

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 2015**

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

Present: 17

Proxies: 5

Michael Isaacs to Bill Bozarth
Bob Connelly to Michael Graff
Brian Ward to John Bailey
Abbie Shepherd to Bill Bozarth
Jason Kendall to Bob Stasiowski

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 22-0-0.

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 an increase in reported larceny, mostly due to shoplifting, and the increase by comparison to last year is distorted due to the ice storms last year, which resulted in a decrease in shoplifting. Thank you to the Buckhead Coalition which is donating trauma packs to Zone 2 officers. Tiffany Harlow has been re-assigned to a juvenile prosecution unit. The replacement Zone 2 Community Prosecutor was reassigned to Zone 4, so there will be another new Community Prosecutor assigned to Zone 2.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

Battalion Chief James McLemore reported that he has been reassigned from Battalion 3 to Battalion 6, such that he is now the Battalion Chief for this area.

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

As stated in Major Hobbs' report above, Tiffany Harlow has been re-assigned to a juvenile prosecution unit, her replacement was reassigned to Zone 4, so there will be another replacement Community Prosecutor assigned to Zone 2.

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

Brian McHugh from Buckhead CID reported regarding a public meeting to be held on February 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Atlanta International School to take public input on restriping of East Paces Ferry Road, West Paces Ferry Road, and Pharr Road.

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

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

Another officer reported in officer Mach's absence. There were four complaints this month, one of which resulted in a citation. Two others were investigated with no violation found.

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

- MPD will hold its volunteer combined Citizens Police Academy (CPA) and Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) dual-enrollment class on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., beginning on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. There is no enrollment fee.

- Thus far in calendar year 2015 there have been 255 suspensions under the Ride With Respect program.

- 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 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

Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC), 308 Peachtree Hills Avenue

SGerman@AtlantaGA.gov (404-237-2756)

Summer camp registration begins March 2. Visit www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs for information and registration.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

Garth Peters reported briefly regarding the trauma kits being donated to APD by Buckhead Coalition. Thank you to Buff Quillian for extensive fundraising efforts. To date Buckhead Coalition has donated approximately 600 trauma kits, not only within Zone 2 but now to approximately one-half of APD officers city wide. Kits were designed by former military medics to save lives in the event of severe trauma, particularly blood loss from gunshot or knife wounds.

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

Verna Bair (404-330-6040 office, 404-259-0023 cell) VABair@AtlantaGA.gov

Verna Bair was present but is still recuperating from a heart attack and is on administrative leave while recovery. Carlas Jones, manager of ambassador program, was also present. She may be reached at 404-546-3216 or krjones@atlantaGA.gov and will be available during Ms. Bair's absence. March 16-22 is "Fix a Leak Week." March 21 is 5K run in Roswell on the Chattahoochee River – for details or to register visit www.waterdropdash.com

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.

Buckhead Condominium Alliance

Ben Howard, BenHoward@GATech.edu

No report.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Bob Gribbling, VP of Community Engagement for the Buckhead Business Association (BBA) introduced himself and reported regarding the Taste of Buckhead event which is held each Fall.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

No report.

Proposed municipal code amendments for NPU vote:

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):

Randall Fox of the Atlanta Foundation for Public Spaces (AFFPS) spoke regarding the 2015 Chastain Park Arts Festival which is scheduled to be held on Mothers Day weekend, May 9-10 (Saturday from 10:00am to 6:00pm; Sunday from 11:00am until 6:00pm). Mr. Fox reported that these plans involve a street closure application for Park Drive (located just North West Wieuca), and an alternate plan to close West Wieuca Road in the event of a concurrent event at the Chastain Amphitheater. Some NPU-B members expressed concern regarding traffic and parking issues associated with holding the event at that location during Mothers Day weekend or any other weekend during the NYO Spring baseball and softball seasons. Essentially the concern is that, during that time, the area is at or beyond capacity as a result of the NYO baseball and softball programs (which have been running at Chastain Park for decades) and heavy seasonal use of the golf course and tennis center at Chastain Park, which have the area at or beyond parking capacity and encumbered by heavy weekend traffic moving in and out of the area (as opposed to merely passing through the area). Mr. Fox stated that the application had been filed months ago and that AFFPS will go forward with the event as planned.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

Longhorn Steakhouse / change of agent / approved in committee 4-0-0

Chama Gaucha Brazilian Steakhouse / new business / approved in committee 4-0-0

JW Marriott / change of agent / approved in committee 4-0-0

Tomcat, Inc. dba Prime / change of ownership / approved in committee 4-0-0

Big Fish Enterprise / change of ownership / approved in committee 4-0-0

Westin Buckhead/ change of agent / approved in committee 4-0-0

3500 Lenox Road / change of ownership / approved in committee 4-0-0

Putting on the Ritz / change of ownership / approved in committee 4-0-0

Another Broken Egg / change of agent / approved in committee 4-0-0

Burger 21 (former Chopstix in Chastain Square) / new business / approved in committee 4-0-0

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

Land Use applications associated with Z-14-37 (2620 Buford highway) and Z-14-075 (4707-4765 Wieuca Road) were each deferred, so there were no land use (CDP amendment) applications before the NPU-B for vote this month.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Consent Agenda:

Z-14-062 3713, 3715, 3717 Peachtree Road.
APPROVED in committee 7-0-0 conditioned upon site plan
Applicant seeks to rezone from RG-2 to RG-3.

V-15-002 3713, 3715, 3717 Peachtree Road
APPROVED in committee 7-0-0
Applicant seeks a special exception to build a 6' fence with 9' columns.

V-14-290 2635 Habersham Road
APPROVED in committee 7-0-0
Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north side yard setback from 15' (required) to 4' and reduce the rear yard setback from 30' (required) to 27' to allow a porch addition to a nonconforming accessory structure. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

SD -14-034 3626 Peachtree Road aka 3728 Peachtree Dunwoody Road.
APPROVED in committee 8-0-0
Applicant seeks to establish a 2 lot subdivision where 1 lot exists.

Z-14-042 3537, 3541, 3545, 3549, 3555 Roxboro Road.
DENIED in committee 8-0-0
Applicant seeks to rezone from RG-2 to RG-3 for the development of 21 townhomes.

Z-14-068 2862 Lenox Road.
DENIED in committee 8-0-0
Applicant seeks to rezone the property from PD-H to PD-H with the conditions being amended from 19 townhomes to 16 townhomes.

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:

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB)
NPU-B member Bill Bozarth, who also serves as appointed representative from NPUs A through F, reported gave a brief presentation regarding the mission of ACRB, an independent agency

established by City Ordinance to provide citizen oversight and review of misconduct accusations against sworn members of the police and corrections departments in the City of Atlanta. ACRB functions as an advisory board and makes recommendations to Chief Turner of APD. Mr. Bozarth invited the public to attend the next ACRB meeting, which is scheduled to be held at the Peachtree Hills Recreation Center on Thursday, February 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.