



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes April 2022

Date: April 5, 2022

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Nancy Bliwise, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 11 present*; 5 proxies (*5 joined after the meeting was called to order)

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

Proxies: Kevin Glass and Randy Coley to Kim Shorter; Bryan Steed to Sherri Tanner; Dale Ioannides to Kim Wachtel; Robert Patterson to Bill Murray

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Dr. Bliwise welcomed everyone. No media present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the March 2022 minutes passed by a vote of 16-0-0.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Three changes to the agenda: Hotel Colee and Stagecoach from Public Safety, and Z-22-12 from Zoning deferred.

NPU-B Action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the amended April agenda passed by a vote of 18-0-1.

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 that the incident at Ovation, in NPU-A, was ruled a suicide not a homicide. There was some misleading press surrounding the incident. Additionally, the homicide outside the club on Roswell over the weekend is under investigation and happened after a conflict on the

street escalated. It happened in the presence of three APD officers and one Federal Marshall who were on-scene to control the fight; they are seeing these incidents turn violent quickly. That area is a focus for late-night patrols.

Outside of these incidents, crime in Zone 2 is low overall (-26% in Part 1). Last week, there were 16 car break-ins, which is lowest it has been in a while. Major Senzer attributes the crime reduction to some crews being held in jail under Georgia Gang Statutes, as well as boosted patrolling. They hope to continue the low numbers through the summer.

The new Village precinct is on target to open in May. As the Academy graduates are assigned, APD will continue to add new officers to this precinct.

Waterboy incidents are down 83%; they continue to make arrests as they are able, as well as apply connect and deter strategies. They will continue to focus on this area.

Connect Atlanta will allow homes and businesses to connect camera surveillance to APD. This is the introduction to the public of the city-wide program to integrate privately supported cameras into the APD system. APD would like us to inform our residential and business constituents about the program and encourage everyone to join.

A board member asked about a pedestrian hit at Valley and Habersham in November; she wondered if there is a possibility to have patrol posted at the intersection to alert drivers and bring awareness to the crosswalk. Major Senzer suggested also petitioning A-DOT for a radar signal as well.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

Main 404-546-4400, Station 21 404-546-4421
Battalion Chief Ken Mitchell, Battalion 6
Captain Carter, 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
150 Garnett Street, 3rd floor 30303
Traffic Diversion inquiries: ptit@atlantaga.gov

Fight Against Blight for NPU-E and NPU-R were a success. Mr. Shahbazi is coordinating an event along Lindbergh-Morosgo for NPU-B and will provide more details.

Senior Citizen Public Safety campaign will roll out in partnership with APD and AFRD; the first will be with Zone 3 virtually on April 21.

Midnight Basketball League with the mayor was a success. The next event will be April 13.

Food distribution drives are ongoing. The mental health initiative is on hold.



Fulton County District Attorney

Gregory Ware, Community Resource Specialist, 470-637-1926, gregory.ware@fultoncountyga.gov

No report.

MARTA Police Department (MPD)

North Precinct 404-848-3902, itsmarta.com

Major Frederico Jackson, 404-427-6047

Major Jackson reports five Part 1 incidents in March – aggravated assault (pushed on a track, hit with a rock) and larceny (money, scooter, cell phone). They are continuing to focus on unruly passengers to control and curb incidents.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM)

404-982-1480, atlantawatershed.org

Louis Sheppard, 404-546-1181, cell 770-624-0793, lsheppard@atlantaga.gov

April talking points distributed by email on Thursday, 3/31 at 12:59P by Louis Sheppard.

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

No report.

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 Friday, 4/1 at 2:25PM by LiLing Parks.

3200 Lenox – As of today, case number has decreased to 16. Six citations have been initiated; three have been served and three more will be served. He expects that number to increase. Officer Grayer is working closely with the property manager and residents.

2479 Peachtree – Property manager has what they need now to update the sidewalk; Officer Grayer will stay in touch with the property.

A board member asked about high case levels, like at 3200 Lenox, and wondered if there was a threshold or a different process that might happen when one location has so many incidents; Officer Grayer mentioned the department issues a detail, which he will ask about. The board member asked for the property manager's information to help assist in tandem with Councilman Shook. Ms. Carey mentioned there was an escalation process and increased penalties for properties with high case levels and repeat offenses.

A board member asked about an update on 2512 Rivers; Officer Grayer will follow-up again.

A board member asked about 127 West Paces Ferry; Officer Grayer wrote a citation for the property previously and will check on it again. The board member also mentioned the pedestrian walkway is overgrown and dangerous.

ATL311

Barbara Dougherty, Community Affairs Coordinator, 470-698-5171, bdougherty@atlantaga.gov
Johnny Wilson, Supportive Services Coordinator

Johnny 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. Report potholes, water main breaks, traffic light maintenance and more by calling 3-1-1.

A board member noted she reported a light out between 3184 and 3190 W. Roxboro but was redirected to Georgia Power; GPC noted there was no light there. Johnny will assist pushing it through to GPC.

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.

Jordan Kemp, Legislation Liaison & Community Engagement Manager for City Council President Doug Shipman, 470-650-8970, jkemp@atlantaga.gov

Jordan noted if you'd like to request a meeting or Zoom with Doug Shipman, email dshipman@atlantaga.gov.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 4/5 at 5:25PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Sherri Tanner, Vice Chair.

Taverna Buckhead: Patio / 280 Buckhead Avenue / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 9-0-2 to approve.

Postino Wine Café / 3655 Roswell Road Suite 300A / Approved
Postino Wine Café: Wine Shop / 3655 Roswell Road Suite 300A / Approved
New business. The committee voted 11-0-0 to approve.

Buckhead Butcher Shop: Specialty Food Shop / 3198 Cains Hill Place / Approved
Buckhead Butcher Shop: Restaurant / 3198 Cains Hill Place / Approved
New business. The committee voted 11-0-0 to approve.

NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 19-0-0.

Stagecoach / 34 Irby Avenue / Deferred
Change of ownership.

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.

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.

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

Nate Hoelzel, Project Manager, nhoelzel@atlantaga.gov

Nate mentioned short-term rental ordinance is in effect; 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.

A board member mentioned the short-term rental ordinance and issues with realtors; realtors are working with lawyers and the city to work on a resolution.

8. MATTERS FOR VOTING

None.

9. PRESENTATIONS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

The Sarah Smith Garden Project, nominated by NPU-B, was awarded a 2022 Community Improvement Grant; Dr. Bliwise to coordinate signatures this week to formalize the paperwork.

Ms. Shorter reminded members to pay \$60 dues; checks are only accepted at this time.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Bliwise is looking into hybrid meeting options, including implementing Owl cameras to ensure those who need to remain remote can access the meetings. Locations, like St. Philips Cathedral, AIS, The Lodge, are in play. She plans to bring forth options for consideration next month.

Hooman Shahbazi is leading the Fight Against Blight event on Saturday, 4/23 from 10A-12:30P in partnership with Ms. Carey. The location will be Morosgo between Piedmont and Adina, directly behind the Kroger. DPW will provide the tools and supplies. Mr. Shahbazi will provide more detailed information to recruit volunteers. For questions, contact hshahbazi1@gmail.com.



Rebecca King would like to open a discussion about neighborhood representation and responsibility to condominium owners, as well as non-paying members. Dr. Bliwise will work with the special committee, led by Jason Kendall, to discuss further.

Dr. Bliwise raised the issue of donations to APD and AFRD; with the transition from Ben Howard to Kim Shorter as treasurer, we did not make our annual \$500 donations to those organizations. Jefferson McConkey suggested we consider additional \$500 donation for DUI Training, as well as future events that are community-oriented and benefit public works. Dr. Bliwise will consult with Leah LaRue about engaging other NPUs and Ms. Shorter will develop an annual budget for evaluation.

NPU-B action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve donation to DUI Training passed by 19-0-0. A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve donations to 18-0-1.

Sherry Williams, organizer for Campbellton Rd-Greenbriar neighbors to revoke the building permit on behalf of NPU-R, thanked NPU-B for the letter of support regarding the service station; the service station was debated hotly and deferred before being approved. NPU-R filed an appeal with Superior Court; the case was filed last week and everyone was served. To cover attorney costs, including filing fees and serving fees, they need another \$5,800 and are soliciting donations.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is May 3, 2022 at 7PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meeting is April 7 and April 14, 2022 at 6PM in person.

The next ZRB meeting is April 14, 2022 at 12PM in person.

The first ATAG III meeting is April 6 and April 27, 2022 at 5PM via Zoom.

13. ADJOURNMENT

NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to adjourn passed by a vote of 19-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.