. PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friends of Mountain Way Common has applied for a \$100,000.00 grant from Park Pride and seeks a letter of support from the NPU-B.

NPU-B Action: A resolution was approved by vote of 21-0-0 to address a letter to Park Pride in support of the grant application.

- Susan G. Komen 3-Day walk will be held Friday, October 18 through Sunday, October 20. The route will pass through NPU-B only on Sunday, October 20. There will be no street closures.

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

- Z-13-22 is a proposed text amendment to the MRC Districts to reduce parking requirements for eating and drinking establishments located in hotels and motels. No vote was taken but the NPU-B agreed informally that the proposal would be taken under advisement for possible vote at or after the next regular monthly meeting.

- New municipal legislation is proposed 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. Several board members

commented that the definition of an ATV would need to be clarified and expressed concern that golf carts might fall within the definition of an ATV. No vote was taken but the NPU-B agreed informally that the proposal would be taken under advisement for possible vote at or after the next regular monthly meeting.

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:

- Havana Club / additional facility / approved in committee 6-0-0
- Loco Deli and Pub / additional facility / approved in committee 6-0-0
- The Stork Club / new facility / approved in committee 6-0-0

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

Andrea Bennett reported. There were no applications on the D&T agenda this month. D&T will be working on recommending revisions to some of the SPI legislation. D&T is also planning to work on a prioritized “wish list” of projects within NPU-B to be funded with impact fees. D&T may also become involved in monitoring and opposing inappropriate tax abatements. Although there was no action requiring a vote, it appears that there is consensus that tax abatements tend to be over-used by development authorities and are appropriate only where necessary to encourage desirable development which would not otherwise not be commercially feasible but which benefit the community by encouraging new employment opportunities, development in blighted areas, construction of low-income housing, etc.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Consent Agenda:

V-13-140: 40 West Brookhaven Drive

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the south side yard setback from 10' (required) to 3' for a new garage. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

Approved in committee 10-0-0

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

Other Applications:

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Bill Bozarth reminded the NPU-B that Section 2.3 of the NPU-B bylaws requires that the Business Representative Coordinator announce the date, time, and location of the business representative election at or before the October meeting, and that elections must occur in November, no later than the third Tuesday in November.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.