

**Minutes of NPU-B regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Nancy Bliwise, NPU-B Chairperson.

****This meeting was held via Zoom****

Present: 19* present; 4 proxies

Proxies: Jason Kendall to Kim Shorter
Shawn Perez to Kim Shorter
Mark Tiller to Mandi Gibson
Jefferson McConkey to Bill Murray

*2 attendees joined after the meeting began.

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS

Dr. Bliwise welcomed everyone.

Media present: JD Capeluoto, from AJC and Amy Wenk from Reporter

Taylor Hollis with Peachtree Hills was welcomed and recognized as the residential representative.

Initially, there were not enough people in attendance to establish a quorum; however, just as the chair was going to call for departmental reports a quorum was achieved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion to approve the minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting (December) of the NPU-B passed by vote of 19-0-3

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion to approve the agenda of the NPU-B passed by vote of 22-0-1.

4. REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHERS IN AUDIENCE

Atlanta Police Department (APD) Zone 2

Major Senzer, Commander Zone 2, asenzer@atlantaga.gov ; 404-624-0674.

Captain Jason Smith, jksmith@atlantaga.gov

Major Senzer introduced new his new Zone captain, Captain Jason Smith. Captain Smith provided updates with the crime statistics from 2021: The City finished the -1% in crime compared to 2020 and down -15% compared to 2019. Our zone wins Crime Reduction Award for being down -7% from city numbers.

Morosgo-Lindbergh area was up 34% at beginning of year in crime; after Maj. Senzer enacted the bike control in July, a -32% decrease shown through end of the year. 465 drop-ins into businesses to build community, 592 directed patrols through parking lots/parking decks, 156 arrests (5 felony, 1 misdemeanor). They will continue the bike control into 2022.

A board member asked if the bike patrol would be extended to other parts of the city; Capt. Smith said there were no plans for it to extend or leave the area.

A board member asked if there was a strategy to deter car break-ins or if they've discovered a pattern. Capt. Smith said there are no patterns, and they try to cover as much ground as possible, meet with properties to partner with private security, restrict access and install cameras.

A board member asked if there were many perpetrators or isolated groups; Capt. Smith said a few perpetrators can cause a lot of damage. They recently tied just two individuals to 12 cases city wide.

A board member asked about the water boys and if there were any updates; Capt. Smith has met with other agencies, and they will be employing new strategies that they believe will be more effective. The DA and City Solicitor are aligned with new approach and want to work in tandem. They hope to see progress with the new mechanisms in the next few weeks.

A board member asked if there were any changes introduced by the new administration; Capt. Smith states there are no large-scale operational changes at this time.

A board member asked how Zone 2 is sharing positive news with community members; Capt. Smith confirmed they will push messaging out as soon as numbers are confirmed via social media, press releases and community newsletters.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)
404-546-4400 (or dial 404-546-4421 to reach station 21)

No report.

Atlanta Office of the Solicitors
Judge Sylvia J Lee; 404-932-5566, sjlee@atlantaga.gov
Hala Carey, Senior Assistant Solicitor, 404-658-6003, hcarey@atlantaga.gov

Hala reported the office would open to the public on Thursday, 1/6. Case numbers for each courtroom are increasing but may be modified due to Covid-19 spikes.

Hala Carey
Senior Assistant Solicitor,
DUI Division, City of Atlanta Municipal Court

Lead Community Prosecutor,
for Zone 2 and NPU-B
150 Garnett Street, 3rd floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
hcarey@atlantaga.gov

For Traffic Diversion Inquiries
Please email PTIT@atlantaga.gov

Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office
Megan McCulloch, Zone 2 Community Prosecutor (megan.mcculloch@fultoncountyga.gov,
678-362-1855)

No report.

MARTA Police Department (MPD) North Precinct (404-848-3902) www.itsmarta.com
Major Matthew Carrier; mcarrier@itsmarta.com, 404-848-4813

No report.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM) (404-982-1480) www.atlantawatershed.org
Louis Sheppard, 404-546-1181, cell (770) 624-0793, lsheppard@atlantaga.gov

Distributed by email on Tuesday, 1/4/22 at 5:24P.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (404-546-6813)
www.atlantaGA.gov/iparcs
Erica Collins, Manager, Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC), 308 Peachtree Hills Ave.
eknox@atlantaga.gov

No report.

Department of Public Works
Marcus McGaw (404-865-8743) mlmcgaw@atlantaga.gov
Verna Singleton, VSingleton@AtlantaGA.gov
Officer O (404-807-2610)
Sama 404-865-8621 samakoi@atlantaga.gov
Officer McLendon, amclendon@atlantaga.gov, 404-273-0865

Officer J. Walker – 470-698-6976 or jawwalker@atlantaga.gov
J Walker DPW S.W.E.E.T OFFICER - 4706989673 - jawwalker@atlantaga.gov

Officer Ferguson does not have much to report. The solid waste team and contractors are working overtime to pick-up materials; please continue to leave your solid waste, recycling and yard waste bins at the curb if they are not collected during the regularly-scheduled pick-up. If

you have more than 20 yard-waste bags, you need to call 311 or go online to schedule a bulky pickup before placing yard bags at the street.

Board members asked about communications that say to remove recycling bins; Officer Ferguson stated to leave at the curb for pick-up whenever possible so that contractors can collect them.

Atlanta Department of Transportation
Josh Rowan, jrowan@atlantaga.gov

No report.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division
CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov, 404-546-3800 (call to report an issue)
Willy Grayer wgrayer@atlantaga.gov, 404-387-4688 (cell)

Officer Grayer noted that 2479 Peachtree Road's ADA concern is still ongoing. Officer Grayer was able to speak to the owner on the phone and received an email that the Civil Engineer is working on permitting but has Covid-19; the manager will continue to communicate with Officer Grayer when there is an update on the permit and timing.

A board member noticed 3200 Lenox Road has multiple open cases and asked how we can help; Officer Grayer visited last Friday and yesterday, noting there are cases in each building in the complex. He spoke to property managers to discover what the issue could be – the managers suggested they are working on it, but he continues to get new cases weekly, so he will meet with them again to ensure they address major issues like rodents, gas leaks, etc. Tenants are frustrated there is no progress. The same board member asked if any petitions or anything would help ensure progress; Office Grayer will speak to his supervisors to see what pressure he can apply.

A board member asked if they can be fined or any additional punishments. Officer Grayer noted with all the citations written, they will be required to appear in court. The more cases that are created, the more pressure.

Ms. Hala Carey mentioned that she can help through the Solicitor's Office.

ATL311
Barbara Dougherty, Community Affairs Coordinator. 470-698-5171. bdougherty@atlantaga.gov

No report.

Buckhead Coalition
Jim Durrett

Livable Buckhead, Inc (LBI) - Denise Starling, Executive Director
www.livablebuckhead.org

Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)

Denise Starling noted the holiday activities were successful and well attended. They also delivered holiday dinners to every fire department and police precinct in the City of Atlanta with a partnership through Alon's and Honey Baked Ham; they will continue this tradition annually. They are aware of a tree down as well as graffiti on Path 400 and will get both cleaned up. The new Buc service is planned to open in the first quarter of 2022.

5. COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

District 3 Commissioner Lee Morris (lee.morriss@fultoncountyga.gov) attended but needed to leave early; he noted his office would like to stay connected and will distribute information.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 1/4/22 at 3:26PM.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair

Fado Buckhead St. Patrick's Day / 273 Buckhead Avenue / March 12, 2022
Discussed safety and capacity concerns. The committee supported the event.

Party on the Path / 764 Miami Circle / March 27, 2022
The committee supported the event.

Kimpton Hotel Main Facility / 374 East Paces Ferry Road / Change of Agent
Kimpton Hotel Main Additional Facility / 374 East Paces Ferry Road / Change of Agent
Kimpton Hotel Rooftop Additional Facility / 374 East Paces Ferry Road / Change of Agent
Kimpton Hotel Garden Patio / 374 East Paces Ferry Road / Change of Agent
The committee recommended that pedestrian crosswalks on East Paces Ferry west of East Shadowlawn be improved for safety concerns. The committee voted 7-0-2 to approve.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the consent agenda passed by vote of 23-0-0.

Savi Provisions / 365 Peachtree Hills Avenue / New Business
Deferred due to agent not being available.

B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

No Report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

V-21-306 / 411 Valley Green Drive NE / Approved with conditions

Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulation to allow active recreation in a yard adjacent to a street (Valley Green Drive) in order to install a pool.

CONDITIONS:

1. Direct the water flow from their stormwater treatment so that it doesn't flow toward their neighbor's yard.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the consent agenda passed by vote of 21-0-0.

V-21-219 (Amended) / 115 Laurel Drive NE / Deferred to consult further with neighborhood

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to 1) exceed the lot coverage from 40 percent to 53.55 percent and 2) reduce the rear yard setback from 20 feet to 6 feet for the installation of a pool in the rear yard.

7. PLANNERS REPORT

Jessica Lavandier noted that NPU University is back and open to the public.

npuatlanta.org/npuucatalog or 404.546.0158

2022 Design Awards nominations are due February 28 at 4PM. [Bit.ly/UDCawards](https://bit.ly/UDCawards) or contact Leslie Battle-Williams (lbattle-williams@atlantaga.gov).

8. MATTERS FOR VOTING (above)

Addressed in committee.

9. PRESENTATIONS

None

10. OLD BUSINESS

Kim Shorter initiated as Treasurer; Mandi Gibson initiated as Recorder.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Reminder that two Business representative positions are open. Several Residential representatives have not attended regularly. This will be addressed.

Committee members met in breakout rooms to appoint Susan Campbell as Residential Representative and Kim Wachtel as Business Representative.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting will be February 1, 2022.

The next BZA meetings are January 6 and January 13, 2022.

The next ZRB meetings are January 13 and January 20, 2022.

13. ADJOURNMENT

NPU-B action: A motion to adjourn passed by vote of 15-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.