

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2013**

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

Present: 14
Absent 0
Proxies: 6

Bill Bozarth to Michael Isaacs
Jason Kendall to Abbie Shepherd
John Foley to Bill Murray
Bob Connelly to Bill Murray
Mark Tiller to Bob Stasiowski
Amy Hillman to Brian Arnold

1. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Welcome and mission of NPU-B.

2. AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Livable Buckhead, Inc.

www.livablebuckhead.org

Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)

www.buckheadcid.com

Buckhead Area Transportation Management Association

www.batma.org

Tony Peters

- MARTA pedestrian bridge connecting Stratford across GA400 to Tower Place is slated to open in October, 2013.

- GA400/I-85 new ramps are scheduled to open before end of calendar year 2013. Toll reduction to take effect November or December, 2013.

- Path 400: Buckhead CID funded with \$2 million for first segment from Old Ivy to Lenox Road. Construction to begin during January, 2014 and will last approximately 14 months. Other segments will be completed as funds become available. Plans at www.livablebuckhead.org

- Regarding the Peachtree Road corridor improvements, approximately \$50,000.00 invested in new plantings in median. New medians will have seasonal color replaced with permanent plantings. Plantings will be substantially completed by July 4.

- New Peachtree Road signal timing/synchronization will be tested in partnership with GDOT, which pays all expenses. Most such work is done during summer season when traffic lighter.

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

Major Van H. Hobbs, Jr., VHobbs@AtlantaGA.gov

Reported crime in Zone 2 has dropped over last few weeks so now up only 2 percent over last year, the broader increase being mostly due to the serial commercial robberies, ATM/kidnap robberies, and auto larcenies.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Tiffany Harlow, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor

404-612-4506 (office), 404-931-5567 (cell), tiffany.harlow@FultonCountyGA.gov

Former E. Rivers PTA Board President entered negotiated plea for felony conviction sentenced to ten years to serve 90 days, plus lump-sum payment of restitution

Atlanta Police Department (APD), Community Oriented Policing Section (COPS)

AtlantaCops@atlantaGA.gov (404-546-5650)

No report.

Atlanta Fire Department (AFD)

Chief Richard Heard

Sergeant Randolph Council

- Staff from Fire Station Number 29 reported regarding EMS activity outside the NPU-B.

- 2013 Citizen Fire Committee program is eight-day training program. Contact Capt. Mary McDaniel at mmcdaniel12@atlantaGA.gov

- Recommends enrollment in voluntary Smart911 program to aid EMS in event of the need for an emergency call.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

No report.

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902) www.itsmarta.com

No report.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM) (404-982-1480) www.atlantawatershed.org

Verna Bair (404-330-6040 office, 404-259-0023 cell) VABair@AtlantaGA.gov

Ms. Bair gave a report and also distributed the Project Points monthly newsletter and presented and distributed seasonal water-use restrictions. Contact Yolanda Bozman at 404-546-1262 or YDBozman@AtlantaGA.gov for more information. Irrigation meters may be purchased at 55 Trinity Avenue. Report water system leaks to DWM customer service at 404-658-6500.

APD Community Service Division, Code Enforcement Section

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov; 404-330-6190 / 404-330-6735; fax: 404-658-7084

Officer S. Clair, Code Enforcement Officer (404-416-8092 mobile); ssclair@AtlantaGA.gov

No report.

City of Atlanta Office of the Solicitor: main office 404-658-6618

No report.

Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DPRCA) (404-546-6813)

Angela Hill reporting (404-237-2756) AHill@atlantaGA.gov

- Summer camps at Peachtree Hills begin this week. Cost is 35.00 per week and includes breakfast and lunch. Citizens may register for DPRCA-sponsored recreation programs by visiting the DPRCA section at www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs Call 404-546-6813 for graffiti removal within City parks.

Department of Public Works

Cheryl Hedgmon (404-330-6303) cbHedgmon@atlantaGA.gov

Ms. Hedgmon distributed a newsletter and gave a presentation. National Public Works Week was last week. Fourth of July collection will be same schedule as usual. Roll-offs are available for bulk collection – call Verna Singleton at VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

3. PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sam Porter (Eagle Scout candidate)

Mr. Porter is working to establish a community garden in Frankie Allen Park. He has obtained and presented to the NPU-B a letter of support from the Garden Hills Civic Association (GHCA). A letter of support from the NPU-B is required in order to obtain approval from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DPRCA).

NPU-B Action: A motion to recommend approval of the project passed by vote of 20-0-0.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: Minutes of the most recent regular monthly meeting were approved by vote of 20-0-0.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica Lavandier

No report.

6. INTERNAL REPORTS

Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB)

Richard Rauh, NPU-B APAB delegate; Cathy Muzzy, alternate delegate
Richard Rauh reported briefly and also supplied a written report.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bob Stasiowski, Chair

Festival Applications:

Lenox July Fourth festival will have extra security in view of recent Boston Marathon bombing incident. Fireworks show is scheduled to begin at 9:40 pm. There will be live entertainment prior to the fireworks show.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

- King & Duke / new business / approved in committee 6-0-0
- Marcello's / change of agent / approved in committee 6-0-0

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 20-0-0.

Other Applications: None.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Abbie Shepherd, Chair

Andrea Bennett reporting

CDP-13-07: An ordinance to amend the Land Use element of the 2011 Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to re-designate property located at 3475 Piedmont Road from the Office Institution land use designation to the Mixed Use land use designation.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of CDP-13-07 passed by vote of 20-0-0.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Consent Agenda:

V-13-060: 341 Old Ivy Road (approved in committee 8-0-0)

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to allow for active recreation (swimming pool) in yard adjacent to the street where otherwise is not permitted. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-13-065: 2903 North Fulton Drive (approved in committee 8-0-0)

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the North side yard setback from 7' (required) to 2' for a 2nd story addition and to exceed the maximum lot coverage from 50% (max) to 70%. Applicant did not provide a complete set of plans for review. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

Z-13-012: 3002 Lenox Road (approved in committee 8-0-0)

Applicant seeks to develop 5 SFA townhomes with drive under garages around a shared single roadway. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-13-073: 2512 Acorn Avenue (approved in committee 8-0-0)

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the North side yard setback from 7' (required) to 5' and allow for a roof overhang of 24" into the required yard, where only 20" is allowed, to allow for a construction of a SFD (which is already under construction). Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-13-071: 3051 Habersham Road (approved in committee 8-0-0)

Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulations to allow for a 6' fence, gate and piers in the required half depth front yard where only a 4' fence, gate and pier is allowed. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

Z-13-006: 3475 Piedmont Road/ Prominence (approved in committee 8-0-0, conditioned on a letter of approval from Glenridge Place HOA)

Applicant seeks rezoning for the construction of a mixed use development.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of the consent agenda passed by vote of 20-0-0.

Other applications:

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.