



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

The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods

Board Meeting

July 12, 2012

Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Room 2315

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

	Full Name	Neighborhood/Organization	Email Address
1	Renay Blumenthal	Metro Atlanta Chamber	rblumenthal@macoc.com
2	Gordon Certain	North Buckhead	gcertain@comcast.net
3	Kathy Collura	Peachtree Heights East	KathyCollura@bellsouth.net
4	Glenn Delk	Historic Brookhaven	glennelk@mindspring.com
5	Jeremy Faughtenberry	Loring Heights	jFaughtenberry@gmail.com
6	Barbara Kennedy	Collier Hills	bar2010@aol.com
7	Jim King	Chastain Park	jimking@mindspring.com
8	Walda Lavroff	North Buckhead	waldalavroff@comcast.net
9	Francine Lowe	Pine Hills	Francine@lowetravel.net
10	Lynn Brown McKinney	Candidate GA House Dist 54	browncounters@gmail.com
11	George Mirgorod	Pine Hills	gmirg@me.com
12	Clair Muller	Wyngate	cmmuller@earthlink.net
13	Ann O'Connell	Mt. Paran-Northside	annoconnell1@bellsouth.net
14	Michael Packer	Buckhead Patch	Michael.Packer@Patch.com
15	Garth Peters	Memorial Park & Buckhead Coalition	gpeters@thebuckheadcoalition.org
16	Ken Piernik	Peachtree Park	kenneth.piernik@alere.com
17	Loulie Reese	Memorial Park	Loulie_tarbutton_reese@yahoo.com
18	John Schaffner	Buckhead View	jfschaffner@gmail.com
19	Bob Schneider	Garden Hills	bobschneider@me.com
20	Tom Tidwell	West Paces Northside	tom@tidwell-law.com
21	Jody Collins Weatherby	Peachtree Heights West	jody@weatherby.com
22	Dan Whisenhunt	Buckhead Reporter	danwhisenhunt@reporternewspapers.net
23	Caroline Young	Northside Neighbor	cyoung@neighbornewspapers.com

Representation by Neighborhood

Neighborhood	Attendees
1 Chastain Park	Jim King
2 Collier Hills	Barbara Kennedy
3 Garden Hills	Bob Schneider
4 Historic Brookhaven	Glenn Delk
5 Loring Heights	Jeremy Faughtenberry
6 Memorial Park	Loulie Reese, Garth Peters
7 Mt. Paran-Northside	Ann O'Connell
8 North Buckhead	Gordon Certain, Walda Lavroff
9 Peachtree Heights East	Kathy Collura
10 Peachtree Heights West	Jody Collins Weatherby
11 Peachtree Park	Ken Piernik
12 Pine Hills	George Mirgorod, Francine Lowe
13 West Paces Northside	Tom Tidwell
14 Wyngate	Clair Muller

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

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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
Transportation, Development and Infrastructure	Diane Cox	brookwoodcivic@gmail.com
	Ron Grunwald	rgrunwald@bellsouth.net
	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 not present.

II. Approval of June Minutes

Minutes for the June meeting were not approved because of a lack of a quorum.

III. Admit New Member Neighborhoods

Twenty-eight neighborhoods paid 2011 dues. As of this July meeting, 31 neighborhoods had paid 2012 dues.

IV. Neighborhood Governance Issues

No report.

V. Committee and Liaison Updates

- **Communications Committee – Jim King** said the new BCN web site, www.buckheadcouncil.org, had been launched.
- **Education – Jim King** said that Mark MyGrant would be the temporary principal at North Atlanta.
- **Executive Committee –** No report.
- **Membership –** No Report.
- **Parks – Jeremy Faughtenberry** reported that Loring Heights has started building a playground in their park. It should be done “next week”. The park is on Loring, off Deering and near I-75.
- **Property Taxes –** No Report.
- **Public Safety – Gordon Certain** reported that he had attended a meeting at Police Headquarters about improving information flow City-wide from APD direct to neighborhoods. Thirteen neighborhoods attended. They are putting out slideshows on monthly APD highlights.

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- **Redistricting** – No Report.
- **Transportation, Development and Infrastructure** – **Jeremy Faughtenberry** reported that the Deering Road closing for the AMTRAK project was being rescheduled to after Labor Day, maybe early November.

Garth Peters said there were plans to put a new traffic signal on Howell Mill at Woodley. He said it was a bad intersection.

Gordon Certain reported that a number of apartment complexes were planned in and near North Buckhead. 320 units are planned next to Phipps Plaza; they will cause traffic problems on Wieuca Road to increase. 359 units are planned at Tower Place. A \$100 million apartment complex is planned on Roswell Road at Windsor Parkway in Sandy Springs near Chastain Park and North Buckhead. **Jim King** added that the development may extend to West Wieuca Road and may include some mixed use. There will be added congestion on Roswell Road.

VI. Guest Speaker - Renay Blumenthal

Renay Blumenthal is Senior Vice President for Public Policy at the Metro Atlanta Chamber. Renay is an Atlanta native and a current Buckhead resident. She said she specializes in transportation, education and water issues for the Chamber. She spent most of her time speaking about the Transportation Initiative (TSPLOST), which she said was the most important issue we face.

The Chamber aggressively tries to recruit companies to relocate to the Atlanta metro area. Renay said that beginning about six years ago they began to notice that the area's traffic issues were becoming a determining factor in company's decisions on whether to relocate here or not. She said that metro has added a lot of people since the Olympics but no major infrastructure. The perception of national relocation experts, she said, was that Atlanta, unlike other cities, had no plan to address its traffic problems.

She said they looked at funding possibilities to improve Atlanta's traffic problems. She said that state and federal help was unlikely. She said it would take a \$0.25 per gallon increase in the gas tax to equal a 1% sales tax and even then there were constitutional restrictions in using gas taxes for transit. Their polling suggested the only politically workable option was the sales tax. They made the case to the Legislature and after several tries, in 2010 got legislation passed for the current TSPLOST project referendums on July 31.

She outlined the advantages that would accrue to the area if the region approved the proposed project list and provided exhibits including those showing the projects in the Buckhead area. Her handouts are at <http://www.nbca.org/BCN/Minutes/Index.htm>. She made it clear that the Chamber believed that passage of Atlanta's referendum was essential for the area's long term economic prospects.

VII. Community Concerns / New Business

No report.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Next Meeting – August 9, 2012

X. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at about 8:25 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.*

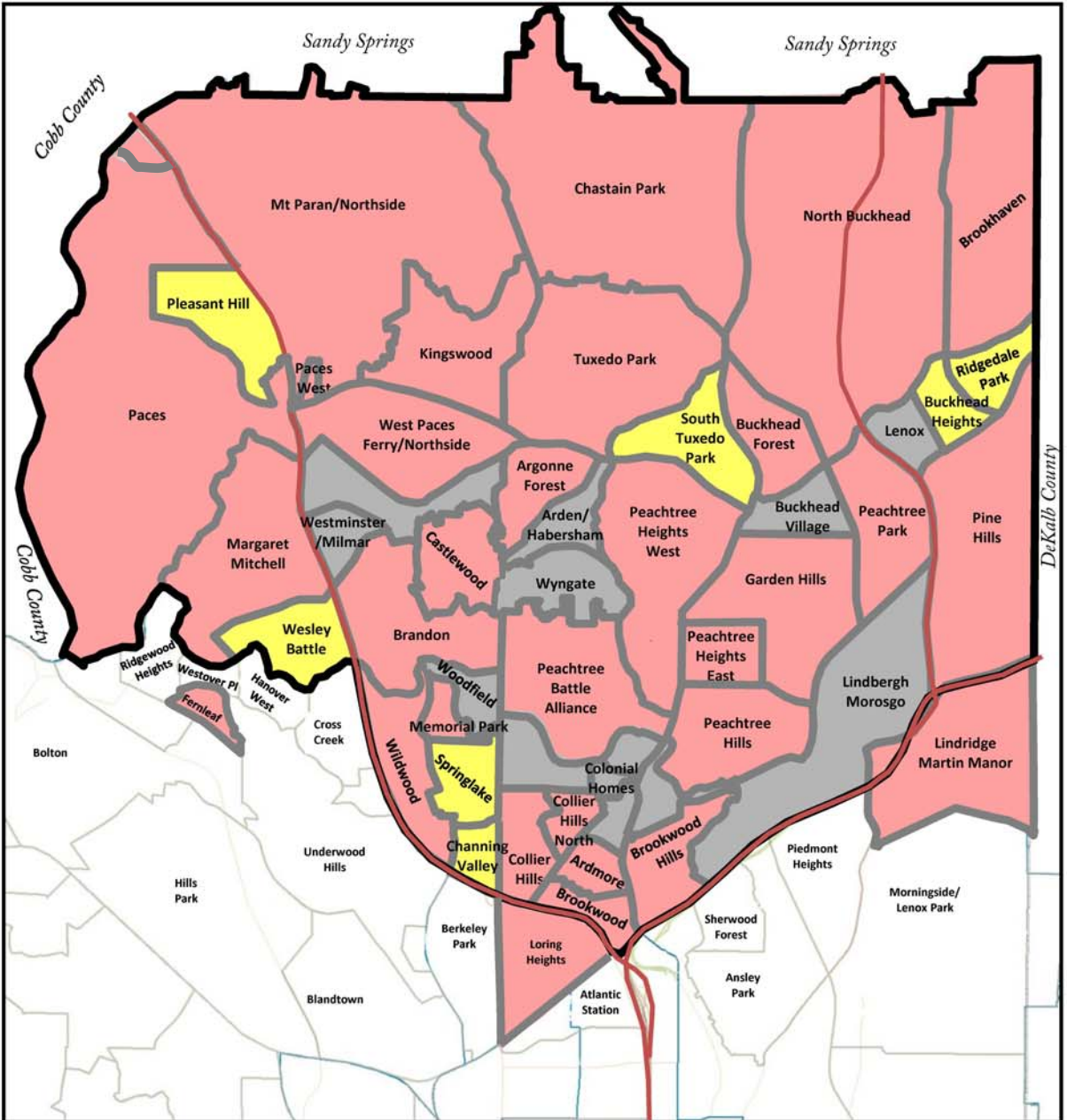
Prepared by Gordon Certain
BCN Secretary
August 7, 2012

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Paid Membership as of 07/09/12



LEGEND

Paid Membership as of 07/09/12

- YES
- NO
- N/A

7/9/2012

