

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2014**

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

Present: 17

Absent 9

Proxies: 6

Frank Toye to ET Laird

Randall Kent to Bob Stasiowski

Abbie Shepard to Jason Kendall

Amy Hillman to Jason Kendall

Michael Isaacs to Bill Bozarth

Michael Graff to Bob Connelly

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Welcome and mission of NPU-B.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the August meeting will be presented for approval next month.

3. REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES, COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHER AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

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

Captain Adam Lee, Assistant Comander, Zone 2, Alee@AtlantaGA.gov

Captain Lee reported an increase in reported robberies in Zone 2 and City wide. Most robberies occur during evening or early morning and could be avoided if victims were more aware of their surroundings. Auto larcenies are still among the most frequently-reported crimes, but have not been increasing.

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 Fire and Rescue Department (AFRD)

No report.

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

Major Easterling from MPD North Precinct reported. There was a carjacking in the parking deck at Lindbergh station, near the Longhorn location. The victims were college students and the suspects have been apprehended. There have been approximately 89 arrests in the MPD North Precinct during calendar year 2014 to date. It is recommended that patrons download the "SeeSay" app to report crime from a smartphone.

Department of Public Works

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

Verna Singleton, VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

A color glossy brochure was distributed regarding a proposed \$250 million 2015 infrastructure bond issue. Please do not recycle plastic bags such as grocery bags, etc, as those clog the material sorting/handling machinery.

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

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

Ms. Deneen Jordan reported regarding various programs available at the Peachtree Hills Recreation Center including an after-school program which runs as late as 7:00 pm, a toddler program, and a teen program. For further information contact DYJordan@AtlantaGA.gov

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:

No report.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

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

No report. Verna Bair has been hospitalized following a heart attack.

APD Community Service Division, Code Enforcement Section

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

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.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

14-O-1366: (Subdivision of Lots in Historic Neighborhoods)

A draft ordinance introduced by Councilmember Howard Shook to amend Section 15-06.001 of the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Atlanta so as to limit the definition of the term “Historic Neighborhood” to include only those neighborhoods listed on the National Register of Historic Places; to amend Section 15-08.005 of the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Atlanta; and for other purposes.

NPU-B action: A motion to oppose this legislation passed by vote of 23-0-0.

Z-14-029 (Bicycle Rental Facilities on privately-owned property within certain residential zoning classifications)

A draft ordinance introduced by Council Zoning Committee to amend the City Code by creating a new section within Part 16, Chapter 28 “General and Supplemental Regulations” which is to be codified as Section 16-28-029 “Self-Service Bicycle Rental Facilities” and for other purposes. This legislation would generally permit self-service bicycle rental stations on privately-owned property within any zoning classification OTHER than R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-4A, R-4B, R-5 or PD-H, provided that any site designated or regulated by the Historic Preservation Ordinance shall require approval of the Urban Design Commission.

NPU-B action: A motion to support this legislation passed by vote of 23-0-0.

14-O-1325 (Bicycle Rental Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way)

An ordinance introduced by the Utilities Committee to amend the City Code by creating a new section in Part II, Chapter 138 to be entitled “Bike-Sharing Infrastructure” and for other purposes. This legislation would generally permit operation of self-service bicycle rental stations within the public right-of-way

NPU-B action: A motion to oppose this legislation passed by vote of 22-1-0.

6. INTERNAL REPORTS

Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB)

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

Mr. Rauh submitted a written report.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bob Stasiowski, Chair

Festival Applications (no NPU vote):

Fado Fall Festival to be held Saturday, September 27, from noon until 11:00 p.m.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

- Lenbrook, 3747 Peachtree Road / change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0
- Doubletree, 3342 Peachtree Road / change of ownership / approved in committee 5-0-0
- Residence Inn Hotel, 2960 Piedmont Road / change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0

- R&D Restaurant Group, 4365 Roswell Rd #4367 / new business / approved in committee 5-0-0
NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 23-0-0.

Other Applications:
None.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair
D&T met last week but all applications were deferred.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Consent Agenda:

V-14-146: 713 East Paces Ferry Road
Applicant seeks a variance from zoning regulations to reduce north side yard setback from the required 7 feet to 4 feet for a second story addition.

V-14-148 / 3885 Stratford Park Drive: Applicant seeks a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the half-depth front yard setback from the required 25 feet to 13 feet, 6 inches and also seeks a special exception for active recreation adjacent to a public street for a swimming pool

SD-14-022: 4249 Wieuca Road
Applicant seeks to subdivide the subject property into three lots.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 23-0-0.

Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:
None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.