

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

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

Present: 20
Proxies: 1 (plus 1 near the end of the meeting)
Steve Lam to Bill Murray
Amy Hillman to Jim Cosgove (Amy left during the 7C on the agenda)

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 from the previous regular monthly meeting of the NPU-B passed by vote of 19-0-0.

*Brian Ward and Michael Isaacs joined the meeting after the minutes were approved.

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

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

Major Van H. Hobbs, Jr., Precinct Commander, Zone 2, VHobbs@AtlantaGA.gov

Major Hobbs reported that he would remain the precinct commander in Zone 2. Chief Turner understands the challenges in Zone 2 with the increase in apartments, shopping, and issues associated with getting from one side of the zone to the other with traffic. Chief Turner is hiring 300 new officers next year city-wide. There was a slight increase in crime over the holiday weekend, but it was comparable to last year. When shopping make sure not to leave the phone in the dressing area. There were problems with valets leaving keys, phones, and tablets at their stations while getting cars. Major Hobbs encouraged common sense during the busy holiday season. Specifically, remember not to leave packages in your car.

There was a question about whether there were sufficient officers in the zone. Major Hobbs noted that he had sufficient staff to fill all positions.

Thanks was provided as an elderly neighbor had suspicions of an attempted robbery and the police was very quick to arrive and help. There was a comment about the zone precinct door being damaged. Major Hobbs noted that there have been attacks of precincts and so the building is locked down for officer safety. There was a question if there were any needs. Officer Hobbs thanked the zone for the continued support.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

Jacob D. Mach, 404-326-0705 mobile, JDMach@AtlantaGA.gov

Officer O noted that they were cracking down on illegal dumping although most of this is outside of Zone 2. He noted that in Zone 2, there are occasionally contractors who dump illegally. If you see someone dumping illegally, write down information on the car/license plate/etc; then call 911. If you see the waste after it is dumped, call 311 and someone will be sent to address the issue.

A question was asked about blowing yard waste down the drain. This is illegal. If you see someone doing this, call 311 and they will send someone out to issue a citation. The watershed department has equipment that can be used to clear out clogged catch basins if you see yard debris accumulation. Homeowners are responsible for any yard contractor working on their property. Officer O also noted that yard contractors are supposed to haul off yard debris and that this shouldn't be left at the street for the City to pickup.

There was a question regarding the length of time that holiday decorations can be left in the yard. Officer O noted that he wasn't aware of a specific time limit. There was also a question regarding vegetable gardens in the front yard and whether they were allowed.

The most efficient way to report a complaint – 404-546-3800 from 8am to 5pm. 311 is a great way to report complaints as well.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

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

It has been quiet in the zone except for one condo fire. Four persons were saved from the fire.

Two good Samaritans tried to assist prior to the fire department arriving and they were treated on site for smoke inhalation.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Elizabeth Morrow Emanuel, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor (404-613-8407) or

ElizabethMorrow@FultonCountyGA.gov

No report.

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

Sgt. George Moore. Zero crimes in the zone this month. MARTA has been holding self defense training classes including one in Lindburgh. More will be held in the future and will be advertised on MARTA's website. They are still handing out whistles as part of this campaign.

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

Kurlis Jones, Manager, Ambassador Program (404-546-3216) or krjones@atlantaGA.gov

James Mitchell (678-414-2166).

No Report.

Department of Public Works

Cheryl Hedgemon (404-330-6303) cbHedgemon@atlantaGA.gov

Verna Singleton, VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov

No report.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (404-546-6813)

www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs

Stanton German, Manager, Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC), 308 Peachtree Hills Ave. SMGerman@AtlantaGA.gov or 404-237-2756.

Stanton noted that the afterschool program has two weeks remaining. The program is at capacity. Stanton described several events at different City Park facilities including the grand opening of the Astro turf field at Grant Park that was donated by the Falcons. For additional information and registration, visit www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs.

Buckhead Business Association

No Report.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

(404) 330-6050; hshook@atlantaga.gov; www.HowardShook.com

SLSilver@atlantaGA.gov

No report.

Buckhead Coalition

Garth Peters GPetersj@thebuckheadcoalition.org

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

L'Erin Barnes, Senior Assistant Solicitor, LFBarnes@AtlantaGA.gov (404-680-6498)

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 noted that the Buckhead CID was investing \$66k from Black Friday through the holiday season on keeping traffic moving through Buckhead. There was some congestion and the CID is working with Lenox Mall on the round about. If traffic cannot move into the Mall then it backs up on the streets. Since then, traffic has been moving well.

An RFP for design engineering for the Wieuca round-about is coming soon. These plans will be routed through a public process and for NPU input.

There was a question about PATH 400 progress. The section under construction currently, Old Ivy to Wieuca, will be completed by September 2015, weather pending. Several recent awards have been awarded to the project. Tony shared that they are working with ARC on designing an extension of PATH 400 just north of current design plans. This section will continue to the boundary with Sandy Springs. This is exciting because it will be designed to connect to the path currently being designed at I-285 which will provide a continuous path from Forsyth County through the Big Creek trail and down to Path 400.

The CID is holding the RFP for the Livable Cities Initiative program as more funding is coming through the ARC.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica Lavendier, NPU Planner JLavandier@atlantaGA.gov 404-865-8522

Jessica noted that an amendment to the zoning ordinance last year allows for gardening on single-family residential by right. This was a follow up comment to the discussion during the Code Enforcement update.

Jessica shared that \$1 million of gas tax funds that are collected by the state will be funneled through ARC to the City of Atlanta for an update to the Connect Atlanta Plan. Andrea noted that several updates were discussed earlier and would these updates be incorporated. Jessica noted that three of the four amendments were adopted but the Move Atlanta Design Manual was on hold for additional work.

Andrea mentioned that she received a notice regarding updates to the zoning code. She will send the email that includes the web address for comments as well as the public meeting dates/times. Jessica mentioned that the zoning code update was looking at variances that probably weren't really needed (she noted variances for second story additions where the first story was in the setback).

Public meetings are scheduled for:

PASSION CITY CHURCH

515 Garson Dr NE

Atlanta, GA 30324

MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2015

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

ATLANTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1560 Metropolitan Parkway SW

Atlanta, GA 30310

THURSDAY DECEMBER 17, 2015

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

<http://www.zoningatl.com/>

6. INTERNAL REPORTS

Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB)

Richard Rauh, NPU-B APAB delegate; Cathy Muzzy, alternate delegate.

Mr. Rauh submitted a written report.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Randall Kent, Chair

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

Erehwon Hospitalities, LLC; Dive Bar, 3184 Roswell Road / change of ownership /

APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Patrick R. Brandon Zin Lenox Square, LLC; Zinburger Wine and Burger Bar, 3393 Peachtree Road NE Ste 3065 / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Christopher Giessen, Agent, Nordstrom, Inc., 3500 Peachtree Rd, NE; Suite A-1 / change of agent / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

Michael Charles Anderson, Portofino, 3199 Paces Ferry Place / change of agent / 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.

An email vote was taken on the Cupid's Undie Run planned for February 13 to 14, 2015. There was no opposition to the event. The event sponsors will be reminded that this will take place in a residential area and to be respectful and responsible.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

No report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Zoning Committee Consent Agenda:

V-15-345 2671 Acorn Avenue Approved 12-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the north side yard setback from 7' (required) to 4' 6" to construct a screen porch and deck addition to a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-240 3373 Rockhaven Circle Approved 12-0-0 conditioned upon letters of support

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the side yard setback from 10' (required) to 7' for the construction of an accessory structure (Pergola). Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-351 2528 Sharondale Drive Approved 12-0-0 conditioned upon letters of support

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 35' (required) to 33' to allow for a 2nd story addition to a SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

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

V-15-341 170 Laurel Forest Cir NE Approved 10-1-1 with conditions of landscape

Applicant seeks a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the required half-depth front yard setback from 25' to 15'. Applicant also seeks a special exception to allow active recreation in a yard adjacent to a street for the construction of a swimming pool.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the zoning variance passed by vote of 19-1-1.

Z-15-020 2839 Peachtree Road Approved 7-4-1 with neighborhood conditions

Applicant seeks to rezone from C-1C to MRC-2 for the development of a mixed use project.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the agenda item passed by vote of 15-6-0.

SD-15-030 2989 Lookout Place

Applicant requests to make 2 lots where 1 exists. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the agenda item passed by vote of 21-0-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Next meeting will be January 5th.

Business elections were held. The business representatives for 2016 include: Cathy Boston, Bill Bozarth, Bob Connelly, Jim Cosgrove, Simon Foster, Randall Kent, Bill Murray, Abbie Shepherd, Bob Stasiowski, Cory Tibbs. Congratulations to everyone.

9. NEW BUSINESS

The three standing committees must appoint and chair and vice chair. The committees will meet following the meeting to select these appointments.

Zoning Committee

Chair: Bill Murray

Vice-Chair: Bob Connelly

D&T Committee:

Chair: Jason Kendall

Co-Chair: France Campbell

Public Safety Committee:

Chair: Randall Kent

Co-Chair: Sara Ohmer

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next BZA meetings will be held December 3rd and 10th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held December 3rd and 10th floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.