



# The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods

## Board Meeting

October 13, 2016

Peachtree Presbyterian Church

6:45 – 8:15 PM

Meeting Minutes

### Attendees

	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Neighborhood/Organization</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
1	Peter Aman	N Buckhead/Candidate for Mayor	Peter@peterAman.com
2	Beth Beskin	Representative, House 54th	ebeskin@gmail.com
3	Gordon Certain	North Buckhead	gcertain@comcast.net
4	Jeff Clark	Garden Hills	jeffbclark@gmail.com
5	Brenden Dougherty	DA's Office	Brenden.Dougherty@fultonCountyGa.gov
6	Dieter Franz	North Buckhead	cdf Franz@comcast.net
7	Ron Grunwald	Loring Heights	Rgrunwald@bellsouth.net
8	Robert Helget	Peachtree Heights West	bbhelget@bellsouth.net
9	Cathy Helms	Collier Hills North	cahelms1@gmail.com
10	Fred Hicks	Concode	fred@moremarta.com
11	Ben Howard	Buckhead Condo Alliance	benhoward@gatech.edu
12	Brad Kaplan	Pine Hills	kaplanbr@yahoo.com
13	Alan Kauffmann	Ardmore Park	ajk123@icloud.com
14	Collin Kelley	Reporter Newspaper	collin@atlantaintownpaper.com
15	Walda Lavroff	North Buckhead	waldalavroff@gmail.com
16	Ben Limmer	MARTA	blimmer@itsmarta.com
17	Garth Peters	Memorial Park & Buckhead Coalition	gpeters@thebuckheadcoalition.org
18	Buff Quillian	Peachtree Heights West	buffquillianphw@gmail.com
19	Jennifer Rose	Mt. Paran-Northside	jenprose@gmail.com
20	Mercy Sandberg-Wright	Tuxedo Park	mercywright@msn.com
21	John Schaffner	Buckhead View	jfschaffner@gmail.com
22	Bob Schneider	Garden Hills	bobschneider@me.com
23	Howard Shook	City Council District 7	hshook@atlantaga.gov
24	Tom Tidwell	West Paces Northside	tom@tidwell-law.com
25	Bernie Tokarz	Peachtree Hills	bernie.tokarz@gmail.com
26	Frank Toye	Chastain Park	ftoye@bellsouth.net
27	Debra Wathen	Paces	6wathens@bellsouth.net
28	Matt Westmoreland	Atlanta Public Schools	MattWestmoreland@gmail.com
29	Tom Weyandt	Senior Policy Advisor for Transportation, Office of the Mayor	
30	Price Williams	Garden Hills	pricewilliams@pswj.com

### Attendance by Neighborhood

<u>Neighborhood</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
1 Ardmore Park	Alan Kauffmann
2 Buckhead Condo Alliance	Ben Howard
3 Chastain Park	Frank Toye
4 Collier Hills North	Cathy Helms
5 Garden Hills	Jeff Clark, Bob Schneider, Price Williams
6 Loring Heights	Ron Grunwald
7 Memorial Park	Garth Peters
8 Mt. Paran-Northside	Jennifer Rose
9 North Buckhead	Gordon Certain, Walda Lavroff, Dieter Franz, Peter Aman
10 Paces	Debra Wathen
11 Peachtree Heights West	Robert Helget, Buff Quillian
12 Peachtree Hills	Bernie Tokarz
13 Pine Hills	Brad Kaplan
14 Tuxedo Park	Mercy Sandberg-Wright
15 West Paces Northside	Tom Tidwell

## BCN Board Meeting Minutes – October 13 2016

### BCN 2015/16 Officers (Executive Committee)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Neighborhood</u>	<u>Email</u>
Chairman	Tom Tidwell	West Paces Northside	tom@tidwell-law.com
Vice-Chairman	Ron Grunwald	Loring Heights	rgrunwald@bellsouth.net
Secretary	Gordon Certain	North Buckhead	gcertain@comcast.net
Treasurer	Debra Wathen	Paces	6wathens@bellsouth.net
Communications	Jeff Clark	Garden Hills	jeffbclark@gmail.com

### BCN Standing Committees

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Email</u>
Executive Committee	Tom Tidwell	tom@tidwell-law.com
Education	Tom Tidwell	tom@tidwell-law.com
Development and Infrastructure	Ron Grunwald	rgrunwald@bellsouth.net
Transportation	Debra Wathen Elizabeth Scattergood	6wathens@bellsouth.net betsy.scattergood@gmail.com

**Other** (Legislative, NPU, Parks, Voter Education/Registration, etc.)

### I. Welcome & Introductions

**Chair Tom Tidwell** called the meeting to order at about 6:45 PM. A quorum was present.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the September meeting were approved.

### III. Admit New Member Neighborhoods

No neighborhoods asked to be considered for BCN membership.

### IV. Atlanta and MARTA T-SPLOST Ballot Initiatives

City of Atlanta and MARTA officials briefed BCN meeting attendees on the scope and benefits of the November 8 ballot initiatives about MARTA and City of Atlanta T-SPLOST initiatives.

Briefing about the MARTA initiative were **Bernie Tokarz, Ben Limmer, and Fred Hicks**.

Briefing about the Atlanta T-SPLOST was **Tom Weyandt**.

See the figures below for details.



# TRANSPORTATION FUNDING REFERENDA FACT SHEET: TSPLOST & MARTA

On November 8, 2016, Atlanta voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots for two ballot referenda authorizing investment in transit and transportation infrastructure.

The City of Atlanta has proposed a special purpose local option sales tax for transportation – a TSPLOST – for four-tenths of a penny or an additional 4 cents on a \$10 purchase. This TSPLOST will generate approximately \$300 million over a five-year period to fund significant and expansive transportation projects citywide.

- 1 The City of Atlanta proposed TSPLOST project list is a smart, equitable approach to the city's long-term mobility and connectivity needs.
- 2 The projects were chosen through a rational process premised on a comprehensive strategy, long-standing priorities, project-readiness, ability to leverage current capital spending and the Renew Atlanta bond program.
- 3 The projects maximize federal, state and business community partnerships to build more, build smarter.
- 4 The projects will add to Atlanta's economic competitiveness and will benefit residents, employers, employees and visitors across the City.
- 5 Accountability and transparency are built into the project list and implementation plan.

## TSPLOST PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Complete Streets \$75,398,139
- ✓ Sidewalks and Streetscapes \$69,611,838
- ✓ Atlanta Beltline/Multi-use Trails \$65,900,000
- ✓ Signal Coordination \$40,000,000
- ✓ Street, Capacity and Vehicular Improvements \$37,797,500
- ✓ Multi-Use Trails \$18,475,152
- ✓ Neighborhood Greenways \$4,107,013
- ✓ Project Scoping and Engineering Studies \$4,000,000
- ✓ Relay Bike Share \$3,000,000
- ✓ Partnership and Matching Funding \$40,000,000

Project Total	\$358,289,641
Five (5) percent program management	\$17,914,482
One (1) percent State of Georgia	\$3,762,041
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$379,966,165</b>

If approved, 94 percent of all Atlanta residents and 98 percent of the city's jobs will be within a half-mile of a proposed TSPLOST, MARTA or Renew Atlanta bond transportation or infrastructure project.



MARTA, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, has also proposed a half-penny sales tax for transit expansion and enhancements in the City of Atlanta. The approval of the two referenda will implement high priority projects from the Connect Atlanta Plan, the City's comprehensive transportation plan, the Atlanta Streetcar System Plan, and Concept3, the Atlanta region's transit plan, and more than a dozen neighborhood and community plans that have been adopted in the last six years, and features projects in nearly all of the city's commercial districts.

If approved, 94 percent of all Atlanta residents and 98 percent of the city's jobs will be within a half-mile of a proposed T-SPLOST, MARTA or Renew Atlanta transportation of infrastructure project.

This map represents the collaborative process of system level, performance driven project planning conducted by the City of Atlanta through the Renew Atlanta infrastructure program and TSPLOST projects and MARTA.

These two sales tax proposals, if passed, will only take effect within the Atlanta city limits, and only Atlanta voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots.

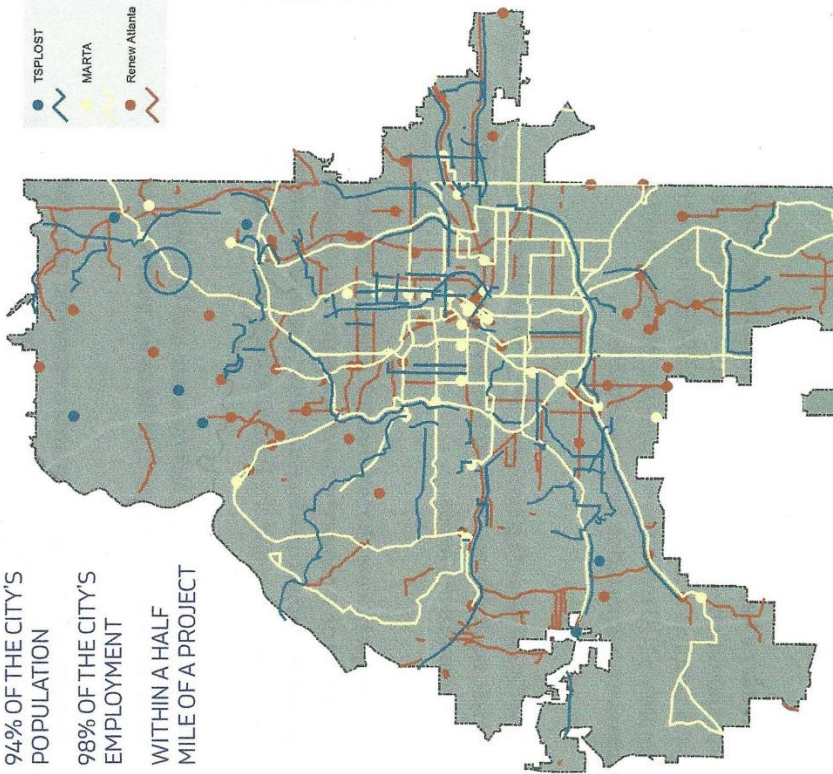
Current sales tax in the City of Atlanta is 8 percent. The proposed TSPLOST is for an additional .4 percent sales tax. If the MARTA referendum is also approved, sales tax within the City of Atlanta would be set at 8.9 percent for five years. If approved, the TSPLOST will take effect on April 1, 2017.

Maintaining the public's confidence is important to the City of Atlanta. The program requires an annual audit tracking cost estimates and expenditures as well as an annual report underscoring transparency, efficiency and effectiveness in project delivery.

To learn more, visit <http://atlantaga.gov/tsplost>.

**A STORY OF CONNECTIVITY**  
**RENEW ATLANTA & PROPOSED MARTA, TSPLOST PROJECTS**

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 POPULATION  
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THE BALLOT LANGUAGE WILL READ,

“SHALL AN ADDITIONAL 0.4 PERCENT SALES TAX BE COLLECTED IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA FOR 5 YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AND CONGESTION REDUCTION?”

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### **V. Motions for a Public Position on Atlanta T-SPLOST and MARTA Tax Ballot Initiatives**

Motions were made, discussed and voted on for BCN to take a public position on the Atlanta and MARTA sales tax ballot initiatives. The motion requested a response from each member neighborhood by October 27. The results were as follows:

<u>Current BCN Member Neighborhoods</u>	<u>Votes Cast on Sales</u>		
	<u>Tax Resolutions</u>	<u>T-SPLOST</u>	<u>MARTA</u>
Buckhead Condo Alliance	x	ABSTAIN	ABSTAIN
Garden Hills	x	ABSTAIN	ABSTAIN
Springlake	x	ABSTAIN	ABSTAIN
Peachtree Heights East	x	ABSTAIN	ABSTAIN
Peachtree Heights West	x	NO	NO
North Buckhead	x	YEA	NO
Ardmore Park	x	YEA	YEA
Collier Hills North	x	YEA	YEA
Loring Heights	x	YEA	YEA
Mt. Paran - Northside	x	YEA	YEA
Paces	x	YEA	YEA
Pine Hills	x	YEA	YEA
West Paces Ferry/Northside	x	YEA	YEA
Tuxedo Park	x	YEA	YEA
Memorial Park	x	YEA	YEA
Peachtree Battle Alliance	x	YEA	YEA
Chastain Park	x	NO	NO
Collier Hills	x	YEA	YEA
18	18	12	11
		66.67%	61.11%

A press release was released about the Atlanta T-SPLOST initiative. (See <http://www.buckheadcouncil.org/tsplost2016/>.) No public statement was made about the MARTA vote.

### **VI. Community Concerns/New Business/Announcements**

**VII. Next Meeting** December 8, 2016

**IX. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at about 8:00 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  
November 10, 2016

BCN's web page is at [www.BuckheadCouncil.org](http://www.BuckheadCouncil.org).





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<b>BCN Status as of November 10, 2016</b>																		
Neighborhood		Dues		Data	Neighborhood Representation at Board Meetings													
		2015	2016	2016 Census	2014	2015	2016											
					10 meetings	10 meetings	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Arden/Habersham																	
2	Ardmore Park	✓	✓	✓	60%	70%	✓		✓						✓	✓		
3	Argonne Forest	✓			60%	30%												
4	Brandon	✓			50%	0%												
5	Brookwood																	
6	Brookwood Hills				30%	10%												
7	BuckheadCondoAlliance	✓	✓	✓	50%	90%	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓			
8	Buckhead Forest				0%	0%												
9	Buckhead Heights																	
10	Buckhead Village				10%	20%			✓				✓	✓				
11	Castlewood																	
12	Channing Valley				10%	0%												
13	Chastain Park	✓	✓		30%	10%	✓		✓							✓		
14	Collier Hills	✓	✓	✓	20%	30%	✓	✓	✓									
15	Collier Hills North		✓	✓	10%	20%	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓			
16	Fernleaf	✓			10%	0%												
17	Garden Hills	✓	✓	✓	60%	80%		✓		✓			✓		✓			
18	Grant Estates				0%	20%												
19	Historic Brookhaven			✓	30%	10%		✓						✓				
20	Kingswood	✓				20%												
21	Lindbergh																	
22	Lindridge Martin Manor					10%									✓			
23	Loring Heights	✓	✓	✓	30%	70%	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			
24	Margaret Mitchell	✓			0%	20%												
25	Memorial Park	✓	✓	✓	40%	50%			✓	✓			✓		✓			
26	Mt. Paran-Northside	✓	✓	✓	40%	20%	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓			
27	North Buckhead	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
28	Paces	✓	✓	✓	60%	60%	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			
29	Peachtree Battle Alliance	✓	✓	✓	30%	40%		✓	✓				✓					
30	Peachtree Heights East	✓	✓		20%	60%												
31	Peachtree Heights West	✓	✓	✓	70%	80%	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓			
32	Peachtree Hills	✓			0%	10%									✓			
33	Peachtree Park				10%	10%												
34	Pine Hills	✓	✓	✓	70%	60%	✓		✓				✓		✓			
35	Pleasant Hill																	
36	Ridgedale Park							✓										
37	Ridgewood Heights	✓				20%								✓				
38	Springlake		✓		10%	20%		✓										
39	Tuxedo Park	✓	✓		50%	50%	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓			
40	Wesley Bohler					10%												
41	West Paces Northside	✓	✓	✓	70%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
42	Wildwood																	
43	Wyngate																	
<b>Totals</b>		21	18	15	Avg:10	Avg:10	16	16	13	6	5		13	12	15			