



# The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods

## Board Meeting

September 8, 2011

Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Room 2315

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

### Attendees

	<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Neighborhood/Organization</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
1	Bob Carter	Iron Sky	bcarter@ironsky.com
2	Gordon Certain	North Buckhead	gcertain@comcast.net
3	Hannah Chung	Zone 2 Community Prosecutor	Hannah.Chung@FultonCountyGA.gov
4	Leslie Churchill	Margaret Mitchell	lschurchill@bellsouth.net
5	Kathy Collura	Peachtree Heights East	KathyCollura@bellsouth.net
6	Diane Cox	Brookwood	brookwoodcivic@gmail.com
7	Jim Elgar	Loring Heights	jimelgar@gmail.com
8	Tom Gordon	Ardmore Park	tgordon@mindspring.com
9	Ron Grunwald	Loring Heights	Rgrunwald@bellsouth.net
10	John Guest	Brookwood	unknown
11	Barbara Kennedy	Collier Hills	bar2010@aol.com
12	Jim King	Chastain Park	jimking@mindspring.com
13	Walda Lavroff	North Buckhead	waldalavroff@comcast.net
14	Ed Lindsey	House of Representatives, Dist. 54	elindsey@gmlj.com
15	Gloria Love	Northside Neighbor	glove@mdjonline.com
16	Reuben Mann	Peachtree Hills	mannra24@hotmail.com
17	Ronnie Martin	West Paces Northside	ronnie@demillo.com
18	Louis Mayeux	North Buckhead/Patch	Louis.Mayeux@patch.com
19	Stephanie McGarity	Historic Brookhaven	mcgarity@mindspring.com
20	George Mirgorod	Pine Hills	gmirgorod@comcast.net
21	Cathy Muzzy	Peachtree Park	muzzy.cathy3@gmail.com
22	Ann O'Connell	Mt. Paran-Northside	annoconnell1@bellsouth.net
23	Garth Peters	Memorial Park & Buckhead Coalition	gpeters@thebuckheadcoalition.org
24	Loulie Reese	Memorial Park	Loulie_tarbutton_reese@yahoo.com
25	Mercy Sandberg-Wright	Tuxedo Park	mercywright@msn.com
26	John Schaffner	Buckhead View	jfschaffner@gmail.com
27	Bob Schneider	Garden Hills	bschneider@gardenhills.net
28	Alex Smith	Wildwood	asmithconsulting@earthlink.net
29	Matt Tolleson	Brookwood Hills	matt.tolleson@turner.com
30	Debra Wathen	Paces	6wathens@bellsouth.net
31	Dan Whisenhunt	Buckhead Reporter	danwhisenhunt@reporternewspapers.net

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## Representation by Neighborhood

	<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>Names</b>
1	Ardmore Park	Tom Gordon
2	Brookwood	Diane Cox, John Guest
3	Brookwood Hills	Matt Tolleson
4	Chastain Park	Jim King
5	Collier Hills	Barbara Kennedy
6	Garden Hills	Bob Schneider
7	Historic Brookhaven	Stephanie McGarity
8	Loring Heights	Ron Grunwald, Jim Elgar
9	Margaret Mitchell	Leslie Churchill
10	Memorial Park	Loulie Reese, Garth Peters
11	Mt. Paran-Northside	Ann O'Connell
12	North Buckhead	Gordon Certain, Walda Lavroff
13	Paces	Debra Wathen
14	Peachtree Heights East	Kathy Collura
15	Peachtree Hills	Reuben Mann
16	Peachtree Park	Cathy Muzzy
17	Pine Hills	George Mirgorod
18	Tuxedo Park	Mercy Sandberg-Wright
19	West Paces Northside	Ronnie Martin
20	Wildwood	Alex Smith

## BCN 2010/11 Officers (Executive Committee)

<b>Office</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
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

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

## BCN Liaisons

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Liaison</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
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

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## I. Welcome

**Jim King** called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

## II. Introductions

The attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was present.

## III. Approval of August Minutes

Minutes for the August meeting were approved.

## IV. Admit Any New Member Neighborhoods

No new neighborhoods asked for admission to BCN. Twenty-eight neighborhoods had paid 2011 dues as of this meeting.

## V. Committee and Liaison Updates

- **Executive Committee** – No report.
- **Communications Committee** – No report.
- **Education** – **Leslie Churchill** reported that there were new additions to APS management: a new deputy superintendent chief of staff, Steve Smith, who will be second in command and a new superintendent of instruction, Karen Walden. An interim District 2 Board Representative, Nisha Simama, has been appointed with a permanent representative to be elected in November. The Board of Education will give its final accreditation probation report to SACS in mid-September, ahead of schedule, in preparation for a site visit late in September. BOE expects a SACS decision in early October.

### CRCT scores in our cluster

Scores for **Brandon, Jackson, and Smith**, each with an enrollment of about a thousand, were all very close. Reading: 97.9 to 98.4, Language Arts: 97.3 to 98.5, and Math: 94.5 to 95.7.

**E Rivers**, with an enrollment of about 500, had scores of Reading: 93.6, Language Arts: 93.3, and Math: 83.6. E Rivers enrollment from within its neighborhoods is increasing rapidly.

**Garden Hills**, with many students for whom English is a second language, had scores of Reading: 85.4, Language Arts: 83.8, and Math: 66.9.

**Bolton**, with about 400 students, had scores of Reading: 85.5, Language Arts: 80.4, and Math: 67.6.

**Sutton** - Reading: 96.3, Language Arts: 96.4, and Math: 85.4.

- **Parks** – **Gordon Certain** reported on the efforts to create Mountain Way Park on GA 400 right-of-way, which included a meeting with Howard Shook and Paul Taylor in an effort to get the City Law Department to designate a lawyer to work with GDOT to negotiate a lease of the needed land. Shook expressed concern that restrictions on activity within the 75' stream buffer be observed in light of recent problems at Little Nancy Creek Park – a subsequent meeting was held on-site with representatives of Watershed Management to understand the stream buffer issues.
- **Property Taxes** – No report.

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- **Public Safety – Hannah Chung**, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor, reported that Fulton DA Paul Howard had responded by letter to BCN's request for an update on the APS (CRCT Cheating) investigation. (Howard's letter is at <http://tinyurl.com/3fqke27>.)

Hannah also reported on the Michelle Horne trial. Horne robbed two women at Chastain Park at knife point and led police on a 45-minute high-speed chase. She got ten years without the possibility of parole. Ray Gilbert robbed four Buckhead banks before Major Browning captured him. He got twenty years with the possibility of parole. Neil Scott pled guilty to armed robbery and twenty years with no parole.

**Mercy Sandberg-Wright** questioned the advisability of high-speed chases like the one her husband witnessed on Pharr Road that ultimately led to a crash on Peachtree at Peachtree Battle which killed the auto theft suspect and injured others.

**Garth Peters** reported that the Buckhead CID had supported an Atlanta Police Foundation \$3,000 incentive program to encourage police officers to live in the CID's Buckhead area. The Buckhead Coalition has extended this incentive to the remainder of the 28 square mile Buckhead area. He also reported that the Atlanta Police Foundation was working with the BCID to integrate existing and new security cameras into a monitored network. The Buckhead Coalition is looking to extend that network to the parts of Buckhead outside the BCID's territory.

- **Redistricting – Ed Lindsey** thanked the Buckhead people who made their desires known about Buckhead being a "community of interest" to the redistricting committees. He said the redistricting process is very difficult. He said of the ten house districts in Georgia with the smallest populations, eight were in Metro Atlanta, inside 285. Buckhead actually grew and Ed's district was the only one in Atlanta that grew at the same rate as the state of Georgia – districts in the rest of the city had dramatic drops in population. Ed discussed the requirements of the Voting Rights Act. Ed had hoped that a large part of Buckhead would be in the same state senate district, giving Buckhead more influence – we got a senate district that is about 45% located in Buckhead. Ed's district is now entirely in the city and extends into all of Pine Hills but gives up areas around Chastain Park. Phil Gingrey's 11<sup>th</sup> congressional district will now include northern Buckhead.

Ed added that with the changes in the house and senate districts, there would be Republican majorities in both the Fulton House and Fulton senate delegations and that Fulton County "reform" legislation that had been blocked in previous years would now have an easier time. He felt that might potentially take pressure off sentiments to create Milton County.

- **Transportation, Development and Infrastructure – Garth Peters** reported on the September 8 BCID charrette "to develop a long term vision for roadway and public space elements within the Buckhead Village area". A follow-on meeting will be held in late October. He added that the Oliver McMillan "Buckhead Atlanta" project should be restarted in early 2012 and should be completed in one phase by the holidays in 2013 (not in multiple phases, as the Streets of Buckhead had planned). The sidewalks installed by the city around the project will not be blocked or removed until late in the project.

There was a long discussion, mainly involving **Jim King** and **Ron Grunwald**, about the uncertainty, confusion and lack of transparency regarding several projects impacting the Ardmore, Brookwood, Loring Heights, Atlantic Station area and other neighborhoods. These included the route of the T-SPLOST light rail from the Galleria to the Arts Center MARTA station, the Beltline northwest quadrant streetcar, the renovation of the Amtrak Station, and the relocation of the Amtrak Station. Jim hoped that Ed Lindsey might be able to help get some clarity of some of this. The T-SPLOST \$600 million related to the Beltline was briefly explored, with the suggestion that the money was intended to improve connectivity to the core Beltline.

- **Watershed Department** – No report.

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### **VI. Speaker – Bob Carter – Iron Sky** ([www.ironsky.com](http://www.ironsky.com))

Bob Carter is general manager of Iron Sky in Atlanta. Their business is to design and build “turn key” public safety surveillance systems. They integrate remote cameras with centralized servers for the benefit of a city or multiple adjoining cities and police departments.

Cameras can either be wireless or attached to wire or fiber. Cameras can be placed anywhere electrical power is available. The camera systems can be expensive. The cost of a camera when a system is first deployed might be \$15,000 to \$20,000, but as the system grows, the cost per camera drops considerably. Both fixed and rotatable (can be panned) cameras are supported. In addition to public streets, cameras are also deployed in city parks. However, trees impede the use of wireless cameras.

They are working with the Atlanta Police Foundation. They use Google Maps within Internet Explorer as a framework for showing users the location of their remote cameras and to select the live images from those cameras. He demonstrated the video from a camera located at Juniper and Sixth Street. He then demonstrated how cameras from private property can be integrated into their public system. He showed video from a Shell station which had been frequently robbed. The video was selected by clicking on the Shell station’s location marked on the Google Map. The video quality shown was excellent, much better than what we normally have seen from security cameras. And the way it was accessed was very intuitive. The video is accessible over the Internet and is password protected. Even though the Iron Sky system includes multiple municipalities and private locations, the password system lets each specific user view only the cameras to which that user has been granted access. Cameras which a user is not authorized to use disappear from their map display.

He demonstrated this by showing what the College Park system looks like. (Bob has access to multiple municipalities’ camera feeds and his use of those systems is logged to make sure it is appropriate.) College Park’s system is advanced. Patrol cars are equipped with laptops and officers can see any camera from their squad cars when they are within various WiFi hot spots. Likewise, Atlantic Station has their own system as does Decatur, Hapeville and Midtown. School systems use Iron Sky, too. Maps can be created to show the camera locations within buildings and are selectable floor by floor.

College Park has integrated their computer-aided dispatching systems so that icons representing individual squad cars are depicted on the same Google Map as the camera system. Car locations are updated periodically (every 15 seconds) by GPS receivers in the cars. Other points of interest, such as disabled cars on the roadside awaiting rescue, can be shown on the same maps.

The APD has set up a video integration system with a matrix of monitors. Iron Sky recently made a presentation to the Buckhead CID, which is planning its own camera system to monitor public spaces within their urban parts of Buckhead. The Buckhead Coalition is considering possibly supporting cameras on public places in Buckhead outside the CID’s territory.

The demonstration/presentation was very impressive.

### **VII. New Business (if any)** - None.

### **VIII. Announcements**

Pine Hills announced its annual yard sale on October 15, starting at 8 AM.

### **IX. Next Meeting** – October 13, 2011.

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

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**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  
October 10, 2011

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<b>BCN Organizational Status as of 09/08/11</b>																					
		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	Dec			
1	Arden																				
2	Ardmore Park	✓	✓	✓	100%	67%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓						
3	Argonne Forest						9%														
4	Brandon																				
5	Brookwood		✓	✓		17%	45%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓						
6	Brookwood Hills			✓		8%		✓							✓						
7	Buckhead Forest	✓	✓	✓	100%	75%	100%		✓												
8	Buckhead Heights					8%															
9	Castlewood	✓	✓			17%															
10	Channing Valley																				
11	Chastain Park	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
12	Collier Hills	✓	✓	✓		67%	82%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
13	Collier Hills North			✓		8%	9%		✓	✓											
14	Garden Hills	✓	✓	✓		75%	91%		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
15	Grant Estates	✓	✓	✓	100%	83%	82%														
16	Historic Brookhaven	✓	✓	✓	33%	58%	91%			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓						
17	Kingswood	✓			33%	8%	9%														
18	Lindbergh											✓									
19	Lindridge Martin Manor	✓	✓	✓	33%	25%	55%	✓													
20	Loring Heights			✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
21	Margaret Mitchell	✓	✓	✓		33%	64%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓						
22	Memorial Park	✓	✓	✓	67%	58%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
23	Mt. Paran-Northside	✓	✓	✓	100%	75%	55%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓						
24	North Buckhead	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
25	Paces	✓	✓	✓	67%	58%	55%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓						
26	Paces West	✓	✓			17%															
27	PeachtreeBattle Alliance	✓	✓	✓	100%	83%	64%	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓							
28	Peachtree Heights East	✓	✓	✓	67%	50%		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓						
29	Peachtree Heights West	✓	✓	✓	33%	25%	73%	✓	✓			✓	✓								
30	Peachtree Hills	✓	✓	✓	100%	75%	45%	✓	✓						✓						
31	Peachtree Park	✓	✓	✓	67%	83%	55%		✓			✓			✓						
32	Pine Hills		✓	✓	33%	8%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓						
33	Pleasant Hill																				
34	Ridgedale Park	✓	✓	✓	100%	58%	73%		✓				✓								
35	Springlake		✓	✓			55%	✓					✓								
36	Tuxedo Park	✓	✓	✓	67%	75%	73%	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓						
37	Wesley Bohler	✓	✓			17%	9%						✓								
38	West Paces Northside	✓	✓	✓	67%	67%	64%	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
39	Whitewater Creek	✓	✓	N/A	100%	75%	45%		Note: Now reported with Mt. Paran Northside												
40	Wildwood			✓	33%		27%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Neighborhood Totals		26	28	28	Avg: 16	Avg: 16	Avg: 18	20	19	16	13	20	18	16	20						