

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

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

Present: 20
Absent: 5
Proxies: 5

Cathy Boston to Bob Connelly
France Campbell to Andrea Bennett
John Beach to Andrea Bennett
Lisa Martinez to Abbie Shepherd
John Bailey to Abbie Shepherd

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

- Welcome and mission of NPU-B
- Election of Officers

NPU-B Action: A motion passed by vote of 25-0-0 to elect the following members to serve as 2015 officers and committee chairs:

Andrea Bennett, Chair
Bob Connelly, Vice Chair
Bob Stasiowski, Treasurer
Jim Cosgrove, Recorder
Jason Kendall, Chair, Development and Transportation Committee
Bill Murray, Chair, Zoning Committee
Randall Kent, Chair, Public Safety Committee

NOTE: Election of current business representatives to serve as 2015 officers and committee chairs was conditioned upon re-election of each such business representative as a 2015 NPU-B member. The business representative election took place as scheduled on December 4, 2014 and all incumbent business representatives were re-elected to serve another term.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion to approve minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting of the NPU-B passed by vote of 25-0-0.

3. REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHERS IN AUDIENCE

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

Major Van H. Hobbs, Jr., Precinct Commander, Zone 2, VHobbs@AtlantaGA.gov

Captain Adam Lee III, Assistant Precinct Commander, Zone 2, ALee@AtlantaGA.gov

Captain Lee reported that all six precincts experienced temporary personnel loss due to temporary personnel transfers to mobile field force to patrol downtown area following Ferguson grand jury decision. During that period most/all precincts experienced an increase in reported burglaries and auto larcenies, which is attributed to the temporary reduction in regular patrols within the precincts.

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)

Richard Heard, Battalion Chief

- An October response to fire at 3100 block of Piedmont Road resulted in one firefighter injury.
- Chief Heard also reported regarding basic holiday safety tips, including risks associated with overloading circuits for decorative lighting, the need to keep Christmas trees watered to reduce fire risk, etc.

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

Major Easterling from MPD North Precinct reported an increase in crime attributed to holidays and/or Ferguson-related unrest. Major Easterling also reported regarding several specific incidents, including robberies of taxicab patrons by taxicab drivers and/or persons posing as such. Use the SeeSay app to report crime anonymously from your smart phone. Photos and even video may be submitted using the SeeSay app. More color glossy brochures were distributed promoting use of the SeeSay app.

Department of Public Works

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

Verna Singleton, VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

Ms. Hedgemon reported regarding shuttle "trial runs." Discussions continue regarding plans for new traffic light on Roswell Road at Ivy Condominium entrance.

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

www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs

No report.

Angela Hill, manager, Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC)

AHill@atlantaGA.gov (404-237-2756)

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:

- The fourth annual Eco Collection event was hosted in Mid-October. A brochure was distributed outlining the results. Thank you to Sally Silver for extensive volunteer work and also to the event sponsors: District 7 Councilperson Howard Shook and District 8 Councilperson Yolanda Adrean.
- A brochure was distributed regarding the CID Holiday Traffic Officer Program. It was noted that there is currently no officer assigned at Wieuca Road at Lenox (Buckhead Loop)
- Construction continues at Loudermilk Park and is expected to be completed during 2015.

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 was hospitalized following a heart attack and is on administrative leave while recovery.

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

L'Erin Barnes, Senior Assistant Solicitor, LEBarnes@AtlantaGA.gov (404-680-6498)

No report.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

(404) 330-6050; hshook@atlantaga.gov; www.HowardShook.com

SLSilver@atlantaGA.gov

New Council Committee Assignments are complete, and Howard Shook will be serving on the following three committees: Zoning, Finance, and Utilities. Regarding the proposed infrastructure bond, Howard Shook (District 7) and Yolanda Adrian (District 8) are working to include more projects within Districts 7 and 8. User Fees due from developers have largely gone uncollected, and there is no other source of infrastructure funds within the regular budget. Watershed has commissioned a Nancy Creek watershed study, on which Ms. Silver serves.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

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 (no NPU vote):

None.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

1. Brio Tuscan Grill / change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0
2. California Pizza Kitchen / change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0
3. Lost Dog Tavern / additional facility / approved in committee 5-0-0
4. On the Border / change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 25-0-0.

Other Applications:

None.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

CDP-14-019 / 658 and 690 Lindbergh Drive (CD/HR Committee: CDP Land Use Amendment)

NOTE: Subject property is located within SPI-15 (Lindbergh Transit Station Area)

An ordinance by the Community Development / Human Resources Committee to amend the land use element of the 2011 Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) to as to re-designate property 658 and 690 Lindbergh Drive from the High Density Residential (HDR) to High Density Commercial (HDC) land use designation and for other purposes (related zoning application is Z-14-037)

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend denial of CDP-14-019 was passed by a vote of 17-8-0.

CDP-14-026 / 605 Darlington Road (CD/HR Committee: CDP Land Use Amendment)

An ordinance by the Community Development / Human Resources Committee to amend the land use element of the 2011 Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to re-designate property located at 605 Darlington Road from the single family residential (SFR) to the low-density commercial land use designation and for other purposes. (related zoning application is Z-14-064)

NPU-B action: A motion recommend denial of CDP-14-026 was passed by a vote of 21-4-0.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Consent Agenda:

V-14-222 / 972 Canter Road

APPROVED in committee 7-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the rear yard setback from 20' (required) to 13'5" and exceed the lot coverage from existing 43.55% to 49% for a pool and spa. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

Z-14-060 / 514,516,520 and 526 East Paces Ferry Road, and 3081 Maple Drive

APPROVED in committee 7-0-0 CONDITIONED TO "BLENDED" DENSITY OF 2.20

Applicant seeks to rezone from SPI-9 SA3 to SPI-9 SA3. This rezoning will increase base density permitted from 0.848 and 2.696 to 2.696 for all parcels and deleting conditions currently applicable for this parcel.

V-14-233 / 3667 Peachtree Road

APPROVED in committee 7-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the east side yard setback from 16'8" (required) to 9'4", reduce the west side yard setback from 21'7" (required) to 9'4" for a new multifamily development. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-14-253 / 120 Peachtree Way

APPROVED in committee 7-0-0 CONDITIONED TO SITE PLAN

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to construct a detached garage in front of the main house. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-14-261 / 3927 Whittington Drive

APPROVED in committee 7-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 50' (required) to 10' to allow a detached 2 story accessory structure to be constructed in front of the main structure of a SFR. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 25-0-0.

Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:

SD-14-030 / 4177 Wieuca Road

APPROVED in committee 6-1-0

Applicant seeks to develop a 2 lot subdivision where 1 lot exists

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of SD-14-030 passed by vote of 21-4-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPU-B business representative elections will be held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm this Thursday, December 4 at St Phillips Cathedral.

Regarding CDP-14-019 / 658 and 690 Lindbergh Drive (see D&T report, above), this application was deferred at the November quarterly CDP hearing, and although regular CDP hearings before the City Council CD/HR Committee ordinarily occur only quarterly, the CD/HR Committee has scheduled a special CDP hearing on this application for Tuesday, December 9 at 12:30pm in Committee Room 2 at City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue.

The regularly-scheduled meetings of BZA and ZRB this month are December 4 and December 11. BZA meets at noon. ZRB meets at 6:00 pm.

2015 NPU-B members are reminded to pay dues to the Treasurer, Bob Stasiowski, by January 6. Dues are \$65.00 for neighborhood representatives and \$65.00 for business representatives (\$35.00 for business representatives who are sole proprietors).

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.