

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Andrea Bennett, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 20

Proxies: 3
Frank Toyne to Bill Murray
Brian Ward to Jason Kendall
Jim Cosgrove to Nancy Bliwise

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 22-0-0.

*One NPU member joined following the approval of the minutes.

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.

Lieutenant Singh noted that the City is getting ready for Christmas with 80% of the trainees and a special SWAT unit. Everyone is deployed. There is still crime, so do your best to call the police if you see something suspicious. It is better to respond to a call and find out it is nothing than have an incident. Don't leave your keys in the car, especially with the "smart cars". If the door opens, they will see if they can grab the car. Lock your garage door. Don't leave your secondary keys in the kitchen adjacent to the door.

There was a question about the range rover stolen in Brookhaven a few nights ago. There was one family that lost 2 cars by leaving their keys easily accessible. They were stolen out of the garage while the people were at home.

There was a question about devices that enable cars to be stolen. Lieutenant Singh noted that this device has been used primarily to hit valet stands. It strengthens the remote occasionally.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

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

Captain Robert, new Battalion Chief for station 21. Recently moved back to Buckhead and glad to be back. He can be reached at keroberts@atlantaga.gov or 404-546-4466.

There was a question about donating gently used kids bikes. Station 16 has a big Christmas party and loves to have bikes to give to needy families.

There will be 3 new chiefs, everyone is getting moved around a little.

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)

No Report.

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

Sergeant Johnson noted that there was a new Chief and that he was planning to attend next week. He noted a case where some cars were broken into and there was a footchase and they eventually found everyone with the help of Zone 2 and the Brookhaven police. The 4 criminals who took flight were all wanted for other incidents and had taken some

Compliments were given to the MARTA police for their efforts last weekend during the SEC Championship game.

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)

Denita noted that the work on Roswell Road is completed. She reminded that you can go ahead and send pictures and videos to look at issues when you have them. The pictures and videos are helpful.

There is a speed cushion on Peachtree Hills Avenue and it is clogged with leaves. If there is an area that clogs regularly, more work might need to be done.

Kim will email Denita the NPU contact list to help with communications during City projects.

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.

No Report.

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; 404-546-3846 office; 404-557-2748 cell

Officer Brown provided an update and the issue at 147 W Paces Ferry has been addressed. A new contact person has been identified for 127 W Paces Ferry. Officer Brown noted that the City is working on sending a citation to the new property owner. There was a question about placing a lien on the property owner as this has

Mayor's Office of Resiliency
Megan O'Neil, moneil@atlantaga.gov

No Report.

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

Darion Dunn, 404-842-2693, ddunn@buckheadcid.com

No Report.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

Carter Coleman attended on behalf of Jessica. He presented the Quick Fixes. None of the codes and ordinances are changing but some of the language is being clarified.

There was a question about including the pictures and definitions within the zoning code. Andrea commented that the discussion was form based code and that will be done at a later date. This is not the zoning rewrite which is 3 to 4 years from now.

There was a question regarding sidewalk requirements. The quick fixes shows that the City can make adjustments to sidewalks. There is a pretty elaborate process for sidewalk variances currently. Does this waive the variance process so that the community can work with Planning more effectively. Carter confirmed that the intent was to improve this process.

There was a comment that if sidewalks are not required, then the developer should be asked to donate to a sidewalk fund for sidewalks to be built in other locations.

MR/RG Single and Two-Family Minimum Lot Sizes, there were concerns about the impact of this topic and the impacts on stormwater and other issues of allowing these lot subdivisions. There were concerns about existing infrastructure and maybe this needs a second look.

There were questions about PODS and whether the excessive length of time was a code enforcement issue.

There was a question regarding a house that has not been completed and there is no room for a driveway. Is this a code enforcement issue? It is likely a code enforcement issue.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommendation approval of the "Quick Fix" ordinance with the following two revisions; (1) creation of a in-lieu parking fund and (2) removal of Topic 7 for further study/ evaluation passed by vote of 22-0-1.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommendation approval of Ordinance Z-17-88 passed by vote of 23-0-0.

* There was additional NPU comment that this was a good step in the right direction but that additional review and action would likely be needed in addition to this 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

AMC Theatres Phipps Plaza 14 / 3500 Peachtree Road NE / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Cousins Maine Lobster / 3393 Peachtree Road NE / new business / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Daniel Reed's Public Kitchen & Bar / 3500 Peachtree Road NE / new business / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Exxon Food Mart / 635 Lindbergh Drive NE / change of ownership / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Nifty Neighbor / 250 Pharr Road NE / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Seasons 52 / 3050 Peachtree Road NE / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

The Whitley / 3434 Peachtree Road NE / change of ownership / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

WeWork / 3340 Peachtree Road NE / new business / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

We Work / 3365 Peachtree Road NE (Building A) / new business / 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.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

V-17-315 3806 Ivy Lane NE

APPROVED

Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulation to allow recreation (swimming pool) in a yard adjacent to a street.

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

V-17-281 196 East Wesley Road NE

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to (1) reduce the required east side yard setback from 7 feet to 5 feet, (2) applicant also seeks a variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 7.5 feet. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

** Conditioned to straight driveway, no kitchen or rental and applicant must send a letter and email to adjacent neighbor that no response shall be an opinion of not opposed.

The letter was sent to the property owners. Yesterday received the receipt of delivery. There was also an email sent to the neighbor. There was a response that they had not seen the certified letter and that they were not in favor of the variance and would not attend the NPU meeting.

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

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

The business elections were held on Tuesday, November 28th. There will be some new representatives and two representatives that will not continue their service. Bob Connelly and

Brian Ward will leave the NPU. There are two new business representatives; Ben Howard and David Stephenson.

Andrea asked for confirmation from the NPU to make the annual \$500 donation to the police and fire departments. Everyone concurred.

Officer elections need to occur in January.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The December Zoning meeting will be December 19th instead of December 26th.

Then next NPU meeting will be January 2, 2018.

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

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

Andrea noted that she is going to be moving out of the NPU B area and this will be her last meeting as the NPU B Chair. She noted that her involvement has been very meaningful for her personally. She noted that NPU B is the best in the City. Her goal as chair was to make sure that everyone has a voice and that the meetings are transparent. It has been a great privilege and she is grateful that she had this opportunity. What we do is important work. Andrea noted that she felt she needed to recommend a replacement Chair for the position. Andrea recommended that Nancy Bliwise would make an excellent chair.

There was a question as to whether there was anyone else who was interested in the position.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve Nancy Bliwise as the Chair of NPU B passed by vote of 23-0-0.

Nancy provided Andrea a token of our appreciation for her tireless service to the NPU.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.