

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting  
Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

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

Present: 18  
\* Jim Cosgrove joined after the approval of the minutes

Proxies: 3  
Cathy Boston to Bob Connelly  
Mark Tiller to Jason Kendall  
John Bailey to France Campbell

**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](mailto:JBShaw@atlantaga.gov) ; 404-391-0081.

Major Barry Shaw introduced himself. He noted that Major Hobbs has been moved into Code Enforcement. Major Shaw also introduced Captain Mike Butler, who has joined Zone 2 from Zone 3 (which won the award last year for the greatest decrease in crime).

Major Shaw noted that he is aware that there are crime issues in Zone 2. He also offered that 10 of the 13 beats had an increase in crime last year. The focus for this year citywide is reducing crime. Major Shaw noted that he is looking to implement new ideas in order to bring crime numbers down.

There was a question about the DS Lounge and the fight and the guns that were discharged and their valet stand backing up onto Peachtree. Major Shaw noted that there are discussions and emails on the subject. They have talked to Schroder (the owner) and/or his agent. They have been cited for noise. Major Shaw will be getting in touch with the morning watch to learn more about what is being done.

There was a question about the Wakefield development at the corner of Peachtree. The wall has been hit and repaired a number of times recently. People go too fast on Peachtree and then miss the turn, therefore jumping the wall and/or hit the wall. Major Shaw will look into this concern.

There was also a question about motorcycles or other "revving" noises. It was noted that several bike clubs hang out at Twin Peaks and they race on 400 under the financial center which causes some of the noise issues. Major Shaw will look into this concern.

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

Bill McJenkins, Battalion Chief for the "A" shift. He also introduced Chief Kendrick.  
mjenkins@atlantaga.gov; 404-276-7527

Chief McJenkins noted that the department continues to implement ongoing programs such as the car seat program, smoke detector, other programs. Chief McJenkins noted that the big difference for Station 21 is that traffic is much heavier. He noted that everyone should move over if you hear sirens in order to allow the fire trucks to get through.

There was a questions about a recent water main break in Pine Hills. The break was fixed but now there are two leaking fire hydrants on West Roxboro Drive. Nancy shared information on these. The Watershed Department fixes these issues.

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

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.

Councilman Alex Wan, Council District 6

As Major Shaw noted, there were some leadership changes within the police department. Alex Wan, Yolanda Adrean, and Howard Shook want to work with Major Shaw to drop the crime rates in Buckhead. For those who voted in November, Councilman Wan thanked everyone for passing the MARTA and TSPLOST revenue sources. There are ongoing discussions looking at what projects to move forward. Based on the success in the City, Fulton County and DeKalb County are looking at increasing investments as well.

Council has not started deliberations in terms of project sequencing. These projects will be pay as you go and so while the projects have been identified, determining the sequencing is the next step.

Councilman Wan explained his position on two recent votes. There was a vote regarding the abandonment of the streets by Underground. While the vote passed, Councilman Wan voted against it because the public notice and public processes were waived. Councilman Wan explained that has a big problem with waving this process.

Council is deliberating on the transparency issues for Council expenses and the staff expenses. This has been discussed for months. The author of the bill presented a draft but didn't receive a second, so it failed. Councilman Wan noted that he supports an increase in transparency, but couldn't approve the bill without understanding the associated implementation costs and making

sure budget for these was available for implementation.

Councilman Wan noted that the Phillips Arena/ Hawks conversation will be coming soon. Council has not seen anything official, aside what has been in the paper.

Councilman Wan noted that he is now heading the Public Utilities Committee. Members alerted Councilman Wan to several ongoing water leak issues. One is on West Paces Ferry between the Atlanta History Center and Regions Bank. The other is at 2855 Peachtree Street near Felini's. Water is leaking down the road. There are concerns that the leak may be compromising the foundation of a neighboring parking area and building.

There was a question about the contract for golf courses. Councilman Wan noted that he did not know the answer to that but would find out.

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902) [www.itsmarta.com](http://www.itsmarta.com)

No Report.

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

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 announced that after school program starts tomorrow through May 24th. The spring catalog is coming soon. The City hopes to add soccer to the spring offerings at Peachtree Hills. Basketball season is beginning this month. The new prices were approved and available online. The City is working hard to reach more people in the City. There is construction of an assisted living community adjacent to the Peachtree Hills Recreation Center. The new community will have an extension to the Beltline. Stanton is hoping to add programs that integrate this new community.

There was a question about the numbers for basketball registrations. Stanton noted that Peachtree Hills excels at safety, organization, etc. but they lag behind other Centers with recreation registrations. He noted that the rules changed recently and across the City, school children that play for their athletic teams can now ALSO play for their recreational leagues. This is huge.

Department of Public Works  
Marcus McGaw (404-865-8743) [mlmcgaw@atlantaga.gov](mailto:mlmcgaw@atlantaga.gov)  
Verna Singleton, [VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov)  
Officer O (404-807-2610)

Tamaya Huff, 404-548-4014, tlhuff@atlantaga.gov. Ms. Huff is new to the NPU assignment and looking forward to supporting the NPU. She also brought hand outs that describe the role of public works.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

[CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov) 404-546-3868

[jhbrown@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jhbrown@atlantaga.gov); 404-546-3800 office; 404-557-2748 cell

Officer Culbreth noted that there are 4 problems that have gone to court but are still not in compliance. Most of these court cases are for junk and debris in yards.

There was a question that if someone was found guilty what happens next. Some ask for more time. Some just pay the fine and get cited again. It depends. Nancy Bliwise noted that specific to the Canter property, it is an abandoned building with junk, debris, and roof is falling in. There have been squatters in the property. The owner was unhappy with the summons. There is nothing happening on the property.

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](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)

No report.

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

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

Jessica announced that the City has assigned planners to each NPU. The Urban Design Awards of Excellence are coming up again. It is the 40th year. They are seeking nominations for several categories; public works of art, interior design, adaptive use, infill, sustainable design.

Applications are due on March 6, 2017. They would like to see more grass roots nominations, with Community Design Award. These could be any award category. Simple 1-paged package. Staff of the urban design commission will assist with completing the application. Awards will be announced in mid-May. A flyer will be shared via email.

The City is about to contract with an outside firm to update the Transportation Plan. Information will be shared when it is available. It is an 8-month timeframe. There will be outreach.

#### **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

Quick Trip #744; 3424 Little Beth Ct / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Shake Shack; 3035 Peachtree Road, Block A, Space 146 / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Capital Grille; 255 E Paces Ferry Road, 8th floor / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Rosati's Pizza & Subs; 4629 Wieuca Road / change of ownership / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Your Pie; 5 West Paces Ferry Road, NW / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

**NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 21-0-0.**

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

No Report. Will meet next month.

### **C. ZONING COMMITTEE**

Bill Murray, Chair

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

U-16-032 4100 Roswell Road NE APPROVED  
Applicant seeks a Special Use Permit to operate a private school. Little DaVinci International School.

V-16-306 178 Rumson Road NE APPROVED  
Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation: to reduce the western side yard from 7 feet to 3.5 feet and to reduce the required rear yard from 15 feet to 5 feet in order to erect an accessory structure.

Z-16-092 4609 Wieuca Road NE APPROVED  
Applicant seeks a rezoning from R-LC-C to R-LC-C.

V-16-325 4609 Wieuca Road NE APPROVED  
Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to allow a reduction in the required south side yard setback from 7 feet to make alterations to an existing structure.

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## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

A slate of officers for the upcoming year was recommended by members of the NPU.

Chair - Andrea Bennett

Vice-Chair - Nancy Bliwise

Recorder - Kim Shorter

Treasurer - Bob Stasiowski

**NPU-B action: A motion to approve the nominated officers passed by vote of 21-0-0.**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next BZA meetings will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

The next meeting NPU B meeting will be February 7, 2016.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.