

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

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

Present: 16

Proxies: 4

Amy Hillman to Bill Murray

Bob Connelly to Bill Murray

John Bailey to Jason Kendall (then to bob stasiowski)

Mark Tiller 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 20-0-0.

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 that APD will work closely with the promoter of July 4 fireworks and many officers will work 12-hour shifts in order to handle crowd control issues, etc. There has been an increase in reported burglaries, and Major Hobbs attributes this increase to "hotel-style" apartment buildings (in which a secured entrance gives access to all interior floors/corridors), because once a perpetrator passes through central access and/or breaks in through a balcony, s/he has access to the entire building, thus putting many/all units at risk. There has also been an increase in reported auto thefts, which Major Hobbs attributes to drivers leaving vehicles unattended with keys inside. Auto larcenies overall are down, but there have been a number of reported thefts of weapons from inside vehicles, so Major Hobbs recommends against leaving firearms in vehicles.

Lamar Hester, Community Relations, APD LHester@AtlantaGA.gov

678-232-0157 (mobile), 404-546-7511 (office)

There is now a waiting list for the Citizens Police Academy, which is held on Wednesday evenings. Generally each session meets for nine consecutive Wednesday evenings. For further information call 404-209-5250

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Elizabeth Morrow, the new community prosecutor for Zone 2, gave a brief presentation and handed out business cards. Ms. Morrow may be reached at 404-613-8407 or by email at

ElizabethMorrow@FultonCountyGA.gov

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902) www.itsmarta.com
Major Easterling reported that crime is down in the North Precinct but overall (MPD-wide / all precincts) there have been a number of “crimes of opportunity,” meaning mostly snatch thefts of electronic devices and other valuables. Extra trains will run during the 4th of July holiday weekend. 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)
404-546-4400 (or dial 404-546-4421 to reach station 21)
Chief Burton from Battalion 6 reported regarding recent fire and emergency calls in the area.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division
CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov
Jacob D. Mach, 404-326-0705 mobile, JDMach@AtlantaGA.gov
Officer Mach reported that during the preceding month (April) a total of 14 code violations were reported in the Zone 2 area. Further details were provided regarding some of those. One resulted in an inspection which revealed no violation, four others are still assigned for inspection, two highly-hazardous cases were cited, and another report has been referred to the research department to locate property owner. NPU-B member and Atlanta Citizens Review Board (ACRB) member Bill Bozarth reported continuing improvements to the house at 3 Peachtree Avenue. In general, code violations in this area may be reported directly to Officer Mach or, alternatively, by email to CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

Buckhead Business Association
Bob Gibeling reported regarding the BBA annual luncheon which will be held on June 18.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM) (404-982-1480) www.atlantawatershed.org
Kurlis Jones, Manager, Ambassador Program (404-546-3216) or krjones@atlantaGA.gov
The monthly newsletter, Project Points, was distributed. Ms. Jones reported regarding renewal of applications for senior water rates and also regarding the CHARM program (center for hard to recycle materials), which accepts toilets and other items which are difficult to recycle. See, www.livethrive.org/charm Ms. Jones also reported regarding status of two leak repairs in the area. NPU-B member Kim Shorter reported a continuing leak at the meter at 3260 Grant Valley Road, and NPU-B member Michael Isaacs followed up regarding a leak at 361 Delmont Drive, which Ms. Jones agreed to investigate. A bill-pay app is available for smartphones. Water leaks should be reported by calling 311, which generates a record of the report.

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 summer camps are available at PHRC for a fee of only 35.00 per week for Atlanta residents. The camp runs from 7:30am to 6:00pm. For additional information and registration, visit www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs

Department of Public Works

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

Verna Singleton, VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

No report.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

No report.

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

No report.

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 Charlie Loudermilk Park has been re-opened. The Buckhead CID is studying feasibility of locating a park near Peachtree Road on the GA-400 overpass. Seasonal Color was installed this past weekend in the Peachtree Road medians.

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

No report.

Proposed municipal code amendments (for information only, no NPU vote)

15-O-1170 is a fee increase for fire inspections.

Other items on Planner's Report

The following additional proposed municipal code amendments, each supplementing the existing Connect Atlanta Plan, will be presented for NPU vote at a subsequent regular monthly meeting:

CDP-15-010 – An ordinance to adopt *Move Atlanta: A Design Manual for Active, Balanced, & Complete Streets*.

This was presented as a comprehensive street design manual intended to be less automobile-focused, to ensure that streets are conducive to all forms of transportation, and suitable for use by pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

CDP-15-011 – An ordinance to adopt *Transit Oriented Atlanta: A Strategy for Advancing Transit-Oriented Development*.

This supplement to the Connect Atlanta Plan advocates a comprehensive transit-oriented development (TOD) plan for areas within one-half mile of an existing or proposed transit station with design strategies to include increased densities, mixed use, and pedestrian orientation.

CDP-15-012 – An ordinance to adopt the *Cycle Atlanta Phase 1.0 Study*

This supplement to the Connect Atlanta Plan is an implementation strategy ”to create a connected network of high-quality bicycle infrastructure in the core of the city. This includes five cycling corridors extending from the Atlanta Beltline into the center of the city as illustrated on the back of this page.”

The illustration was omitted from the materials. NPU-B member Jim Cosgrove asked whether one of the five corridors in question is Peachtree Road extending through NPU-B from the Lenox/Phipps area to Midtown. Both Ms. Lavandier and Tony Peters (Buckhead CID and Livable Buckhead) declined to answer or comment. However, Ms. Lavandier indicated that Jonathan Lewis will be placing additional information on a website and that a City Council vote on all four supplements is expected to occur in July.

CDP-15-013 – An ordinance to adopt *Cargo Atlanta: A Citywide Freight Study*

The Cargo Atlanta Study is a comprehensive freight study on the importance of all modes of freight in the City of Atlanta. The study updates the Freight Route Map and the freight-related capital project list.

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):

- 4th of July Fireworks at Lenox Square Mall

Installation of temporary fencing, etc. will begin on July 2, and preparations will continue on July 3, including installation of a temporary stage. There will be live music on Saturday evening, July 4, from 6:00 to 9:45, and the fireworks show will conclude the event.

- Dancing in the Streets Festival at Big Sky

Adam Berlin reported regarding the Dancing in the Streets festival which will be held at Big Sky Buckhead on June 27 for up to 1999 persons.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

Five Star, 3330 Piedmont Rd/ new business / approved in committee 5-0-0

Five Paces Inn, 41 Irby Avenue / patio / approved in committee 5-0-0

Churchill's, 3223 Cains Hill Place / patio and change of agent / approved in committee 5-0-0

Havana Club, 3112 Piedmont Rd / 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.

Other Applications:

None.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

Bill Bozarth reported.

CDP-15-002: 4707-4765 Wieuca Road

DENIED 5-0-1 in committee

Applicant seeks rezoning from R-3 to MR-2.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend denial of CDP-15-002 passed by vote of 21-0-0.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Zoning Committee Consent Agenda:

V-15-066 3901 Land O Lakes Drive

Denied 6-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 50' (required) to 35' to construct a new SFR. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-058 165 Ridgeland Way

Approved 6-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 35' (required) to 21' and the west side yard setback from 7' (required) to 3'6" to construct a new front porch and 1st and 2nd story addition to a SFR. Applicant, Brent Drone verified that he is responsible for the FAR for this project. 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 21-0-0.

Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:

V-15-006 2974 Hardman Court Approved 5-0-1 with 12 page conditions and the planting of (6) 10'-12' holly trees to be irrigated and guaranteed for 5 years by the applicant. Also, the removal of (2) sweetgum trees and a 3 year prescriptive maintenance on the (2) oak trees.

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north side yard from 20' (required) to 7' to allow for an addition to an existing SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of V-15-006 subject to conditions passed by vote of 20-0-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

NPU-B Treasurer Bob Stasiowski will be sending invoices to those NPU-B members who have not yet paid their 2015 NPU-B dues.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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