

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

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

Present: 17

Proxies: 2

Mark Tiller to Cory Tibbs

Jason Kendall to Cory Tibbs

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 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 reported a recent decrease in most types of crime, particularly a decrease in larceny/shoplifting during the recent ice storm, but auto larcenies continue to increase. Be careful not to leave electronics or other valuable items visible in parked automobiles. Also, regarding auto thefts, approximately 25 percent involve keys left in the vehicle by the owner and thus could easily have been avoided. Regarding the shooting in Northwest Atlanta, it was not a stranger on stranger aggravated assault as first thought/reported, one suspect has already been arrested, and a warrant has been issued for a second. The Citizens Police Academy is now accepting applications and is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 on Wednesday evenings - for more information email Major Hobbs or visit www.atlantaPD.org

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

Allen Burton is now a Battalion Chiefs for this area (Battalion 6). The direct telephone numbers to the various stations are identical except that the last two digits correspond to the station number – dial 404-546-4421 to reach station 21.

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 and her replacement was reassigned to Zone 4. The new replacement Community Prosecutor for this area (Zone 2) has not yet been appointed.

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

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

There were seven citations issued during the past month, one resulted in a hazardous materials citation for 3 Peachtree Avenue. Of the six others, three resulted in citations and the other three were either brought into compliance or no violation found. Parking on lawns/grass violates the municipal code and may be reported by calling code enforcement or APD. In general, code 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
Sergeant Anderson reported that there was one major crime at the Buckhead MARTA station involved an armed and intoxicated male. The Buckhead Bridge continues to be monitored by one or more officers 24 hours per day. 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

Stanton German, manager of the Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC) at 308 Peachtree Hills Avenue reported. Mr. German may be contacted at SMGerman@AtlantaGA.gov or 404-237-2756. There will be a new 55 and over basketball league. The public is invited to register free of charge to participate as a player or cheerleader. Visit www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs for information and registration.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

No report.

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

Verna Bair is still recuperating from a heart attack and is on administrative leave while recovery. Carlas Jones, manager of ambassador program, may be reached at 404-546-3216 or krjones@atlantaGA.gov and will be available during Ms. Bair's absence. Ms. Jones reported regarding the status of two previously-reported water leaks and also regarding the Water Drop Dash, a 5k run to be held at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell on March 21st. There is now a bill-pay app for smartphones. Water leaks should be reported by calling 311, which generates a record of the report call.

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

Sally Silver of Councilmember Shook's office reported that voting on the infrastructure bond will occur on March 17. The project list will be finalized by City Council if/after the bond issue is approved by voters on March 17. A proposed/draft list is published at AtlantaGA.gov – select the “Departments” tab and then the “Public Works” funds. To propose items for inclusion on the list, email recommendations to HShook@AtlantaGA.gov. Councilperson Shook has introduced legislation which would require set-asides for a future infrastructure repair budget. The current City budget does not include infrastructure repair, the true cost of which is estimated at 3-5 percent of the current municipal budget, hence the proposal for a bond issue to raise capital for infrastructure repairs.

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 reported that Peachtree Road Phase III (Maple to Shadowlawn) construction is expected to begin in 2016. DOT meetings for the Phase IV (Shadowlawn to Peach Shopping Center) will be announced after April 2. A public meeting regarding plans for striping/markings lanes on West Paces Ferry, East Paces Ferry, and Pharr Road will take place at the Atlanta International School on Wednesday evening, March 4, from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Mr. Peters noted that the draft list of projects to funded by the proposed infrastructure repair bond includes an item for repaving Lenox Road from Peachtree Road to East Paces Ferry Road (and beyond).

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

Proposed municipal code amendments for NPU vote

None

Other items on Planner's Report

Nominations for the 38th Annual Atlanta Urban Design Commission “Awards of Excellence” must be received by the Office of Planning, Suite 3350, City Hall, by 3:00pm on March 16.

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:

Zinburger Wine and Burger Bar, 3393 P'tree Rd / change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0

Café Bistro, 3500 Peachtree Rd / change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0

Homewood Suites by Hilton, 3566 Piedmont Rd / change of agent / approved in committee 4-0-0

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

Consent Agenda Items:

CDP-15-001 (2620 Buford Highway)

An ordinance to amend the amend the Land Use element of the 2011 Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to re-designate property located at 2620 Buford Highway from the Single Family Residential land use designation to the Low Density Commercial land use designation and for other purposes.

NOTE: Following negotiation with the Pine Hills Neighborhood Association, the applicant agreed to amend this application (and the companion zoning application) so as to re-designate to the Office and Industrial Classification (instead of Low Density Commercial), and based on that agreement the committee vote was unanimous to recommend approval. A hearing at the CDHR committee will take place on March 9 at 6:00pm in City Council chambers.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of CDP-15-001 passed by vote of 19-0-0.

Other items:

None.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Consent Agenda:

Z-14-074: 2620 Buford Highway

APPROVED in committee

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

V-15-004: 1136 East Club Lane

APPROVED in committee

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north side yard setback from 10' (required) to 4.85' to allow for a detached garage. Applicant seeks no other exceptions 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-15-010: 4114 East Brookhaven Drive

APPROVED in committee 6-0-1 (one abstention)

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the rear yard setback from 20 feet (required) to 5 feet to allow for a detached accessory structure. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of V-15-010 passed by vote of 18-0-1 (one abstention).

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings of the Zoning Review Board (ZRB) and the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) are as follows:

- BZA at noon on Thursday March 5 and Thursday March 12
- ZRB at 6:00pm on Thursday March 12.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.