



BUCKHEAD COUNCIL
OF NEIGHBORHOODS
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The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods

Board Meeting

September 14, 2017

Peachtree Presbyterian Church

6:45 – 8:15 PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Neighborhood/Organization</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
1	Evelyn Andrews	Reporter Newspapers	evelyn@reporterNewspapers.net
2	Evelyn Bailey (?)	District 7	
3	Glenn Cartledge	Memorial Park	glenncar@bellsouth.net
4	Gordon Certain	North Buckhead	gcertain@comcast.net
5	Jeff Clark	Garden Hills	jeffbclark@gmail.com
6	Jim Garcia	North Buckhead	jim.g@reagan.com
7	Barbara Kennedy	Collier Hills	bar2010@aol.com
8	Rebecca King	Candidate Council District 7	Rebecca@c4a-inc.net
9	Walda Lavroff	North Buckhead	waldalavroff@gmail.com
10	Susan Moody	Collier Hills North	Susan.Moody@ymail.com
11	Jennifer Rose	Mt. Paran-Northside	jenprose@gmail.com
12	Mercy Sandberg-Wright	Tuxedo Park	mercywright@msn.com
13	Sally Silver	COA Dist 7	sl_silver@hotmail.com
14	Kent Strickland	Council President Mitchell's office	kpstrickland@atlantaga.gov
15	Tom Tidwell	West Paces Northside	tom@tidwell-law.com
16	Debra Wathen	Paces	6wathens@bellsouth.net
17	Justin Weideman	Chastain Park	Justin@wiedeman.com

Attendance by Neighborhood

	<u>Neighborhood</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
1	Collier Hills	Barbara Kennedy
2	Collier Hills North	Susan Moody
3	Garden Hills	Jeff Clark
4	Mt. Paran-Northside	Jennifer Rose
5	Memorial Park	Glenn Cartledge
6	North Buckhead	Gordon Certain, Walda Lavroff, Jim Garcia, Rebecca King
7	Paces	Debra Wathen
8	Tuxedo Park	Mercy Sandberg-Wright
9	West Paces Northside	Tom Tidwell

BCN 2017/18 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.)

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I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Tom Tidwell called the meeting to order at about 6:55 PM. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the August meeting were approved.

III. Admit New Member Neighborhoods

No neighborhoods asked to be considered for BCN membership.

IV. Get out the Vote in Buckhead

Justin Wiedeman, CPA - Sargent Advisory Group, LLC

Justin spoke about Buckhead's chronically poor voter turnout and what could be done about it. He said he had organized a group that will be working full time during October to get out the vote in Buckhead, not in a partisan way. He passed around a signup sheet for those who might be interested in helping his efforts. He said his group's principal efforts will be with the runoff election. He hopes they can get neighbors to call other neighbors to encourage them to vote.

He said it isn't an issue to get people to register; it is to get registered voters to vote. He thought that signage might be a good approach.

Justin went over the key dates in this election cycle from early voting starting October 16 to the runoff on December 5.

He said that voting turnout was higher in Council District 8 than 7. He suspects that is due to the number of apartments in 7 and other differences in lifestyle.

V. Candidate Forum

Jeff Clark discussed the upcoming candidate forums. He outlined some of the policies which BCN had previously adopted to ensure that only serious candidates participate in the forums. For City Council races, candidates must have raised at least \$5,000 in contributions as of August 31. If there was a race involving two candidates, only one of whom had raised \$5,000, then neither would appear.

Jeff also talked about the contested Council races that affected Buckhead. These included Council President, and At Large 1 and 2, and Districts 7 and 8. Buckhead is also touched by Council Districts 6 and 9. District 6 has six candidates running and we don't have enough time to include them, given the slight overlap between that district and Buckhead. Jeff believes that District 9 was uncontested. Buckhead's main districts are 7 and 8 and should be considered. However, since only District 8 candidates had met the \$5,000 threshold, only its candidates would be included in the forum.

In summary, the BCN City Council Forum will include Council President, At Large 1 and 2, and District 8.

BCN's Mayoral forum will include these candidates meeting BCN's fundraising criteria: Peter Aman, Kiesha Lance Bottoms, Kwanza Hall, Ceasar Mitchell, Mary Norwood, and Cathy Woolard. Per guidelines established in previous BCN meetings, these candidates were invited because they were the top six fundraisers (excluding personal loans).

VI. Community Concerns | New Business / Announcements

Gordon Certain spoke briefly about MARTA hearings being held at the same time as BCN's meeting about changes to some MARTA bus lines. The change impacting Buckhead is the "Peach" Route #110. The

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Peach which connects from the Lenox MARTA Station along Peachtree Road to Five Points Downtown and runs on a 15-minute frequency. The proposed change is for the Peach line to terminate at the Arts Center MARTA station instead of Five Points. Peach passengers could then connect with the train service or with a new bus Route #40, operating between the Arts Center and Five Points on a 30-minute frequency. The change could impact Buckhead passengers travelling to/from destinations between the Arts Center Station and Five Points.

VII. Next Meetings

BCN Board Meeting: Next meeting: November 9, 2017 (No October meeting)

City Council Candidates Forum: Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Mayoral Candidate Candidates Forum: Wednesday, October 18, 2017

VIII. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at about 7:50 PM.

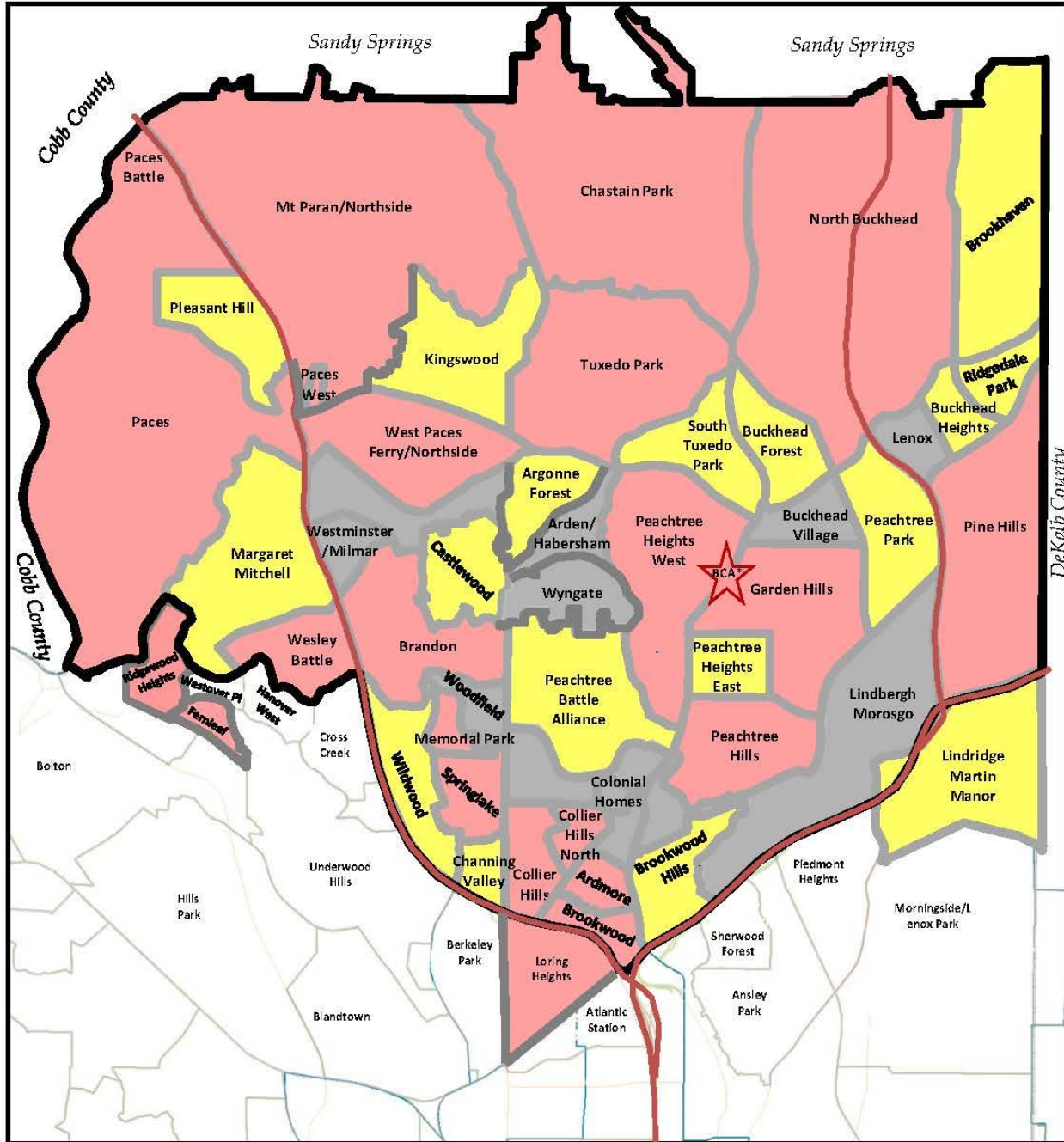
Note: *The opinions expressed by the speakers and individual neighborhood representatives in these minutes do not necessarily represent those of BCN or its member neighborhoods.*

Prepared November 8, 2017 by Gordon Certain, BCN Secretary

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Paid Membership as of 9/11/2017



* BCA = Buckhead Condo Alliance

LEGEND

Paid Membership as of 9/11/2017

YES NO N/A

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BCN Status as of September 9, 2017																	
Neighborhood	Dues		Data	Neighborhood Representation at Board Meetings													
	2016	2017	2017 Census	2015	2016	2017											
				10 meetings	10 meetings	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Arden/Habersham																
2	Ardmore Park	✓	✓		70%	55%	✓										
3	Argonne Forest				30%												
4	Brandon		✓														
5	Brookwood		✓	✓					✓				✓				
6	Brookwood Hills				10%												
7	BuckheadCondoAlliance	✓			90%	77%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
8	Buckhead Forest																
9	Buckhead Heights																
10	Buckhead Village				20%	44%				✓			✓				
11	Castlewood																
12	Channing Valley																
13	Chastain Park		✓	✓	10%	44%	✓		✓								
14	Collier Hills	✓	✓	✓	30%	33%			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
15	Collier Hills North	✓	✓	✓	20%	55%		✓						✓			
16	Fernleaf		✓														
17	Garden Hills	✓	✓		80%	44%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
18	Grant Estates				20%												
19	Historic Brookhaven				10%	33%											
20	Kingswood				20%												
21	Lindbergh																
22	Lindridge Martin Manor				10%	11%											
23	Loring Heights	✓	✓		70%	77%	✓	✓			✓		✓				
24	Margaret Mitchell				20%												
25	Memorial Park	✓	✓	✓	50%	44%	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓			
26	Mt. Paran-Northside	✓	✓		20%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
27	North Buckhead	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
28	Paces	✓	✓		60%	77%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
29	Paces West		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓						
30	Peachtree Battle Alliance	✓			40%	33%											
31	Peachtree Heights East	✓			60%												
32	Peachtree Heights West	✓	✓	✓	80%	55%		✓	✓		✓						
33	Peachtree Hills	✓	✓		10%		✓		✓				✓				
34	Peachtree Park				10%												
35	Pine Hills	✓	✓	✓	60%	55%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
36	Pleasant Hill																
37	Ridgedale Park					11%											
38	Ridgewood Heights		✓		20%	11%							✓				
39	Springlake	✓	✓		20%	11%											
40	Tuxedo Park	✓	✓		50%	55%		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
41	Wesley Battle		✓		10%									✓			
42	West Paces Northside	✓	✓		100%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
43	Wildwood																
44	Wyngate																
Totals		19	21	9	Avg:10	Avg:12	12	12	13	13	11		14	9			