

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Wednesday, August 1, 2017**

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

Present: 19 *

Proxies: 4
Cathy Boston to Bob Connelly
Frank Toye to Bob Connelly
John Bailey to Bill Murray
Jason Kendall to France Campbell

*3 NPU Members arrived following approval of the minutes (Susan Campbell, Jim Cosgrove, Abby Shepherd)

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, as amended, 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 Barry Shaw, Precinct Commander Zone 2, JBShaw@atlantaga.gov ; 404-391-0081.

Major Shaw touched on two issues; first, vehicle related crime is still important and the second topic to touch on is homelessness. Major Shaw noted that the vehicle related crime is very organized. The City is tracking these criminals by tracing back from where vehicles are recovered. Typically, the vehicles that are stolen in Buckhead are found in Zone 1 and 4. There have been several arrests and with school starting back, the numbers will start to decrease.

The Peachtree and Pine shelter downtown is closing and the City is trying to get in front of that. There are some homeless persons that are migrating into downtown Atlanta. The City tries to offer services first and then will address criminal behavior as needed.

Andrea asked if there was anything that residents should do in addition to keeping a clean car to protect themselves from auto thefts. Major Shaw noted that everyone should be very watchful as the car thieves are very sophisticated. The thieves could care less if police are around because they know that the City police can't chase them.

Someone noted that there are criminals intentionally causing fender benders in order to steal cars. Major Shaw noted that this is not a problem in this Zone but this technique has been around for awhile.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)
404-546-4400 (or dial 404-546-4421 to reach station 21)

No Report.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office
Brenden Dougherty, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor (Brenden.Dougherty@fultoncountyga.gov)

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)

EJ Inyang, with the Solicitors office was there to answer questions. There was a question about whether code enforcement issues were heard by one judge. He responded that yes, they were heard by Judge Portus in Court 5A.

There was a question about properties where construction started and then stopped. The City has had an uptick in prosecutions for erosion and sedimentation issues and other violations.

There was a question about AirBNB rentals that have become party houses and whether that was code enforcement issue. He answered that yes, noise and other violations would be handled by the Solicitor. He noted that noise issues are tricky to prosecute, however he encouraged people to call. There was a question about whether there was a device that could be used to measure the noise levels. He responded that the officer really determines whether the noise is egregious or not. It was noted that residents attending the testimony might be helpful. One of the issues that has been most upsetting with the AirBNB's is that cars are blocking access to driveways, trash and debris left on the roads, and other un-neighborly behaviors.

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

Major Easterling noted that the fiscal year ended June 30th. Major Easterling noted that people were not taking care of their personal property and so the larceny levels were up last year. This fiscal year is looking good. There was one Part 1 crime on the train last Wednesday. They know what happened based on the CCTV footage. Someone asked someone else to stop cursing and the gentleman with the offensive language pretended to pull a gun, which caused mass hysteria and some people suffered minor injuries. Major Easterling suggested that everyone download the "See-Say" app, so you can anonymously report crimes directly to the MARTA police.

The July 4th Peachtree Road Race went very well. The buses transported people from the MARTA station and back. There was 1 dehydration issue on the platform at Midtown Station but other than that, there were no issues.

DragonCon is coming Labor Day weekend as well as several football games, etc. All officers will be working.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM) (404-982-1480) www.atlantawatershed.org
Denita Burton, Office of Safety, Security, & Emergency Management (404-546-3374) or
dburton@atlantaga.gov; 404-798-8103 (cell)

Verna Singleton thanked the NPU for the support that she received while she was recovering. She can be reached at 404-330-6040 (office); 404-259-0023 (cell); vabair@atlantaga.gov.

Denita provided a few updates. Lake Lanier is still low and so there is still a Level 2 Drought.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (404-546-6813)

www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs

Jose Salazar, Manager, Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC), 308 Peachtree Hills Ave.

Jsalazar@AtlantaGA.gov or 404-295-3874.

Jose Salazar noted that there was a lot going on with after school programs starting. Peachtree Hills has strong registrations. He reminded everyone that the teen program is \$5 for the entire year, which includes a snack and dinner and runs until 7:30pm!!! For grade and middle schools, the cost is \$35/ week.

Jose announced the remaining movies in the park that are held in parks throughout the City. MLK Center will be reopening the Class IV recreation facility in November and it has a pool with lap lanes and a play area for all ages.

A member of the audience noted that the Recreation Centers cannot ask for donations but they are in need of pencils and balls of any kind. Call 404-237-2756 and ask for Lauren if you are interested in donating.

Department of Public Works

Marcus McGaw (404-865-8743) mlmcgaw@atlantaga.gov

Verna Singleton, VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

Officer O (404-807-2610)

Sama 404-865-8621 samakoi@atlantaga.gov

No Report.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov 404-546-3868

jhbrown@atlantaga.gov; 404-546-3800 office; 404-557-2748 cell

Officer Tucker attended on behalf of officer Brown. 532 Orleans has a pending court date.

127 W Paces Ferry Road has now cited the correct owner. The court date has not been set yet.

1014 Ferncliff Road - there was no update.

2500 block of Rivers Road, there is a house with tall and uncut grass.

Buckhead Business Association

Bob Gibeling, VP, Community Alliance, BBA office: 404-467-7607

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

No report.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica introduced Jonathan who puts together the NPU B agendas. She mentioned that he helps with the monthly emails and in September, the NPU agendas will have a link to a OneDrive folder that has copies of agendas, details, etc. These improvements were based on a request by the NPU chair.

Amendments to the Beltline Ordinances are currently on hold and will be coming back to the NPU in the future.

There was a question about the Zoning Code status and schedule. Jessica noted that the consulting team was re-engaged to work on the "quick fixes" but Jessica didn't know what the quick fixes are or the timeline for the completion of the Zoning Ordinance.

6. INTERNAL REPORTS

Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB)

Richard Rauh, NPU-B APAB delegate; Cathy Muzzy, alternate delegate.

Email Report.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Randall Kent, Chair

Bar Americano - Bar Crema / 56 East Andrews Drive, NW / new business / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Soiree / 3267 Roswell Road, Suite B / new business / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Little Alley Steak / 3500 Lenox Road, Suite 100 / new business / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Lucca Atlanta, LLC d/b/a/ BLUE / 262 Pharr Road, NE / change of ownership / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Lucca Atlanta, LLC d/b/a/ CABO / 262 Pharr Road, NE / change of ownership / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 23-0-0.

Sahara Atlanta, LLC / 321 Roswell Road, Suite B / additional facility

*this application was not heard at the committee meeting and was heard by the full NPU.

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt the above-listed application passed by vote of 23-0-0.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

V-17-162 3778 Vermont Road, NE

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to allow an accessory structure to exceed 30 percent of the floor area of the main structure.

*CONDITIONS: east elevation of garage will not have windows, the magnolia trees between the applicant and the Farrows next door are not disturbed and that the applicant maintain and increase where feasible, the foliage screening between the applicant and Lyle Green on Narmore.

V-17-178 4044 North Ivy Road NE

APPROVED

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the required north side yard setback from 10 feet to 4 feet for an expansion of an existing attached garage to a single-family dwelling.

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 23-0-0.

V-17-167 2895 Grandview Avenue NE

APPROVED

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required north side yard setback from 7 feet to 5.62 feet for an addition (deck) to a single-family dwelling.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the above-listed application passed by vote of 23-0-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

Susan noted that Ridgedale Park is dealing with proposed development that will come to the NPU soon. There are requesting to rezone 4 SFR properties, 1 duplex parcel, and 1 apartment parcel into multi-family dwellings. There are several concerns.

Wes noted that there was a tree cut moratorium in Tuxedo Park. He asked if that was something that could extend further? There was some discussion. The tree moratorium was originally applied to Tuxedo Park but has been extended Citywide. The moratorium applies to the removal of 10 or more trees on residential lots 5 acres or greater.

Laura Dobson noted concerns about the trees that have been cut down in the Peachtree Hills neighborhood. She asked for greater transparency from the NPU to the neighborhoods as the neighbors were not advised of several important site plan changes.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next BZA meetings will be held on September 7th and September 14th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held on September 7th and September 14th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

Next meeting will be September 5, 2017.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.