

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting  
Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Andrea Bennett, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 19  
Proxies: 3  
Bill Bozarth to Michael Isaacs  
Bill Murray to Frank Toye  
Bob Connelley to Frank Toye

**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.**

**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 noted that crime was down for the year. He said that the same issues continue to plague the zone, primarily car thefts. There were some minor aggravated assault issues last month, mainly domestic issues. The car thefts are down for last month and 33 to 34 people have been arrested this year for car thefts; 1/3 of the arrests were in zone 2. One of the cases, led to four arrests of repeat car thieves. The last time they were caught, they were juveniles but this time they will be tried as adults.

Major Van Hobbs noted that the zone is getting a new community prosecutor. Elizabeth has been reassigned.

Traffic cameras have been helping. There were cars taking pictures of houses. They ran tags and have the information as a starting point for an investigation if something ends up happening. Another case, by 6am the tag number on the car was available someone had tried to break into a car at 4am. The video showed the people pulling on door handles. Got 4 people into custody with stolen guns and possessions in the car. The cameras will help when word gets out.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

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

Officer "O", [aolasimbo@atlantaga.gov](mailto:aolasimbo@atlantaga.gov) 404-807-2610

Trash cans should not be put at the curb earlier than the night before it will be picked up and should be removed that night. Warnings will be issued for leaving cans at the street for extensive times. There are plastic bags found in recycling bins a lot. Plastic bags should not be put in the blue recycling bins. West End Mall and CHARM will take hard to recycle items. Officer O will have a list of what is taken and what isn't in recycling bins.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

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

Battalion 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)

Lieutenant Eric Love is new to the area. No Part 1 crimes on MARTA in the area since the last meeting. Crime is down 20% this year, partly attributed to the "See Say" app and publicity of the program. John Bailey noted that he had a friend who is blind fall onto the tracks recently; there are knobs along the edge of the tracks and the bumps are the warning.

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 have started and they are signing up for camp. New program for teenagers to play intermural sports at different recreation centers, but this is filled. There are spring break camp options available at limited centers. Camp Best Friend registration is open for 7 weeks June 6 – July 26. For additional information and registration, visit [www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs](http://www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs).

Buckhead Business Association

No report.

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)

Livable Buckhead

Kim Estes; [kim@livablebuckhead.com](mailto:kim@livablebuckhead.com)

Kim gave an overview of Livable Buckhead, noting that the organization focuses on greenspace, alternative commute options, and sustainability. Path400 covers all of these components within a 5.2 mile linear park. Plans are for Path400 to connect to the Peachtree Creek planned trail, the South Fork Connectors trail, and the Beltline. The project has been successful in part due to collaborative partnership with GDOT, APD, and the Atlanta Public Schools.

Nancy Bliwise asked about the plan to connect to the Peachtree Greenway. The connection is planned for near Lindbergh on the east side of I-85. Kim noted that Livable Buckhead will need some funding to improve the junction. A pedestrian bridge over Peachtree Creek has also been discussed to connect with the confluence trail.

Kim gave an overview of the trail from the planned northern connection with I-285 which is moving forward with GDOT funding to the southern end near Miami Circle. Kim provided a detailed walking tour of the project, which can be found on the Livable Buckhead website ([www.livablebuckhead.org/](http://www.livablebuckhead.org/)), along with information on how to contribute to the ongoing capital campaign. Until March 31<sup>st</sup>, there are matching funds that have been pledged by the Loudermilk family - \$1 contribution for every \$1 donated up to \$250,000. The current campaign hopes to raise \$9 million.

There was a park planned for Miami Circle, the property for that park is not included in the current capital campaign but is a future opportunity.

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

Alex Hall a neuroscience researcher at Emory presented information on a planned research study for a specific type of traumatic brain injuries. Due to the nature of this research study and the rapid treatment that needs to be performed, this trial will have an exception from informed consent. The exceptions are only permitted if the trial could benefit you and/or will fail to harm you. The protocol is planned to be used on severe head trauma cases received at Grady. It involves using a hypothermia protocol to improve long-term recovery. The hypothermia protocol is used for other applications currently. The treatment needs to start immediately, so researchers can't wait for consent, hence the reason for exception. When a family member arrives, medical personnel will explain the treatment and allow the decision maker the option to continue the protocol. This is the fourth or fifth trial in Atlanta. Part of the approval process for exception from informed consent studies is to attend community meetings to provide information and

solicit feedback. The study is also being advertised. Feedback from community outreach will be shared with an ethics committee prior to starting the trial. This trial is randomized; meaning some traumatic brain injuries will be treated using the hypothermia protocol and others will not. Alex estimated that Grady typically receives 1 to 4 of these specific types of trauma per week. These traumas are typically the result of a direct blow to the head or a fall; typically with a bad auto accident, there are too many other issues and this protocol won't be used. There were team members present to solicit feedback following the meeting.

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

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

Jessica noted that the deadline for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlanta Urban Design Commission "Awards of Excellence" is approaching. The deadline of March 14, 2016 by 3pm. Jessica noted that there are many projects in NPU B that are likely eligible for this award. More information is available by contacting Matthew Adams at 404-330-6201 or [mdadams@atlantaga.gov](mailto:mdadams@atlantaga.gov).

## **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:

Kompass Rose Bar & Grill; 1072 Hiddenspirit Trail / change of agent/ APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Atlanta History Center; 130 W Paces Ferry Rd NW / additional facility / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Zoe's Kitchen; 3655 Roswell Road / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Goldbergs Deli; 4383 Roswell Road / new service / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

**NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 22-0-0.**

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

Jason Kendall, Chair

No report.

## **C. ZONING COMMITTEE**

Bill Murray, Chair presentation by Frank Toye

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

V-16-011 966 Ferncliff Road

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the west side yard setback from 10' (required) to 3'6" to allow for a 2 story addition/ expansion to an existing SFR. Applicant presented architectural plans that were not to scale. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-16-026 955 Canter Road

Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulations to allow an active recreation in a yard adjacent to the street to construct an in ground swimming pool on the property. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-387 4532 Club Circle NE

Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 50' to 35', reduce the northwest side yard from 10' to 8.5' and a special exception to allow a parking pad in the required front yard. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-373 2811 Andrews Drive

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north side yard setback from 15' (required) to 1.5' and the rear yard setback from 30' (required) to 9'7" to allow for the construction of an additional detached accessory structure. Applicant also seeks a variance to exceed the maximum lot coverage from 35% (required) to 37% and the total square footage of the accessory structure to exceed the maximum 30% floor area of the main house to 40.88%. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-16-006 2395 Peachtree Road

Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulations to reduce the required number of loading spaces from 6 to 4 to allow construction of a mixed use development. Pending re-zoning and lot consolidation. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

### **NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 22-0-0.**

V-16-010 2972 Lookout Place

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north and south side yard setbacks from 20' (required) to 7' for the construction of a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NOTE: The homeowner and designer presented the project and answered questions from the committee. Concerns were presented by the neighborhood in terms of the lot coverage and loss of trees. Conditions were added that include use of pervious pavers for the driveway and installation of the provided landscape plan.

### **NPU-B action: A motion to approve the variance with conditions passed by vote of 11-10-1.**

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

Bob Connelly voiced a concern via email that the film office is not providing enough advanced notice. Nancy Bliwise noted that they tend to solve problems that appear when onsite if problems are brought to their attention. Andrea offered to identify some suggestions based on the discussions.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next BZA meetings will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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