



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

The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods

Board Meeting

May 10, 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	Gordon Certain	North Buckhead	gcertain@comcast.net
3	Leslie Churchill	Margaret Mitchell	lschurchill@bellsouth.net
4	Kathy Collura	Peachtree Heights East	KathyCollura@bellsouth.net
5	Diane Cox	Brookwood	dianecox@acpatl.com
6	Erica Danylchak	Buckhead Heritage Society	edanylchak@buckheadheritage.com
7	Glenn Delk	Historic Brookhaven	glennelk@mindspring.com
8	Sandy Dlugozima	Buckhead Forest	sandyd@direcpath.tv
9	Kristy Gillmann	Peachtree Hills	kristygillmann@gmail.com
10	Tom Gordon	Ardmore Park	tgordon@mindspring.com
11	Ron Grunwald	Loring Heights	Rgrunwald@bellsouth.net
12	Tiffany Harlow	Zone 2 Community Prosecutor	tiffany.harlow@fultoncountyga.gov
13	Major Van Hobbs	APD Zone 2 Commander	vhobbs@atlantaga.gov
14	Barbara Kennedy	Collier Hills	bar2010@aol.com
15	Jim King	Chastain Park	jimking@mindspring.com
16	Helsey Knapp, Jr.	Paces	hknapp@foltzmartin.com
17	Walda Lavroff	North Buckhead	waldalavroff@comcast.net
18	Gloria Love	Northside Neighbor	glove@mdjonline.com
19	Carolyn Morton	Pine Hills	carolynmorton@bellsouth.net
20	Claire Murray	Chastain Park	cmurray@wwhgd.com
21	Kirk Oppenlander	Chastain Park	oppie@mindspring.com
22	Garth Peters	Memorial Park & Buckhead Coalition	gpeters@thebuckheadcoalition.org
23	Elizabeth Pritchard	Peachtree Battle Alliance	eliz@epritcharddesigns.com
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26	John Schaffner	Buckhead View	jfschaffner@gmail.com
27	Bob Schneider	Garden Hills	bobschneider@me.com
28	Alex Smith	Wildwood	asmithconsulting@earthlink.net
29	Tom Tidwell	West Paces Northside	tom@tidwell-law.com
30	Michael Packer	Buckhead Patch	Michael.Packer@Patch.com
31	Jody Collins Weatherby	Peachtree Heights West	jody@weatherby.com
32	Dan Whisenhunt	Buckhead Reporter	danwhisenhunt@reporternewspapers.net

Representation by Neighborhood

Neighborhood	Attendees
1 Ardmore Park	Tom Gordon
2 Brookwood	Diane Cox
3 Buckhead Forest	Sandy Dlugozima
4 Chastain Park	Jim King, Kirk Oppenlander, Claire Murray
5 Collier Hills	Barbara Kennedy
6 Garden Hills	Bob Schneider
7 Historic Brookhaven	Glenn Delk
8 Loring Heights	Ron Grunwald
9 Margaret Mitchell	Leslie Churchill
10 Memorial Park	Loulie Reese, Garth Peters
11 North Buckhead	Gordon Certain, Walda Lavroff
12 Paces	Helsey Knapp, Jr.
13 Peachtree Battle Alliance	David Ross, Elizabeth Pritchard
14 Peachtree Heights East	Kathy Collura
15 Peachtree Heights West	Jody Collins Weatherby
16 Peachtree Hills	Kristy Gillmann
17 Pine Hills	Carolyn Morton
18 West Paces Northside	Tom Tidwell
19 Wildwood	Alex Smith

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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	gmirg@me.com
Public Safety	Barbara Kennedy	bar2010@aol.com
	Tad Linder	tlinder@lindersecurity.com
	Kim Kahwach	KAJensen@bellsouth.net
Redistricting	Jim King	jimking@mindspring.com
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	Deborah Wathen	6wathens@bellsouth.net
	Kristy Gillmann	kristygillmann@gmail.com

I. Welcome & Introductions

Jim King called the meeting to order at about 6:35 PM. The attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of April Minutes

Minutes for the April meeting were approved.

III. Admit New Member Neighborhoods

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

IV. Neighborhood Governance Issues

Kathy Collura said the Georgia Secretary of State's office had determined that certain non-profit organizations had been overcharged when filing their annual registrations. A web site has been established to aid organizations in getting refunds. See <https://secure.sos.state.ga.us/refund/>. For assistance with any questions about this specific issue contact pecorprefund@sos.state.ga.us or 404-602-9120. The refund will be through credit card if originally paid that way.

Jim King said his Chastain Park neighborhood currently has 532 households registered on their **NextDoor** social network site. A map of all Buckhead neighborhoods has been loaded into the NextDoor site to make activation of neighborhood sites easier. Jim encouraged all neighborhoods to try it out.

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Tiffany Harlow, the new **Zone 2 Community Prosecutor**, introduced herself. She may be reached at tiffany.harlow@fultoncountyga.gov or 404-931-5567 (C) or 404-816-3408 (O). Her office is responsible for prosecuting “quality of life” crimes in our neighborhoods: burglaries, car break-ins, etc. She will work closely with Major Hobbs.

V. Speaker - APD Zone 2 Commander Major Van Hobbs

Major Van Hobbs is the new commander of APD Zone 2, succeeding Major Browning who is now commander of Special Operations.



Major Hobbs started with APD 23 years ago. He was promoted to sergeant and assigned to the airport where he gained experience in internal investigations involving problematic personnel. He was transferred to Internal Affairs where he worked with the Law Department in drafting charges against officers and with Chief Howard in administering discipline. Promoted to lieutenant, he moved to the Training Academy and became a certified POST trainer (Peace Officers Standards and Training Program). He was then moved to Recruitment where he revised training policies and worked with departmental accreditation and reaccreditation. He was later responsible for downsizing the property (evidence) room area by 75% when it moved out of City Hall East. This required extensive reworking of evidence systems, policies and procedures. He was then promoted to Night Commander and then Zone 6 Assistant Commander. Most recently he was

promoted to major and sent to Zone 2.

He answered a series of questions previously provided by BCN directors. He said if there were noise violations call 911, even if there are off-duty officers hired by the neighborhood as a security patrol. All calls to 911 are logged; he stressed that police resources (staffing) are allocated on the basis of call volume. He said the 911 operators will prioritize calls, so don't worry about calling about minor issues. The Noise Ordinance is being redrafted and he expects that officers will be trained to enforce the new ordinance with calibrated noise meters.

He provided a flyer on the new Community Oriented Policing Section (COPS). See <http://nbca.org/BCN/Minutes/2012-05-10%20APD%20Flyer.pdf>.

He discussed the APD and State Patrol high-speed chase policies in some detail.

Hobbs said that Zone 2 wrote 892 traffic citations the previous week. He said that the emphasis on traffic is because traffic cases lead to bigger cases. His experience is that more people are arrested as a result of traffic stops than from police patrols.

His email is vhobbs@atlantaga.gov.

VI. Committee and Liaison Updates

- **Communications Committee** – **Bob Schneider** said he was waiting on **Jim King** to activate the URL for the new BCN web site: www.buckheadcouncil.org.
- **Education** – **Leslie Churchill** said that for the first time in a long time she had nothing to report. In response to a question, she said that the boundaries and plans for Morris Brandon had not changed.

Claire Murray's group is working on a middle school proposal and will address BCN when they complete it.

- **Executive Committee** – No report.
- **Membership** – No Report.

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- **Parks – Gordon Certain** attended the Parks Commissioner’s Quarterly meeting at which it was reported that only two departments were expected to get budget increases next year: APD and Parks.
- **Property Taxes** – No report.
- **Public Safety** – No report.
- **Redistricting** – No report.
- **Transportation, Development and Infrastructure – Ron Grunwald** discussed the AMTRAK bid for moving the platform. He discussed the possible configuration of the rail/bus line from Cobb, including the location of possible stations.

VII. Community Concerns / New Business

No report.

VIII. Speaker - Buckhead Heritage Society's Erica Danylchak

Erica Danylchak, Executive Director of the Buckhead Heritage Society, spoke to BCN about how neighborhood history can be discovered and documented and how her organization can help.



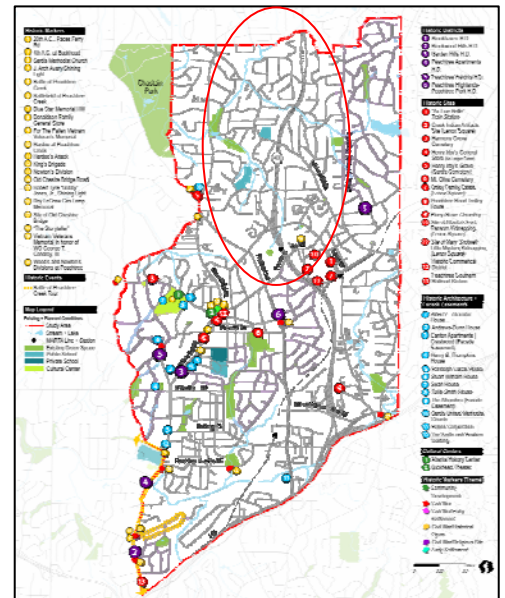
Erica worked in the archives of the Atlanta History Center before joining BHS two and a half years ago. Erica has worked closely with the North Buckhead Civic Association over the last several months to “uncover” some of the lost and little-known history of North Buckhead and presented her report at the NBCA Annual Meeting in March.

BHS was founded in 2006 and their first project was the restoration of the Harmony Grove Cemetery. In the upcoming days they plan a lecture on the 50th anniversary of the Orly Plane Crash and a joint art exhibit and auction with Midtown. Proceeds from these events will support the neighborhood history project Erica discussed later in her presentation. BHS is also collecting oral histories. Their web site at BuckheadHeritage.com has videos and transcripts of

interviews.

BHS was invited to participate in the Buckhead Greenspace Action Plan project. The project leadership realized that there were opportunities to integrate historic interpretation and preservation into the greenspace plan. Erica worked with the project’s consultant to map known historic resources in Buckhead. See map of Council District 7 at right. She wants to work with neighborhoods to create a similar map for the rest of Buckhead. She noted that there were large areas of District 7 which were empty, with no known history. North Buckhead (circled in red) in particular was almost completely empty as the result of its agricultural heritage. She saw a great need to talk to residents of North Buckhead as part of this larger ambitious plan to integrate Buckhead history and greenspace.

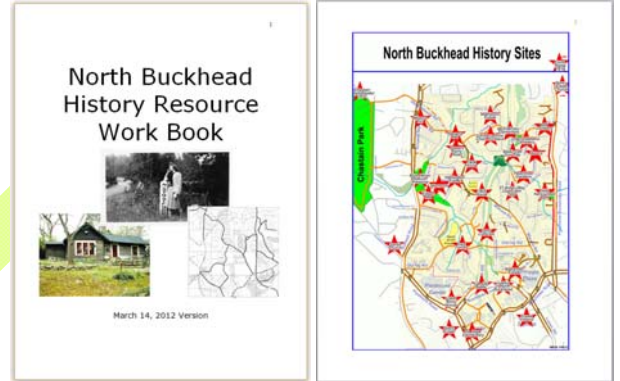
So far she has contacted North Buckhead, Memorial Park, Pine Hills and Buckhead Forest. One of her purposes in addressing BCN is to make contacts with the right people in other Buckhead neighborhoods.



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She outlined the process that she used with **Gordon Certain**, Blue Heron Nature Preserve's **Nancy Jones**, and other volunteers. Because of the lack of information about North Buckhead in standard sources, a History Day was planned as part of North Buckhead's annual Fall Fling. Oral histories were recorded and maps and photographs were displayed in the Blue Heron conference room to spur the recollections of attendees. Stories were collected and important sites identified.

To help organize available information and to highlight where more work was needed, Gordon outlined a North Buckhead History Resource Workbook. The workbook started with just chapter headings for each significant neighborhood site or event. Later each chapter was populated with random emails received over the years, maps, photographs, web pages and related articles on each topic. The purpose was not to have a finished document that might be published but to organize what was known. The document currently has over 130 pages and is still a work in progress with some empty chapters and much work to do on those which have been started. A map annotated with a star for each chapter is part of the resource workbook provides the geographical context for each discovery. (This workbook is online for those who want to see how it is organized. It is huge – 46 MB – so it has been split into four parts for easier downloading. See www.nbca.org/History_Day/index.htm.)



Erica reviewed some of the highlights of her presentation to North Buckhead's membership. Among the most interesting tidbits is that one of the oldest cemeteries in Buckhead, the Lowry-Stevens Cemetery which dates from the early 1850s, is in North Buckhead on Loridans Drive. It will be restored and is planned to be one of the key destinations at the northern termination of the GA 400 Trail. The GA 400 Trail is the turning out to be the backbone of the Buckhead Greenspace Action Plan project. So the plan to tie greenspace to history is moving right along.

Erica wants to help other neighborhoods discover and document their history. This is her contact information:

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Web: www.buckheadheritage.com

Annual memberships in the Buckhead Heritage Society are available for \$50-up at <http://www.buckheadheritage.com/get-involved/join-now>.

(After the meeting Erica was inundated by BCN reps wanting to talk about their neighborhood's role in Buckhead history.)

IX. Announcements

Peachtree Hills' Art Festival and Fun Run will be on June 9 and 10.

X. Next Meeting – June 14, 2012

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XI. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 PM.

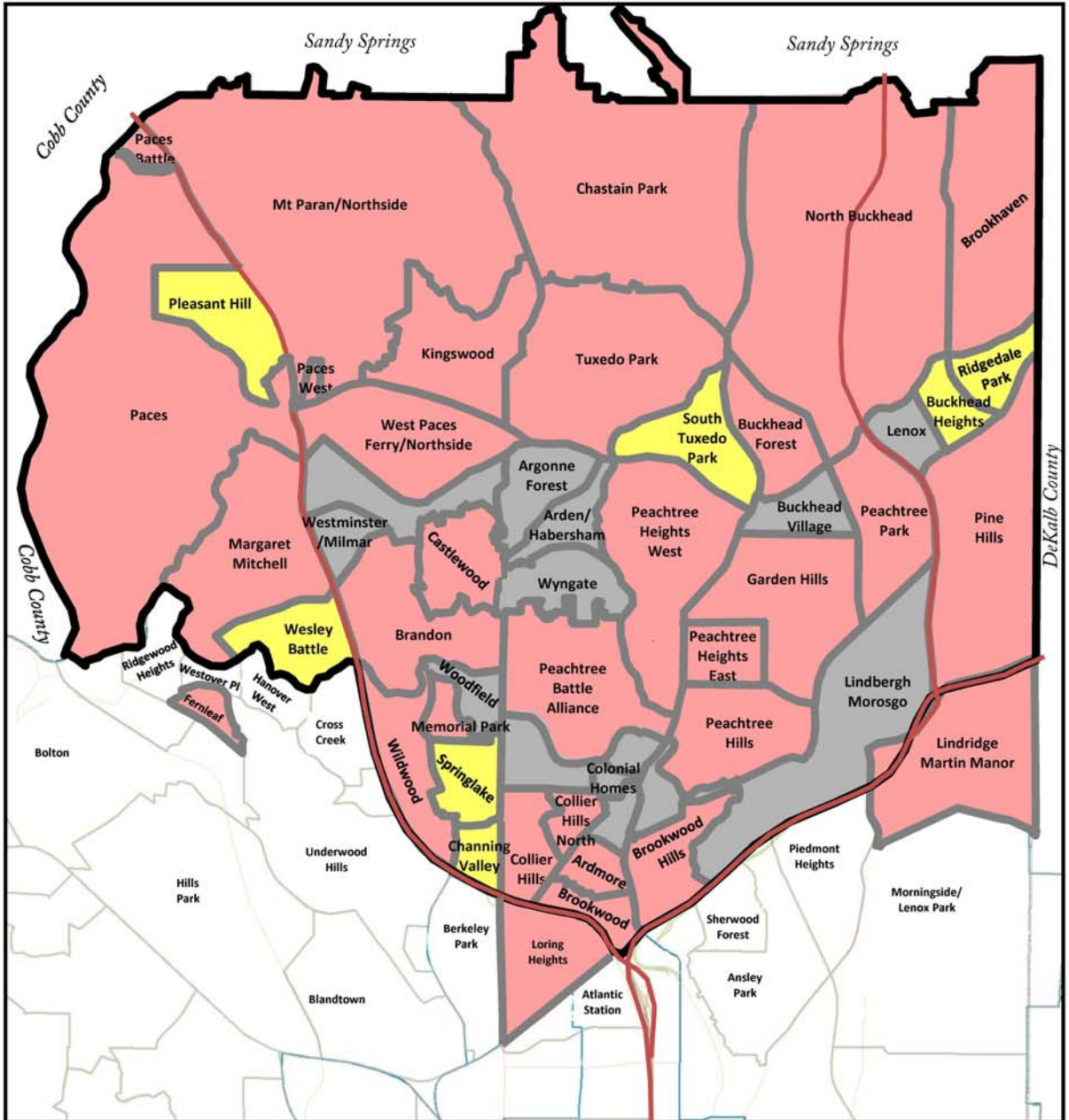
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Prepared by Gordon Certain
BCN Secretary
June 12, 2012

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Paid Membership as of 06/11/12



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YES NO N/A

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