

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Andrea Bennett, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 14

Proxies: 4/5*

Michael Isaacs to Bill Murray

Michael Graff to Bob Connelly

Cathy Boston to Bob Connelly

Mark Tiller to Jason Kendall

*Amy Hillman to Bill Bozarth (provisional: Ms. Hillman was present to vote)

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 18-0-0.

Jim Cosgrove announced his resignation as NPU-B Recorder but will continue his service as a Member of the NPU-B and the NPU-B Zoning Committee.

NPU-B action: A motion to elect Kim Shorter to the position of NPU-B Recorder 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 Van H. Hobbs, Jr., Precinct Commander, Zone 2, VHobbs@AtlantaGA.gov

Major Hobbs reported all four suspects from Sumpter Street home invasion are in now in custody. Vehicle larcenies are up. Auto theft has also increased, but note that 38 percent of auto theft involves keys left inside the target vehicle. Very busy holiday weekend with officers working 12 hour shifts to remain visible. There was a question regarding the need for additional officers. Major Hobbs shared that all of his positions were filled, but more officers were always welcome.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov

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

No report.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

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

Station 21 hosts a "Firefighter for a Day" each year in conjunction with Garden Hills Elementary School, generally during June or July. They will be asking for business partners to participate in the future.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Elizabeth Morrow, 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
Major Easterling reported that reported Type I (violent) crime in the North Precinct is down 16 percent for the year. Monday, September 7 is MARTA “Free Ride Day.” Enforcement of the Ride with Respect program results in suspensions for various periods up to one year.

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) reported that he will be assigned to NPU-B meetings for the next several months. The monthly newsletter, Project Points, was distributed. A leak reported by an NPU-B member was addressed, two new leaks were reported. A question was asked about status of paving for an ongoing repair, James noted he would followup.

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 after school registration has begun and the PHRC is now at capacity. Fees for ages 5-13 are \$35.00 per week for Atlanta residents, subject to availability. The cost for teens is only \$5 per semester. For additional information and registration, visit www.AtlantaGA.gov/iparcs. September 8 is end of the season for City of Atlanta outdoor swimming pools.

Buckhead Business Association

Bob Gibeling reported regarding the “Taste of Buckhead” event which is held indoors on September 24 from 6:30-10:00pm. Flyers were also distributed. Visit www.BuckheadBusiness.org for further information and/or to purchase tickets.

Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7

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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 reported that the dead trees had been removed from Charlie Loudermilk Park. These will be replanted in the fall. There is a new crosswalk from the Buckhead Theatre over to Charlie Loudermilk Park based on comments from NPU-B members. There are ongoing discussions with a pending development about additional access to the Park. Tony will attend in October and provide an update on the CID's assessment of a park over GA400. The update was planned for this meeting but will be deferred based on the heavy agenda.

Councilperson Mary Norwood reported that the courtwatch Friday morning courtroom 8C. This was for the juveniles comprehended for the Sumpter Street home invasion.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

Proposed municipal code amendments

There was no report from the Planning Office this month, but NPU-B board members voted as follows on the following three proposed ordinances:

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.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend denial passed by vote of 11-0-7 (7 abstentions)

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.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend denial failed by vote of 8-10-0. A motion to recommend approval passed by vote of 10-8-0 (0 absentions).

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.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval failed by vote of 8-9-1. A motion to recommend denial passed by vote of 9-8-1 (1 absention).

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

Andrea Bennett reported

Festival Applications on Consent Agenda:

None.

Liquor License Applications on Consent Agenda:

Vine and Tap, 2770 Lenox Road / addition of distilled spirits / APPROVED IN COMMITTEE

NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 18-0-0.

Other Applications:

None.

B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

CDP-15-02: 4698, 4706, 4707, 4715, 4716, 4723, 4724, 4731, 4736, 4739, 4742, 4749, 4754, 5755, 4764 and 4765 Wieuca Road, and parcel ID 17009500032194

An ordinance to amend the Land Use element of the Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to re-designate from Single Family Residential land use designation to the Low Density Residential land use designation.

NPU-B action: A motion to recommend approval passed by vote of 16-1-1.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

Applications on Zoning Committee Consent Agenda:

V-15-182 2211 Virginia Place. Approved 8-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north side yard setback from 7' (required) to 3.4', the south side yard setback from 7' (required) to 3.7' and the front yard setback from 35' (REQUIRED) to 30.3' to construct a SFR. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

U-15-010 2890 North Fulton Drive Approved 8-0-0

Applicant seeks to amend the existing site plan to Special Use Permit 11-O-0695. Applicant seek no other variances at this time.

Z-15-033 2989 Lookout Place Approved 8-0-0 with conditions: NO SPI designation

Applicant seeks to change the zoning from R-4 to R-4A to allow for the construction of 2 SFR. Applicant seek no other variances at this time.

V-15-164 1097 Bonview Lane NE. Approved 8-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 50' (required) to 18' to allow for a covered porch addition to a SFR. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time

LOR-15-001 60 Peachtree Hills Avenue. Approved 8-0-0
Applicant seeks a lot of record re-plat. 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 18-0-0.

Other Applications on Zoning Committee Agenda:

Z-14-75: Wieuca Road Approved 7-1-0 with conditions
Applicant seeks to rezone from R-3 and O-I-C to MR-2 for a new home development.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve Z-14-75 passed by vote of 17-0-1.

Z-15-039: 2544 Peachtree Road. Approved 8-0-1 with conditions
Applicant seeks to rezone from RG-4-C to RG-4. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve Z-15-039 passed by vote of 18-0-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Amy Hillman and Bill Bozarth presented proposed revisions to the NPU-B bylaws. The revisions would become effective on January 1, 2016.

NPU-B action: Revised bylaws to become effective on January 1, 2016 were approved as presented by vote of 18-0-0.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The next BRS meeting will be held September 10 and 15th on the 2nd floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.