

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

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

Present: 19  
Proxies: 5  
Bill Bozarth to Michael Isaacs  
Jason Kendall to Mark Tiller  
Cathy Boston to Bob Connelly  
Bill Murray to Frank Toye  
Michael Graff to Bob Connelly

**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 22-0-0.**

\* Steve Lam and Nancy Bliwise joined following the meeting minute approval.

Andrea noted that the NPU needed to approve the residential and business liaisons. The recommendations were Nancy Bliwise for the residential liaison and Mark Tiller for the business liaison.

**NPU-B Action: A motion to approve the residential and business liaisons passed by vote of 24-0-0.**

**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](mailto:VHobbs@AtlantaGA.gov)

Major Hobbs commented that the number of crimes is down by one per day. There has been a small increase in car break-ins. They recovered a car carrying four suspects in the case; the suspects fled but the car may give them leads. The Zone is doing well.

Last weekend the active shooter drill was at Lenox Mall. Frank Toye attended. There were three simulations: loading deck, food court, and main area. Frank commented that it was very interesting to observe. Major Hobbs noted that “Run, Hide, Fight” used to be the catch phrase but now the phrase is “Avoid, Deny, Defend”. Major Hobbs is attending the Train-the-Trainer training in March and following that will be able to teach the class to the neighborhoods in March or April timeframe. If you are shot, do not expect the police to take care of you during an active shooter event. The primary focus of the police is securing the building. You do not want to use a concealed weapon during an active shooter event; as the police will shoot anyone with a gun who they don’t recognize.

Following a question, Major Hobbs noted that body cameras are on hold for now because a company that did not win the contract is contesting the award and there is a law suit.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

[CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov)

Jacob D. Mach, 404-326-0705 mobile, [JDMach@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:JDMach@AtlantaGA.gov)

No Report.

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](mailto:aowens@atlantaga.gov) (station 21, battalion 6)

Mr. Owens introduced himself and noted that he is eager to work with NPU B.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

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

[ElizabethMorrow@FultonCountyGA.gov](mailto:ElizabethMorrow@FultonCountyGA.gov)

Ms. Emanuel provided an update on an important disposition that happened last Friday on the Sumter Street home invasion case. The 18 year old received life plus 25 years and the three 15 year olds received 18 years.

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902 ) [www.itsmarta.com](http://www.itsmarta.com)

Major Ray sent regards from Major Easterling. He provided some tips for staying safe on MARTA. Tips include: secure your property and pay attention to your surroundings (not cell phones). Ride with Respect and the See Say App brochures were distributed with the personal protection whistles. There are 400 officers in MARTA police system.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM) (404-982-1480) [www.atlantawatershed.org](http://www.atlantawatershed.org)

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

James Mitchell (678-414-2166).

No Report.

Department of Public Works

Cheryl Hedgemon (404-330-6303) [cbHedgemon@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:cbHedgemon@atlantaGA.gov)

Verna Singleton, [VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov)

No report.

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

[www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs](http://www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs)

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

Stanton noted that the spring programs are registering soon. Renovations have added new opportunities for Atlanta residents. Focusing on a Youth Science Club at Peachtree Hills. In total seeing 100 kids each day from 8 schools. Summer camp registration will begin March 2, it is 8 weeks long but they need to be 5 before the week that you sign up for camp.

For additional information and registration, visit [www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs](http://www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs).

Buckhead Business Association

Bob Giebling invited everyone to the Annual Luncheon Event with keynote speaker Dr. Mark P. Becker, President of Georgia State University and presentation of the Buckhead Business of the

Year Awards. It will be held Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Flourish Atlanta from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

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[SLSilver@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:SLSilver@atlantaGA.gov)

No report.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters [GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org](mailto:GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org)

No report.

City of Atlanta Office of the Solicitor: main office 404-658-6618

Alan Coleman [acoleman@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:acoleman@atlantaGA.gov)

404-658-6658 office; 404-902-0934 mobile

L'Erin Barnes, Senior Assistant Solicitor, [LFBarnes@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:LFBarnes@AtlantaGA.gov) (404-680-6498)

No report.

Livable Buckhead, Inc (LBI) - Denise Starling, Executive Director

[www.livablebuckhead.org](http://www.livablebuckhead.org)

Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)

[www.buckheadcid.com](http://www.buckheadcid.com)

Buckhead Area Transportation Management Association (BATMA)

[www.batma.org](http://www.batma.org)

Tony Peters provided an update on several ongoing efforts.

1. There is an open RFP for the Phipps and Wieuce round-about concept. They expect to interview a shortlisted group of firms in February. A recommendation would be made to the Board in the March meeting. This is a locally-funded project, which means that the timeline can be expedited. Tony hopes to have a firm under contract in early April. The engineer will propose a schedule as part of the RFP process.
2. Park over GA400 Concept Plan. Sent the RFP out to the entire world. Very broad interest from a broad range of firms. The goal is to give a visual feel for the programming of the park with rough construction and maintenance costs. The responses are due Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> with interviews in the beginning of March. A recommendation would be made at the April board meeting. Bob Stasiowski asked how extensive the park would be. The previous initial concept was Atlanta Financial Center (AFC) to Lenox Road. For this RFP, the area has been sub-divided to look at the viability of three sections. AFC and Peachtree, Peachtree to MARTA, MARTA to Lenox. The overall project cost was one of the drivers for sub-dividing the area.
3. Public Safety – There is a small board group looking at the Operation Shield camera placement within Buckhead. APD and the Police Foundation are working closely with Councilman Shook and Councilwoman Adrean. Buckhead CID is interested in funding cameras as well. Off-duty Piedmont traffic program will look at whether want to invest more and put them in other places around the PCID.

Frank Toye asked when the construction on Piedmont will be completed. Tony has been asking and has not gotten a response from GDOT.

The CID is partnering with the City on some of the bond projects in Atlanta and is hoping they can do things faster.

Nancy Bliwise noted that in Pine Hills, GDOT put in a new barrier in an area that is confusing people and led to panicked driving responses. The GDOT engineer responded that they did what is best. Nancy asked if there was a way to get a better response through GDOT. Tony offered to call his GDOT contact on behalf of the neighborhood.

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

#### **5. PLANNER'S REPORT**

Jessica Lavendier, NPU Planner [JLavandier@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:JLavandier@atlantaGA.gov) 404-865-8522

Jessica noted that she was attending to listen. Andrea asked Jessica about the update to the Zoning Ordinance and if a speaker could attend the NPU B meeting to share additional information. NPU B members who attended the public hearing thought it was interesting; there were some questions about the results of the impacts. Nancy noted that the concept of form-based code was relatively new and there were concerns about the “negatives” that are associated with form-based code. It is important to communicate clearly how they plan to proceed. People who were in areas with form-based code noted a dramatic increase in building height and that may or may not be palatable. Nancy thinks that the SPI's have generally worked and is something that is more familiar.

#### **6. INTERNAL REPORTS**

Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB)

Richard Rauh, NPU-B APAB delegate; Cathy Muzzy, alternate delegate.

Mr. Rauh submitted a written report. Richard noted that there may be an opening on the Invest Atlanta board. If you are interested, let Andrea know. An audience member asked if Richard's report could be posted on the website.

#### **7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Randall Kent, Chair

##### Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

Westin Buckhead; 3391 Peachtree Road / change of agent/ APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Westin Buckhead; 3391 Peachtree Road (adding retail package store in lobby) / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Gold Room Nightclub Upstairs and Downstairs; 2416 Piedmont Road NE / change of ownership / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel, 3405 Lenox Road / change of ownership / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Corso Coffee, 3065 Peachtree Road / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

JW Marriott Atlanta Buckhead, Nox Creek Lounge and Nox Creek Southern Grill, 3300 Lenox Road / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Dolce Italian, 3035 Peachtree Road / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Blue Moon Pizza, 325 E. Paces Ferry Road / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Target Store T-2171, 3539 Piedmont Road / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Target Store T-1197, 3539 Piedmont Road / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

SCK Buckhead, LLC d/b/a South City Kitchen Buckhead / new business / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

**NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 24-0-0.**

Special Event Applications on Consent Agenda:

St. Patrick's Day Festival, March 12 – 13, 2016

Fado St. Patrick Day Festival, March 17, 2016

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## **B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Jason Kendall, Chair

No report.

## **C. ZONING COMMITTEE**

Bill Murray, Chair presentation by Bob Connelly, Vice Chair

### **Applications on Zoning Committee Consent Agenda:**

Z-15-076 3190 Cains Hill Place NW

Applicant seeks to amend the conditions related to the current zoning of SPI-9 SA3. To adjust the FAR of 1.5 and 8.2 to a blended FAR of 5.587 and delete the conditions currently applicable to 3191 and 3193 Paces Ferry Place. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-400 4253 East Brookhaven Drive NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the side yard setback from 7' to 6'1" to allow for the installation of 4 HVAC condenser units that exceed 30" in height above the grade level for a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-395 100 Roanoke Avenue NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required half0depth front yard setback from 17.5' to 6' in order to construct a 2<sup>nd</sup> story to a SFD.

SD-15-035 310 Pine Crest Road NE

Applicant seeks to subdivide 2 lots where 1 lot exists. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time. (NOTE: This was approved in committee pending proof of the assemblage. The proof was not provided and thus this was removed from the consent agenda.)

**NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 24-0-0.**

Z-15-059 2395, 2425, 2451 Peachtree Road

Applicant seeks to rezone from C-3 and C-1-C to C-3 to develop a mixed use project with 18 stories of residential over 2 stories retail use. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

**NPU-B action: A motion to approve the variance passed by vote of 22-1-1.**

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

Next meeting will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

Danielle Hardy is the new liaison to Caesar Mitchell's office. She can be reached at [Danielle@caesarmitchell.com](mailto:Danielle@caesarmitchell.com).

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next BZA meetings will be held February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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