

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Andrea Bennett, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 12 *

Proxies: 8
Randall Kent to Bob Stasiowski
Bob Connelly to Andrea Bennett
Jim Cosgrove to Andrea Bennett
Bill Murray to Kim Shorter
Frank Toye to Kim Shorter
Sara Ohmer to Anne Culberson
Kim Bondurant to Brian Ward
Jason Kendall 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 ; 404-391-0081.

Captain Butler provided a quick crime update. Currently we have a consistent trend, hoping to decrease. Most crimes occur between 3pm to 11pm.

There were 2 armed robberies in Peachtree Park in the last 2 weeks. One was of a dominos delivery man and one was at a pocket park. The Captain noted that these are likely perpetrators from the south side of town. Two out of three perpetrators were recently caught at Lenox and are attached to 7 crimes. They used stolen credit cards to buy new clothes in order to elude the officers. They were caught. These are family crime rings. They were arrested on Saturday. There is another crew with 2 men and 2 women.

Don't leave weapons in your car. These will get stolen and used for a crime.

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)

Brenden noted that the City is still struggling with entering automobiles and automobile thefts. Brenden and Major Shaw are working together to help catch the criminals. Often there are not signs. The DA office receives the request for warrants. There is a complex and a non-complex track in the DA's office. The non-complex crimes like car breakins typically bypass Brenden. Brenden is working to review all of the warrants to make sure that these crimes are getting sent to judges that will hand down stiff sentences instead of allowing them to go on probation over and over again.

Brenden gave an update on a case that could go to trial. Defendant stole a car from a Buckhead apartment complex. The car was found on Northside. He rammed his car into the patrol car and ran off but was caught. The Court Watch program allows citizens to participate in the process, get updates, and speak or write statements of impact. Brenden can help anyone get involved in the process.

Andrea asked how helpful it was to send a letter if you can't actually be at court. Brenden noted that there is a person assigned (Danielle Simpson) to read all of the letters and share with the judge the importance of the sentence. Andrea asked if this helps with the magistrate judges. Brenden noted that this was helpful but that magistrate judges are not elected. Court Watch statements on car breakins may help garner attention to the impact to the community of these issues.

August 19th there was a Court Day that takes citizens through the process. It was well attended by Zone 4.

If juveniles are caught with car breakins, they are likely to get probation. Is the probation tracked to make sure they are behaving in accordance? Generally Fulton County is overwhelmed with the number of people on probation and it is hard to keep up with people. There are probation revocations in the instance that they violate these terms. The Court Watch Coordinator can also help with probation revocations.

If you commit one of the "7 Deadly Crimes", juveniles can be bumped from juvenile to superior court. The very serious cases are handled by Brenden and the superior court judges.

Is it appropriate or legal for Brenden to ask for help from the public? Brenden noted that he can. He has a case coming up next week.

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

Sargent Mosley noted that there was a very busy weekend. There was only one major crime. People should not leave valuables in their cars. There was a gun left in the console and it was stolen from the vehicle. If you must leave something in your vehicle, leave it in your trunk.

Over the last three months, MARTA has cited or arrested over 500 individuals for violations of policy as part of the Ride with Respect program.

When travelling on MARTA, download and use the See-Say app to alert MARTA police so that they can promptly respond.

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 has two updates. (1) renewals for senior citizens is ongoing, (2) the City is making robocalls when they have noticed unusually high consumption.

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.

Megan Archie provided an update about the ongoing athletic programs: flag football, soccer, and girls volleyball. The senior programming will sponsor seniors in the Golden Olympics in Warner Robbins and the City will be competing in several different events. Learn to swim classes are available at all of the natatoriums. Information on classes are on the website. The technology will be starting a public/private partnership with GoogleFiber and there will be computer labs at certain parks. After school extracurricular programs are still be offered ages 5 to 18. Register www.atlantaga.gov/iparks

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 Makoi offered to share concerns regarding traffic and public works concern. Semia met with Nursef to look at the Forsyth Group Study in terms of traffic calming measures for the Brookhaven area. One of the options they are considering is a speed cushion. France noted that there is significant damage that has been caused to fire trucks by speed tables and Sandy Springs is replacing them with speed cushions.

There was a question about how a resident can find the letter grade of a specific road. Sama mentioned that they are likely going to be posted online in the future, but in the meantime she can find that information.

Wes had a question about how to find the right personnel to address lights that are out of service on the pedestrian bridge. Peachtree Park is having trouble getting this issue resolved. Sama noted that more research needs to be done and she would help.

Cory Tibbs asked about Lenox Road and plans to address the potholes. Others commented that there is some planning. Who is responsible for repairing potholes? Sama mentioned that potholes that are safety concerns will be addressed but if there are projects planned then the City will

likely wait. A service request will be placed for developing the potholes and check on the status for the planned projects.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov 404-546-3868
jhbrown@atlantaga.gov; 404-546-3846 office; 404-557-2748 cell

Daphne Talley presented on behalf of Officer Brown. The following cases of interest are in NPU B:

- 3296 Mattheson Drive - citation was delivered to both owners this morning. Nov 1st court date. 5a at 8am.
- 542 Loridan Drive went to trial last week. Waiting for judgment report. Update on Sept. 13

The monthly report shows the inspections for the last 30 days. Going to try to show all of the active cases and be more specific about the status.

Two other properties of interest to the NPU were discussed:

- 127 W Paces Ferry Road - Daphne noted that she would follow up on the status.
- 1014 Ferncliff Road - Cory noted that it has been cleaned up and compliant. Cory thanked Officer Brown for addressing the situation.

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.

Council President Ceasar Mitchell's Office

Kent Strickland - kpstrickland@atlantaga.gov

President Mitchell's office talked about the opportunity for high school students to take practice SAT and ACT tests for free as well as information sessions for parents on how to apply for college and financial aid. October 14th.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica noted that Daphne Talley with Code Enforcement would discuss the Ordinance 16-O-1656. For the past year, there have been complaints about overgrowth and the homeowners are stating that they are "wildlife sanctuaries". There was a recognition that the ordinance needed to be updated in order to be specific enough. This is a compilation of several ordinances.

There was a question about vegetable gardens in the front and side yards. Daphne Talley with code enforcement noted that there is so much subjectiveness in terms of aesthetics and what defines overgrown is difficult.

There was a question as to whether the City would be setting an example and removing invasive species from their property and whether GDOT will also be enforced.

The public hearing is on October 4th.

Valerie Bernardo, Director of Housing and Community Development, was introduced to discuss two affordable housing ordinances. The only differences are in the areas. She noted the requirements, the bonuses, and compensatory mitigation options available.

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

Bob Stasiowski, Acting Chair

Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse / 3500 Peachtree Road / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Hue Mach, Inc. d/b/a Chair Yo / 3050 Peachtree Road / 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 20-0-0.

Trails Tails and Ales Special Event planned for November 4, 2017.

Macy's Great Tree Lighting planned for November 19, 2017.

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt the above-listed application passed by vote of 20-0-0.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Kim Shorter, Acting Chair

Z-17-019 128 & 130 Terrace Drive NE

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Applicant seeks rezoning from R-4 to PD-H.

Conditioned on the site plan including the landscaping plan.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the above-listed application passed by vote of 20-0-0.

SD-17-18 760 Old Ivy Road

No Comments

Application to create two lots from one existing lot.

8. OLD BUSINESS

We will hear about low income housing next month in advance of the vote. There was a questions about the draft ordinance. There was no minimum income required and there should be some proof that there is sufficient income to pay rent. There was a comment that there were some minimum qualifications. There are concerns that people can have a good credit score but still not have a valid income. Upon review, there was an annual income measurement. The comment was that this should be for income earners who contribute to the community versus "trust fund babies" or people gaining the system.

The City is guaranteeing the rent. If the renter default, who covers the difference.

9. NEW BUSINESS

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 October 3, 2017.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.