

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Andrea Bennett, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 13*

Proxies: 4
Bryan Steed to Randall Kent
Jason Kendall to Kim Shorter
Frank Toye to Bob Connelly
Jim Cosgrove to Kim Shorter

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 17-0-0.

*5 NPU member joined after 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.

Captain Butler, the Assistant Zone Commander noted that he is mainly dealing with traffic. The NPU is down 1% in crime. The City has been focusing on burglaries and robberies, which helped decrease crime numbers. The City is also working on auto thefts too. Last month, there were 13 auto thefts; however 3 of these were actually repossessions and 1 was someone who forgot where they parked their car. Of the 13 thefts, 6 of the cars had keys in the ignition and/or were left running. Do not leave your car running with keys at service stations. A big concern is that 5 guns were also stolen with these cars.

Looking for the bridge to be finished on time, and hopefully traffic will return to normal.

Abby asked why the bomb squad was at the Buckhead Theatre about three weeks ago. The bomb squad was actually a component of the Atlanta Police Foundation function. There were also big trucks on display for the fundraiser.

Bill Murray noted that police are not enforcing the blocking the intersection issue. Captain Butler noted that there are changes in progress to better enforce these issues.

When Peachtree North closes a lane, there is supposed to be someone directing traffic. Nobody is directing traffic. The police are not responsible for traffic lane closures. That is an issue for City

Hall. The building inspector would be the person responsible. A member of the audience noted that this is a state project and this has been an issue previously. The state is responsible for this. Sama McKoi (404-865-8621) can help.

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)

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

Seargant Lewis with MARTA police noted a 56% increase with the I-85 shut down. They have some additional parking lots. Make sure not to leave valuables showing while your car is parked at a MARTA lot. Use the See-Say App in order to get rapid response to any issues.

Bill noted that there was a story on Channel 2 news about the recent shooting that exemplified the good job done by MARTA police.

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 Drinking Water Week is next week. This month there will be rain barrel and composting workshops. You can find out about these and register online.

Susan asked whether we were still in a level 2 drought with restrictions.

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 reported on ongoing DPR activities. Youth baseball targeting ages 5 to 12. Register at iparks website on atlantaga.gov. Tot Olympics registration for 3 and 4 year olds started yesterday with a \$5 registration fee. The City will celebrate older Americans month in May and honor seniors in the month of May with various activities.

Outdoor pool season will begin Memorial Day weekend. The splash pads opened yesterday.

Prime time senior camp for 50+ will be happening this summer. This camp is free for City of Atlanta residents and will include activities like weaving and water aerobics.

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

Sama followed up on 2 recent requests in NPU B. There is a request for a stop sign at Sherondale and Birchwood; a request has been put in for the needed traffic study. There was a request for a stop sign at Morsogo & Lindberg, however there are 2 of these intersections. Sama is working to confirm that it is the intersection near the multi-family property and then will request the traffic study.

Abby asked why there is a red light on Lindberg behind the Gold Room? There was commentary that it was probably for people making a left turn. There was further discussion that a yellow flashing light may be more appropriate for this location.

Susan had a question about the proposed Phipps round-about. Sama noted that this project is in capital projects and her job is focused on ongoing operations.

Bob asked if Sama worked with the film industry and issues related to lane closures violating their permit terms. All lane closures need to be permitted by the Department of Transportation. Sama noted that she would try to help.

Nancy noted that she lives in Pine Hills. They have requested a light at Shady Valley and Buford a number of times but understand it isn't feasible. They would like for the box to be painted. Buford Highway is state, but the state has recommended that the intersection have a painted box.

No parking signs fall within Sama's purview. New no parking signs require a study first.

There was a question about the Rumson Circle roundabout and why there were stop signs. Sama noted that yield signs were recommended but the neighborhood insisted on stop signs instead. Abby noted that the neighborhood didn't hear this information. Abby will close the loop with Sama.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov 404-546-3868

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

There is an update that 532 Lordain Drive is set for trial. With summer, code enforcement expects to see more problems with overgrown yards.

65 Park Drive - looking for a status on the concerns at this location

4205 Peachtree Dunwoody Road - operating a "hotel" with the constant AirBNB usage.

127 West Paces Ferry Road - there are several code violations that are outstanding. There is a pool/spa that remained after demolition that collects water. There are other violations as well.

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

Councilman Ceaser Mitchell's office

Jim Elgar

Councilwoman Mary Norwood

Mary noted that 6 of 16 showed up for the budget meetings that have started. It is \$637M in General Fund. There is a pamphlet that describes the budget process. There will be a virtual town hall on May 11th and there is a new tool called Atlanta Budget Explorer. The City is trying to get good information out. There is a new transparency bill that Mary is cosponsoring.

There have been some illegal tree removal and demolitions and construction happening. Need to get the tree ordinance and update the zoning ordinance. Greg Pace is the person to call when you see something wrong. PDH does not get used to increase densities.

The vote was 11-3 on the drainage easement. Howard Shook explained that four entities worked together on an agreement. There were still several folks who were unhappy. Howard added an amendment to make sure children couldn't access the storm drain.

There is a regulation that you can only have 4 garages. If you have 4 garage doors, but the room is tall enough that you could put in lifts and store additional cars. Mary is going to get an answer. The concern is less the number of cars and more the number of people driving cars.

We asked if anything was being done about AirBNB problems. Mary noted that she would check and get back.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica noted that the 40th Urban Design Award are upcoming. Department now called Zoning and Development and combining staff in the same location, so there is some construction. Customer appreciation day is tomorrow at City Hall.

Z-17-18. Legislation introduced by Councilman Shook that noted that when calculating the lot that all shared driveways and easements should be factored in the calculation.

- Nancy asked what problem it was designed to fix. Currently you can't count that as part of a buildable lot. It adversely impacts lot coverage calculations.

There were revisions to the IMIX legislation. One of the changes in the amendment is that it talks about the maximums of the different blends that are allowed in this category. Working on the land uses that are compatible with IMIX. There were some concerns about the percentages in the amendment will make this legislation unworkable. There is also a typo requiring noxious odors, etc. that needs to be addressed.

The transportation plan is still ongoing. There is a new head of the mobility office in Planning, who would be the contact person.

There was a question about storage units and why they were specifically not to be allowed within the Beltline Overlay. The goal of the Beltline is to transform the corridor to a live, work, play zone. While storage units are applicable to some of the property, which is zoned industrial, there is a thought that these are not appropriate and won't fulfill the vision. There are concerns that storage facilities will be pushed to just outside of the Beltline Overlay area.

NPU-B action: A motion to support Ordinance Z-17-18 passed by vote of 22-0-0.

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

Nancy's Pizza; 2625 Piedmont Road / new business / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Savi Provisions; 316 Pharr Road / new business / 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.

Randall noted that he has written a strongly worded letter and will follow up with the City to make sure that Kompass Rose is following the public safety standards that they are required to

follow. Based on recent issues, Kompass Rose was given a \$5,000 fine and had to suspend operations for 5 days. Randall will continue to follow up as needed.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

V-17-163 163 Rumson Road NE

APPROVED

Applicant seeks a variance from the Zoning regulation to reduce the required west side yard setback from 7 feet to 3.5 feet for an addition to a single-family dwelling.

V-17-071 195 & 205 West Paces Ferry Road NW

APPROVED

Applicant seeks a special exception from the Zoning regulation to allow for an 11 foot and 6 inch wall and gate in the required front yard and half-depth front yard setbacks where only 4 foot fences are allowed. Applicant seeks no other special exceptions at this time.

* Approval contingent on building in accordance with the site plan.

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8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pay dues.

The next BZA meetings will be held on May 4th and May 11th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held on May 4th and May 11th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

The next meeting NPU B meeting will be June 6, 2017.

Note that the July meeting falls on July 4, so Andrea will be talking about meeting options.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.