



The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods
Board Meeting
 October 14, 2010
 Peachtree Presbyterian Church
 6:30 – 8:30 PM
 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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Representation by Neighborhood:

Neighborhood/Organization	Name
1 Ardmore Park	Tom Gordon
2 Argonne Forest	Logan Ide
3 Brookwood	Diane Cox
4 Buckhead Forest	Kim Kahwach
5 Chastain Park	Jim King, Moria Denton, Fran Grice, Kirk Oppenlander, Merrimac Penman, David Shipps, Sydney Shipps, Frank Toye, Rebecca Peckham
6 Collier Hills	Barbara Kennedy
7 Garden Hills	Bob Schneider
8 Grant Estates	Jackson Wilson, Juliet Asher, Jan Bloom, Michael Golden, Margaret Herndon, Rodger Herndon, E.T. Laird, Ramona White, Gail Wilson, Tracy Wilson, Ellen Adair Wyche
9 Historic Brookhaven	Glenn Delk, Jeff Kellar
10 Kingswood	Leigh Ann Livaditis
11 Margaret Mitchell	Charlotte Vicens, Leslie Churchill, Cynthia Brown
12 Memorial Park	Loulie Reese, Garth Peters
13 Mt. Paran Pkwy	Karen Romon
14 North Buckhead	Gordon Certain, Laura Denning, Louis Mayeux, Peggy Wright, Maggie Blease, Kim McCauly, Andrew Denning, Gail Tolbert, Leigh Darby, Sally Silver
15 Pine Hills	George Mirgorod
16 Ridgedale Park	Bill Langley
17 Springlake	Greg Mauldin, Rush Levett
18 Tuxedo Park	Mercy Sandberg-Wright
19 West Paces Northside	Jack Hellriegel, Lee Prichard
20 Wildwood	Bill Lucas

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I. Welcome

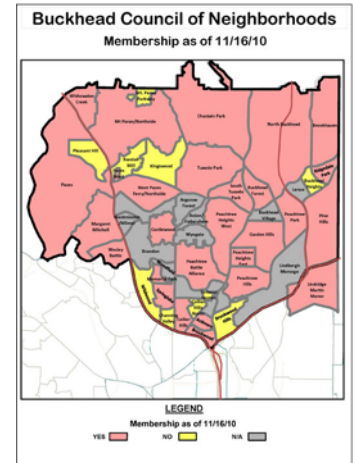
Jim King called the meeting to order at around 6:40 PM.

II. Introductions

The attendees introduced themselves. This was, by far, the most heavily attended BCN meeting held so far. At one point, 90 attendees were counted, including ten who were standing since all chairs were full.

III. Approval of Minutes & New Members

Minutes for the September meeting were approved. Elizabeth Prichard asked for amendments to clarify the Development and Infrastructure report. Collier Hills North expressed some interest in joining BCN and may join in the future.



IV. Committee Updates and Issues (alphabetical, not meeting sequence)

Communications (Jennifer Moyers, Chair) – No report.

Development and Infrastructure (Elizabeth Prichard, Chair) – No report.

Education (Glenn Delk, Chair) – No report.

Parks (Gordon Certain, Chair) – No report.

Property Taxes (George Mirgorod, Chair) – No report.

Public Safety (Kim Kahwach, Chair) – No report.

Transportation (John Haliburton, Chair) – No report.

Watershed Management Coordination (Kristy Gillman, Chair) – Bill Lucas reported that Acting Commissioner Dexter White is doing a good job. There are still an enormous number of problems. Bill Held a public meeting on August 16th, chaired by former commissioner Hunter. Bill is planning a hopefully more successful “town hall meeting” at a future time and place to be announced.

Zone 2 Community Prosecutor (Hannah Chung) – Hannah Chung made two announcements:

- *State of Georgia vs. Frank Williams*: Residential burglary August 14, 2010 at 499 Northside Circle - Record: no prior felonies. Sentenced to 5 years, to serve 18 months.
- Grand opening of the Zone 2 Community Prosecutor’s office -- November 10, 2010 5:30 PM. All are invited.

V. Speakers and Invited Guests

Phae Howard, National Association for Prevention of Home Improvement Fraud

Phae Howard explained that her non-profit helps homeowners protect themselves from home improvement fraud. They go into detail about what homeowners should do before they go into a project, during the project and afterward. They also help homeowners avoid “greenwashing” (environmental-related fraud). They do workshops, including a recent one in Buckhead. Their web site is at www.ncphif.org – it includes helpful checklists. If civic associations are interested in a briefing to their members, contact Phae at (678) 705-4455.

Members of the Atlanta Board of Education:

- **Brenda Muhammad** District 1
- **Khaatim Sherrer El** District 2 – Chair [Joined the meeting in progress.]
- **Cecily Harsch-Kinnane** District 3 – [Former Vice Chair]
- **Nancy Meister** District 4 (alternate e-mail NancyMeister@beacham.com)
- **Yolanda Johnson** District 6 – Vice Chair
- **Courtney English** Seat 7 at large

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- **Reuben McDaniel** **Seat 8 at large** (alternate e-mail reuben.mcdaniel@gmail.com)
- **Emmett D Johnson** **Seat 9 at large**

Note: During the meeting, some attendees complained that their e-mails did not get through to the BOE. Reuben McDaniel said 95% of the mail APS receives is spam. So, some members offered alternate e-mail addresses, included in the list above.

General Discussion

Jim King provided a recap of BCN's education-related actions to set the context for the discussion. Nancy Meister (who represents the Buckhead area) has made presentations to BCN on two previous occasions. BCN asked for an independent investigation of CRCT cheating allegations and such an investigation was authorized. BCN also asked the Fulton County District Attorney to investigate the matter; he declined because Governor Perdue interceded with his own investigation. We have had discussions about Superintendent Hall: whether she is going to be retained or replaced. We have also heard that instead of two middle schools we may have a 6th grade academy and a 7th/8th-grade campus. We heard yesterday that the new high school may be on East Andrews. There are differing opinions on the selection of that site and many from Grant Estates attended this meeting. Another issue is, how much does it really cost to educate a child in APS and what should it cost? Also, what is the role of charter schools? Finally, the lack of education achievement by some students is both a moral issue and a public safety issue. Jim recounted our actions related to a BCN education task force and the subsequent conclusion by the BCN Executive Committee that the education subject was of general interest and should be considered by the entire BCN board.

Nancy Meister said that Sutton was crowded but that portables could handle anticipated growth for the next two years. She said a decision has not been made about a 6th grade academy versus two schools. The system will conduct an opinion survey on that subject. Public input so far favors a 6th grade academy approach, she said. Regarding the high school announced in January, six or seven candidate properties have been identified.

Reuben McDaniel said he and Nancy were the BOE members living in the Buckhead area. They were pleased with the thorough site selection updates provided to them by APS staff, including traffic patterns, environmental, topographical and logistical considerations. **Nancy** added that she had met with Jim Durrett of BCID, Sharon Pitt (APS Chief of Staff), and Larry Hoskins (Deputy of Operations). Durrett outlined what BCID envisions for Buckhead regarding traffic and land use. Nancy thought it was a productive session.

Jim asked for a show of hands of attendees interested in the high school or middle school – most raised their hands. Jim said that we had planned to discuss the future of APS, but considering the number interested in middle and high school issues, that discussion would be deferred to accommodate attendees.

Middle School Discussion

Laura Denning and **Gail Tolbert** commented that there were pros and cons from either approach – both are superior to today's overcrowding. Gail said most comments she'd gotten favored the 6th grade academy approach. **Kim Kahwach** suggested following a New York City approach of having a "scholar's academy" which offered four language courses. A **Chastain Park resident** said her neighbors were strongly in favor of two schools. She said that the Sutton 6th grade was enormous and that having smaller, neighborhood schools with more individualized attention would be better. **Another attendee** expressed concern about having four kids in four different school locations and that they would need to get up early to catch the various school buses. **Nancy Meister** said that traffic and environmental studies were part of the due diligence for making the middle school decision.

Ellen Wyche asked what criteria are being used to evaluate school options, both for the middle school and the high school. What is the basis for comparison and evaluation is being used? What are the long-term goals and strategies? Is APS using consultants? Comparing to national "best practices"? Are the APS criteria available on the APS web site or published? **Nancy Meister** said that was a great question and

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should be referred to the APS Deputy of Operations who could give a much better answer. She said she would be happy to have him answer that question. **Nancy** said the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum would be a factor in determining the middle school configuration. **Ellen** added, “we would like to see a thorough explanation, in some sort of document form, that is easily understood and clearly disseminated for both of these questions” [both the high school and middle school].

Another attendee asked if the IB was driving the middle school configuration, since a new school would need to achieve its own accreditation. Also, would IB would be expanded beyond our cluster. IB accreditation takes about three years. The last school accredited was Bolton Academy. IB started at North Atlanta and “filtered down”. The primary and middle school’s accreditation would apparently not be an issue for high school level graduates and should not be driving the middle school configuration decisions.

High School Site Discussion

Nancy Meister said their board has not voted on condemnation on any site. **Sally Silver** responded regarding the East Andrews site, “Channel 11 has an interview with Carl Westmoreland who is the property owner’s attorney. You can check on the web tonight on WXIA and he will state about the letter he got from the school system telling the property owner that the school system started condemnation.” She added, “You haven’t voted on it but the staff is progressing.”

Nancy responded that, “we will listen to that because that is a process that is to be approved by the Board.” Nancy said they were doing due diligence on a couple of sites, but that “no decisions would be made without community input. All of our discussions have been in executive session and we are not privileged to share that information, to share the sites.” Nancy asked for continued public input to her. She reiterated that they had not selected a high school site.

Gordon Certain commented that in the case of the Sarah Smith Elementary intermediate campus site selection, APS had already selected the school site before a public hearing was held. Sally agreed with his assessment. He asked if the high school site selection would be different. Nancy said the Sarah Smith acquisition was before she started with BOE and didn’t know. She indicated that the middle school selection was being more open, though not everyone would be happy with any decision.

Brenda Muhammad commented that school site selections had to be done in executive session because as soon as the selection of a location became public knowledge, “the price goes up”. She didn’t recall any public meetings prior to the Sarah Smith site selection. She said “we don’t anticipate having a public meeting [on the selection of the high school site] for those reasons.” She added, “Obviously, we don’t want to have disgruntled communities associated with a school we’re building ...” Brenda, when asked if condemnation was a common way of acquiring school sites, said it would not be their first choice. **She** added that while not everyone will be happy with any particular site, the school system has to meet a school over-capacity issue. **Emmett Johnson** added that several things cause concern: school closing, building schools, and re-districting – “folks get upset about that. We are required by law to have public hearings before we make any kind of decision – that’s always been the practice. ... That doesn’t mean we are going to do what you say because in the long run we have to do what is in the best interest of the children of the Atlanta Public Schools. ... We try to make it as comfortable as possible for all individuals.” **Sally Silver** responded, “I’ll ask the AJC to publish the letter about the condemnation tomorrow.”

Regarding the issue of when the decision on the high school site needed to be made in order to have it open in 2012, **Nancy** answered it would need to be made by the end of the calendar year (two months) to open in 2012. She continued that, however, that it was “a process” and might not happen in two months, but it was their goal.

Jackson Wilson spoke for many Grant Estates residents who were “uncomfortable and unhappy” about the letter related to possible condemnation action by APS regarding the Paces Apartments site on East Andrews. He said we have two months to go and things are happening with “zero communication” and a

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“lack of transparency” – that there had been no public hearing or information. He said it was disingenuous for suggestions now of wanting public input since planning was apparently too far along. He said that talk of condemnation affected not only the property values of residents but also those of local businesses. He said that with the broad power of condemnation that APS has, the argument that APS can't have public discussions about a site until a deal is made for its price “rings hollow”. Jackson argued that APS can publicly discuss the site selection process without materially affecting the price of a site – so the need for secrecy is not a valid argument. He asked the BOE members “if the ship had already sailed”, is there time for discussion, and what would they recommend to our communities as their next steps? [Applause.]

Reuben McDaniel commented that they were not merely driven by concern for the price that they would have to pay for the land. They try to take into consideration all of the issues for all of the sites. So if there were ten sites and we had immediate public hearings about ten sites, they wouldn't even know at the time if all of those sites made sense environmentally, traffic-wise, logistically, etc. Also, it costs a lot to fully evaluate a site. He said there is a “difficult tension” between trying to select what is the best site from a logistical perspective as opposed to a community perspective. He understands why it doesn't sound good to say that we are about two months away from a decision and are now asking for public input. But it is important to understand, he said, that it is not as simple as identifying ten sites, having public hearings and seeing what happens. He has been very impressed with Larry Hoskins and his ability to work through real estate negotiations, site selection parameters, and community input. He said it would be great if a site pops up that is the best site for everybody, but it is not going to happen. He concluded, the fact the BOE is here today demonstrates that, but there is a tension.

ET Laird, NPU-B rep from Grant Estates asked if APS is proceeding with condemnation of the site and the BOE isn't aware of it, who is running the system? **Nancy Meister** said she spoke with the administration before the meeting and was not aware of a letter. She said she never voted on condemnation. **Courtney English** commented, “According to the law, I believe it is HB 1313, the condemnation process ... for any municipality to begin a condemnation process, that municipality has to vote. We are the board so for that process to officially have begun, the board would have to pass a resolution to that effect. That has not happened. And no such action has been brought before this board.” He continued that they had not had discussion in executive session of “taking that kind of act”. “The process of condemnation, legally, cannot start until we do so.” **Jim King**: “That doesn't mean the letter hasn't been sent.” **Courtney**: “Indeed.” **ET Laird** responded, “That's doubletalk!” **Jim King** explained the structure of the APS under Superintendent Hall versus the role of BOE and that the administration may have begun an action without the awareness of BOE. Jim said that since we don't have a copy of the letter, we don't know who sent it or what I says. **Courtney** added he would like to see that letter and added that he surmised from Sally Silver's comments that it may have been a threat of condemnation.

Jim asked if anyone present had personal knowledge of the contents of the letter. **An unidentified male voice** stated that a third party to the APS administration had contacted the landowner. When the landowner was not receptive, a second letter that said condemnation is a possibility. **Glenn Delk** proposed that since we didn't have the letter and the BOE had no knowledge of it, the discussion of it should not continue until the BOE had the facts and could come back to explain it. **Sally Silver** responded, “Or, on the alternative, there are members in this room, like Khaatim and Nancy, that have been aware of this, that a condemnation has been talked about to them for quite some time, in order to try to head this kind of thing off, saying if you would make known, you don't even have to say that it is on the list, but if you would make known that if the property is on the list, it doesn't belong on that list and that that isn't a great place for a school. That would go a long way to calm a lot of people down.”

Sally said that APS reps were “beginning due diligence, they have done core samples”. Jim asked Sally if she had a copy of the letter – she didn't. She said “I will have it e-mailed and/or faxed to every school board member tomorrow as well as my e-mail list that I originally sent out to and anybody who wants it.” Jim asked that further discussion of the letter and condemnation cease until a copy was available and the BOE/APS had an opportunity to understand it and come back to respond.

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Khaatim El talked about the need for transparency on the part of APS. He said, “we’ll have the best folks come down and give you all of the information that you need. But there are other decisions that have to be made in this process. Everything from the color of the walls of the buildings to the color of the carpet – you ought to be engaged in that process. So, one of the things I want to commit in addition to getting your questions answered is a formalized process for how you will be involved in how these decisions are made. I can tell you the person I look to is Nancy. She’s been on the school board for just a short ten months now and she’s provided real leadership around this issue and others...” Jim interrupted, asking that the discussion be limited for now to the BCN board so they could discuss and vote on a motion (#1, below).

Dr. Hall’s Tenure Discussion

An attendee asked that since the high school was Dr. Hall’s idea, what would happen if she left? **Nancy** said Dr. Hall is still the superintendent and that they have not discussed the succession plan as a board to date. She said that school enrollment is still growing and clear options to a new school are not available.

Another BOE member said under Hall’s contract she had until the end of the year to notify the board of her intent to stay or leave. At that point, the BOE goes into discussions about her tenure. **Glenn** requested Hall’s contract (request #2, below) and **Yolanda Jackson** committed to check on whether it was a private or public document. **Nancy Meister** expressed concern that if Dr. Hall is to be replaced and if the BOE waits until December to start a search (as is apparently the way the BOE is leaning) that there will be insufficient time to find the right replacement. She believes the search might take six to 12 months.

Charter Schools Discussion

An attendee asked what BOE’s position was on charter schools. **Reuben** responded that the board didn’t have a policy on charters; individual members might have opinions. **Glenn** commented that APS was a party in the Supreme Court to have the state charter law declared unconstitutional so someone in APS had a position. He also asked why the system was using tax dollars to oppose that law.

Emmett Johnson said APS has more charter schools than any system in the state. He said they try not to distinguish between charters and their other public schools. The system does have an oversight responsibility over charters and if a charter fails, APS is obligated to provide remedial support to the charter’s ex-students. He said the lawsuit was not over charters but was about control of school system funds. APS wants to be able to evaluate and approve/disapprove each charter without an outside entity overriding them.

Brenda Muhammad said some colleagues call her the “Charter School Queen” since the first charters started in her district and there are now five charters in her district. It was generally conceded that some of the charters cost less to operate than some conventional schools. **A male attendee** asked if the charters were getting by on less money than conventional APS schools, what process was in place to learn from that performance -- **Kim Kahwach** noted that several of those charters did not meet AYP. **Emmett** said the board was committed to learning from all schools – he said he is a “huge proponent of schools that work”. He pointed out that the problem with charters being approved directly by the state is that both the charter and APS could plan to build redundant schools in the same area and there is no way to stop such a wasteful lack of coordinated planning. He said they already have five conventional high schools and now a state approved charter serving that same area – how do you reconcile that? “We spent \$42 million to renovate Douglass High School the year before I graduated, \$32 million to build Best Academy and then this brand new school, which we had nothing to do with, is down the street.”

Disagreement About Change in BOE Leadership Discussion

Glenn Delk asked the BOE members “how they plan to move forward” considering all of the rumors about potential litigation about the action in September to revise school system policies and replace the board leadership on a 5/4 vote. **Reuben McDaniel** agreed that there was a 5/4 board split on that issue. He said, “having said that, it doesn’t mean we are a 5/4 board on everything.” He said they were all committed to the

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system running smoothly. He said it is not a “civil war” but a “disagreement on this specific policy around a board leadership change issue”. He said that while he and Nancy were on opposite sides of the 5/4, they were working closely on Buckhead school issues. He said he expected that the BOE would work through the 5/4 problem in the next 45 days.

Glenn asked if the BOE members would commit to not spend tax money on litigating that issue. Reuben declined to agree. **Glenn** proposed a motion asking the BOE to refrain from suing each other. **Gordon Certain** commented that spending tax money on litigation could be an appropriate way to solve the problem and BCN shouldn't tell them not to litigate. Glenn suggested that a surprising amount of tax money may have already been spent by BOE/APS for legal advice on an issue “that really doesn't go to the root of their ability to govern”. Glenn restated his motion to request the BOE to refrain from using tax money to sue each other over the chairmanship issue. Seconded. The motion was tabled temporarily to get information from BOE. **Nancy** said she had asked for legal spending on this issue and would share it when she received it. The issue of who might sue whom was explored further by **Brenda Muhammad** and **Khaatim El** and Glenn withdrew his motion. It appears that the validity of board votes is not impacted by the 5/4 dispute and several BOE members indicated that their board is continuing to deal with on-going business effectively.

At the conclusion of the meeting Jim King commended all of the BOE members for their participation in our meeting. He said Ms. Burks had sent regrets and hopes to come another time. Jim hopes that BOE and BCN might meet again in perhaps three months.

Motions and Requests

1. **Ellen Wyche** said, “I move that the Atlanta Public School Board commit and provide to the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods the criteria and process by which the new Atlanta high school site selection process is being decided by the next Atlanta Public School Board meeting, which I understand is October the 18th. I further move as part of that motion that ... by Monday the 18th we have an answer regarding the condemnation letter.” * Grant Valley's BCN representative **Jackson Wilson** made Ellen's statement a formal motion that passed unanimously.
2. **Glenn Delk** requested (without a motion) a copy of Dr. Hall's employment contract with APS.
3. Later in the meeting, **Jackson**: “I'd like to make a motion that we further request from the BOE and APS the results of any studies and surveys that have already been undertaken as it relates to the site at Paces.” That motion also passed unanimously.
4. **Glenn** moved that BCN request the BOE members not to use public funds in lawsuits related to their dispute over the leadership change. That motion was seconded but was later withdrawn.

* Nancy said she would respond to the motion as quickly as possible, but it might not Monday since much of the response would have to be prepared by APS staff and would let us know.

VI. Neighborhood Concerns - None.

VII. Next Meeting - The next meeting is November 11 (later changed to the 18th).

VIII. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at about 8:45 PM.

Note: *The opinions expressed by the speakers and individual neighborhood representatives in these minutes do not necessarily represent those of BCN or its member neighborhoods.*

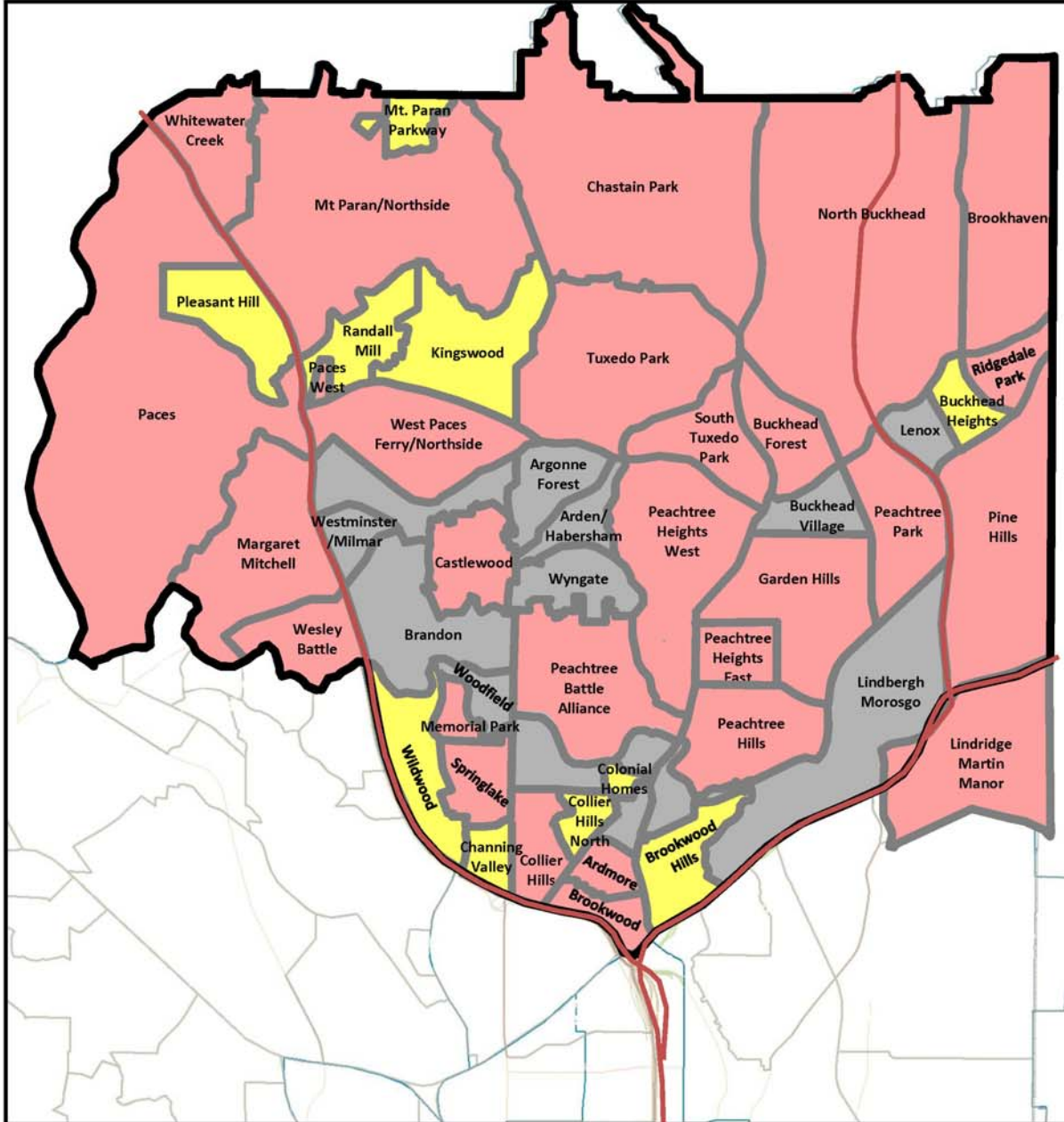
Prepared by Gordon Certain
BCN Secretary
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4	Brookwood		✓						✓								✓						✓	✓		✓	✓	
5	Brookwood Hills													✓														
6	Buckhead Forest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Buckhead Heights										✓																	
8	Castlewood	✓	✓								✓					✓												
9	Chastain Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Collier Hills	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Collier Hills North										✓																✓	
12	Garden Hills	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Grant Estates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Historic Brookhaven	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Kingswood	✓		✓							✓																	✓
16	Lindridge Martin Manor	✓	✓	✓					✓								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			
17	Margaret Mitchell	✓	✓						✓			✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
18	Memorial Park	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Mount Paran Pkwy																											✓
20	Mt. Paran-N'side	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21	North Buckhead	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	P'tree Battle Alliance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
23	Paces	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Paces West	✓	✓				✓	✓																				
25	Peachtree Heights East	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓				✓			✓										
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27	Peachtree Hills	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	Peachtree Park	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	Pine Hills		✓			✓												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Pleasant Hill																											
31	Randall Mill																											
32	Ridgedale Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Springlake		✓																	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
34	Tuxedo Park	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	Wesley Bohler	✓	✓				✓		✓																	✓		
36	West Paces Northside	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
37	Whitewater Creek	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓				✓	✓		✓
38	Wildwood			✓																							✓	✓
Count		26	28	17	13	18	14	20	17	12	14	18	17	15	17	11	18	16	17	24	20	10	13	18	20	23	20	

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