

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Nancy Bliwise, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 14

Proxies: Anne Culberson to Ben Howard
Jim Cosgrove to Ben Howard
Randall Kent to Mandi Gibson
Cory Tibbs to Bryan Steed
Frank Toye to Jefferson McConkey
Cathy Boston to Bill Murray

* 2 member joined after the approval of the minutes and 1 proxy submitted after the approval of the minutes.

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Welcome, mission of NPU-B, and introductory remarks

No press were in attendance.

Robert Patterson is representing North Buckhead Civic Association.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion to approve minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting of the NPU-B as revised passed by vote of 19-0-0.

NPU-B Action; A motion to re-order the agenda to move voting on the bylaws from New Business to immediately follow Reports from City Departments passed by a vote of 19-0-0.

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.

Lieutenant Massol who will be in charge of night watch was introduced. Major Shaw would like to have more bike officers. They are helping to address the kids selling water near the mall. Major Shaw noted that officers hired is up 76% and the applicants have increased about 68% or over 1500. The department has lost fewer people. The net gain of officers has increased in the past year from 9 to 81. The sworn force is up 7% over last year. The pay increases have really worked.

Car thefts are still a problem. If you see valets leaving key fobs in the car or in range, say something. There have been 141 hand guns stolen out of cars this year and over \$173,000 in cash

stolen out of cars. He thinks that there were 9 rifles. One person left a glock, handgun, rolex, and \$1000 cash in the car.

There was a question about an abandoned car that was found by the LPRs and abandoned on Bonview. Major Shaw didn't know whether the suspects were caught or not.

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

Battalion Chief Mitchell noted that the officers have launched a health and wellness fundraiser in honor of October's breast cancer month. Pink shirts and buttons are a fundraiser. Atlanta hosted an International Conference for fire fighters and it was a huge success. The City was able to attain the accreditation status that is approved by the Center for Public Safety Excellence. Mario was introduced.

Breakfast with the Bravest, the internal award ceremony will be held soon. Fall hydrant season is coming soon. September 9th you will see fire fighters in the street, so please use caution.

Fire Station 26 will be under major renovation soon (Howell Mill and Moores Mill).

There was a reminder about the "Close Your Door" Campaign. Close your door to increase the chance of you surviving a fire in your home. Remember to change your batteries in your smoke detectors.

Online application process is open. There are about 150 trainees with half of those graduating from the academy in November. The academy is two parts and takes about a year to complete.

There is a leaking fire hydrant on Tuxedo Road between Blackland and Valley Roads.

CityHala L. Carey
Judge Sylvia J Lee; 404-932-5566, sjlee@atlantaga.gov

No Report.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office
Nemoine Nooks, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor (Nemonie.Nooks@FultonCountyGA.gov, 404-964-5663)

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)

No Report.

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).

No Report.

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

Officer Givens with the SWEET team filling in for Officer Ferguson. mgivens@atlanta.ga.gov

Officer Givens noted that not all of the work orders provided last time have been addressed but he will get them done in the week.

Officer Givens was thanked for getting the pedestrian refuge island cleaned after years of begging.

The traffic light at Club Drive and Peachtree Road needs to be re-timed. In the afternoon, the traffic is getting backed up because the timing is not right.

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 Jones is attending for Officer Brown.

In Peachtree Hills, there are several houses that are of concern in the neighborhood. 244 and 345 Eureka Drive are overgrown. The residents across the street and next door are complaining about rats. The owners cannot be found. They want the owners to be forced to clean it up. One of the neighbors mowed the yard of one of the houses.

One of the neighbors was in attended. The owner apologized as they had hired a firm to fix the home and didn't realize that was not happening.

If someone built an illegal apartment in a basement, that does not go to code enforcement that goes to buildings.

The Code Enforcement Academy is a 5-week class on Saturdays that covers all of the violations and what each department is responsible for addressing. There is also a neighborhood deputy program.

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 with Buckhead CID noted that they cover planning & studies, design, construction, and maintenance. They are getting to a point where ongoing maintenance of previously constructed activities is needed. Tony has a more nimble budget to make minor sidewalk repair, fix Charlie Loudermilk park, and downed lights. This will allow the CID to make faster repairs. If there is a DUI or other police report, the insurance will pay for downlit lights.

The Stratford Road turn lane is almost there. The utilities have been moved out of the way and the granite curb has been moved. The final version of what it will look like will be available in October after the development is completed that is responsible for the paving. GDOT is going to do the signal work.

- Rebid the sidewalk and ADA repairs, attacking the most problematic first. Hope to get to work in October.
- Peachtree Phase III will be advertised for construction in December from Maple Drive to Shadowlawn.
- West Village Streetscapes – tasked to extend the CID to the West Village. They will be advertising to construct the streetscape work including repairs to roadways.
- Piedmont Road between Peachtree and Lenox Road – going from 5 lanes to 7 lanes with a 10-foot multipurpose path in front of Disco Kroger. This is to attach to Path 400. That won't start until Summer of 2021.
- Lenox Road Complete Street Phase I – From E Paces Ferry to Ptree & Lenox Road. Will be repairing the road and the ROW is more favorable on the Lenox Mall side. Attempting to preserve trees and use a boardwalk structure to provide more accessibility.
- Phipps/ Wieuca Roundabout – In about 3 weeks, the design will begin.

Piedmont Road will be milled and repaved at the end of September by GDOT. They have highlighted some of the ADA issues and the contract will include fixing these issues while they are paving.

Intersection at Lenox and Piedmont – there is only 1 pedestrian crossing. With the new restaurants, the BCID is paying for a southern crossing and GDOT will make sure all 4 corners are ADA accessible.

Peachtree from Pharr Road to Club Drive

E Paces Ferry from Roxboro to the Mall

Lenox Road from Buford Highway to Piedmont Road

Wieuca Road – will be completed after Watershed's Water Line replacement project

Club Drive and Peachtree – a GDOT contractor revised the signals and something is not working. Tony will work with GDOT to get that corrected.

There was a discussion as to why the BCID doesn't do work on the south side of Piedmont. Tony explained that the extension was likely not to happen because the ROW is too tight to really make a beautification impact. Tony thinks development outside of the BCID will come with redevelopment.

Degradation of roadbed on 400 South of CID to toll booths. Tony noted that it will be repaved by GDOT in March.

When Wieuca roundabout is added, there will be a light added at Ivy.

Better Pedestrian access to Charlie Loudermilk Park. People need better access from Boling Way to the park and from E Paces Ferry to the Park. There was a comment that the crosswalks on E Paces Ferry are dangerous because cars are queuing to turn left so the straight away traffic doesn't see pedestrians. Maybe fewer crossing but more functional ones would be safer.

Buckhead Business Association

Garth Peters

No Report.

4. PRESENTATIONS

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica noted that there was an ordinance that requires a vote.

Z-19-76

An Ordinance by Councilmember J.P. Matzigkeit to amend the 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, by amending the R-LC (Residential limited commercial district), C-1 (Community business), C-2 (Commercial service), C-3 (Commercial residential), C-4 (Central area commercial residential), C-5 (Central business support), I-mix (Industrial mixed use district), NC (Neighborhood commercial), and MRC (Mixed residential commercial) zoning districts so as to allow a "party house" as a use in some commercial districts and expressly prohibit it as a use in certain districts including solely residential districts.

- AirBNB cannot be used for parties.
- Special use versus administrative permits. Would prefer Special Use Permits.

The NPU will vote in October after the clarifications are received.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB report was distributed via email. Nancy noted that there are a few items on his summary that would be discussed in October.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mandi Gibson, Chair

No cases were heard.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall noted that the D&T committee met and the one CDP was deferred due to neighborhood concerns.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Z-19-072 2959 Piedmont Road NE APPROVED with Conditions
Applicant seeks to rezone the 0.2643 acre property from the RLCC (Residential with limited commercial, maximum floor area ratio of 0.248 conditional) zoning designation to the C-1 (community business) zoning designation for a two-story freestanding 3,800 SF retail building for Sherwin-Williams paint.

CONDITIONS:

1. The Subject Property shall be developed substantially in accordance with the site plan prepared by Evans Design Group, Inc., dated February 1, 2019.
2. All lighting situated on the Subject Property shall be arranged so as to minimize the glare on adjoining properties.
3. A six-foot wood fence shall be maintained along the rear property line on the Subject Property.
4. The twenty-foot transitional yard in the rear shall be undisturbed, except for the addition of landscaping planted trees intended to provide a natural buffer from the adjoining property in the rear.
5. The floor area ratio associated with the Subject Property shall be restricted to .695.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the consent agenda passed by vote of 22-0-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Nancy noted that Ben Howard had taken a lead at looking at the bylaws with the goal of streamlining bylaws, adding the designee provisions, and making sure that the bylaws match our actions. Ben described some of the major changes including those to be more consistent with the City's NPU ordinance.

NPU-B Action: A motion to adopt the revised bylaws passed by a vote of 21-0-1.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU meeting will be October 1, 2019.

The next BZA meetings will be held on September 5th and September 12th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held on September 5th and September 12th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM