

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Dr. Nancy Bliwise, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 18*

Proxies: 4

Ben Howard to Bob Stasiowski
Jason Kendall to Bob Stasiowski
Kim Bondurant to George Heery
Jim Cosgrove to Kim Shorter

*3 NPU Members joined after the minutes were approved.

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 18-0-1.

3. REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHERS IN AUDIENCE

Nancy thanked all of the City Representatives that helped coordinate and address the recommendation that were provided at the last NPU meeting to help address the issues noted at Piedmont Road.

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

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

Lieutenant Wilson introduced himself and noted that he was happy to bring things back to Major Shaw from the NPU. He reported that two new bicycles from Buckhead Coalition were donated to APD in order to patrol areas harder to get to by car. He asked people to be responsible with guns and keep them locked up and do not leave them in your car. He noted that they are aware of the concerns regarding homelessness near several Buckhead condo/hotel properties. Call 911 but make sure there is a representative from the condo/hotel in order to cite the trespassers.

There was a discussion about the Zestos owner who spoke at the NPU meeting last month regarding homelessness, prostitution, and drug dealing along Piedmont Road. There have been 33 recent arrests in this area recently.

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

Michelle Middlebrooks, the new shift battalion chief at station 21, introduced herself. She reminded everyone to change your batteries on your fire alarm. She reported that the station at Phipps Plaza will be completed in October. The station at Moores Mill and Howell Mill is getting a new fire truck. The City is starting to remodel the worst aspects of each fire station based on fire department staff input.

City of Atlanta Municipal Court
Judge JaDawnya C. Baker; 404-588-5970, jcbaker@atlantaga.gov
No Report.

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

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
E.J. Inyang, Assistant Solicitor, ieinyang@atlantaga.gov (404-658-6702)

No Report.

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902) www.itsmarta.com
Major Matthew Carrier; mcarrier@itsmarta.com, 404-848-4813

No Report.

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 Burton noted that the 2017 Water Quality Report was available. There is a customer feedback program where they are looking for customers to participate in focus groups.

Mandi asked about a sinkhole growing on the street and who would address. Denita said she could help.

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.

Sabrina Hills noted that the afterschool program has begun and there are a limited number of spaces left at Peachtree Hills Recreation Center.

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
Officer McLendon, amclendon@atlantaga.gov, 404-273-0865

Marcus McGaw – New collection schedule just went out to community.

A representative from SWEET (solid waste education) attended the meeting to discuss the recent changes in sanitation. Martha asked about issues with residents not removing the bins following collection. The department is doing a “courtesy ticket” in order to let people know. Gordon asked that the 311 operators be kept abreast if the department is running behind schedule on yard waste pickup. He doesn’t want to leave yard waste at the street if it will not actually be picked up. Kim added that she had issues with 311 knowing how bulky yard waste would be collected.

Nancy noted that citations had raised alarms and was there educational materials that could be distributed. Randall noted that there is a good fact sheet on the City’s solid waste website.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division
CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov 404-546-3800 (call to report an issue)
jhbrown@atlantaga.gov; 404-546-3846 office; 404-557-2748 cell

127 West Paces Ferry Road is now in compliance. The best way to get updates on properties is to call 311 or call code enforcement directly, 404-546-3801.

Office of the City Council President

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

No Report

Buckhead Coalition
Garth Peters.

Buckhead Coalition has worked to get a Drivers Renewal kiosk at the “Disco Kroger” and renewals can be completed quickly and inexpensively. The Buckhead Coalition provided trauma kits to all of the police officers in the Buckhead area and they have expanded that service to the Atlanta Public Schools in the Buckhead area. They are also training the local schools on proper

application of the kits. The coalition provided 2 new bicycles for the Zone. The police have increased the emphasis on bike officers in order to get to places that cars can't travel.

Susan Campbell added that the AAA on Roswell Road will complete emissions inspections and can print out the sticker that you need for your license plate.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Beltline Rail Now

The Beltline Rail Now is a grassroots group formed to encourage the allocation of TSPLOST funds to the completion of the Beltline light rail and not toward to the Clifton Corridor. The group is trying to get support for light rail from the NPUs.

There was a question as to whether there was a Plan that explained Beltline Rail Now's position. He noted that there is a Plan on the Beltline Rail Now website. He noted that the real goal is to prevent the money from being spent on Clifton Corridor which the group feels only benefits a small few.

There was a discussion about the potential ridership data. The Atlanta Regional Commission has a more recent traffic study done in the last few years. The current Beltline Rail Now's Plan is based on older traffic data but the real goal is to get rid of the Green Line in the Clifton Corridor.

Beltline.org has the plans for the Beltline. Beltline Rail Now is on a Facebook Page and formed about a month ago.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica noted that the "More MARTA" website has information on the criteria and analysis and how they ranked and selected their project. The highest rated projects include the arterial road projects, like Peachtree and Roswell Road. Most of this area is served by MARTA and improving connectivity on these corridors to rail stations is listed as a priority. Jessica noted that the numbers don't justify the Beltline helping to address the congestion in Buckhead.

Abby asked if a commuter tax had been considered. Jessica noted that parking limitations attend to achieve that goal – limiting parking will likely encourage people to use transit. Nancy noted that the BUC bus system was looking at increasing service to help with these small trips. Another proposal is a neighborhood circulator because it is hard for folks living so close to heavy rail to get there; these services would facilitate getting people to MARTA. There is an open forum August 9th at the Lindbergh MARTA offices.

Jessica noted that the comments on the Quick Fixes were passed along. On August 18th from 10am to 1pm at the Buckhead Library there will be a deep dive meeting. There will be a number of stations and you will go from station to station around the room. This is a good opportunity to get answers to questions.

Wes noted that on accessory dwellings information on the left side of the page it says setbacks are the same and then on the right side of the page, it says that you cannot reduce the setback. There needs to be clarification and resolution. There was a question as to whether there was a redline version so that the NPU can know what has changed. Jessica thinks that something might be posted after the deep dive.

The IMIX was separated and it is on the agenda for discussion tonight. Trying to protect some of the areas currently zoned for Industrial and the IMIX allows for blending the industrial, residential, and commercial together. There are certain categories that can rezone to IMIX. There are a few areas in NPU B that could rezone to the IMIX. We will vote on this in September.

After the Deep Dives the City will be writing the legislations and fact sheets and they will go through the Ordinance Approval Process. We should expect the revisions in September/ October. We asked if the vote would be on the packet or individually. The NPU noted that it would prefer to vote on each of the elements individually, which would allow for isolation of one or more aspects that need more work while allowing elements with consensus to move forward.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bob Stasiowski, Chair

Rosati's Pizza and Sports Pub / 4629 Wiuca Road NE / Change of Agent / APPROVED 8-0-0

Homewood Suites by Hilton / 3566 Piedmont Road / Change of Ownership / APPROVED 8-0-0

SpringHill Suites Atlanta Buckhead (Main Facility and Market) / 3549 Buckhead Loop NE / Change of Agent / APPROVED 8-0-0

St. Cecilia / 3455 Peachtree Road NE / Patio / APPROVED 8-0-0

Ecco Buckhead / 3462 Peachtree Road NE / New Business / APPROVED 8-0-0

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 22-0-0.

Paperwork was received on two events that will be discussed next meeting.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

V-18-196 795 Martina Drive, NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the required front building setback from 35 feet to 19 feet 4 inches for a single-family addition.

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 22-0-0.

U-18-24 3717 Peachtree Road NE

Applicant seeks a special use permit for the transfer of residential development rights.

The applicant provided an excellent summary of the transfer of development rights. The client is the lender and took the project over for the development of 17 townhomes of which 5 were constructed. The builder was exceeding the approved FAR due to a rooftop covered area. The builder wants to complete the space and therefore has purchased the TDR from another area. There are very tight limits on the use of TDR.

The neighborhood is in support. We learned a lesson in terms of making sure that patio space is clearly not allowed if it would exceed the FAR.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve U-18-24 passed by vote of 21-0-1.

NPU B added that it was shameful that the City didn't do it's job and enforce the plans as they were designed.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Z-17-54 – Corrective Ordinance that includes a map that has been revised.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the Corrective Ordinance Z-17-54 pending confirmation that the 2 SFR lots were removed from the map, passed by vote of 21-0-1.

Kim noted that NPU A is experiencing a loss of single-family homes, primarily to Institutional properties, but also to other conversions. Kim suggested that the NPU write a letter to JP Matzigkeit that confirms the NPU's commitment to maintaining the existing single-family residential houses.

Wes made a comment that if further follow up with Atlanta is going to happen related to enforcement of rules on new development sites, the discussion should include the loss of trees on properties. The fines for removing trees illegally on a new development site should be substantial.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Then next NPU meeting will be September 4, 2018.

The next BZA meetings will be held on August 9th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held on August 9th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.