

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

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

Present: 20

Proxies: Jim Cosgrove to Kim Shorter
George Heery to Bill Murray

* 4 members joined after the approval of the minutes.

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Welcome, mission of NPU-B, and introductory remarks

Steve Lam has appointed Randy Coley to represent Peachtree Heights West. Steve Lam is stepping aside.

No press were in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion to approve minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting of the NPU-B passed by vote of 18-0-0.

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.

Since the Super Bowl, APD has been busy. The beat realignment is coming soon based on the Georgia Tech study. On March 14, the academy graduates new recruits. The realignment goes into effect March 17th. The zone will keep the same personnel and cars. Piedmont and Cheshire bridge area will go to Zone 6. Beat 203 will go to Zone 1 which is Chattahoochee and Atlanta Industrial area. The same number of people will stay in a smaller area.

Since the Super Bowl, there has been a slow down in crime that they hope continues. The chief and others are trying to be very vocal about the issues with the judges. The judges don't seem to be receiving the information they need to set bonds. The City is asking that when they have their first magistrate hearing, that the judges have the defendant's criminal history and an understanding of the charges they are facing.

Councilman Matzigkeit outlined a task force that would take on these issues. Nancy asked if there was coordination with APD. The City APD hopes that they don't get into paralysis by analysis. The problem is clear, they need to get changes. It seems there are a lot of different systems within APD that don't communicate with one another. If the first appearance judge said that they needed the police report and the criminal history before deciding, then most of the issues would be resolved.

There was an issue with obtaining the footage from security cameras for solving a theft of appliances. The homeowner was told that the cameras were only 1 way, but they actually are a 4 way. Major Shaw asked for information regarding the issue and that he would look into the situation.

There was a question about the police activity at the Grand Hyatt. Major Shaw announced that there was a suspicious package.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

404-546-4400 (or dial 404-546-4421 to reach station 21)

Captain Atkins at Station 21 noted that the City is completing the ISO audit. The department currently has a "rating 1", which is the highest rating. There are new trucks on order that will arrive in April and May, trying to rebuild the fleet. Station 3 at Phipps Station is now open and running. That engine is a basic life support engine. It will become an advance life support unit shortly. City is currently looking for locations for more fire stations to serve the expanding population and density, specifically in the Buckhead area.

Spring hydrant season is approaching. Flushing hydrants can stir up sediment in the pipelines. Don't wash whites on April 1st and possibly for the first two weeks of April. It is important that the City check the hydrants twice a year. Please slow down when passing parked fire hydrants to keep our fire fighters safe.

Close Your Door campaign is still ongoing.

This weekend is Daylight Savings Time so change your batteries in your smoke detectors.

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

NAME, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor (NAME@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

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)

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 (cell).

Lauren James noted that there are 2 basketball courts that were adopted by the Atlanta Dream in the City. This month is Women's History Month and there is a Woman's Art Show will be on display at another City Center. The afterschool programming is ongoing at PHRC. The basketball season just finished. Track season has started and the first track meet is this weekend. Camp season enrollment is open for 5 to 13 year old children for this summer.

Martha Church asked for an update on the parking lot paving. The parking lot paving has been delayed because of weather. The handicapped ramp has been fixed recently. The City has not yet addressed the storm pipe.

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

Valerie Ferguson with the solid waste enforcement team asked if there were questions. There was a comment that a number of stormwater grates on Roswell Road near Wieuca Road are damaged; all are concrete poured in the asphalt. The request was to get these fixed.

Verizon came through and did some work and there are a number of broken sidewalks and broken water meters that were then buried so they are inaccessible. It is a hazard the way that it has been left. The area of concern is 2655 Acorn Avenue and Acorn & Lakeview and Acorn & E Wesley Roads. They also ripped up yards, which is being handled separately.

Dale Drive in Peachtree Park collapsed from the stormwater drain being washed out. Near Greenview. Ms. Ferguson did not have a status update.

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

Officer Glaze asked if there were any concerns or questions. A few addresses were provided.

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

Tony Peters (Buckhead CID) is back at the Buckhead CID.

- CID is almost finished a complete streets project on E Paces Ferry Road – the road was narrowed to allow for a wider sidewalk, which is a Path 400 extension. The pedestrian lights and rapid flashing beacons have been installed. The road has not been paved yet and it has never been maintained since original installation. The roadway was tested and because the road is in such bad shape, it was significantly more expensive. The full fix will be done later this year. Jefferson added that the intersection has a dedicated left, right, and straight traffic path that is working well.
- Piedmont – Habersham – Roswell intersection. Kimley Horn is half-way through finding the realistic, financially feasible solutions for that intersection. With GDOT roads, the product is a GDOT planning document. Then the project needs to get funded. Three alternatives will be shown at a stakeholder group meeting and then they will be presented to the public. The approved GDOT concept report in September 2019 then needs to get funded. This intersection is outside of the CID's boundary.
- Contracted for the same exercise at Lenox Road and GA400. It is the only interchange like it in Georgia. Will be planning to develop a GDOT concept report to figure out how to accept more forms of traffic and allow for car traffic as well as pedestrian traffic. That is one of the main entrances to Buckhead and the CID is frustrated that is the entrance point. The concept will likely include aesthetic improvements. The design would be completed next April.
- In a month, the CID will produce construction documents to build something on Lenox Road. Giving Lenox Road a "signature feel" first from E Paces Ferry to Peachtree (phase I), Peachtree to 400 (phase II), and 400 to Lenox Road (phase III). Some of the solution is a boardwalk concept that would allow preservation of trees but may present a maintenance issue.
- CID got money from the City to fix sidewalks, ADA curbs and ramps. They are waiting for Atlanta to fix the bid packages. Looking at fixing trip hazards and ADA issues.
- Peachtree Phase III – small block from Maple Drive to Shadowlawn, was missed in the previous phases. The design is completed and that will be bid in August. It is a smaller version.
- W Village Streetscapes – expand the CID boundary into W Village. Designed sidewalks, street lights, benches, etc. Coordinating with high rise projects in that area to make sure the items connect. The high rise is required to comply with SPI and they will be connecting to these.
- The CID attempts to be the "coordinator" for issues in Buckhead. The City put out a bid package to do "group B paving" which includes a number of roads in Buckhead that are sensitive to the daytime population. There is a lot of coordination to get the Peachtree Road paving correct. There are GDOT contractors that are also working in that area. Buckhead CID is pulling together key players for a meeting to discuss.
- Buckhead CID has a request into GDOT to work on smart lights on W Paces from Peachtree to I-75. That project has crossed the first hurdle and the City is purchasing the equipment. The hope is that it would be installed by December 2019.
- Lenox Loop at Peachtree is currently in design. Widening Piedmont on the Disco Kroger side. From Peachtree to Piedmont will be a multi-use path that will become an offshoot of

Path 400. From 5 lanes to 7 lanes. They are shrinking lane width some. There will be 3 left turn lanes going left onto Piedmont.

Buckhead Business Association

Garth Brooks

No Report.

4. PRESENTATIONS

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

Julie Billings distributed flyers on the Place Making program grant awards. These must be on City streets and the ideas can include art work, painted art work, etc. There are ideas on the flyer and the website. The due date is March 29th.

Dockless scooter mobility devices are regulated now and a flyer summarizing these regulations was distributed. Improperly parked scooter issues should be made by calling 311. Materials distributed are hoping to educate the public.

Nancy asked for an update on the Adult Daycare Ordinance. Julie was not aware with the status. Kim noted that it had been killed for now.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mandi Gibson, Chair

Fado's / 279 Buckhead Avenue / Additional Facility / APPROVED 9-0-0

Sama Food for Balance / 56 E Andrews Drive / New Business / APPROVED 9-0-0

Brack's Kitchen / 3872 Roswell Road / New Business / APPROVED 9-0-0

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

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Trying to get a good map of neighborhoods to see if there are any logical groupings for neighborhoods to work together on developing a Master Plan. Looking to see if there is a way to piggyback on existing consultant contracts in order to get better pricing. There was a discussion about the role of the NPU in a neighborhood plan. The discussion was that the NPU would serve as a resource body to the neighborhoods and could approve the final document.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

No Report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Z-19-04

An amended ordinance to amend the 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances Part 16, Chapter 36, Section 16-36.011, so as to amend BeltLine Overlay District Regulations to establish development controls for data centers within 500 feet of the BeltLine corridor; and for other purposes.

This legislation requires SUPs for data centers and puts in place architectural controls for their appearances. There was a discussion that these centers are really large and probably better suited for areas outside of the BeltLine corridor.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve Z-19-04 passed by vote of 21-0-1.

CDP-19-10

An ordinance to amend the Land Use Element of the 2016 Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to re-designate property located at Lindbergh City Center Transit Station/ Special Public Interest District 15 SubArea 9 (SPI-15 SA9) from the Very High-Density Residential (VHDR) land use designation to the Mixed-Use (MU) land use designation and for other purposes (Z-18-127).

There was a mistake in the previously approved portion of the ordinance with the address of one of the parcels.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve CDP-19-10 passed by vote of 21-0-1.

Nancy gave a report on the recent meeting of the Executive Committee. Two items were discussed.

1. How to bring in new neighborhood representatives. The Lindbergh/ Morosgo neighborhood is interested in joining. The board feels that they are fine with accepting new neighborhoods; however, the City requires that the representative from the neighborhood is selected through a formal process. A civic collective is needed in order to select the representative. There need to be proper protections in place for the neighborhood. NPU B will be supportive and help the Lindbergh/ Morosgo neighborhood develop a formal selection process that will allow them to become an NPU member.
2. Buckhead CID – The Buckhead CID asked for a designated position on the NPU. The board felt that there wasn't a need to expand the membership in this manner. Rather, the designated person from the Buckhead CID could run as a business representative. The Board further discussed that NPU B could better advertise who each of the business representatives are and who they represent.

There will be some revisions to the bylaws in the future based on the thorough reading of the bylaws. The neighborhoods need to affirm the method by which the NPU votes. Could be that the neighborhood reps certify that a discussion was held. This will require further discussion.

CJ noted that some neighborhoods come under other civic associations. CJ suggested solidifying how that process would occur. A documented process would be helpful. There is a zoning attorney who offered to help.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Then next NPU meeting will be April 2, 2019.

The next BZA meetings will be held on March 8th, 2019 and April 5th, 2019 on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held on March 8th and April 5th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

CAPER Review for NPUs: A draft of the City's Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) will be available for citizen review and comment in the Office of Grants Management, 68 Mitchell Street, 4100. Draft will be available February 28, 2019 – March 28, 2019. Final report is due to HUD no later than March 31, 2019.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.