

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, July 7, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Andrea Bennett, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 17

Proxies: 3

Jim Cosgrove to Bob Connelly

Michael Graff to Bob Connelly

Mark Tiller to Cory Tibbs

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Welcome

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 19-0-1.

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

Major Hobbs reported that although overall reported crime in Zone 2 is down last month over the same period last year. Crimes of personal property are a focus. There are ongoing investigations on recent burglaries.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Elizabeth Morrow, Zone 2 community prosecutor, 404-613-8407 or

ElizabethMorrow@FultonCountyGA.gov. The gentleman accused of the carjacking on Chattahoochee is currently being held with no bond. She is asking for the maximum sentence of 30 years for armed robbery and carjacking.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

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

No representative was present.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

Officer Jones attended on behalf of Jacob D. Mach, 404-326-0705 mobile, 404-546-3800 office, JDMach@AtlantaGA.gov.

Officer Jones noted that there were four active cases in the NPU that resulted in notices. Officer Jones explained that the most common complaints are related to yard maintenance but that the grass must be one-foot or taller to be in violation of the City ordinance.

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

Major Easterling reported that the 4th of July holiday went very well. There was an incident at the south bus loop at the Lindbergh Station as they found a propane tank with three duffle bags unattended. The bomb robot was deployed along with the bomb units. Major Easterling noted that there were only 2 “part 1” crimes in the zone during the last fiscal year which ended July 1. 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 Watershed Management (DWM) (404-982-1480) www.atlantawatershed.org

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

The 2014 Annual Water Quality Reports are available. Ms. Jones was proud to report that the Hemphill and Chattahoochee Water Treatment Plants had received the Georgia Association of Water Professional’s Platinum Award for the 8th year in a row. The City is proud to provide safe drinking water to its customers. The City will hold rain barrel workshops on August 19th and September 23rd – call 404-546-3217 to register. The City is advertising the senior discount program with more information available by calling 404-546-3208. Mr. Bozarth thanked Ms. Jones for setting up a recent wastewater treatment plant tour. Ms. Jones reported that plant tours are available to anyone – contact Ms. Jones to schedule a tour. Ms. Jones is following up on previously reported leaks.

Department of Public Works

Cheryl Hedgemon (404-330-6303) cbHedgemon@atlantaGA.gov

Verna Singleton, VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

Antoinette Govan (404-330-6088) agovan@atlantaga.gov

Ms Govan, Public Information Officer for the Department of Public Works, shared that staffing and equipment issues had caused delays in yard waste pickup recently. The City is working to resolve these issues. Ms. Govan also provided information regarding the pedestrian hybrid beacons that have recently been installed in Midtown. Ms. Shorter asked about “bulky” yard waste debris pickup schedules and Ms. Govan offered to research the answer.

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 there are three weeks left in summer camp. Registration has started for the Fall after school program. The after school program is Monday through Friday from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM for a fee of \$35/week and includes a snack and hot meal. After school programs for teens ages 13-17 are available for a fee of only 5.00 for the entire school year. Registration is opened for fall athletics. For additional information and registration, visit www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs. There will be a movie in the Park at Peachtree Hills on July 24th with more information on the City website. France Campbell will research “snag golf” online and report back to the group next month on the sport that is a cross between t-ball and golf per Mr. German.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

To date, the Buckhead Coalition has delivered 645 first responder kits to police officers. The kits are \$50 each and fully tax deductible through partnership with the Atlanta Police Foundation.

Checks can be mailed to the Buckhead Coalition made payable to the Atlanta Police Foundation. Mr. Peters will send a template letter to the NPU B if individual neighborhoods are interested in fundraising to support additional kits. The trauma kits include a tourniquet and bandages with a blood clotting agent that are designed such that an officer can apply them without assistance. Mr. Garth also reported that Georgia Power had installed new LED lights throughout Buckhead that will increase safety.

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

Mr. Peters noted that Phase II of Path 400 is under construction. Additionally, a home at 519 Old Ivy was purchased and demolished so that the lot can serve as a new City Park and trail head. Livable Buckhead will start a new capital campaign to raise funds for the future sections of the trail and the construction order may depend on the fundraising efforts. There was a visioning/stakeholders meeting held for the Phipps Boulevard and Wieuca Road area which Andrea Bennett attended. Ms. Bennett reported that the consultants presented three alternatives to improve traffic patterns in the area. The first alternative was better striping, the second alternative was considered to be awkward by the stakeholders, and the third alternative included development of a roundabout. Mr. Peters presented that the consultant would develop a traffic model for the first and third alternatives based on the stakeholder feedback. At the August meeting, Mr. Peters will have more information to share regarding the final feasibility study for a park over GA 400. There is no update on the Piedmont and Habersham intersection improvement except that GDOT is resolving a conflict with a utility and the City of Atlanta. Since Charlie Loudermilk park opened, there has been positive feedback and the park will start to be more programmed. There were questions raised by Ms. Shepherd regarding access to the park. There were questions about the striping on Pharr Road and Mr. Peters responded that feedback had been positive.

Buckhead Condominium Alliance

Ben Howard, BenHoward@GATech.edu

No report.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

The North Buckhead Master Plan was approved. The new Commissioner, Tim Keen, started on July 1st. He comes to the City from Charleston, South Carolina. Ms. Bennett asked Ms.

Lavendier to invite him to attend a future NPU B meeting. Ms. Lavendier also manages the city's brownfield program. They have a grant from EPA to perform Phase I and Phase II assessments

of brownfield sites, typically in industrial areas. Sites can be nominated for consideration on the City's website (<http://www.atlantaga.gov/index.aspx?page=382>).

Proposed municipal code amendments for NPU vote

None. The four proposed ordinance revisions originally scheduled for a vote at this meeting have been deferred to accommodate language changes recommended by NPU B. They will be discussed at the August meeting.

Other items on Planner's Report

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):

None.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

Homewood Suites by Hilton, 3566 Piedmont Road / change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0

Rock-n-Tacos Inc., 3247 Roswell Road / additional facility/patio / approved in committee 5-0-0

Capital Grille, 255 E. Paces Ferry Road, 8th floor / change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0

Chili's Grill & Bar, 2440 Piedmont Road, NE / change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 20-0-0.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

SD-15-016: 985, 999 Carter Drive/ 4472 Club Drive
Applicant seeks to subdivide 4 lots.

No vote required

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 35' (required) to 22' to allow a 1 story addition (sunroom) to an existing SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

Z-15-011: 2520 Peachtree Road APPROVED 8-0-0 in committee with conditions

Applicant seeks to change the zoning conditions on the property. No rezoning is applied for on this property. The property was 2 lots and was changed to 1 lot and this request is to change back to 2 lots.

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Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.