

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

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

Present: 18

Proxies: 3

Randall Kent to Mandi Gibson
Bill Murray to Frank Toye
Gordon Certain to Frank Toye
Jim Cosgrove to Kim Shorter

**1 member joined after the meeting 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 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@atlanta.ga.gov ; 404-391-0081.

Major Shaw noted that it has been a very busy month. Car break ins remain the biggest challenge for the Zone. The City has arrested 4 individuals for car break ins in the Zone, just in the last 2 weeks. They had to chase 3 out of 4 of these individuals.

Don't leave items of value in your car! There was someone reportedly left \$40,000 of golf clubs in their car in Garden Hills. Several thousands of dollars in cash and AR rifles were also reportedly left in cars and stolen. The gang members are displaying what they find on Instagram and Facebook, etc.

There are several recent incidents of people riding MARTA into the Zone and stealing a car that is used to steal another car. As an educational note, a larceny (left of property) turns into a robbery if someone fights back (for example someone tries to reclaim a laptop being stolen).

Major Shaw is pushing to get new officers. He would like to get some officers on bikes around Peachtree to Maple or Lenox to pay attention to the MARTA station.

The criminals are getting brazen. At 3300 Lenox, the valet was shoved out of the way and the car was stolen. They often don't care if there is a police presence because they know that they cannot chase for auto thefts. Don't leave your keys or valuables in the car. Call 911 if you see something suspicious.

There was a gang-related theft and shooting in Peachtree Park. With gangs it is hard to isolate and apprehend the right people. There was a question as to whether there were particular times of days or days of the week that were worse? Major Shaw responded that the crime was pretty much 24-7. There are computer systems in place tracking and there are no real patterns at the moment.

On Martina, there has been an increase in traffic and therefore crime with the density of local bars. It is getting out of control. Bob witnessed the shooting. It is a public street, but what can the neighborhood do to defend themselves. The off-duty officers help, keeping people in neighborhoods that are "hot" deters additional crimes. Illegal parking is one big challenge – there shouldn't be parking on both sides of the street.

There was a question about whether it is legal to park on both sides of a street. Major Shaw noted that unless there is a prohibition on parking, then there is the ability to park on both sides of the street.

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

Captain Digler is new to the station. There is nothing urgent to report. Minimum standards training is happening at Station 21 for the next two weeks, so there may be unusual activities. There were some bars near the station that are vacant and Captain Digler and other fire representatives have reviewed the construction to make sure they are proactive.

There are a number of people who stop by Station 21 to have car seats checked. Currently, nobody at Station 21 is certified to check car seats, so people have to go to other stations. They are working on getting someone certified at Station 21.

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

Brenden provided a few announcements. He noted that there was a disposition last Friday for an individual who performed a number of crimes and the individual plead guilty. There was a very lengthy plea and the judge sentenced him to 20 years, he must serve 13 years and be on probation for an additional 7 years. He will be required to pay restitution to the victims. Judge Dunaway was the judge in that case and several victims came to state their position. Brenden stressed that it is really important for the community to participate in the process so that the sentence is severe enough to deter future crimes.

Last week, there was a bond hearing for Elvis Bell, a defendant who has been wreaking havoc with 3 open burglary cases. He was on probation and then on the run when he committed the most recent burglary. He went to court in front of Judge Downs. There were community impact statements and he was not allowed out on bond. He will likely be taking a plea and then will receive a sentence.

If anyone wishes to send in community impact statements, these are always welcome. These statements do not have to be personal or based on a relationship, they can just be a description of how crime impacts the neighborhood.

There is another important hearing on Thursday but the time has not been set yet (calendar starts at 9am). The impact statement forms are available through CourtWatch. Anyone can be added to Danielle's email list and she has examples of community statements that can be used. Brenden noted that he would send this information to Nancy Bliwise for distribution to the NPU.

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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 provided the briefing on the behalf of the Major who is returning from the Super Bowl. He is at the Super Bowl in order to prepare for Atlanta hosting next year's Super Bowl. He reiterated the importance of locking your car and don't leave belongings visible. The MARTA Police are working with the stations to identify folks who are using MARTA to cause problems in other parts of town.

MARTA is looking into more segways and supervisors at the MARTA stations. With zero tolerance, bad actors will get kicked out of the stations. Based on concerns raised at the NPU B meeting regarding the bridge near Lenox Mall, there will be some additional discussions to protect that area.

Sergeant Johnson shared a very exciting story of a chase that resulted in apprehending some car thieves in the MARTA parking lot near MARTA headquarters.

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 there is no updated information. Feel free to email Denita with any water related issues. You can also call her cell or text her.

Ridgedale Park there was something big that happened with lots of trucks. Corner of Lilia and Cantrell. The restoration was not completed. Denita noted that she would put in the work order.

The Domino's pizza has a water leak.

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.

Laura James the development coordinator at Peachtree Hills Rec Center reported that they are half way through basketball season. There are 3 teams at Peachtree Hills Rec and they compete against other rec centers. Flag football will start in March. The registration for Camp Best Friends open on March 1st for kids ages between 5 and 14. Laura placed some of the Peachtree Hills Post newsletters at the back table. Laura can help anyone who is interested get added to the mailing list.

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 and Officer Lipscomb were in attendance. Nelson Street Bridge is indefinitely closed for repairs. The City is asking for continued support of the recycling program.

There was a question regarding the resolution on glass recycling? There is not a resolution at the moment. Neighborhoods are looking for guidance on what to do with glass. CHARM still takes glass on Hill Street and Keep Atlanta Beautiful does a monthly event that takes glass.

There was a question regarding Fern Cliff and a road resurfacing that does not appear to be completed to the neighbors. It is wavy and starting to fall in. They would like to know whether it is finished or not and if not, the schedule for completing.

There was a question about whether all of the garbage trucks were back "on line". Officer McLendon believes that the yard waste trucks are working and caught up. The new natural gas trucks have had maintenance issues which led to the delays in collecting yard waste.

404-273-0865 amclendon@atlantaga.gov

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov 404-546-3800

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

Inspector English noted that there weren't any recent citations but he brought some code enforcement literature.

There have been some complaints about the Gold Room on Piedmont and Lindbergh. The complaints are about a messy parking lot after events and/or homeless people sleeping in the area. Inspector English will check for junk, trash, and debris.

There was a question regarding the status of 127 W Paces Ferry Rd.

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

Sally Silver spoke on behalf of Livable Buckhead, as a Board Member. Livable Buckhead has started construction on the part of Path 400 from Miami Circle to the Gordon Bynum bridge. This will be completed at the beginning of next year.

Councilman Shook's Office

Sally noted that impact statements are very important in the sentencing. Sally asked that people start sending out forms in order to keep the repeat offenders in jail and to not allow repeat offenders out on bond in order to commit more crimes.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Atlanta Beltline

Whitney Fuller

Not present. There is Atlanta Beltline information on the back table for anyone interested.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica reminded everyone that the City is accepting Design Award Applications. Jessica brought copies of the applications. She urged NPU-B to submit award applications by March 29th. There are a number of categories for the awards. There are also community design awards that are smaller scale projects and these would be selected by the NPU at the April/ May meeting. Candy Watson is the contact person at the City.

The City gets revenue for the MARTA bus stops. They are looking for ROW improvement recommendations that could receive \$5 to \$50k for improvements. On Old Ivy there is an underutilized ROW that could be reclaimed for community space. Jessica provided information to Nancy Bliwise.

Quarterly public hearing for land use amendments will be held on March 12th at City Council Chambers at 6pm.

There are two land use change ordinances that will be voted upon. One will be tonight and the other in March.

There was a question about a specific land use measurement, that was related to a pending CDP applications. Nancy noted that clarification was needed on that issue.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Randall Kent, Chair

EVENT: St. Practice Day Outdoor Fest at Fado's Buckhead on Buckhead Ave. Date: March 10th at the Streets of Buckhead

EVENT: St. Patrick's Day at Fado's Buckhead on Buckhead Aven. Date: March 17th at the Streets of Buckhead. Includes partial street closure.

True Food Kitchen / 3393 Peachtree Road NE / change of ownership / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Doubletree Hotel Buckhead / 3342 Peachtree Road NE / change of ownership / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Taco Mac / 573 Main Street NE / change of ownership / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Adobo Tacos and Tapas / 2270 Lenox Road NE, Suite B1 / new business / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

3AC / 3550 Lenox Road NE, Suite 550 / new business / 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

SD-18-01 2508 Brookwood Drive NE
Applicant seeks to subdivide into 2 lots.

This subdivision was denied in committee with a vote of 10-2-0. The NPU is providing a deny recommendation to the City. There were a number of neighbors in attendance. The neighborhood is opposed to the subdivision based on the historical nature of the neighborhood and the fact that all of the lots face Lindbergh Drive NE. The proposed changes to the lot design and layout are in opposition of the historical nature of the subdivision. There are currently 50 letters of opposition and more anticipated. The case is scheduled to be heard on February 7th by the City.

There was an informal vote by the full NPU to deny of 21-0-0.

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations and deny the above-listed application passed by vote of 21-0-0.

CDP-17-040 3773 Peachtree Road NE, 3675 and 3663 Kingsboro Road NE, 3647 Kingsboro Road (rear) and 3645 Kingsboro Road (rear)

Applicant seeks to amend the land use element of the 2016 Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to redesignate the property located at 3733 Peachtree Road NE from the medium density residential (0-16 units per acre) to the high density residential (0-16 units per acre) land use designation, 3675 and 3663 Kingsboro Road NE from the single-family residential land use designation to the medium density residential (0-16 units per acre) land use designation and 3647 Kingsboro Road (rear) and 3645 Kingsboro Road (rear) single family residential land use designation to the high density residential (0-16 units per acre) land use designation for other purposes (Z-17-101).

There was a presentation provided by the developer on the project.

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 16-3-1.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

V-17-364 4235 Lake Forrest Drive NE APPROVED
Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulation to allow active recreation in a yard adjacent to a street (Lake Forrest Lane).

V-17-361 Timm Valley Road NE APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulation to (1) allow for active recreation (swimming pool) in a yard adjacent to a street.

*Conditioned on nothing other than decking is allowed in the setback.

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

Z-17-101 3773 Peachtree Road APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
Applicant seeks to rezone the 3.4 acre property from RG-3-C and R-3 (General (multi-family) residential, maximum floor area ratio of 0.696 with conditions, and single-family residential, minimum lot size 0.41 acres to RG-3-C and RG-4-C (general (multi-family) residential, maximum floor area ratio of 0.696 with conditions, and General (multi-family) residential, maximum floor area ratio of 1.49 with conditions) for the development of 53 residential units.

**The set of 24 CONDITIONS are in a document entitled "SITE PLAN CONDITIONS VERSION 1.28.2018 REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z-17-101" and the associated site plan.

There was a presentation along with the CDP presentation. There were concerns from several NPU B members about the elimination of 1 SFR lot as one of the mission statements for NPU B is to preserve SFR properties. There are currently 3 SFR properties that will be reconfigured by the action into 2 SFR lots. There was some concern of precedents to other neighborhoods.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the above-listed application passed by vote of 17-4-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Dues are due. Dues are \$60 for residential representative, \$60 for businesses representatives - unless a sole proprietor, which is \$35.

A list is being passed around with the NPU and neighborhood contact information.

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Then next NPU meeting will be March 6, 2018.

The next BZA meetings will be held on February 8th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held on February 8th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.