



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes March 2022

Date: March 1, 2022

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Nancy Bliwise, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 20 present*; 5 proxies (*5 joined after the meeting was called to order)

Officers Present: Nancy Bliwise, Kim Shorter, Mandi Gibson, Jefferson McConkey

Proxies: Kim Wachtel to Mandi Gibson; Rebecca King to Kevin Glass; Mark Tiller to Jason Kendall; Kristy Favalli to Kim Shorter; Dan Pascale to Bill Murray

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Dr. Bliwise welcomed everyone. Media present: John Ruch, *Saporta Report*.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the February 2022 minutes passed by a vote of 24-0-1.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Removed two Public Safety items from the agenda.

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the amended March agenda passed by a vote of 24-0-0.

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

Atlanta Police Department (APD)

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

Captain Jason Smith, jksmith@atlantaga.gov

Major Senzer reports Zone 2 is down -27% overall in crime. Many commercial units, including storage units, are hit with burglaries. Many arrests were made at the end of the year related to these crimes; hopefully we will see a decrease in burglaries soon. Rapes have increased; it is concerning, though the cases are with people who know each other rather than stranger on

stranger and are hard to predict. Zone 2 has seen 50 guns stolen from cars to date this year; do not leave your gun in your car.

The Village Precinct has a target occupancy date of mid-May. Five new officers are assigned to the detail so far, without a loss from Maple Street Precinct.

APD is working with DA and Juvenile System to assist with water boys. DA office looking at banishments for repeat offenders, seizing cell phones, whether parents/guardians are involved or complicit, etc. to help mitigate. APD has made 15 water-boy related arrests to date this year.

Carjacking at West Paces/Peachtree – they have good video of the incident occurring. Victim was not injured; her car was recovered in DeKalb County and is being processed for evidence.

Car robbery at Home Depot – bike officers responded quickly. Canvassed the area for an hour and know what the perpetrator looks like; victim had superficial injuries.

Physical altercation at Piedmont Hospital – two elderly women got into an argument in parking deck, one was pushed to the ground and injured by a car driving by that was not involved in the altercation. Victim is in the hospital.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

Main 404-546-4400, Station 21 404-546-4421

Battalion Chief Ken Mitchell, Battalion 6

Captain Carter, Station 21

Captain Carter reports AFRD has 172 recruits in various stages of training; they'll all hit the field at various times this year. Spring fire hydrant cleaning and checks will begin this month. Renovations at Roswell Road station should be complete and ready to move in this month.

A board member asked if the stations are back to helping with car seat safety; AFRD is, and you can call ahead or stop by for a check and ensure a certified fireman is available.

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 30303

Traffic Diversion inquiries: ptit@atlantaga.gov

Fight Against Blight action campaign beginning and will partner with interested NPUs to clean-up sections of communities that are needed. NPU-N, NPU-R and NPU-H are already participating this month; Hala would like NPU-B to participate if there is a location within our NPU community that needs cleaning up.

Senior Citizen Public Safety campaign will roll out in partnership with APD and AFRD; to be determined if it will be in-person or via Zoom. Hala is also working with Councilman Bond to coordinate. Mental health partnerships and planning mentioned last month are moving forward; Hala is currently planning an agenda and curriculum. More info to come. Hala is volunteering at Party on the Path. DUI Investigative Training in April is well attended by APD and DA office.



Fulton County District Attorney Community Prosecutor's Office

Megan McCulloch, Zone 2, 678-362-1855, megan.mcculloch@fultoncountyga.gov

No report.

Community-Oriented Policing

Inspector M. McMurray, Crime Prevention Inspector, 470-462-9036, mmcmurray@atlantaga.gov

Inspector McMurray will work with Crime Prevention and will regularly attend meetings.

MARTA Police Department (MPD)

North Precinct 404-848-3902, itsmarta.com

Major Frederico Jackson, 404-427-6047

Major Jackson reports he is a new transfer and MPD will be represented at NPU-B meetings again moving forward.

Total of 9 part-one incidents year to date for the North Precinct; 7 property crimes, 2 against person. Of the property crimes, 6 were vehicles and 3 guns were taken from those vehicles. MARTA has implemented new strategies to patrol Lindbergh Station to monitor vehicles.

MARTA bicycle patrol partners with APD bike patrol, focusing on Lindbergh, Morosgo, Peachtree and Lenox areas. Overtime detail is dedicated to Lenox Mall parking lot. Heavy presence is maintained at Lindbergh with heavy ridership and foot traffic with clubs. Police coverage is supplemented by protective specialists at other stations (Atlantic Station, Buckhead, Lenox).

Department of Watershed Management (DWM)

404-982-1480, 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, atlantaGA.gov/iparcs

Erica Collins, Manager, eknox@atlantaga.gov

Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC), 308 Peachtree Hills Ave

No report.

Department of Public Works

Officer V. Ferguson, 678-221-8215, vferguson@atlantaga.gov

SWEET Officer J. Walker, 470-698-6976, jawwalker@atlantaga.gov

Officer Ferguson reminded everyone that weekly yard waste, recycling and solid waste has resumed. For more than 20 bags, submit a bulk pick-up online.

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

No report.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division
CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov, Report issues: 404-546-3800
Officer Willie Grayer, wgrayer@atlantaga.gov, 404-387-4688
Major Ailen Mitchell, 404-546-3809 or 404-323-1386
Supervisor Kanzada Wimberly, 404-546-3868 or 404-416-5781

90-day case activity report was distributed by email on Monday, 2/28/22 at 4:23PM by LiLing Parks. Officer Grayer introduced his new team members: Major Ailen Mitchell and Supervisor Kanzada Wimberly.

3200 Lenox – As of today, case number has decreased to 18. Officer Grayer working closely with the property manager when new cases are opened.

2479 Peachtree – Contractor confirmed they have applied with GDOT for the crosswalk on February 18; property manager confirmed on February 22 trees that were impeding the work have been removed.

A board member reports that 2510 Rivers has tree debris on the curb; Officer Grayer will check it out this week.

ATL311

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

Joy reminded everyone that PAD is available for non-emergency quality of life concerns. Call 3-1-1 and press 1 to make a PAD referral.

ATL311 is hiring. Interested applicants can visit https://atlantaga.taleo.net/careersection/coa_general_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=210943&lang=en&src=JB-5 to learn more.

Buckhead Coalition / Livable Buckhead / Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)
Jim Durrett, Buckhead Coalition President, thebuckheadcoalition.com/
Denise Starling, Livable Buckhead Executive Director, livablebuckhead.org
Tony Peters, BCID Director of Capital Projects and Programs, buckheadcid.com

No report.

5. COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

District 6, Alex Wan; District 7, Howard Shook; District 8, Mary Norwood. No report.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 3/1/22 at 4:16PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Sherri Tanner, Vice Chair.

Del Frisco's Grille / 3376 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

CVS 5731 / 3221 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 7-0-0 to approve.

NPU-B action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 25-0-0.

Hotel Colee Lobby Bar / 3377 Peachtree Road / Deferred
Hotel Colee Rooftop Bar / 3377 Peachtree Road / Deferred
Hotel Colee Restaurant / 3377 Peachtree Road / Deferred
Change of agent.

Stagecoach / 34 Irby Avenue / Deferred
Change of ownership.

B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair; Abbie Shepherd, Vice Chair.

No report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair; Kim Shorter, Vice Chair.

V-21-330 / 4234 West Club Lane
Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 20 feet to 9.8 feet.
The committee voted 11-0-0 to approve the revised site plan.

NPU-B action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 25-0-0.

V-22-11 / 855 Kenry Court / Presented to full board



Applicant seeks a special exception to allow active recreation in a yard adjacent to a street and to increase the height of a fence in the half-depth front yard from 4 feet to 5 feet.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve V-22-11 passed by a vote of 24-0-1.

V-21-219 (Amended) / 115 Laurel Drive / No Vote

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.

Z-22-12 / 3537 Roxboro Road / Deferred

Applicant seeks to rezone the property from the R-3 (Single-family residential, minimum lot size 0.41 acres) zoning designation to the MR-3 (multi-family residential, maximum floor area ratio of 0.696) zoning designation.

7. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica Lavandier, Assistant Director, 404-865-8522, jlavandier@atlantaga.gov

Jessica noted NPU University Parliamentary Procedures will be March 10. Learn more at <https://www.npuatlanta.org/copy-of-community-planner-certificate> or 404-546-0158.

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

Short-term rental ordinance began today; the complete ordinance and details regarding registration are at <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/ordinances-regulations/short-term-rental>. Contact str@atlantaga.gov for specific questions.

8. MATTERS FOR VOTING

None.

9. PRESENTATIONS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Board member Robert Patterson presented the Sarah Smith Garden Project for consideration for the 2022 Community Impact Grant.

A board member mentioned concern about sight lines turning left out of the driveway that extends to the ballfields; the sight lines are currently challenging given the volume of pedestrians. A board member asked if the gardens will be open to the public and benefit the broader NPU-B; Robert confirmed the gardens will be open to the public.

NPU-B action: A motion to support the project passed by a vote of 16-0-0.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is April 5, 2022 at 7PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meeting is March 10, 2022 at 6PM. The meeting is planned to be in person.

The next ZRB meetings are March 3 and March 10, 2022 at 12PM. The meeting is planned to be in person.

The first ATAG III meeting is March 2, 2022 at 5PM via Zoom. A board member noted shared parking and leases are problematic and would like those topics included for review.

13. ADJOURNMENT

NPU-B action: A motion to adjourn to Executive Session passed by a vote of 16-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Executive session began at 8:39PM. Legal issues discussed regarding an upcoming court case. The executive session ended at 8:50PM.