



**BUCKHEAD COUNCIL
OF NEIGHBORHOODS**
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Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2019

Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Room 2202
6:45 - 8:15 PM

Meeting Agenda

6:45 – 6:55 Introductions

6:55 – 7:00 **Major Shaw**, Zone 2 APD Commander: Current Status

7:00 – 7:03 **Robb Pitts**, Fulton County Chair: Fulton County Update

7:04 – 7:06 **Felicia Moore**, City Council President: City Update

7:07 – 7:09 **Dustin Hillis**, Public Safety Chair: APD Zone Re-alignment

7:10 – 7:13 **Nemonie Nooks**: Fulton County Asst DA: Zone 2 Prosecutor: Update

7:14 – 7:17 **Mary Norwood**: BCN Public Safety Resolution

7:18 – 7:22 **JP Matzigkeit**, District 8 Councilman: Recommendations

7:23 – 7:26 **Valerie Sellers**, BCN Public Safety Chair: Commercial Establishments

7:27 – 7:30 **Beth Beskin**, BCN Legislative Liaison: HB 340 and SB 164

7:31 – 7:37 **Ken Allen**, former APD IBPO President: Probable Cause Hearing Complaint Room

7:38 – 7:45 Discussion of BCN Public Safety Resolution

7:46 – 7:50 **Amber Connor**: Concerned Citizens United: Petition and CCU Update

7:51 – 7:58 **Taryn Bowman**: Fulton County Judicial Watch: Adopt-a-Judge

8:00 – 8:14 Q& A and discussion of Public Safety Resolution

8:15 Adjourn

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BCN Meeting Attendees

Neighborhood Attendees

Brandon	Beth Beskin
Brookwood	Kwynn Everest
Buckhead	Keith Strickland
Buckhead Condo Alliance	Ben Howard Anne McKillips
Buckhead West Paces	Peter Morris
Castlewood	Jeff Neville
Chastain Park	Carol Brown Mary Dodson Dorthy Evans Wallace Evans
Collier Hills	Barbara Kennedy
Crestwood Condos - Buckhead	Cathryn McDonald
Fernleaf	Michael Williams
Garden Hills	Bill Bozarth Jeff Clark
Hanover West	Jo Ann Nicholson
Historic Brookhaven	Charlie Buchholz
Kingswood	John Shepard Nina Schwartz
Margaret Mitchell	Carl Ferguson Robin Morgan
Mt. Paran-Northside	Ed Easterlin Taryn Bowman Debra Fowler Jennifer Rose Vickie Scaljon Susanne Waring
North Buckhead	Gordon Certain Shayna Flash Ayonna Hammond Tracy Koll Walda Lavroff Jeff Lebow Amy Peil Scott Satterwhite Valerie Sellers Mark Stovin Susy Stovin Keneth West Nancy Wylie

Paces	Eric Ferrara Ross Fischer Ken Hoogs Debra Wathen
Peachtree Battle Alliance	Wendal Greider Sadler Poe
Peachtree Heights East	Deborah Moscato
Peachtree Heights West	Beverly Allen Charles Battle Lola Battle Caroline Gilham Claudia Guild Wes Holt Jay Kallos Nolan Leake Robert Lewis Camille Yow
Peachtree Hills	Rhonda Gaunt Kathleen Moriarty Lydia Toomer
Peachtree Park	Peter Davis Shawn Perez Jean Robertson
Pine Hills	Ed Archer Francine Lowe Marie Tvaroch Molly Read Woo William Wyant
Riverside/Grove Park	Amber Comnorr
Tuxedo Park	Jean Astrop Walter Cheatham Mary Norwood
Wesley Battle	Maureen Becker
West Paces Northside	Tom Tidwell Teresa Ann Shell
Wildwood	Maria Furth
Other - Unindetified	About 18 attendees

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Other Attendees – Speakers, Officials and Organization Representatives

Anytime Bail Bonding	Scott Hall Pau Stewart	Concerned Citizens of Buckhead	Susan Lindley
APD Zone 2 Commander	Major James Shaw	Fulton Commission Chair	Robb Pitts
APD former IBPO President	Ken Allen	Fulton Commission 3rd District	Lee Morris
BCN Intrest Area Expert	deLille Anthony	Fulton County Assistant DA	Nemonie Nooks
City Council President	Felicia Moore	Fulton County DA Office	Shari Jones Keith Lamar Bailey Rogers
City Council District 8	J.P. Matzigkeit	Platinum Group Security	Josh Emmett
City Council District 8 - Office	Jim Elgar	Tree Nextdoor	Bobbie Wagoner
City Council District 9	Dustin Hillis		
City Council Post 1	Michael Julian Bond		

I. Welcome & Introductions

BCN Chair Mary Norwood called the meeting to order. A BCN Board quorum was present. The meeting room was extremely crowded, with a number of people having to stand at the edges of the room. About 115 attendees attended, including speakers.

II. Speakers

Twelve speakers made excellent presentations on a variety of topics related to improving public safety. The material covered is far too lengthy to be repeated or summarized in these minutes. An audio recording of the meeting was made.

- a. **Zone 2 - Current Status** - Presented by Major Shaw, Zone 2 APD Commander
- b. **Fulton County Update** - Presented by Robb Pitts, Fulton County Chair
- c. **City Update** - Presented by Felicia Moore, City Council President
- d. **APD Zone Re-alignment** - Presented by Dustin Hillis, Public Safety Chair
- e. **Zone 2 Prosecutor Update** - Presented by Nemonie Nooks, Fulton County Asst DA
- f. **BCN Public Safety Resolution** - Presented by Mary Norwood, BCN Chair

WHEREAS, an essential element in safeguarding every community is reducing citizen exposure to, and victimization by, crime;

WHEREAS, evidence demonstrates that a regular police presence, along with effective communication amongst stakeholders and community partners, aids in reducing threats to the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, effective communications foster good public, private contact, which act to strengthen and help maintain services essential to ongoing public safety;

WHEREAS, the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods (BCN) from time-to-time shares general information with the community, and stakeholders at large, regarding criminal activity in areas where they have been or may be significantly impacted; and

WHEREAS, BCN supports efforts and initiatives to streamline complete information flow of arrested persons from the arresting officer, to the district attorney's office, to the courts; and

WHEREAS, BCN supports initiatives, programs, and facilities that reduce the need for the incarceration of at-risk youth, mentally ill and non-violent drug offenders; and

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WHEREAS, BCN supports drug abuse prevention, education, treatment, and community wellness programs; and

WHEREAS, BCN supports charitable outreach organizations that help those who are in need, who are without support and who have nowhere to go; and

WHEREAS, BCN supports the safeguarding of civil liberties and privacy of its citizens while ensuring public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods supports the following:

1. Councilman JP Matzigkeit's recommendations:
 - Police officers ensuring that their reports contain detailed, complete and timely information
 - Pretrial services presenting judges with comprehensive, accurate criminal histories
 - Judges appropriately focusing on the threats that repeat offenders pose to the community
 - District attorneys being prepared to present cases
 - Police officers being adequately compensated for attendance at judicial proceedings
 - Probation officers having manageable caseloads that allow them the ability to prioritize them based on offender danger to the community.
 - Politicians providing resources and forums that foster successful and efficient operation of the criminal justice system
2. Judges to consider bond only after reviewing, detailed incident reports, and criminal history of the accused individual(s).
3. Atlanta Police Officers given comp time or adequate compensation on an hourly basis for the time they spend at the Fulton County Courthouse.
4. Commercial property and retail outlets having a safety plan consisting of, but not limited to, security assessments of safety, security guards or officers, and surveillance cameras.
5. A Public Safety campaign supported by BCN members to promote "Safe City Decals" provided to commercial establishments that have committed to a public safety plan.
6. District Attorney to eliminate the Complaint Room and have the City of Atlanta reinstate probable cause hearings in Municipal Court.
7. Use of the City of Atlanta City Jail to house arrestees until their probable cause hearing is completed in Municipal Court and then complete the sentencing for City of Atlanta violations or transfer to the County for State prosecutions.
8. Use the 72 Marietta Street Building that the City owns to provide the services that the Administration would like to provide.

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9. Dedication of an appropriate attorney on the District Attorney’s staff to the prosecution of gang members under the Gang Statute.
10. The Fulton County Judicial Accountability Task Force a/k/a “Adopt a Judge” Program.
11. The adoption of procedures for Fulton County magistrates and judges designed to ensure that they have complete and detailed histories of Juvenile Repeat Offenders during any judicial processes.
12. GA House Bill 340 and GA Senate Bill 164 relating to the general provisions regarding bonds and recognizances, so as to revise provisions regarding when and under what circumstances persons accused of crimes may be released on their own recognizance and to provide for the types of security for bail.

Final - March 13, 2019 3:00 PM

- g. **Recommendations** - Presented by JP Matzigkeit, District 8 Councilman
- h. **Commercial Establishments** - Presented by Valerie Sellers, BCN Public Safety Chair
- i. **HB 340 and SB 164** - Presented by Beth Beskin, BCN Legislative Liaison
- j. **Probable Cause Hearing Complaint Room** - Presented by Ken Allen, former APD IBPO President
- k. **Discussion of BCN Public Safety Resolution** - Led by Mary Norwood, BCN Chair
- l. **Petition and CCU Update** - Presented by Amber Connor, Concerned Citizens United
- m. **Adopt-a-Judge** - Presented by Taryn Bowman, Fulton County Judicial Watch
- n. **Q& A and discussion of Public Safety Resolution** - Led by Mary Norwood, BCN Chair

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the January BCN meeting were approved.

IV. BCN Motion - Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods to Partner with Trees Atlanta

Mary Norwood made the motion to have the BCN Board approve a motion to become a Trees Atlanta partner in supporting a new tree ordinance that requires the City to plant more trees, buy forested land, and save our existing tree canopy. The motion to approve the following document was approved.

Request for Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods to Partner with Trees Atlanta

The City of Atlanta is currently in the process of rewriting and updating the Tree Protection Ordinance. This new ordinance likely will be voted on this coming summer.

Trees Atlanta, along with its partners, is conducting a series of “conversations” in all four quadrants of the city to inform and empower neighbors to take an active role in the tree ordinance update process. The

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first discussion took place on the East side this past Tuesday night at the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center, with well over a hundred people in attendance. Three more discussions are planned, with the meeting for the North quadrant tentatively scheduled for the evening of April 30 at the Atlanta History Center.

At each meeting, community and non-profit presenters will address the need to strengthen the tree ordinance requirements as it pertains to planting more trees, buying forested land, and saving the existing canopy. The last 30 minutes will be devoted to signing letters to be sent to city commissioners, council members, and the Mayor supporting an improved tree ordinance.

It is vital that we come together as a community to advocate for an improved tree ordinance that benefits our entire City. **Trees Atlanta is requesting that The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods “partner” with them in this city-wide effort to strengthen the Atlanta Tree Protection Ordinance.**



To the left are the groups currently partnering with Trees Atlanta. Can we tell Trees Atlanta that the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods will be a partner, too? Also, Trees Atlanta would like your help in recruiting other organizations, including civic associations and NPUs, to partner with them in helping to improve the tree ordinance.

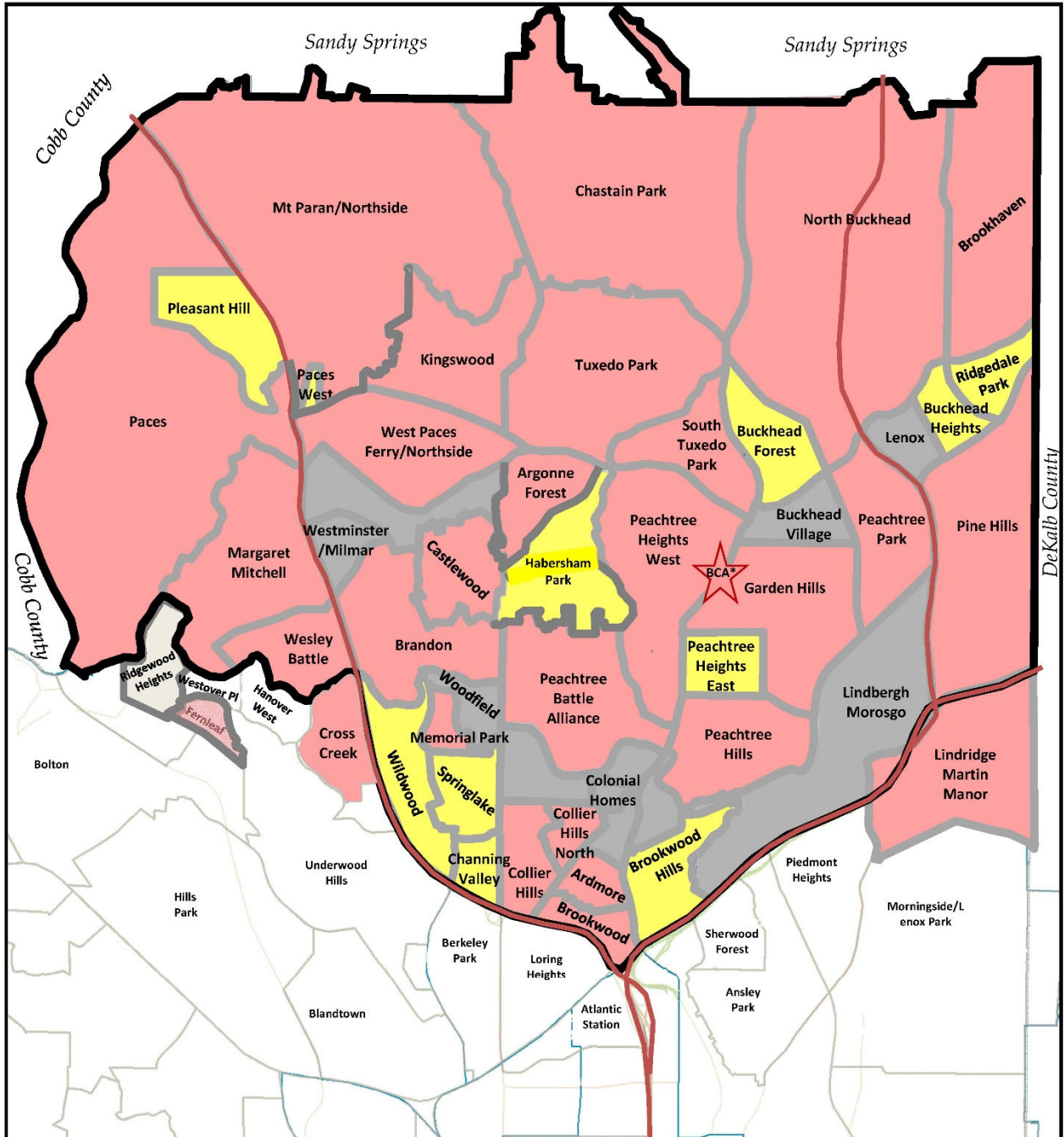
To become a Trees Atlanta partner in supporting a new tree ordinance that requires the City to plant more trees, buy forested land, and save our existing tree canopy, please email Trees Atlanta Co-Director Greg Levine at greg@treesatlanta.org.

V. Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 9 - Board Only

Prepared by Gordon Certain, BCN Secretary, May 13, 2019

Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods

Paid Membership as of 05/10/19



* BCA = Buckhead Condo Alliance

LEGEND

Paid Membership as of 05/10/19

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| YES | | NO | | N/A | |
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Neighborhood		Dues		Neighborhood Representation at Board Meetings																
		2019	2018	2017	2018	2019														
				Met 10 Times	Met 8 Times	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			
1	Ardmore Park	✓	✓	13%																
2	Argonne Forest	✓	✓																	
3	Brandon	✓	✓			✓		✓												
4	Brookwood	✓	✓	25%	13%	✓		✓												
5	Brookwood Hills							✓												
6	Buckhead Condo Alliance	✓	✓	75%	63%	✓		✓												
7	Buckhead Forest																			
8	Buckhead Heights																			
9	Buckhead Village			25%	13%	✓		✓												
10	Castlewood	✓			13%	✓														
11	Channing Valley																			
12	Chastain Park	✓	✓	25%	75%	✓		✓												
13	Collier Hills	✓	✓	75%	75%	✓		✓												
14	Collier Hills North	✓	✓	38%		✓														
15	Cross Creek	✓				✓														
16	Fernleaf	✓						✓												
17	Garden Hills	✓	✓	100%	75%	✓		✓												
18	Grant Estates (S Tuxedo)	✓			13%	✓		✓												
19	Habersham Park	✓	✓		13%															
20	Historic Brookhaven	✓						✓												
21	Kingswood	✓						✓												
22	Lindbergh																			
23	Lindridge Martin Manor	✓																		
24	Loring Heights		✓	50%				✓												
25	Margaret Mitchell	✓				✓		✓												
26	Memorial Park	✓	✓	75%	88%	✓														
27	Mt. Paran-Northside	✓	✓	83%	100%	✓		✓												
28	North Buckhead	✓	✓	100%	88%	✓		✓												
29	Paces	✓	✓	100%	88%	✓		✓												
30	Paces West	✓		38%																
31	Peachtree Battle Alliance	✓	✓		25%	✓		✓												
32	Peachtree Heights East							✓												
33	Peachtree Heights West	✓	✓	38%	50%	✓		✓												
34	Peachtree Hills	✓	✓	50%	38%	✓		✓												
35	Peachtree Park	✓			13%			✓												
36	Pine Hills	✓	✓	63%	50%	✓		✓												
37	Pleasant Hill																			
38	Ridgedale Park																			
39	Ridgewood Heights			13%																
40	Springlake				13%															
41	Tuxedo Park	✓	✓	63%	63%	✓		✓												
42	Wesley Battle	✓		13%	13%	✓		✓												
43	West Paces Northside	✓	✓	100%	75%	✓		✓												
44	Wildwood					✓		✓												
Totals		31	21	Avg:12	Avg:12	23		27												