



THE BUCKHEAD
COUNCIL OF
NEIGHBORHOODS
P.O. Box 11934, Atlanta, GA 30355

The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods

Board Meeting

February 9, 2012

Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Room 2315

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

	Full Name	Neighborhood/Organization	Email Address
1	Josh Belinfante	Candidate for State Senate 6	joshforsenate@gmail.com
2	Hans Bendeck	Peachtree Hills	phcapresident@gmail.com
3	Gordon Certain	North Buckhead	gcertain@comcast.net
4	Leslie Churchill	Margaret Mitchell	lschurchill@bellsouth.net
5	Lindsey Churchill	Fernleaf	lindseychurchill@gmail.com
6	Kathy Collura	Peachtree Heights East	KathyCollura@bellsouth.net
7	Bob Cupp	Bobby Jones Conservancy	b@bobcupp.com
8	Sandy Dlugozima	Buckhead Forest	sandyd@direcpath.tv
9	Marty Elgison	Bobby Jones Conservancy	mjeligison@bellsouth.net
10	Tom Gordon	Ardmore Park	tgordon@mindspring.com
11	Ron Grunwald	Loring Heights	Rgrunwald@bellsouth.net
12	Tara Hicks	Buckhead Forest	tara@dcc-atlanta.com
13	Bob Hughes	Bobby Jones Conservancy/Memorial Park	bhughes@hgor.com
14	Kim Kahwach	Buckhead Forest	kajensen@bellsouth.net
15	Ellen Kaplan	Pine Hills	kaplanemail@yahoo.com
16	Barbara Kennedy	Collier Hills	bar2010@aol.com
17	Jim King	Chastain Park	jimking@mindspring.com
18	Walda Lavroff	North Buckhead	waldalavroff@comcast.net
19	Tad Linder	Castlewood	tlinder@lindersecurity.com
20	Gloria Love	Northside Neighbor	glove@mdjonline.com
21	Louis Mayeux	North Buckhead/Patch	Louis.Mayeux@patch.com
22	George Mirgorod	Pine Hills	gmirgorod@comcast.net
23	Roger Moister	Collier Hills North	Moisters2@yahoo.com
24	Ann O'Connell	Mt. Paran-Northside	annoconnell1@bellsouth.net
25	Kirk Oppenlander	Chastain Park	oppie@mindspring.com
26	Garth Peters	Memorial Park & Buckhead Coalition	gpeters@thebuckheadcoalition.org
27	Elizabeth Pritchard	Peachtree Battle Alliance	eliz@epritcharddesigns.com
28	Jane Rawlings	Lindridge Martin Manor & President NPU-F	unknown
29	Allison Rosenblatt	Buckhead Forest	alitampa@aol.com
30	John Schaffner	Buckhead View	jfschaffner@gmail.com
31	Bob Schneider	Garden Hills	bobschneider@me.com
32	Roxanne Smith	Peachtree Battle Alliance	rgsassoc@bellsouth.net
33	Roxanne Sullivan	Lindridge Martin Manor	president@Immna.org
34	Tom Tidwell	West Paces Northside	tom@tidwell-law.com
35	Mary Anne Walser	Channing Valley	mwalsen@kw.com
36	Jay Wendt	Bobby Jones Conservancy	jwendt@hgor.com
37	John Wheeler	Brookwood Hills	jwheeler@cortcap.com
38	Dan Whisenhunt	Buckhead Reporter	danwhisenhunt@reporternewspapers.net
39	Hillary Yarmowich	Pine Hills	hsyarmo@bellsouth.net

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Representation by Neighborhood

Neighborhood/Organization	Attendees
1 Ardmore Park	Tom Gordon
2 Brookwood Hills	John Wheeler,
3 Buckhead Forest	Sandy Dlugozima, Tara Hicks, Kim Kahwach, Allison Rosenblatt
4 Castlewood	Tad Linder
5 Channing Valley	Mary Anne Walser
6 Chastain Park	Jim King, Kirk Oppenlander
7 Collier Hills	Barbara Kennedy
8 Collier Hills North	Roger Moister
9 Fernleaf	Lindsey Churchill
10 Garden Hills	Bob Schneider
11 Lindridge Martin Manor	Roxanne Sullivan, Jane Rawlings
12 Loring Heights	Ron Grunwald
13 Margaret Mitchell	Leslie Churchill
14 Memorial Park	Garth Peters, Bob Hughes
15 Mt. Paran-Northside	Ann O'Connell
16 North Buckhead	Gordon Certain, Walda Lavroff
17 Peachtree Battle Alliance	Elizabeth Pritchard, Roxanne Smith
18 Peachtree Heights East	Kathy Collura
19 Peachtree Hills	Hans Bendeck
20 Pine Hills	George Mirgorod, Ellen Kaplan, Hillary Yarmowich
21 West Paces Northside	Tom Tidwell

BCN 2011/12 Officers (Executive Committee)

Office	Officer	Neighborhood	E-mail
Chairman	Jim King	Chastain Park	jimking@mindspring.com
Vice-chairman	Elizabeth Pritchard	Peachtree Battle Alliance	eliz@epritcharddesigns.com
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
Member at Large	Ann O'Connell	Mt. Paran Northside	annoconnell1@bellsouth.net

BCN Standing Committees

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

BCN 2011/12 Liaisons

Topic	Liaison	E-mail
Education	Leslie Churchill	lschurchill@bellsouth.net
Membership	Elizabeth Pritchard	eliz@epritcharddesigns.com
Neighborhood Governance/Topics	Kathy Collura	KathyCollura@bellsouth.net
Parks	Gordon Certain	gcertain@comcast.net
Property Taxes	George Mirgorod	gmirgorod@comcast.net
Public Safety	Barbara Kennedy	bar2010@aol.com
	Tad Linder	tlinder@lindersecurity.com
	Kim Kahwach	KAJensen@bellsouth.net
Redistricting	Jim King	jimking@mindspring.com
Transportation, Development and Infrastructure	Diane Cox	brookwoodcivic@gmail.com
	Ron Grunwald	rgrunwald@bellsouth.net
	Deborah Wathen	dwathens@bellsouth.net
	Kristy Gillmann	phca_kristy@hotmail.com

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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 January Minutes

Minutes for the January meeting were approved.

IV. Admit New Member Neighborhoods

Twenty-eight neighborhoods paid 2011 dues. As of this February meeting, seventeen neighborhoods had paid 2012 dues. No new neighborhoods asked to be admitted.

Habersham Park had been shown on BCN's map in place of the Arden/Habersham, Argonne Forest and Wyngate neighborhoods; it was concluded it was appropriate to show the original three neighborhoods instead.

V. Neighborhood Governance Issue (D & O Insurance)

Gordon Certain talked about North Buckhead's coverage: both D & O and liability. **Walda Lavroff** said the reason North Buckhead got D & O insurance was zoning, that other neighborhoods they had worked with had been sued and, that North Buckhead felt it needed to protect itself. They understood that their individual homeowners' policies would protect them individually, but that also caused problems. Asked why the liability coverage? Gordon said it was because of their involvement in park design, operating traffic radar and general paranoia. Security patrols by off-duty police officers was identified as a reason to consider liability coverage. Several attendees wondered if BCN could help neighborhoods get better insurance rates.

Kathy Collura will send a ServerMonkey survey asking questions about neighborhood's membership policies and insurance coverage to be discussed next month.

VI. Guest Presentation – Bobby Jones Golf Course and Park Conservancy

Roxanne Smith briefed the BCN about the creation of the Bobby Jones Conservancy. About a year ago, the Conservancy was formed upon the realization that the Bobby Jones Golf Course clubhouse and golf course needed restoration and that the creek that runs through it did too. They also discovered that the Atlanta Memorial Park is actually a regional park which includes the tennis center and the golf course. The founders of the Conservancy were the leaders of the six contiguous neighborhoods: Collier Hills North, Collier Hills, Memorial Park, Channing Valley, Springlake and Peachtree Battle Alliance. They wanted to ensure that all residents were represented and respected in the process of redeveloping the golf course and the surrounding areas and connecting paths. The conservancy is a 501(c)(3) and is beginning to raise funds through a matching grant. They are planning a feasibility study and preliminary master plan for the entire park area. They plan to launch a web site and membership drive in about two months as they set out on this approximately ten year project.

Marty Elgison spoke next. He has represented the Jones family for about 25 years. He said the golf course is 80 years old and that renovating the golf course would be a fitting honor to Bobby Jones' memory.

Bob Hughes with HGOR spoke showed pictures which illustrate the goals of the master planning process: creek restoration, revitalization of Memorial Park, enhancement of neighborhood connectivity, renovation of the golf course, renovation of the beautiful old club house, and to work with Bitsy Grant Tennis Center to optimize space utilization. They are expanding the park by including parcels recently

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purchased with FEMA money. They plan to narrow Woodward Way and widen the nearby creek bank and tree cover. They plan a tree inventory to guide the restoration plan. Invasive species will be removed. They plan to connect existing paths in the area to improve pedestrian connectivity to the walking loop they plan around the golf course. They are considering the development of pervious parking areas to help the club house area be more useful when it is renovated.

Bob Cupp spoke about the stewardship and sustainability related to the golf course. The golf course should be economically viable, but it's not. Physically the golf course is "tired". The course should be sustainable. The course should be playable more days. So a redesigned course should be less prone to closure due to flooding. Removing a bridge is a way to do this. He showed various configurations of the golf course, some with 18 holes, some with 9 supporting practice areas.

Garth Peters, commenting about the structure of the conservancy, said his Memorial Park neighborhood is really pleased that the overall redevelopment project "is something that has been approached by neighborhoods, for neighborhoods, with the consciousness of the neighborhoods. [It] is a much different approach than some of the other conservancies have." Jim King noted that other regional parks have had problems because affected neighborhoods have not "been at the table".

Jane Rawlings asked if the Bobby Jones Conservancy would be interested in connecting to the low impact pedestrian trails that the South Fork Conservancy is setting up. The response was "yes", although immediate efforts will focus on neighborhood needs.

VII. Committee and Liaison Updates

- **Communications Committee** – Bob Schneider reported some changes had been made to the test web site at www.buckheadcouncil.yolasite.com. He intends to make a five minute presentation of the site at the next BCN board meeting. He requested that Gordon Certain and Elizabeth Pritchard meet with him prior to that meeting to discuss additional changes. Bob's email is bschneider@gardenhills.net.
- **Education – Leslie Churchill** said nobody is happy with the new redistricting proposals. Overcrowding (present or future) at Inman is tending to push some of their student population into our cluster. New APS proposals are planned for March.
- **Executive Committee** – No report.
- **Membership** – No Report.
- **Neighborhood Governance/Topics - Best Practices:** No report.
- **Parks – Gordon Certain** reported that Director of Parks Doug Voss is attending the weekly meeting of COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services). Doug wants parks related problems which need attention on to be reported to him by email each week before 9 AM Tuesdays: dvoss@atlantaga.gov or 404-546-6742.

Gordon also reported that surveying of the GA 400 Trail is underway and that the North Buckhead Quarry which was planned to be a park has been sold to a third party and is no longer available.

- **Property Taxes – George Mirgorod** reported that the property tax moratorium had expired.
- **Public Safety – Tad Linder** reported that Zone 2 had a 13% decrease in crime. Zone 2 has been expanded in territory and staffing. Tad would like to coordinate emails among neighborhoods.

Hannah Chung has resigned from her job as community prosecutor; no replacement has been announced. **Garth Peters** said the Buckhead Coalition is following up with the landlord at Hannah's old office to make sure the office space remains available.

Garth also mentioned a new system called Smart911. It permits families to let the police know in advance of medical issues, numbers of people in the household, etc. so that if a 911 call is placed, the responding personnel are forewarned and prepared.

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Kathy Collura commented that non-emergency calls had been placed on four occasions to the COPS unit's telephone number and a voicemail system answered each time, offering a call back.

- **Redistricting** – **Jim King** reported that the City Council and state redistricting plans had been finalized. Fulton County is still being developed.
- **Transportation, Development and Infrastructure** – **Ron Grunwald** spoke about the light rail project connecting Cumberland mall to the Arts Center station. He wrote an email requesting that Atlanta neighborhoods be contacted so they could be involved, which hasn't happened yet. Four alternate light rail routes are under consideration.

Jane Rawlings mentioned that MARTA was making routing decisions in March for the Lindbergh to Clifton Road (Emory) line.

VIII. Community Concerns / New Business

IX. Announcements

X. Next Meeting – March 15, 2012 (instead of March 8 because of conflicts).

XI. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at about 8:35 PM.

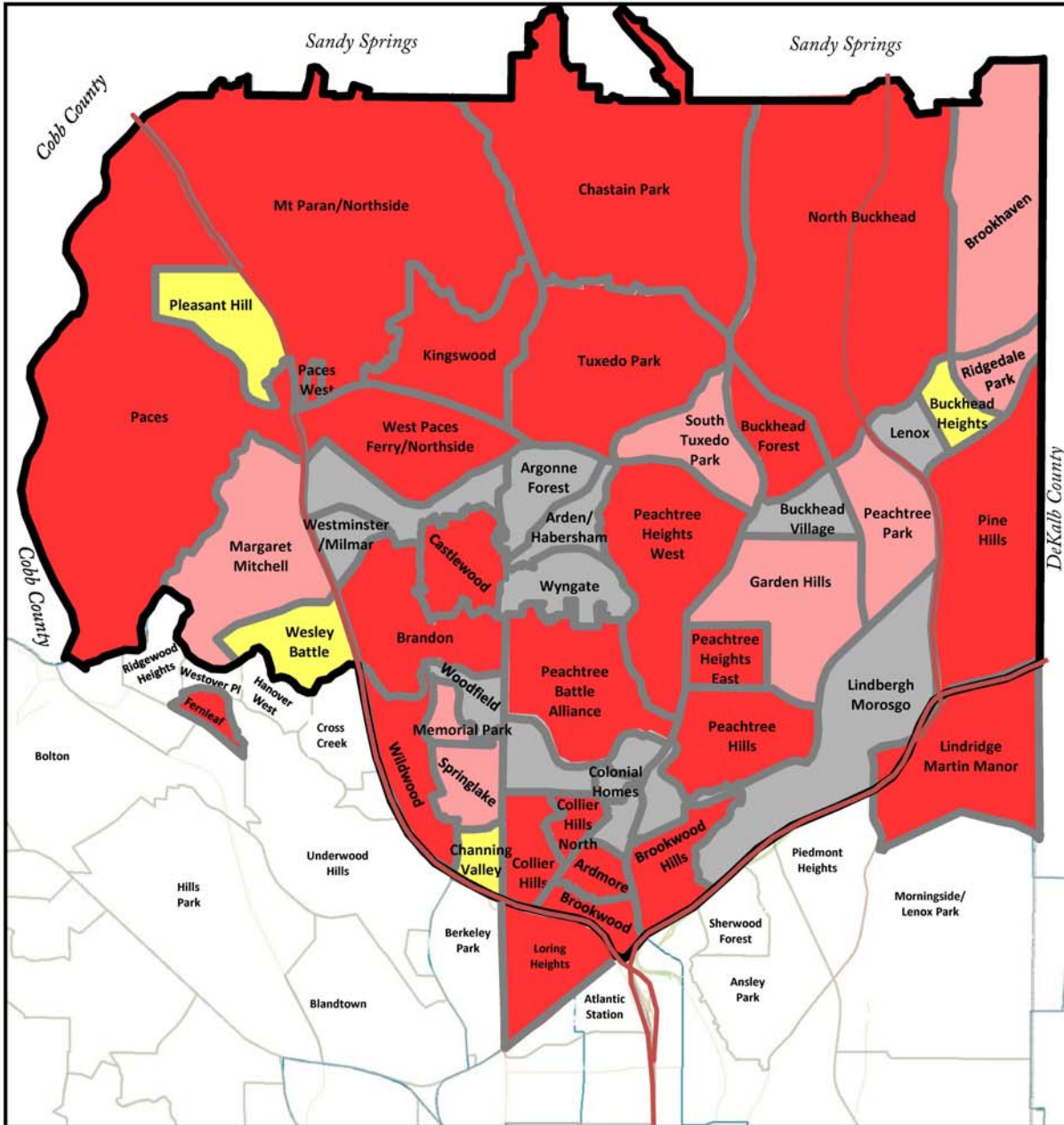
***Note:** The opinions expressed by the speakers and individual neighborhood representatives in these minutes do not necessarily represent those of BCN or its member neighborhoods.*

Prepared by Gordon Certain
BCN Secretary

March 11, 2012, pages 6 & 7 revised on March 15, 2012 for new dues payments

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Paid Membership as of 03/13/12



LEGEND

Paid Membership as of 03/13/12

- 2011 YES [Light Red Box]
- 2012 YES [Red Box]
- NO [Yellow Box]
- N/A [Grey Box]

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BCN Organizational Status as of 3/9/12

		BCN Dues				Representation at BCN Board Meetings																				
	Neighborhood	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011										2012							
						3 meetings	12 meetings	11 meetings	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb					
1	Arden/Habersham																									
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	Fernleaf				✓																			✓	✓	
15	Garden Hills	✓	✓	✓			75%	91%		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓		✓	✓	
16	Grant Estates	✓	✓	✓		100%	83%	82%																		
17	Historic Brookhaven	✓	✓	✓		33%	58%	91%			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Kingswood	✓			✓	33%	8%	9%																		
19	Lindbergh												✓													
20	Lindridge Martin Manor	✓	✓	✓	✓	33%	25%	55%	✓																	
21	Loring Heights			✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Margaret Mitchell	✓	✓	✓			33%	64%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Memorial Park	✓	✓	✓		67%	58%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Mt. Paran-Northside	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	75%	55%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	North Buckhead	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Paces	✓	✓	✓	✓	67%	58%	55%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Paces West	✓	✓		✓		17%															✓				
28	PeachtreeBattle Alliance	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	83%	64%	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	Peachtree Heights East	✓	✓	✓	✓	67%	50%		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓					
30	Peachtree Heights West	✓	✓	✓	✓	33%	25%	73%	✓	✓			✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
31	Peachtree Hills	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	75%	45%	✓	✓							✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
32	Peachtree Park	✓	✓	✓		67%	83%	55%		✓			✓			✓	✓						✓	✓		
33	Pine Hills		✓	✓	✓	33%	8%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
34	Pleasant Hill																									
35	Ridgedale Park	✓	✓	✓		100%	58%	73%		✓				✓												
36	Springlake		✓	✓				55%	✓					✓												
37	Tuxedo Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	67%	75%	73%	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Wesley Bohler	✓	✓				17%	9%						✓												
39	West Paces Northside	✓	✓	✓	✓	67%	67%	64%	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Wildwood			✓	✓	33%		27%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
41	Wyngate																									
Neighborhood Totals		26	28	28	25	Avg: 16	Avg: 16	Avg: 18	20	19	16	13	20	18	16	20	19	21	17	22	22					