

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

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

Present: 15

Proxies: Jim Cosgrove to Kim Shorter  
Randall Kent to Jefferson McConkey  
Kim Bondurant to Mandi Gibson  
Bryan Steed to Mandi Gibson  
Wes Lyle to Jason Kendall  
CJ Morris to Ben Howard

\* 1 member joined 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.

**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 20-0-0.**

**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@atlanta.ga.gov](mailto:JBShaw@atlanta.ga.gov) ; 404-391-0081.

Captain Singh mentioned that the new beat alignment is working very well. The officers are visiting valet operators and educating them on best practices. A lot of the valet's are young and so the hope is to educate them on best practices. This morning at one of the hotels, 2 guys held the valet up at gun point and a car was stolen. The police did apprehend the suspect and they are adults and in custody.

Property crime will change with the weather change, so be mindful.

Beats 203 on the west side of town (Marietta Boulevard and Chattahoochee and Huff Road) and Beats 613 (Sprouts on Cheshire Bridge to Lavista Road) were realigned.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

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

No Report.

City of Atlanta Municipal Court

Judge JaDawnya C. Baker; 404-588-5970, jcbaker@atlantaga.gov

No Report.

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Name, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor ([NAME@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:NAME@fultoncountyga.gov))

We have a new prosecutor who will attend an NPU meeting soon. A report was emailed to Nancy Bliwise regarding the convictions of two individuals associated with crime in our area. Nancy will forward this email.

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

Alan Coleman [acoleman@atlantaGA.gov](mailto:acoleman@atlantaGA.gov)

404-658-6658 office; 404-902-0934 mobile

E.J. Inyang, Assistant Solicitor, [ieinyang@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ieinyang@atlantaga.gov) (404-658-6702)

No Report.

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902) [www.itsmarta.com](http://www.itsmarta.com)

Major Matthew Carrier; [mcarrier@itsmarta.com](mailto:mcarrier@itsmarta.com), 404-848-4813

No Report.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM) (404-982-1480) [www.atlantawatershed.org](http://www.atlantawatershed.org)

Denita Burton, Office of Safety, Security, & Emergency Management (404-546-3374) or [dburton@atlantaga.gov](mailto:dburton@atlantaga.gov); 404-798-8103 (cell)

Denita noted that April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day and distributed information on the Mayor's Water Conservation Challenge. Rain barrel and composting workshops are scheduled. There was an announcement that the City will be rehabilitating stormwater infrastructure around town, but there were no specifics on where or how much funding is being allocated.

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

[www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs](http://www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs)

Jose Salazar, Manager, Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC), 308 Peachtree Hills Ave. [Jsalazar@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:Jsalazar@AtlantaGA.gov) or 404-295-3874 (cell).

Jose noted that summer camp registration will open this week. Camp will be 9 weeks due to the later public school start date. Registrations are limited. Peachtree Hills is almost at capacity. The fee is \$35/week for residents.

The parking lot is being done with construction started on Friday and plans to be completed this week.

Track season ends at the end of the month.

Department of Public Works

Marcus McGaw (404-865-8743) [mlmcgaw@atlantaga.gov](mailto:mlmcgaw@atlantaga.gov)

Verna Singleton, [VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov)

Officer O (404-807-2610)

Sama 404-865-8621 samakoi@atlantaga.gov  
Officer McLendon, [amclendon@atlantaga.gov](mailto:amclendon@atlantaga.gov), 404-273-0865

Valerie Ferguson with the solid waste enforcement team asked if there were questions. Bulk pickups must be scheduled and there are 12 free bulk collections per household per year. Bulk yard debris is more than 21 bags.

Randall Kent noted that there is a private park in the neighborhood and there are issues with getting the trash picked up because there is no address. She suggested calling solid waste and giving the best available address with a description.

There was a follow-up question regarding broken sidewalks that need to be repaired. Damaged sidewalk calls should be referred to the Streets Department. The buried water meters should be sent to Watershed.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division  
[CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov) 404-546-3800 (call to report an issue)  
[jhbrown@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jhbrown@atlantaga.gov); 404-546-3846 office; 404-557-2748 cell

Officer Brown noted that there were no open issues in NPU B.

Nancy noted that there is a new retention pond in the subdivision in need of maintenance. Nancy will call it in to Code Enforcement and Kim mentioned that an Indemnification Agreement and Maintenance Agreement should have been filed with Watershed. Each pond with an Agreement must have a qualified professional inspect annually and the report filed with Watershed.

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](http://www.livablebuckhead.org)

Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)  
[www.buckheadcid.com](http://www.buckheadcid.com)

Buckhead Area Transportation Management Association (BATMA)  
[www.batma.org](http://www.batma.org)

No Report.

Buckhead Business Association  
Garth Brooks

No Report.

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

No Report.

## 5. PLANNER'S REPORT

The Ecological Framework and new Tree Ordinance are coming soon. When the dates for public participation are available, Jessica will forward them to the NPU.

Nancy asked about the status of the short-term rental ordinance. The office of buildings has been doing research and working on proposed language. Currently the only leverage is noise complaints and parking violations. There was a question as to whether code enforcement would be able to issue a citation. Code enforcement could get involved if there were more than 5 cars parked on the lot.

There was a question about the status of the quick fixes. The quick fixes were approved earlier this year. George Heery asked for a copy. Jessica noted that she would distribute.

## 6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB report was distributed via email.

### A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mandi Gibson, Chair

Le Colonial / 3035 Peachtree Road NE / New Business / APPROVED 8-0-0

**NPU-B action: A motion to adopt committee recommendations on the above-listed consent agenda passed by vote of 20-0-1.**

### B. DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No Report.

### C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

V-19-047 4340 Tree Haven Drive NE

APPROVED

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the required northern side yard setback from 10 feet to 6.5 feet – for a single-family addition.

V-19-033 3920 Club Drive NE

APPROVED

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required south side yard setback from 10 feet to 3 feet 3 inches to construct a two-story addition.

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

V-19-045 4295 Club Drive NE

DEFERRED 60 DAYS

The following comments are submitted for this proposed subdivision:

1. Variances for front, side, and rear yard setbacks as well as for lot coverage should not be allowed ever or at least well beyond the standard 1-year restriction for the new lots.
2. Strongly urge the City to require a complete package including layout of the possible homes showing that they fit on the sites. Strongly urge the developer to work with the neighbors and neighborhood to get support.
3. With the proximity to Duck Pond, these 2 lots should be considered a “common” or “phased” development and if the total impervious area on both lots when built is greater than 5,000 square feet – then a full hydrology report should be completed and submitted to the City. The full hydrology report will include maintenance agreements on any stormwater controls for both site.
4. Boundary trees must be preserved in accordance with the tree ordinance. A site plan is suggested at the subdivision stage to show if there is sufficient room for a building site after protecting the boundary trees and their critical root zones. This is especially critical given the narrow nature of the proposed lots.

There was additional discussion about this property. Bill was notified by the applicant that the City did not require a subdivision because it could revert back to the historic subdivision. There was a question as to whether they were really reverting to the historic subdivision, which left one very small nonconforming lot and one conforming lot. The subdivision proposed resulted in 2 conforming lots. There were interested neighbors in attendance and guidance was given on how to proceed. Bill will ask the applicant for the name of the City representative who is handling this property.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

Please pay dues. Everyone in attendance has paid dues.

Center for Civic Innovation update – This group is evaluating the NPU format and will be visiting NPUs and writing a report summarizing the NPU process with recommendations. The feedback that was given to Nancy was that it is still mysterious who is funding this evaluation and why they are doing this evaluation. Nancy noted that she is concerned about the lack of transparency. Some believe the group will make site visits to observe each NPU. It was suggested that if they schedule to attend a NPU meeting, that they are also encouraged to attend either the Public Safety or Zoning subcommittees. Since much of the work of the NPU happens at the subcommittee level, they may not appreciate our process without also participating in one of these meetings.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

Community Design Awards – The History Center Cyclorama Building and the Duck Pond Restoration were both nominated.

History Center Cyclorama - 11

Duck Pond - 8

The History Center Cyclorama is the nomination from NPU B.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Then next NPU meeting will be May 7, 2019.

The next BZA meetings will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the City Hall Annex at noon.

The next ZRB meeting will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the City Hall Annex at 6 PM.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.