

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

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

Present: 17/18
Proxies: 2
Michael Graff to Bob Connelly
Frank Toye to Bill Murray

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Welcome, mission of NPU-B, and introductory remarks

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 19-0-0.

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 Stead was available to answer questions and reported that next Police in the Park event will be held on August 16 from 1:00pm until 4:00pm at Washington Park.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

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

The Mayor's office has partnered with SCANNA energy to supply free fans to low-income citizens needing relief from the August heat. Call 404-330-6023 for more information. Fire safety inspection fees have been increased.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Elizabeth Morrow, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor (404-613-8407) or

ElizabethMorrow@FultonCountyGA.gov

No report.

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

Major Easterling reported that there has been no reported Type I (violent) crime in the North Precinct during the past month, but there was a shooting at or near the Five Points station downtown. Use the SeeSay app to report crime anonymously from your smart phone. Photos and video may be submitted using the SeeSay app. Brochures were distributed promoting use of the SeeSay app.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

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

Officer Mach reported regarding the status of reported code violations. Code violations in this area may be reported directly to Officer Jacob Mach, by completing an on-line form, or by email to CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

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. Two representatives from Watershed Management delivered materials and discussed a new recycling incentive which allows residents to register online at www.RecyclingPerks.com to earn points for participating in the recycling program. The points can be redeemed for discounts at participating businesses. Business owners are encouraged to participate in the discount program.

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 nominal fee of \$35.00 per week for Atlanta residents, subject to availability. For additional information and registration, visit www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs

Buckhead Business Association

Bob Gibeling reported regarding the "Taste of Buckhead" event which is held indoors on September 24 from 6:30-10:00pm. Visit www.BuckheadBusiness.org for further information and/or to purchase tickets.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

(404) 330-6050; hshook@atlantaga.gov; www.HowardShook.com
SLSilver@atlantaGA.gov
No report.

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.

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.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

No report.

Proposed municipal code amendments

There was no report from the Planning Office this month, but NPU-B board members discussed the four proposed ordinances which correspond to proposed supplements to the Connect Atlanta and Cycle Atlanta plans. These four ordinances are on the Agenda for the September 14 quarterly public meeting of the City Council Community Development and Human Resource (CDHR) committee. One of the four ordinances, [CDP-15-013 an ordinance to adopt Cargo Atlanta: A Citywide Freight Study], was recommended for approval by the NPU-B at its previous regular monthly meeting. The remaining three additional proposed municipal code amendments will be presented for NPU vote at its next (September 1, 2015) monthly meeting:

CDP-15-010 – An ordinance to adopt *Move Atlanta: A Design Manual for Active, Balanced, & Complete Streets*.

This was presented as a comprehensive street design manual intended to be less automobile-focused, and to ensure that streets are conducive to all forms of transportation and suitable for use by pedestrians and bicyclists.

CDP-15-011 – An ordinance to *adopt Transit Oriented Atlanta: A Strategy for Advancing Transit-Oriented Development*.

This supplement to the Connect Atlanta Plan advocates a comprehensive transit-oriented development (TOD) plan for areas within one-half mile of an existing or proposed transit station with design strategies to include increased densities, mixed use, and pedestrian orientation.

CDP-15-012 – An ordinance to adopt the *Cycle Atlanta Phase 1.0 Study*

This supplement to the Connect Atlanta Plan is an implementation strategy which proposes to create a connected network of high-quality bicycle infrastructure in the core of the city, including five cycling corridors extending from the Atlanta Beltline into the center of the city.

The Cargo Atlanta Study is a comprehensive freight study on the importance of all modes of freight in the City of Atlanta. The study updates the Freight Route Map and the freight-related capital project list.

Regarding CDP-15-011, (encouraging transit-oriented development (TOD) plans for areas within one-half mile of an existing or proposed transit station), NPU-B input has resulted in revisions which appear favorable, but the draft is now reported to exceed sixty (60) pages, and some NPU-B members expressed remaining concerns regarding unintended consequences and especially the risk of undesired density which may adversely impact existing single-family residential zones in proximity to transit stations.

Regarding CDP -15-010 and CDP-15-012, some members expressed concern that main artery surface streets, particularly Peachtree Road and Roswell Road, are currently at maximum capacity and that all existing right of way is needed for automobiles lanes and sidewalks. Some

NPU members expressed concern that these supplements might be viewed as authority to reduce automobile lanes in order to create space for bicycle lanes or other alternative transportation.

It was also reported that the discussion group previously formed to study these three ordinances did not reach a consensus recommendation.

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 on Consent Agenda:

Big Sky Buckhead / October 10, 2015

Fall Festival at Fado

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

None.

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 19-0-0.

Other Applications:

None.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

No report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Zoning Committee Consent Agenda:

V-15-151: 4424 Glengary Drive APPROVED

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north side yard setback from 10' (required) to 7' for a screen porch addition to a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-153 286 Land O Lakes Court APPROVED

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 50' (required) to 48'7" and reduce the east side yard setback from 10' (required) to 6' to allow an addition to a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-158 2217 Willow Avenue APPROVED

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north side yard setback from 7' (required) to 6.4' and the south side yard setback from 7' (required) to 3.1' to allow for a 2nd story addition to a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time

V-15-163 3082 Peachtree Drive APPROVED

Applicant seeks to reduce the south side yard setback from 7' (required) to 4.5' to allow for a 2 story addition to a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-146 112 Terrace Drive APPROVED SUBJECT TO APPLICANT OBTAINING A
STREAM BUFFER VARIANCE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the east side yard setback from 7' (required) to 5.5' and reduce the front yard setback from 35' (required) to 26.2' for a 2 story addition to a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

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Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:

V-15-164: 1097 Bonview Lane DEFERRED

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 50' (required) to 18' to allow for a covered porch addition to a SFR. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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