



The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods

Board Meeting

July 14, 2011

Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Room 2315

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

	Full Name	Neighborhood/Organization	Email Address
1	Dianne Belk	North Buckhead	be53lk@gmail.com
2	Kenneth Byers	Atlanta Fire Rescue	kbyers@atlantaga.gov
3	Gordon Certain	North Buckhead	gcertain@comcast.net
4	Hannah Chung	Zone 2 Community Prosecutor	Hannah.Chung@FultonCountyGA.gov
5	Fire Chief Kelvin Cochran	Atlanta Fire Rescue	kjcochran@atlantaga.gov
6	Kathy Collura	Peachtree Heights East	KathyCollura@bellsouth.net
7	Diane Cox	Brookwood	brookwoodcivic@gmail.com
8	Bernard Coxton	Atlanta Fire Rescue	bcoxon@atlantaga.gov
9	Jim Elgar	Loring Heights	jimelgar@gmail.com
10	Jeremy Faughtenberry	Loring Heights	jFaughtenberry@gmail.com
11	Barbara Kennedy	Collier Hills	bar2010@aol.com
12	Jim King	Chastain Park	jimking@mindspring.com
13	Bill Langley	Ridgedale Park	blangley@kwcommercial.com
14	Walda Lavroff	North Buckhead	waldalavroff@comcast.net
15	Gloria Love	Northside Neighbor	glove@mdjonline.com
16	Greg Mauldin	Springlake	greg.mauldin@alston.com
17	Louis Mayeux	North Buckhead/Patch	Louis.Mayeux@patch.com
18	Ann O'Connell	Mt. Paran-Northside	annoconnell1@bellsouth.net
19	Garth Peters	Memorial Park & Buckhead Coalition	gpeters@thebuckheadcoalition.org
20	Elizabeth Pritchard	Peachtree Battle Alliance	elizpritchard@bellsouth.net
21	Buff Quillian	Peachtree Heights West	buffquillianphw@gmail.com
22	David Ross	Peachtree Battle Alliance	dross1102@bellsouth.net
23	Mercy Sandberg-Wright	Tuxedo Park	mercywright@msn.com
24	John Schaffner	Buckhead View	jfschaffner@gmail.com
25	Bob Schneider	Garden Hills	bschneider@gardenhills.net
26	Alex Smith	Wildwood	asmithconsulting@earthlink.net
27	Tom Tidwell	West Paces Northside	tom@tidwell-law.com
28	Anthony Ushery	Atlanta Fire Rescue	ajusjery@aylantaga.gov
29	Debra Wathen	Paces	6wathens@bellsouth.net
30	Dan Whisenhunt	Buckhead Reporter	danwhisenhunt@reporternewspapers.net
31	Jerome Wright	Atlanta Fire Rescue	Jeromewright@atlantaga.gov

Representation by Neighborhood

Neighborhood	Names
1 Brookwood	Diane Cox
2 Chastain Park	Jim King
3 Collier Hills	Barbara Kennedy
4 Garden Hills	Bob Schneider
5 Loring Heights	Jeremy Faughtenberry, Jim Elgar
6 Memorial Park	Garth Peters
7 Mt. Paran-Northside	Ann O'Connell
8 North Buckhead	Gordon Certain, Walda Lavroff, Dianne Belk
9 Paces	Debra Wathen
10 Peachtree Battle Alliance	Elizabeth Pritchard, David Ross

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11	Peachtree Heights East	Kathy Collura
12	Peachtree Heights West	Buff Quillian
13	Ridgedale Park	Bill Langley
14	Springlake	Greg Mauldin
15	Tuxedo Park	Mercy Sandberg-Wright
16	West Paces Northside	Tom Tidwell
17	Wildwood	Alex Smith

BCN 2010/11 Officers (Executive Committee)

Office	Officer	Neighborhood	E-mail
Chairman	Jim King	Chastain Park	jimking@mindspring.com
Vice-chairman	Elizabeth Prichard	Peachtree Battle Alliance	elizpritchard@bellsouth.net
Secretary	Gordon Certain	North Buckhead	gcertain@comcast.net
Treasurer	Barbara Kennedy	Collier Hills	bar2010@aol.com
Communications	Bob Schneider	Garden Hills	bschneider@gardenhills.net
Member at Large	George Mirgorod	Pine Hills	gmirgorod@comcast.net

BCN Standing Committees

Committee	Chair	E-mail
Executive Committee	Jim King	jimking@mindspring.com
Communications Committee	Bob Schneider	bschneider@gardenhills.net

BCN Liaisons

Topic	Liaison	E-mail
Education	Leslie Churchill	lschurchill@bellsouth.net
Parks	Gordon Certain	gcertain@comcast.net
Property Taxes	George Mirgorod	gmirgorod@comcast.net
Public Safety	Kim Kahwach	KAJensen@bellsouth.net
Redistricting	Jim King	jimking@mindspring.com
Transportation, Development and Infrastructure	Elizabeth Prichard	elizpritchard@bellsouth.net
Watershed Department	Kristy Gillmann	phca_kristy@hotmail.com

I. Welcome

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

II. Introductions

The attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was present.

III. Approval of June Minutes

Minutes for the June meeting were approved.

IV. Admit Any New Member Neighborhoods

No new neighborhoods asked for admission to BCN. Twenty-seven neighborhoods had paid 2011 dues as of this meeting. Elizabeth Prichard commented that action is under way to organize the Brandon neighborhood and define its boundaries.

V. Committee and Liaison Updates

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- **Executive Committee** – No report.
- **Communications Committee** – Bob Schneider has identified a few options for a BCN web site: one would be under \$500; another would be under \$100. He said that a web designer in his neighborhood (Mike Floyd) had offered to do the set up for free.
- **Education** – Jim King reported that he had asked BOE Chair Brenda Mohammad to update us on the status of the cheating scandal – she made come soon (next month?)

Gordon Certain said that the AJC had been instrumental in exposing the CRCT cheating and that he hoped the reporters who worked the story would get the Pulitzer Prize. He asked BCN to commend the AJC for their contributions to the city for their investigative reporting on CRCT cheating. His **motion** was passed unanimously. A BCN letter was sent to the AJC. The AJC sent an e-mail of appreciation and published BCN's letter in the July 26 AJC. See July 2001 section of www.nbca.org/BCN/Minutes/.

- **Parks** – Gordon Certain reported that his neighborhood will be working on a new park on Mountain Way in the area around a GA 400 overpass bridge. A neighborhood meeting is planned in early August.

Garth Peters mentioned the Buckhead Coalition's grant program for pet waste stations. The kits cost \$300 and are available to neighborhoods for \$25 each. A consolidated order will be placed in late July for at least 40 units.

- **Property Taxes** – No report.
- **Public Safety** – Hannah Chung (Zone 2 Community Prosecutor) reported on cases she had been involved in:
 - Sentences were issued to five who shoplifted the Belk's at Phipps Plaza and were promptly arrested. One got 15 years to serve 5; three got 10 years to serve 8; and one got probation and is banned from Phipps Plaza.
 - Another case involved a burglar who had afflicted NPU-D and was arrested for burglarizing Carolina Lumber and Supply – he got 20 years to serve 7.
 - Another person was implicated in three burglaries in Garden Hills in April. He got 20 years to serve 3.

Hannah's office and the Fulton Burglary Task Force are working on a trial program to mark copper pipes in air conditioning units to see if that deters copper theft and sale as scrap. She is seeking volunteers.

Jim King asked Hannah about the status of DA Paul Howard's reply to the request BCN made a year ago to pursue the CRCT cheaters. Hannah offered to contact Howard to see if she could get an update.

- **Redistricting** – Jim King reported on a June 30 reapportionment hearing. He, Jim Elgar and Gordon spoke. Jim and Gordon asked for all of Buckhead to be included in a single State Senate district. Gordon said the commitment was made that proposed maps would be available at the beginning of the August 15 special session and that the public would be able to make comments to the Legislators. Jim made the **motion** that BCN wanted the neighborhoods in the Buckhead Community to be in one State Senate district. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Transportation, Development and Infrastructure** – Debra Wathen reported that she, Jim King and Paces Battle representatives had met with GDOT Commissioner Vance Smith. They discussed the proposed widening of US 41 at the Chattahoochee and southward. GDOT proposed a revised plan which preserved Paces Battle's buffer – Paces Battle is very appreciative for BCN's help.

Jim and Debra found out that an *inter-governmental agreement* was in the works in the City Council Finance Committee – it would give Cobb County the right to condemn property in Atlanta for a six-lane US41 down to Mt. Paran Road. The City Council held

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up the inter-governmental agreement rather than approving it.

Debra encouraged us to research possible Transportation Improvement Act (TIA) projects that might affect our neighborhoods. The ARC's TIA web site is at <http://www.atlantaregionalroundtable.com/projects.html>. A map including Buckhead is at www.atlantaregionalroundtable.com/docs/project_maps/CENTRAL_PERIMETER.pdf and project detail are at www.atlantaregionalroundtable.com/docs/fact_sheets_compiled.pdf.

- **Watershed Department** – Buff Quillian reported that backflow valves are now being required on residential irrigation water meters. The code was written in 1977 but is just recently being enforced. The valve sits 12" above the meter and it adds \$300 or \$400 a year to the cost of the installation. She said that it was intended to prevent backflow of contaminants such as fertilizer. She felt that since the pressure was greater on the city side of the valve than the customer side, she didn't understand the concern about the backflow – she suspected residents are being punished for trying to avoid sewer charges. Gordon Certain commented that in cases where the residence was significantly above the level of the meter and if there was (liquid) fertilizer in the irrigation system's lines, there would be nothing to prevent backflow without the valve. Jim King said he didn't understand why there would be an annual charge.

VI. Speakers - Fire Chief Kelvin Cochran

Chief Cochran's presentation was the Strategic Plan of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department. The plan is for the city's fiscal years 2012 through 2016. Rather than to attempt to reword his presentation in these minutes, the reader is encouraged to revisit Chief Cochran's presentation at www.nbca.org/BCN/Minutes/AFR%20Strategic%20Plan.pdf. This comprehensive 50-page document includes a detailed discussion of the department's ten strategic initiatives, including staffing and resource requirements. We are grateful to Chief Cochran and his staff for this interesting presentation.

In the Q & A session afterward, Jim King asked if the department had considered mutual aid agreements with Cobb County to help improve the 4-minute response times for western Buckhead which are not currently adequately covered. Cochran said it was possible but that they hadn't explored it. He asked Captain Wright to do a review of call volumes and responses and provide a report to BCN.

He also commented that they hoped, when feasible, to combine future new fire stations and police precinct offices in a single facility.

Cochran said that they were working on a regional emergency evacuation plan which should be available in about six months. He suggested that BCN invite Matthew Kallmyer of the Atlanta Fulton County Emergency Management Agency to brief us on the plan when it is available.

VII. Nw Business (if any) - None.

VIII. Announcements - None.

IX. Next Meeting – August 11, 2011.

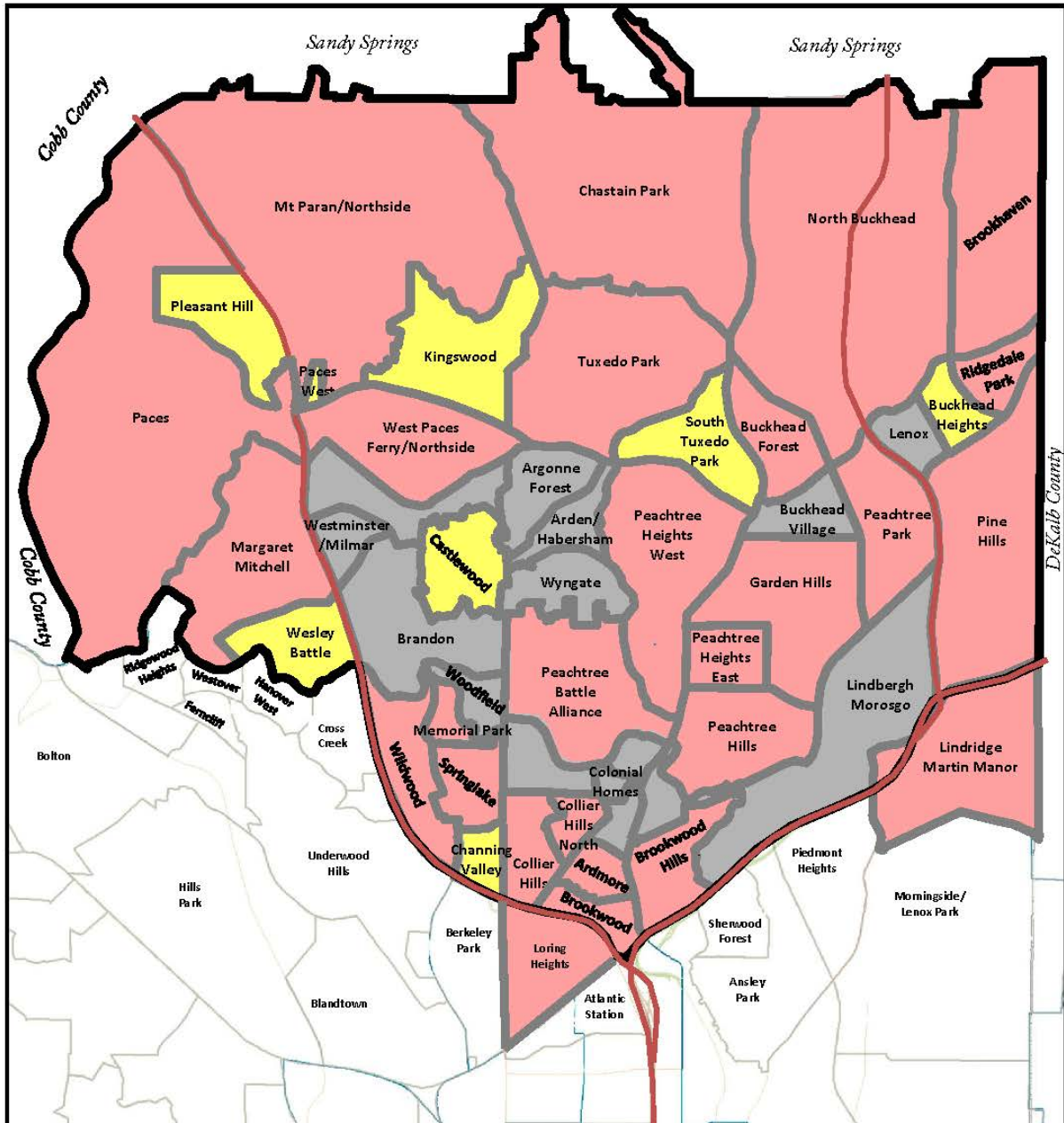
X. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at about 8:50 PM.

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
August 6, 2011

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Paid Membership as of 8/11/11



LEGEND

Paid Membership as of 8/11/11

- YES NO N/A

8/6/2011

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BCN Organizational Status as of 07/14/11																	
		BCN Dues			Representation at BCN Board Meetings												
	Neighborhood	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011									
					3 meetings	12 meetings	11 meetings	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Arden																
2	Ardmore Park	✓	✓	✓	100%	67%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
3	Argonne Forest						9%										
4	Brookwood		✓	✓		17%	45%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
5	Brookwood Hills			✓		8%		✓									
6	Buckhead Forest	✓	✓	✓	100%	75%	100%		✓								
7	Buckhead Heights					8%											
8	Castlewood	✓	✓			17%											
9	Channing Valley																
10	Chastain Park	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
11	Collier Hills	✓	✓	✓		67%	82%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
12	Collier Hills North			✓		8%	9%		✓	✓							
13	Garden Hills	✓	✓	✓		75%	91%		✓		✓	✓	✓				
14	Grant Estates	✓	✓		100%	83%	82%										
15	Historic Brookhaven	✓	✓	✓	33%	58%	91%			✓	✓	✓					
16	Kingswood	✓			33%	8%	9%										
17	Lindbergh											✓					
18	Lindridge Martin Manor	✓	✓	✓	33%	25%	55%	✓									
19	Loring Heights			✓						✓	✓	✓	✓				
20	Margaret Mitchell	✓	✓	✓		33%	64%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
21	Memorial Park	✓	✓	✓	67%	58%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
22	Mt. Paran-Northside	✓	✓	✓	100%	75%	55%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				
23	North Buckhead	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
24	Paces	✓	✓	✓	67%	58%	55%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				
25	Paces West	✓	✓			17%											
26	PeachtreeBattle Alliance	✓	✓	✓	100%	83%	64%	✓		✓		✓	✓				
27	Peachtree Heights East	✓	✓	✓	67%	50%		✓	✓			✓	✓				
28	Peachtree Heights West	✓	✓	✓	33%	25%	73%	✓	✓			✓	✓				
29	Peachtree Hills	✓	✓	✓	100%	75%	45%	✓	✓								
30	Peachtree Park	✓	✓	✓	67%	83%	55%		✓			✓					
31	Pine Hills		✓	✓	33%	8%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
32	Pleasant Hill																
33	Ridgedale Park	✓	✓	✓	100%	58%	73%		✓				✓				
34	Springlake		✓	✓			55%	✓					✓				
35	Tuxedo Park	✓	✓	✓	67%	75%	73%	✓				✓	✓				
36	Wesley Bohler	✓	✓			17%	9%						✓				
37	West Paces Northside	✓	✓	✓	67%	67%	64%	✓		✓	✓	✓					
38	Whitewater Creek	✓	✓	N/A	100%	75%	45%	Note: Now reported with Mt. Paran Northside									
39	Wildwood			✓	33%		27%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Neighborhood Totals		26	28	27	Avg: 16	Avg: 16	Avg: 18	20	19	16	13	20	17				