



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes May 2022

Date: May 3, 2022

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Nancy Bliwise, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 22 present*; 2 proxies (*1 joined after the meeting was called to order)

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

Proxies: Kim Wachtel to Mandi Gibson; Kevin Glass to Kim Shorter

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Dr. Bliwise welcomed everyone, including new board member Tejas Patel. No media present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the May agenda passed by a vote of 23-0-1.

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

Atlanta Police Department (APD)

Major Ailen Mitchell, Commander Zone 2, 404-323-1386, aamitchell@atlantaga.gov

Captain Jason Smith, jksmith@atlantaga.gov

Major Senzer was promoted to Deputy Chief on APD's Strategy and Special Projects Division. Major Ailen Mitchell is the new Commander for Zone 2.

Zone 2 is -19% for the year, leading all the zones in the city. Burglaries and rapes have increased (40% of all crimes are car break-ins year-to-date, 28% larceny, 14% stolen cars, 8% burglaries). Three homicides year to date (compared to six last year at this time).

There has been a 9% reduction in calls regarding the water boys; they are continuing to deter and be proactive. Zone 2 is working with the mayor's office to determine process for the point system for the nightlife/bar corridors; clarity and legislation will help officers enforce and shut down problematic bars.

The new Village precinct will open in May as planned. They lost four officers overall but will be getting 12 new officers. They are continuing to work on recruitment and retention. They are also working to add a bike patrol unit and foot beat this summer in the West Village/Bar District.

A board member asked about Gwinnett County and their street racing enforcement; Major Mitchell noted that the Gwinnett County legislation is stricter than the Fulton legislation and they're pushing Fulton County to do the same.

A board member asked about what neighbors can do to support the police; Captain Mitchell noted the clean car campaign, reporting incidents to 911 and continuing to support the police force all make a difference.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

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

Captain Rae Manion

Battalion Chief Ken Mitchell, Battalion 6

Captain Carter, Station 21

AFRD will be out doing spring hydrant inspections this month.

Staffing shortages have been in the news, but Captain Manion noted they are fully staffed and there is no danger that calls will not be answered; they are working on recruitment as well.

Captain Manion noted that conditions are dry and burn piles are banned in the city. A board member asked about personal fire pits. Contained pits are permitted though with dry conditions Captain Manion recommended caution.

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

The two-day DUI training was a success. Ms. Carey thanked NPU-B, led by Mr. McConkey, for supporting the training. Fight Against Blight, coordinated by Mr. Shahbazi along Lindbergh-Morosgo for NPU-B, was also a success.

Senior Citizen Public Safety meeting for Zone 5 on Monday, May 9 at the Westside At-Promise Center (740 Cameron Madison Alexander Boulevard) and will address cybercrimes, emergency preparedness and driver safety. APD, AFRD and AARP will all attend. They are trying to do this for each zone and are working on coordinating with all interested parties.



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

For year to date, MARTA experienced a total of 20 part-one incidents (11 on property, 9 on person). Train patrol detail was initiated for unruly passengers; April 9 was the first day and they've made 151 arrests, 129 detainments to date. Of those 280, 41 were unsheltered individuals and 13 were repeat offenders. They've also issued 283 suspensions. MARTA has noticed a decrease in complaints since the train patrol began. They will continue the train detail for three months as a test.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM)

404-982-1480, atlantawatershed.org

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

May talking points distributed by email on Monday, 5/2 at 5:25PM 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

Officer Ferguson does not have anything to report; no board members had any questions or concerns.

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

3200 Lenox – Six citations were served to the property manager on April 15; a court date is set for June 13. It would be helpful to have victim impact statements, witnesses and community support.

2479 Peachtree – Property manager mentioned they have a permit from GDOT and their concrete team will be able to start work on the aprons.

2512 Rivers – Property has been cited for tree debris and overgrowth.

127 West Paces – There is a lot of overgrowth; Officer Grayer will check on it and see if a new case needs to be opened.

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 asked about a collapsing sidewalk at 3220 West Roxboro Road and provided the case number; Johnny will follow-up.

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

Ms. Starling noted the new Buc shuttle service launched April 19, with upgrades to compete with ride-share services. More information at <https://livablebuckhead.com/get-ready-to-ride-the-all-new-buc/>.

Upcoming events include a gallery walk in Miami Circle on May 14, movies, dog events and more: <https://livablebuckhead.com/events/>.

Special presentation by Tanner Barr regarding the Love Our Places grant and bike parking stations; a full presentation will be ready for the June meeting.

An additional \$2M was secured to finish Weuica to Loridans Path 400 construction. Related, 170 new trees were planted around Miami Circle segment as well as pollinator stations.

5. COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

District 6, Alex Wan; District 7, Howard Shook; District 8, Mary Norwood.

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

Mr. Kemp noted a draft budget was released yesterday and they'd like to hear what's important to communities; email dshipman@atlantaga.gov to coordinate a meeting to provide feedback.

The deadline to apply for the Resurgence Grant was extended until May 27.
<https://www.investatlanta.com/businesses/small-businesses/resurgence-grant-fund>

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 5/3 at 4:33PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Sherri Tanner, Vice Chair.

Summer Series – Movie in the Park / Old Ivy Park / July 15, 2022 / Support
Special event. The committee voted 8-0-0 to support.

5 Church / 3379 Peachtree Road, Suite 125 / Approved
Change of ownership. The committee voted 9-1-1 to approve.

NM Café (Men's Bar) / 3393 Peachtree Road / Approved
Other – additional facility. The committee voted 9-1-1 to approve.

NPU-B action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 21-0-0. The full board re-heard 5 Church and NM Café to confirm the vote; the board voted 19-0-0 to approve each.

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-22-48 / 52 Putnam Circle / Approved with conditions
Applicant seeks a special exception to allow a parking bay in a required yard, adjacent to a street. The committee voted 6-0-0 to approve, conditioned with neighborhood support letter.

SAP Buckhead Plaza / Comment only



Z-22-29 / 10 Blackland Drive / Comment only

Applicant seeks a rezoning from R-3 (Single-family residential) and C-1 (commercial) to O-I (Office-Institutional) with conditions to develop a low-intensity, transitional use of Secured Self-Storage development. NPU-A will vote on the application.

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

Z-22-12 / 3537 Roxboro Road / Approved with conditions

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. The committee voted 5-3-1 to approve with conditions.

Jeff Haymore and Doug Diller presented their application on behalf of Winston Smith. Patrick Dodson presented on behalf of Kingsboro Park neighborhood association.

NPU-B action: A motion by Jason Kendall to approve the non-consent agenda passed by a vote of 20-0-2.

7. PLANNER'S REPORT

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

Nate Hoelzel, Project Manager, nhoelzel@atlantaga.gov

NPU University event regarding workforce housing and affordability will be May 12; learn more and register at <https://www.npuatlanta.org/event-details/cd-1004-002-understanding-workforce-housing-and-affordability>. Another regarding GIS will be on May 26; learn more and register at <https://www.npuatlanta.org/event-details/p1006-introduction-to-geographic-information-systems-gis>.

Email npuatlanta@atlantaga.gov or text NPUATLANTA to 22828 to receive monthly updates from the Department of City Planning and Neighborhood Planning Units team.

Follow NPU voting activity on the NPU Dashboard at <https://www.npuatlanta.org/npu-dashboard>.

Atlanta Urban Design Commission's 2022 Community Design Awards will be held at City Hall (55 Trinity Avenue SW) on May 17, 2022 at 7PM. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/atlanta-urban-design-commission-design-awards-tickets-323299045147>.

8. MATTERS FOR VOTING

None.

9. PRESENTATIONS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Discussed transitioning to hybrid meetings. Abbie Shepherd noted Garden Hills Elementary was open to us using their space but APS must make the decision. They are willing to let us borrow an Owl regardless of where we meet. Dr. Bliwise talked with the Cathedral and they've upgraded their WiFi, so that is a viable option. Kevin Glass will provide feedback on viability of AIS and discussions will continue.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The next BZA meeting is May 12, 2022 at 12PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings are May 5 and May 12, 2022 at 12PM in person.

13. ADJOURNMENT

NPU-B action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to adjourn passed by a vote of 22-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17PM.