

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

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

Present: 13

Proxies: 6

Michael Graff to Bob Connelly
Brian Ward to Jason Kendall
Michael Isaacs to Bill Bozarth
Abbie Shepherd to Bill Bozarth
Mark Tiller to Bill Murray
Cory Tibbs to Andrea Bennett

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

- Welcome and mission of NPU-B
- Welcome new NPU-B member Kim Shorter, who replaces E.T. Laird as residential representative from South Tuxedo Park.
- Nancy Bliwise, Residential Coordinator, distributed the annual residential representative and civic association information sheet to be updated and submitted to the City NPU coordinator.

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 Adam Lee III, Assistant Precinct Commander, Zone 2, ALee@AtlantaGA.gov

Major Hobbs stated that reported crime is down approximately 23 percent overall. Because so much crime crosses APD Zone lines (especially car-jacking and related robbery), Chief Turner has established a cross-zone robbery unit, which has been very effective. Auto larcenies have increased, but approximately 80 percent of victims in Zone 2 live outside the zone, which indicates that Zone 2 residents are well educated regarding not leaving valuables visible in cars.

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

Tiffany Harlow has been re-assigned to a juvenile prosecution unit. It is not yet known who will fill her former position in the Community Prosecutor's Office.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

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

Officer Mach reported that he is the new code enforcement officer assigned to an area which includes NPU-B. There have been eight reported code enforcement cases within NPU-B since December 1, seven of which were complaints regarding property maintenance issues.

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902) www.itsmarta.com
Major Easterling from MPD North Precinct stated that there was no reported crime in the North Precinct during the New Years Eve, but overall city-wide MPD reported crime is up approximately 12 percent. 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.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

Richard Heard, Battalion Chief

Chief Heard reported that an AFRD October response to fire at 3100 block of Piedmont Road resulted in one firefighter injury.

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

Angela Hill, Manager, Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC)

AHill@atlantaGA.gov (404-237-2756)

Stanton German, SGerman@AtlantaGA.gov (404-237-2756) of PHRC reported that youth basketball registration is available now at www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs

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

Mr. Tony Peters, reporting for LBI, CID and BATMA:

- The Path400 ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Jan 9 at 10:00am at Atlanta Tech Village at corner of Lenox Road and Piedmont Road. A second ceremony will occur on January 24.

- Charlie Loudermilk Park construction is nearly complete and is expected to be fully completed by March, 2015

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

No report.

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

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

No report. Verna Bair was hospitalized following a heart attack and is on administrative leave while recovery.

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

No report.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

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SLSilver@atlantaGA.gov

No report.

Buckhead Condominium Alliance

Ben Howard, BenHoward@GATech.edu

Mr. Howard reported regarding this new organization which is modeled after Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods. Thus far 18-22 buildings including approximately 25,000 units have expressed an interest in participating in the Buckhead Condominium Alliance. Meetings occur on the first Thursday of each month, with a floating location.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

- Ms. Lavendier reported regarding organization of the planning department units, which include separate units to handle zoning and variances, land use changes, transportation, etc. Work continues on the project list for bond referendum.

- Ms. Lavendier also reported regarding proposed municipal code amendments for NPU vote:

14-0-1560

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 16-28A.010(13) OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA SIGN ORDINANCE GOVERNING SIGNS IN THE BUCKHEAD/LENOX SPECIAL PUBLIC INTEREST DISTRICT (SPI-12) BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (I) SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR SIGNAGE IN REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENTS IN SPI-12 BY PERMITTING BUILDING BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNS IN SUCH CENTERS OR ON A PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A SUCH CENTERS TO BE LOCATED ON BUILDINGS ABUTTING THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

14-0-1561

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 16-28A.010(13) OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA SIGN ORDINANCE GOVERNING SIGNS IN THE BUCKHEAD/LENOX SPECIAL PUBLIC INTEREST DISTRICT (SPI-12) TO ALLOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR THE

PLACEMENT OF BUILDING SIGNATURE SIGNS FOR UNIFIED DEVELOPMENTS WHERE MULTIPLE BUILDINGS COULD SUPPORT SUCH SIGNS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of 14-O-1560 and 14-O-1561 passed by vote of 19-0-0.

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:

1. RDW Chastain Tavern, 4629 Wieuca Road / change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0
2. CVS Pharmacy, 4629 Wieuca Rd / new beer and wine license / approved in committee 5-0-0
3. Bangkok Station, 550 Pharr Rd / new business / approved in committee 5-0-0

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the 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 Consent Agenda:

V-14-234 / 779 Greenview Avenue

Approved in committee conditioned upon letters of support from adjoining owners by 1/6 Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the half-depth front yard setback from 17.5' (required) to 15' to build a 2 story SFR on a vacant lot. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 19-0-0.

Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:

V-14-211 / 526 East Wesley

Approved in committee

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the side yard setback from 7' (required) to 3' for a 2nd story addition of a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of V-14-211 (526 East Wesley) passed by vote of 19-0-0.

Z-14-074 / 2620 Buford Hwy

Applicant seeks to rezone the property from R-3 to C-1 for the development of an office building.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend deferral of the zoning case until the companion land use application is considered by D&T. Motion passed by vote of 19-0-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.