

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2014**

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

Present: 18

Absent : 7

Proxies: 4

Bob Connelly to Bill Murray

Amy Hillman to Jason Kendall

Cathy Boston to Sara Ohmer

John Bailey to Andrea Bennett

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Welcome and mission of NPU-B.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion to approve minutes from the August and September, 2014 regular monthly meetings of the NPU-B passed by vote of 22-0-0.

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 crime down overall, but a spike in burglaries, many involving residences which were left unlocked overnight. Captain Lee also introduced Sergeant Hester, interim director for community service unit, which focuses largely on eliminating crime in abandoned dwellings, etc., and also Lieutenant Joe Cummings, Assistant Commander for Code Enforcement (404-274-9022 mobile or JCummings@AtlantaGA.gov)

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 were no Part I crimes (crime against person) over past month. Intoxicated patrons of Tongue and Groove and Wet Willies continue to present challenges for the Lindbergh MARTA station areas, and MPD has observed that alcoholic beverages are being consumed in the areas immediately outside Wet Willies. Wet Willies patrons commonly park in the Lindbergh MARTA parking decks.

Department of Public Works

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

Verna Singleton, VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

No report.

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

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

Deneen Jordan DYJordan@AtlantaGA.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:

- Public input meetings are not yet set for Phases III and IV of the Peachtree Transformation Project. Phase III begins at Maple Drive and extends to West Shadowlawn Avenue. Phase IV begins at West Shadowlawn Avenue and ends at Sheridan Drive / Peach Shopping Center).
- Charlie Laudermilk Park construction to be completed by November, 2014.
- Grand funds being sought to develop new master plan, as current plan dates back to 2001.-
- PATH400 Trail Phase I (Tower Place to Old Ivy) to be completed by year end. Phase II (Old Ivy to Wieuca) to begin later this month and be complete by end of 2015. Start and completion dates are not yet set for Phase III (Sydney Marcus Boulevard to Miami Circle).
- Lenox Loop medians will be enhanced to look similar to those on Peachtree Road.
- Lane closures planned on Peachtree Road for planting seasonal color on weekend of 10/25.
- Traffic study to be available in November compares October 2014 traffic flow on GA400 tollbooth area with October 2013 (prior to removal of the toll booth).

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

Mr. Peters reported a pilot program which supplies trauma kits to APD. Approximately 2/3 of law enforcement officer fatalities are caused by trauma-related blood loss. Trauma kits are intended to mitigate blood loss following shootings or other trauma. Kits are very compact (5x7 inches) and cost approximately \$50 each.

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.

Atlanta Public Schools (APS)

Denise Rebels reported that children between ages of 7 and 16 are required by law to attend a public or private school. During the 2013-2014 academic year there were 1199 reported truancy cases, 61 of those within Zone 2. Call 911 to report truancy call 911 or the APS truancy center at 404-802-3649.

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

Peachtree Heights East Duck Pond

Peggy McCormick, Campaign Chair

president@peachtreeheightseast.org

The Duck Pond Park Century Campaign is a capital campaign currently underway to raise \$550,000.00, ideally by May, 2015, to fund preservation of the Duck Pond. Ms. McCormick gave a presentation, distributed brochures, and also referred to www.preserveduckpond.org

NPU-B action: By unanimous consent the Chair was empowered to address a letter of support on behalf of the Duck Pond Park Century Campaign regarding its application for a grant from Park Pride.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

- Ms. Lavendier reported that the next quarterly public hearing for land use amendments will be held on Tuesday November 18 at 6:00 pm at City Council Chambers. Three land use amendment cases from NPU-B are on that calendar.

- Infrastructure Bond Referendum project list can be accessed from Public Works Department website. The public vote on the referendum will take place during March or April.

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
Andrea Bennett reported

Festival Applications (no NPU vote):

Big Sky SEC Showing / Big Sky Buckhead / December 6-20, 2014
Macy's Tree Lighting and Parade / Lenox Square Mall / November 27, 2014

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

1. Le Bibloquet 3035 Peachtree Rd / new business / approved in committee 5-0-0.
2. The Establishment 3167 Peachtree Rd / change of ownership / approved in committee 5-0-0
3. Renaissance assisted living 3755 Peachtree Rd / approved in committee 5-0-0
4. Naan Stop Restaurant 3420 Piedmont Rd / new business / approved in committee 5-0-0

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 22-0-0.

Other Applications:

None.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

Z-14-01 Shady Valley land use change was approved unanimously in committee.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 22 -0-0.

Z-14-037 Lindbergh SPI was deferred at request of applicant. Applicant is expected to present at October Development and Transportation Committee meeting.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Consent Agenda:

Z-14-040 / 2860 Piedmont Road

Applicant seeks to rezone the property from C-1-C to C-1-C with amended conditions.
APPROVED in committee 7-0-0 provided conditions to be executed on or before by 10/7
(executed conditions have now been received).

Z-14-01 / 2600, 2636, 2640, 2646 Shady Valley Dr. and 2601, 2633 Lenox Road

Applicant seeks to rezone to Medium Density Residential. A land use application (CDP-14-024) is also pending (see Development and Transportation report, above).
APPROVED in committee 7-0-0.

V-14-186 / 3437 Rockhaven Circle

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 50 feet (required) to 39 feet and to reduce the west side yard setback from 10 feet (required) to 5'3" to enclose a porch, add a condensing unit, and a garage addition to a one-story single-family residence. Applicant seeks no other exceptions at this time.

Side-yard setback APPROVED 7-0-0 in committee.

Front-yard setback DENIED 7-0-0 in committee.

V-14-193 / 471 Pine Tree Drive

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 50 feet (required) to 4 feet for a second-story addition. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

APPROVED in committee 7-0-0 conditioned upon receipt by 10/7 of letters of support from all adjoining property owners (letters have since been received).

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 22-0-0.

Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:

V-14-190 / 3976 Club Drive

Deferred (at request of applicant).

V-14-171 / 4168 Wieuca Road

Withdrawn.

V-14-195 / 200 Laurel Forest Circle

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the east side yard setback from 10 feet (required) to 3 feet to allow for a right rear addition and a new garage to a single-family residence. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

Approved in committee 6-0-1 (one abstention).

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of V-14-195 / 200 Laurel Forest Circle passed by vote of 21-0-1 (one abstention).

Multiple no-show applications:

V-14-154 / 338 Pinecrest Road

V-14-160 / 667 Darlington Circle

Z-14-047 / 2573 Lenox Road

NPU-B action: A motion to deny the above-listed three applications (based on multiple no-shows in committee) passed by vote of 22-0-0:

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.