

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2015**

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

Present: 16
Proxies: 3
Bill Bozarth to Michael Isaacs
Brian Ward to Jim Cosgrove
Nancy Bliwise to Kim Shorter

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Welcome Anne Culberson, new residential representative from Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association.

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.

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
Captain Adam Lee III, Assistant Precinct Commander, Zone 2, ALee@AtlantaGA.gov
Lieutenant Hensel reported that investigation of the Paran Ridge Court incident has been transferred to federal law enforcement officials due to local jurisdiction issues and additional technological resources available to federal investigators. Residential burglaries and auto larcenies remain the largest sources of reported crime. Citizens are encouraged to use 911 to report not only emergencies, but also suspicious activity.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Elizabeth Morrow, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor (404-613-8407) or
ElizabethMorrow@FultonCountyGA.gov

Ms. Morrow reported regarding burglary at Lindberg Place that the suspect is a repeat offender on no bond status, and that the maximum sentence will be sought.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

404-546-4400 (or dial 404-546-4421 to reach station 21)
No report.

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

Major Easterling

Sergeant Malcolm Nicholas reported that the North Precinct has experienced no reported Type I (violent) crimes during past month. Use the SeeSay app to report crime anonymously from your smart phone. Photos and video may be submitted using the SeeSay app. More color glossy brochures were distributed promoting use of the SeeSay app.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

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

Officer Weeks had no report but was available to answer questions. In general, code violations in this area may be reported directly to Officer Jacob Mach, by completing an on-line form, or by email to CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

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

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

The monthly newsletter, Project Points, was distributed. Ms. Jones reported regarding rain barrel workshops available for a \$40.00 fee, which includes supplies to construct a rain barrel catchment system – call 404-546-3217 for more information. June is national safety month – call 311 to report missing manhole covers, etc. Water leaks should be reported by calling 311, which generates a record of the report. A bill-pay app is available for smartphones. There is a 30 percent discount for senior citizens, but it is subject to an income cap. A water leak was reported at the intersection of Peachtree Road and East Paces Ferry Drive.

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.

Mr. German reported that summer camps are available at PHRC for a fee of only \$35.00 per week for Atlanta residents, subject to availability. PHRC capacity is approximately 100 participants. Citywide, the park system has capacity for approximately 2,500 participants. For additional information and registration, visit www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

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

SLSilver@atlantaGA.gov

Sally Silver was available to answer questions and also commented regarding the North Buckhead Master Plan, which addresses parks, land use, planning, and transportation issues (including traffic calming and sidewalks). The plan has been formulated and District 7 Councilmember Howard Shook has introduced implementing legislation to adopt the Master Plan. The bill will be referred to the Zoning Committee for a vote next week and will then be returned to full Council for a vote. If adopted, the Master Plan will then be incorporated by reference into the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP).

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

No report.

Buckhead Condominium Alliance

Ben Howard, BenHoward@GATech.edu

No report.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

No report.

Proposed municipal code amendments

There was no report from the Planning Office this month, but NPU-B board members discussed the following four proposed amendments which correspond to the following four proposed supplements to the Connect Atlanta and Cycle Atlanta plans, upon which the NPU-B will need to be prepared to vote at its next regular monthly meeting in July:

The following additional proposed municipal code amendments, each supplementing the existing Connect Atlanta Plan, will be presented for NPU vote at the July, 2015 monthly meeting:

CDP-15-010 – An ordinance to adopt *Move Atlanta: A Design Manual for Active, Balanced, & Complete Streets*.

This was presented as a comprehensive street design manual intended to be less automobile-focused, and to ensure that streets are conducive to all forms of transportation and suitable for use by pedestrians and bicyclists.

CDP-15-011 – An ordinance to adopt *Transit Oriented Atlanta: A Strategy for Advancing Transit-Oriented Development*.

This supplement to the Connect Atlanta Plan advocates a comprehensive transit-oriented development (TOD) plan for areas within one-half mile of an existing or proposed transit station with design strategies to include increased densities, mixed use, and pedestrian orientation.

CDP-15-012 – An ordinance to adopt the *Cycle Atlanta Phase 1.0 Study*

This supplement to the Connect Atlanta Plan is an implementation strategy which proposes to create a connected network of high-quality bicycle infrastructure in the core of the city, including five cycling corridors extending from the Atlanta Beltline into the center of the city.

CDP-15-013 – An ordinance to adopt *Cargo Atlanta: A Citywide Freight Study*

The Cargo Atlanta Study is a comprehensive freight study on the importance of all modes of freight in the City of Atlanta. The study updates the Freight Route Map and the freight-related capital project list.

Various members expressed concern regarding three of these four proposed supplements. The concerns focused around two points. Regarding CDP-15-011 (encouraging transit-oriented development (TOD) plans for areas within one-half mile of an existing or proposed transit station), the one-half mile radius includes numerous existing neighborhoods which are zoned single-family and could have severe adverse consequences for those neighborhoods. Regarding CDP -15-010 and CDP-15-012, there is concern that main artery surface streets, particularly Peachtree Road, are currently at maximum capacity and that all existing right of way is needed for automobiles lanes and pedestrian sidewalks. Some NPU members expressed concern that these supplements might be viewed as authority to reduce automobile lanes in order to create space for bicycle lanes or other alternative transportation.

Board members France Campbell, Abbie Shepherd, and Jim Cosgrove agreed to coordinate an ad hoc committee comprised of any/all interested NPU-B members which will work on a suggested response to be discussed at the next monthly meeting of the NPU-B in connection with its vote on these supplements.

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

Festival Applications (no NPU vote):

None.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

Flourish, 3126 Piedmont Road / new business / approved in committee 4-0-0

Storico, 3126 Piedmont Road / new business / approved in committee 4-0-0

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 19-0-0.

Other Applications:

None.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

No report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Zoning Committee Consent Agenda:

V-15-76: 4211 Club Drive. Approved 7-0-0, site plan specific, not to exceed the existing ridgeline, and no additional encroachment into the setback for the guesthouse.

Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulations to construct a 2 story addition to an existing non-conforming detached duplex which is otherwise not allowed. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-78: 1070 Angelo Court. Approved 7-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the west side yard setback from 10' (required) to 8' to allow for an addition to an existing SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-086: 3085 West Andrews Drive. Approved 7-0-0 conditioned on house being elevated to the existing City of Atlanta code and that the State of Georgia stream buffer is approved by Atlanta Watershed department.

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the east side yard setback from 15' (required) to 7' to construct a new SFD. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-087: 252, 254 Kinsey Court NE. Approved 7-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the side yard setback from 7' (required) to 0' to allow for a 2nd story addition to an existing SFD. This is pending City Council legislation approval for a re-plat of the lot dimensions that are in conflict of the City's official cadastral maps. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

V-15-118: 3405 Roswell Road. Approved 7-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 35' (required) to 17.5' to construct a new 2 story SFD with basement. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

U-15-008: 130 West Paces Ferry Road. Approved 7-0-0

Applicant seeks a site plan amendment to a special use permit. 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 19-0-0.

Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:

Z-14-042: 3537, 3541, 3545, 3549, 3555 Roxboro Road (approved in committee subject to receipt of conditions)

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval of Z-14-042 subject to conditions passed by vote of 19-0-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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