

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2016**

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

Present: 17
Proxies: 4
Mark Tiller to Cory Tibbs
Jason Kendall to Abbie Shepherd
Anne Culberson to Bob Connelly
Sarah Ohmer to Randall Kent

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 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, Precinct Commander Zone 2, VHobbs@AtlantaGA.gov

Major Hobbs noted that the police department feels very well appreciated. There have been some kind donations of food for all of the zones and the officers are blessed. Zone 2 greatly appreciates the support.

There was a question regarding progress on the shooting on Piedmont Road. Major Hobbs explained that the homicide division is covering this case so he doesn't have an update. There was a question regarding the activities at The Anchor Bar. It was noted that the Anchor Bar has changed locations and they were cited in the past for violations. They do not have a liquor license; hence they can stay open all night long. Officers from licenses and permits showed up the other night and they closed. It is a slow process to get businesses closed.

There was a question about participation in the activities on 9/11 at the Cathedral. If there is an event, Major Hobbs noted that the City will likely participate.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

404-546-4400 (or dial 404-546-4421 to reach station 21) Battallion Chief Andre Owens, 404-217-8180, aowens@atlantaga.gov (station 21, battalion 6)

No report.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Brenden Dougherty, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor (Brenden.Dougherty@fultoncountyga.gov)

No report.

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902) www.itsmarta.com
Major Easterling thanked everyone for the support from the community. MARTA police are up close and working with the public. In 2015-2016 fiscal year, the zone had 21 fewer Part 1 crimes (crimes against persons). In July, there were 10 Part 1 crimes, which is an increase from last year. Most of the crimes were because people fell asleep on the train or people forgot luggage. There was one crime at Lenox and three juveniles attempted to rob a gentleman at the top of the escalator. The juveniles were not caught but there are BOLOs out based on video for these juveniles.

The 4th of July activities went very well. There were buses on standby at Midtown to take people to Lindberg or to get to their cars at the Lindberg MARTA station. The station was cleared in about 1.5 hours. Everyone worked together as a team and it worked well. The ridership numbers show that attendance at the Lenox fireworks is somewhat down from previous years. There were no problems.

MARTA performs a step on, step off at peak hours to monitor and try to reduce the Part 1 crimes. Major Easterling is looking forward to seeing a decrease in numbers in August. She reminded everyone about the “SEE SAY” app that will allow MARTA to more quickly and efficiently deal with disruptive riders.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM) (404-982-1480) www.atlantawatershed.org
Katie Vorel, Office of Safety, Security, & Emergency Management (404-546-3374) or kvorel@atlantaga.gov cell: 404-481-7964
No Report. A new community liaison has been identified.

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.

Summer camp was a great success with about 135 kids per day at the PHRC. The after school starts on Monday, August 8th. It is \$35/day with snack, homework assistance, fun, and vendor-run activities. To register: www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs. The Star Wars movie in the Park was a big success.

Department of Public Works
Marcus McGaw (404-865-8743) mlmcgaw@atlantaga.gov
Verna Singleton, VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov
Officer O (404-807-2610)
No report.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division
CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov 404-546-3868
No report.

Buckhead Business Association
Bob Gibeling, VP, Community Alliance, BBA office: 404-467-7607
No report.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

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SLSilver@atlantaGA.gov

No report.

Alex Wan, Councilmember, District 6

Alex came to provide an update and answer questions regarding policy changes for glass recycling. Currently, anything that is put in the recycling bins is disposed of in the landfill and not recycled. Alex is working with several groups to try to increase the options for glass recycling. The single-stream methodology affects the rate of return for the City's recycling and he noted that there are some places that still accept separated glass.

Councilman Wan noted that there have been discussions about a CHARM or similar facility in the northern part of town. CHARM is doing such a great job on the south side, and the City recognizes that there is strong interest in a facility on the north side of the City.

Councilman Wan discussed TSPLOST and the City's upcoming referendum. On top of the ½ penny, this is an additional 0.4 cent sales tax for specific identified transportation projects. Signal timing is a large portion. Beltline is also receiving investment. Some of the road capacity projects include Piedmont at Moores Mill, Wieuca round-about, and greenspace investment in Path 400. The approximately \$300 M that will be collected will address the \$700M in backlog. Council is pleased that the state gave the City the opportunity to move this forward with the referendum.

There is an additional 0.5 cent is for MARTA. The MARTA projects are only within the City limits and not for other MARTA partner communities. Most of the projects include additional bus routes and different vehicles to help with last mile connectivity.

Unincorporated Fulton County will have a 1-cent but this is not duplicative for City of Atlanta residents. DeKalb is not pursuing the penny sales tax this year, as far as Councilman Wan knows.

Councilman Wan also commented on the Anchor Bar situation. He noted that the City is looking at revenue tools and tightening up the licensing requirements to make sure that businesses are following the rules. City is looking closely at how to address ongoing issues at these establishments.

There was a question regarding a vendor for the parking privatization. The Park Atlanta RFP was not well written and the vendor provided what was requested. The RFP this time is better and includes revisions to address some of the challenges from the last contract. Some of the changes include having a City-led customer service team, a penalty paid by the vendor for bad tickets, and some other improvements. There was a comment that the machines are difficult to use and that is half the problem. The RFP is out, and Councilman Wan noted that we will see during the evaluation process if potential vendors are responsive.

Caesar Mitchell, Council President

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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

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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

Livable Buckhead

No report.

Atlanta Citizen Review Board - Bill Bozarth

Bill Bozarth gave the group an overview of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board and recent activities. The board's primary focus is to assess alleged misconduct by the police that are reported by citizens. The Board reviews 5 to 10 cases every month. Bill represents NPU's A through F.

Bill noted that he attended the recent meeting held by the Mayor with representatives of the Black Lives Matter group and affiliate groups. Bill feels that the City is in a good position, but there are some challenges. Bill provided a story of a Morehouse student being followed by the police officers and he was told that he improperly signaled and they used reasonable suspicion to search the car. The Atlanta Citizen Review Board is trying to work with police to help identify the priorities for local policing. If anyone has anything they would like to discuss, Bill is available.

There was a question about the body cameras. The City has been stalled because the losing vendor has protested the selection and the process for addressing this complaint is still ongoing.

4. PRESENTATIONS

No reports.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

The next public hearings will be September 12th.

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

The Golden Patch; 2285 Peachtree Street / change of ownership / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Kroger #626; 2452 Morsogo/ new business / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

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Renaissance on Peachtree/ 3755 Peachtree Street/ change of agent/ APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

American Cut/ 3035 Peachtree Street/ new business / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Atlanta Marriott Buckhead/ 3405 Lenox Road/ change of agent/ APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Brio Tuscan Grille/ 2964 Peachtree Street/ change of agent/ APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

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

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Zoning Committee Consent Agenda:

V-16-159 3891 Wieuca Road. APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to allow for an active recreation in a yard adjacent to the street, a special exception to increase the maximum height of a fence in the half-depth front yard setback from 4' to 5.5', a special exception to increase the number of retaining walls from 2 to 5.

V-16-142 4508 Club Drive
Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulations to allow a 5.25' high retaining wall, whereas the 3' retaining wall is allowed in the half-depth front yard. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-16-151 & 152 2985 & 2991 Lookout Place. APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 30' (required) to 25' for the construction of a SFD. 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.

V-16-128 Pinetree Road NE.

DENIED

Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulations to exceed the maximum height of a fence in the front yard from 4' to 6.7'. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to deny this request passed by vote of 21-0-0.

Z-16-013 2748 Alpine Road.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Applicant seeks to rezone the property from R-4 to PDH to build 3 SFR where 2 lots exist. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed agenda passed by vote of 19-3-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

The bylaws need to be voted upon. There were no changes from the 2015 bylaws, which were closely reviewed and debated.

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt the NPU B bylaws passed by vote of 21-0-0.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next BZA meetings will be held August 4th and August 11th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held August 4th and August 11th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

The next meeting NPU B meeting will be September 6, 2016.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.