



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes February 2022

Date: February 1, 2022

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Nancy Bliwise, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 24* present; 0 proxies (*5 joined after the meeting was called to order)

Officers Present: Nancy Bliwise, Kim Shorter, Mandi Gibson

Proxies: None

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Dr. Bliwise welcomed everyone.

Media present: None

Bob Margolin, Dale Ioannides, Sherri Tanner and Rebecca King welcomed as new representatives.

Zachary Adriaenssens, NPU-X Chair joined the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: Bill Murray made a motion to approve the January 2022 minutes passed by vote of 18-0-2.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: Mandi Gibson made a motion to approve the agenda of the NPU-B passed by vote of 20-0-.

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 noted there were some issues accessing the crime statistics online; the formatting was switched to be compliant with NIBRS (National Incidence-Based Reporting System) and looks different. He confirmed the stats are live and would be pushed out on additional channels. Citywide: -11% in crimes; Zone 2: -35% overall and -18% in NIBRS.

Noted field operations will lead a 30-day detail for a task force partnership to focus on violent crime, auto thefts, offender-based crimes.

Seven water boys were arrested recently; of those, six were juveniles, one adult. Working with juvenile detention to ensure when their cases are heard that they understand the seriousness of the activity (not just a pedestrian in the roadway). Adult was taken to jail and youth returned to parents. Another not arrested at the time was shown in an incriminating video and now has warrants issued against him.

A board member asked if we have total statistics for guns stolen from cars; Major Senzer confirmed 385 guns were stolen from Zone 2 vehicles in 2021.

A board member asked if they consider the partnerships to be successful; Major Senzer commented that yes, bike patrol detail, BCID, Buckhead Safety Plan and more played a big role in numbers trending down and will be continued. The new Village precinct will be opening with five new officers without losing any watch officers from other details.

A board member asked if Zone 2 has received any new directives with the new mayor for shoplifting or water boys; Major Senzer commented that shoplifting arrests have been consistent and will continue to be. Major Senzer feels positive and confident with the mayor's commitment to the police.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

404-546-4400 (or dial 404-546-4421 to reach station 21)

Battalion Chief Ken Mitchell / Battalion 6

BC Mitchell noted the stations are still on lockdown and not accepting visitors, but the firefighters are active and responding. The fire department responded quickly to the Chops restaurant fire and were able to preserve much of the building; the restaurant will open again. 90 recruits are in training with 28 set to graduate in April and the remaining to graduate in June; AFRD is still accepting applications for new recruits.

A board member asked about the carbon monoxide leaks near Lenox and East Paces Ferry and along Lenox Road; BC Mitchell also noted there were a few fires near that corridor and would follow-up with the inspection team to see if there are any issues.

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, 150 Garnett Street, 3rd floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Hala reported she would volunteer for Party on the Path in March. A new DUI Training event will be April 11-12; Hala requested NPU-B consider sponsoring the event again. Hala mentioned she is working with the State's Department of Developmental and Behavioral Facilities for At-Risk Youth to build a Mental Health Awareness presentation in April to provide resources, course correction and more; she will provide more information when it is prepared.

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

No report.

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 noted yard waste, solid waste and recycling resumed regular schedule pick-ups on 1/31. She reminded that debris that is unbagged must be requested for bulk pick-up.

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 he followed-up with property management at 3200 Lenox Road. He has received many cases and noted there was a carbon monoxide leak in the middle of the night that required EMS and AFRD; he currently has 16 active cases at the property. Officer Grayer is working weekly with property management and provided the written communication to Dr. Bliwise for NPU-B's records.

Officer Grayer is working with property manager at 2479 Peachtree Road; they are waiting on GDOT. Officer Grayer called GDOT directly to get the paperwork pushed through; GDOT is checking on the progress of the application. Denise Starling mentioned she provided a contact for Officer Grayer at GDOT.

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

Joy mentioned that Atlanta 311 is hiring for phone services and are encouraging social media and the app for any new requests.

A board member mentioned cases that have been open for 12 months; Joy will escalate.

Buckhead Coalition
Jim Durrett

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

Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)
www.buckheadcid.com

Denise Starling noted the Party on the Path will be March 27 at Eclipse di Luna. She provided details for tickets, timing and entertainment. The Miami Circle section of Path 400 will officially open at that time.

She also noted a seminar with Mike Alexander, Senior Director at Livable Communities, ARC called “The Changing Face of Buckhead: 2022 Trends in Growth and Population” on March 3.

The Atlanta Police Foundation has a partnership to tie private sector cameras in with their system; more information can be found here: <https://livablebuckhead.com/safety/>.

The next major section of Path 400 will begin in August. Impacted area will mainly be near Sarah Smith Elementary on Wieuca; plans are in place to mitigate disruption.

5. COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

No report.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 2/1/22 at 1:50PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair

Buckhead Arts Festival / 3035 Peachtree Road / Supported

The event is August 17-18, 2022. Randall Fox mentioned alcohol may be served; they are determining with their vendors. The committee voted 5-0-0 to support the event.

Savi Provisions / 365 Peachtree Hills Avenue / Approved

New Business. The committee voted 6-0-1 to approve.

Whiskey Mistress (Main Bar) / 3161 Maple Drive / Change of Ownership

Whiskey Mistress (Basement) / 3161 Maple Drive / Change of Ownership

Whiskey Mistress (Upstairs) / 3161 Maple Drive / Change of Ownership

Change of Ownership. The committee recommended TIPS training. The committee voted 9-0-0, 9-0-0, 8-0-1 to approve.

Taverna / 280 Buckhead Avenue / Approved

Change of Agent. The committee recommended the establishment investigate the Buckhead CID and Buckhead Safety Plan. The committee voted 9-0-0 to approve.

Le Colonial / 3035 Peachtree Road / Change of Agent

The committee voted 8-0-0 to approve.

InterContinental Buckhead / 3315 Peachtree Road / Change of Agent

The committee voted 8-0-0 to approve.

NPU-B action: Bill Murray made a motion to approve the consent agenda; the motion passed by vote of 24-0-0.

Nancy mentioned another NPU's employment of a letter of agreement with establishments; when she receives the document, she will circulate for NPU-B's consideration to adopt the letter.

B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair

No report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair

V-21-324 / 225 West Paces Ferry Road / Approved with Conditions 11-0-0

Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning regulation to allow active recreation in a yard adjacent to a street (West Paces Ferry NW) in order to install a swimming pool and basketball court.

The conditions included changes to the site plan; conditions distributed via email on 2/3/22 at 2:29PM by Nancy Bliwise.

V-21-318 / 71, 81 and 87 Sheridan Drive / Approved with Conditions 11-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 40 feet to 22 feet and to reduce the side east and west side yard setbacks from 14 feet to 7 feet for the construction of 10 single-family dwelling units.

The condition included amendment to private agreement with the neighborhood. Conditions to be emailed to NPU-B Executive Board.

NPU-B action: Kevin Glass made a motion to approve the consent agenda; the motion passed by vote of 21-0-0.

V-21-330 / 4234 West Club Lane / Deferred

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 20 feet to 9.8 feet and to increase the maximum lot coverage from 40 percent to 42.13 percent.

V-21-219 (Amended) / 115 Laurel Drive

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.

The city has provided a partial approval and partial denial through BZA using an updated site plan that has not yet been provided to NPU-B; the application is not on the



agenda for ZRB. Nancy and Bill spoke with City representatives; Daniel Vasquez recommended we vote to ensure it is back on the Planner's Report.

Bill Murray made a motion to continue the applicant's deferral; the motion passed by a vote of 19-0-0.

7. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica Lavandier

Jessica noted NPU University Zoning Course will be February 15.
npuatlanta.org/npuucatalog or 404.546.0158

Capital Improvement online portal for project requests at
<https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/2021-2025-cie-update>

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

A board member asked about the Planner leaving February 18; Jessica noted they will be meeting tomorrow to discuss next steps. Deputy Commissioner will be the interim for now.

8. MATTERS FOR VOTING

Chastain Park Spring Arts Festival / Chastain Park
May 14-15, 2022. No comments from the board.

9. PRESENTATIONS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Committee members met in breakout rooms to elect Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Public Safety

Bryan Steed – Chair

Sherri Tanner – Vice Chair

D&T

Jason Kendall – Chair



Abbie Shepherd – Vice Chair

Zoning

Bill Murray – Chair

Kim Shorter – Vice Chair

Annual dues of \$60 for business and residential representatives are due. Kim Shorter provided the details for mailing a check and is looking into electronic options.

Kim Shorter mentioned it would be nice to buy breakfasts for DPW team members; consensus was to serve both sections (North and South). Susan Campbell made a motion to approve \$650 budget; the motion carried 17-0-0. NPU-X mentioned their support and desire to contribute; they will follow-up with Nancy directly.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The next BZA meetings are February 4 and February 10, 2022.

The next ZRB meetings will be February 10, 2022.

13. ADJOURNMENT

NPU-B action: A motion to adjourn passed by vote of 17-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.