

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Andrea Bennett, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 13

Proxies: 8

Amy Hillman to Bill Murray
Sara Ohmer to Randall Kent
Bob Stasiowski to Randall Kent
John Bailey to Andrea Bennett
Frank Toye to Bill Bozarth
Jason Kendall to Bill Bozarth
Mark Tiller to Andrea Bennett
Michael Graff to Bob Connelly

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 previous regular monthly meeting of the NPU-B passed by vote of 21-0-0.

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

Major Hobbs reported that although overall reported crime in Zone 2 is up for the current calendar year, overall reported crime was down last month over the same period last year, such that overall reported crime in Zone 2 is now up only 23 reported crimes over the same period last year (approximately 3 percent). Major Hobbs also introduced Elizabeth Morrow is the new Zone 2 community prosecutor, who may be reached by telephone at 404-613-8407 or by email at ElizabethMorrow@FultonCountyGA.gov

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

404-546-4400 (dial 404-546-4421 to reach station 21)

April is juvenile fire safety month – various tips were provided to prevent children from setting fires. For additional information call 404-546-7000 and ask for fire safety and prevention services.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Elizabeth Morrow was introduced as the new Zone 2 community prosecutor.

Ms. Morrow may be reached at 404-613-8407 or ElizabethMorrow@FultonCountyGA.gov

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division
CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

Jacob D. Mach, 404-326-0705 mobile, JDMach@AtlantaGA.gov

Officer Mach gave no report, but NPU-B Member Bill Bozarth reported regarding the ongoing issues at the vacant building located at 3 Peachtree Avenue – officer Mach has issued a citation, and overdue maintenance on the property has been addressed. Mr. Bozarth has contacted the registered agent who speaks for the owner, and conditions have begun to improve. In general, code violations in this area may be reported directly to Officer Mach or, alternatively, by email to CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

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

Major Easterling reported regarding two separate thefts of Jeep Wranglers from MARTA parking facilities in the North Precinct. Major Easterling recommended that Atlanta residents participate in the Citizens Police Academy. Use the SeeSay app to report crime anonymously from your smart phone. Photos and video may be submitted using the SeeSay app. More color glossy brochures were distributed promoting use of the SeeSay app.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM) (404-982-1480) www.atlantawatershed.org

Kurlis Jones, Manager, Ambassador Program (404-546-3216) or krjones@atlantaGA.gov

The monthly newsletter, Project Points, was distributed. Ms. Jones reported that water plant tours are available at the Hemphill treatment plant – contact Ms. Jones to schedule a tour. A bill-pay app is available for smartphones. Water leaks should be reported by calling 311, which generates a record of the report. Ms. Jones also reported regarding status of three reported leaks, two of which have been ongoing for over one year.

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)

www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs

Stanton German, Manager, Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC), 308 Peachtree Hills Ave. SMGerman@AtlantaGA.gov or 404-237-2756.

Mr. German reported that summer camps are available at PHRC for a fee of only 35.00 per week. Specialty sports camps may be priced higher. After school programs for teens ages 13-17 are available for a fee of only 5.00 for the entire school year. Skill and conditioning clinics for athletes ages 9-14 are held on Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For additional information and registration, visit www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs

Atlanta Citizens Review Board

Mr. Maceo C. Williams serves on the Atlanta Citizens Review Board (ACRB) with NPU-B member Bill Bozarth. Mr. Williams is also a staff member for Councilperson Mary Norwood. Mr. Williams indicated that, in addition to the contact information given above for Officer Mach, code enforcement complaints can also be directed to Major Shaw at JBShaw@atlantaGA.gov Mr. Williams recommended that neighboring residents of areas impacted by noise violations and particularly violations or alleged violations of the alcohol code should consider appearing at the pertinent License Review Board (LRB) hearing to express opposition to any related application.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

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, LFBarnes@AtlantaGA.gov (404-680-6498)

No report.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

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

SLSilver@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

Tony Peters

No report.

Buckhead Condominium Alliance

Ben Howard, BenHoward@GATech.edu

No report.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

No report.

Proposed municipal code amendments for NPU vote

None.

Other items on Planner's Report

None.

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

Randall Kent, Chair

Festival Applications (no NPU vote):

None.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

Himitsu, 3050 Peachtree Road / new business / approved in committee 6-0-0

Atlanta Kabob, 3137 Piedmont Road / other (service on patio) / approved in committee 6-0-0

Renaissance Senior Housing, 3755 Peachtree Road / new bus. / approved in committee 6-0-0

Corso Coffee / change of agent / approved in committee 6-0-0

Dolce / new business / approved in committee 6-0-0

American Cut / new business / approved in committee 6-0-0

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 21-0-0.

Other Applications:

Instanblue, 262 Pharr Road / other (service on patio) / approved in committee 6-0-0

NPU-B action: By vote of 21-0-0 a motion passed to recommend approval but with comments that residents of neighboring condominium buildings stated that they were not notified prior to the committee meeting but were present at the full board meeting and provided anecdotal evidence of excessive noise and after-hours service at this establishment.

Buckhead Saloon / other (service on patio) / approved in committee 6-0-0

NPU-B action: By vote of 21-0-0 a motion passed to recommend approval but with comments that residents of neighboring condominium buildings stated that they were not notified prior to the committee meeting but were present at the full board meeting and complained of excessive noise and also service at outside bars which may be unpermitted.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

Bill Bozarth reported.

CDP-15-002: 4707-4765 Wieuca Road

DENIED 5-0-1 in committee

Applicant seeks rezoning from R-3 to MR-2.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend denial of CDP-15-002 passed by vote of 21-0-0.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Zoning Committee Consent Agenda:

V-15-026: 3448 Valley Road

APPROVED 7-0-0 in committee

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the rear yard setback from 20' (required) to 19.5' for an addition to an existing SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-036: 1 Arc Way

APPROVED 7-0-0 in committee

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the east side yard setback from 7' (required) to 4' to allow for a 2 story addition to a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-039: 3085 Slaton Drive, No. 6

APPROVED 7-0-0 in committee

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 40' (required) to 30' to allow a rear porch addition to a SFR. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 21-0-0.

Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:

V-14-248: 107 Terrace Drive (committee recommended denial based on 3rd no show)
Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the North side yard from 7' (required) to 2' and the South side yard setback from 7' (required) to 0' to place new condensing units and a 9' chain-link fence in the North side yard and construct a new deck and a 7'4" wire fence in the South side yard. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend denial of V-14-248 passed by vote of 21-0-0.

Z-14-075: 4707-4765 Wieuca Road (zoning committee did not vote due to denial by D&T of related land use application, CDP-15-002)

Applicant seeks to rezone from R-3 to MR-2 to redevelop the property for 24 SFR.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend denial of Z-14-075 passed by vote of 21-0-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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