



## NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes July 2022

**Date:** July 5, 2022

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM by Nancy Bliwise, NPU-B Chairperson.

**Present:** 15 present; 2 proxies (\*2 joined after the meeting was called to order)

**Officers Present:** Nancy Bliwise, Mandi Gibson, Jefferson McConkey

**Proxies:** Kim Shorter to Shawn Perez; Patrick Carney to Jefferson McConkey

### 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 June 2022 minutes passed by a vote of 15-0-0.**

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

July agenda amended to remove Savi Provisions from Public Safety (deferral) Z-22-90 from Zoning (deferral).

**NPU-B Action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the amended July agenda passed by a vote of 17-0-0.**

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

Atlanta Police Department (APD)

Major Ailen Mitchell, Zone 2 Commander, 404-323-1386, [aamitchell@atlantaga.gov](mailto:aamitchell@atlantaga.gov)

Captain Ben Vayens, Assistant Zone 2 Commander, 404-323-6344, [bvayens@atlantaga.gov](mailto:bvayens@atlantaga.gov)

Captain Jason Smith, [jksmith@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jksmith@atlantaga.gov)

Maple Drive Precinct, 404-848-7231; Non-Emergency 911, 404-658-6666



Peachtree Road Race occurred without incident this weekend.

The Village Precinct is open and has 15 officers staffed (8 traffic, 4 bike unit, 1 quality of life and 2 supervisors). Ideally there will be 24 officers total, including new Academy graduates.

Year to date, Zone 2 is down 13% overall in crime (the only zone that is down); the City is up 7% overall. 43% of crimes in Zone 2 are car break-ins; burglaries have also increased, mainly in storage units along Northside Drive. Complete stats are available online (<https://www.atlantapd.org/i-want-to/crime-data-downloads>).

Major Mitchell encouraged all residents and businesses to register their cameras on Connect Atlanta (<https://connectatlanta.org/>). A board member asked about participation; Major Mitchell noted participation is increasing and is tracked through the Foundation.

A board member asked about the home invasion in Sandy Springs; Major Mitchell noted it's unrelated to anything in our zone. Another board member asked about repeated break-ins on Alpine by a mentally ill man; Major Mitchell confirmed the offender was arrested (and has been multiple times) and is currently in jail.

Major Mitchell recommended people register and track specific cases on Court Watch (<https://fultoncountyga.gov/inside-fulton-county/fulton-county-departments/district-attorney/courtwatch>).

Inspector Herbert ([keherbert@atlantaga.gov](mailto:keherbert@atlantaga.gov)) noted that National Night Out is August 2, you can register on <https://natw.org/>, and Neighborhood Watch Training is July 9.

#### 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

No report.

#### Atlanta Office of the Solicitors

Judge Sylvia J Lee, 404-932-5566, [sjlee@atlantaga.gov](mailto:sjlee@atlantaga.gov)

Hala Carey, Senior Assistant Solicitor, 404-658-6003, [hcarey@atlantaga.gov](mailto:hcarey@atlantaga.gov)

150 Garnett Street, 3rd floor 30303

Traffic Diversion inquiries: [ptit@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ptit@atlantaga.gov)

No report.

#### Fulton County District Attorney

Gregory Ware, Community Resource Specialist, 470-637-1926, [gregory.ware@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:gregory.ware@fultoncountyga.gov)

No report.

MARTA Police Department (MPD)  
North Precinct 404-848-3902, [itsmarta.com](http://itsmarta.com)  
Major Frederico Jackson, 404-427-6047

No report.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM)  
404-982-1480, [atlantawatershed.org](http://atlantawatershed.org)  
Louis Sheppard, 404-546-1181, cell 770-624-0793, [lsheppard@atlantaga.gov](mailto:lsheppard@atlantaga.gov)

Mr. Sheppard reminded everyone to stay hydrated during the heat of the summer.

A board member asked about our current drought level; Mr. Sheppard will report back by the end of the week.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)  
404-546-6813, [atlantaGA.gov/iparcs](http://atlantaGA.gov/iparcs)  
Erica Collins, Manager, [eknox@atlantaga.gov](mailto: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](mailto:vferguson@atlantaga.gov)  
SWEET Officer J. Walker, 470-698-6976, [jawwalker@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jawwalker@atlantaga.gov)

Officer Ferguson reminded the group of the holiday collection delay and to schedule bulk collections through 311.

Atlanta Department of Transportation  
Josh Rowan, [jrowan@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jrowan@atlantaga.gov)

No report.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division  
[CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov), Report issues: 404-546-3800  
Officer Willie Grayer, [wgrayer@atlantaga.gov](mailto:wgrayer@atlantaga.gov), 404-387-4688  
Supervisor Kanzada Wimberly, 404-546-3868 or 404-416-5781

3200 Lenox – No defendants appeared for the court hearing on June 27; they will all be issued a Failure to Appear bench warrant. More cases are still coming through on the property, in addition to the existing eight citations.

2479 Peachtree – The Peachtree Road section is complete, and the Lindbergh Drive section is under construction.

2510 Rivers – The property was sent a citation with a certified letter on May 12. Officer Grayer re-inspected on June 24 and found it was not cleared, so the property owner will be cited and need to appear in court.

### ATL311

Barbara Dougherty, Community Affairs Coordinator, 470-698-5171, [bdougherty@atlantaga.gov](mailto:bdougherty@atlantaga.gov)  
Johnny Wilson, Supportive Services Coordinator

Ms. Wilson 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. Ms. Wilson noted the Pothole Posse is active with a goal of 30 per day – report all potholes to ensure everything is repaired.

311 is hiring:

[https://atlantaga.taleo.net/careersection/coa\\_general\\_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=220485&tz=GMT-04%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew\\_York](https://atlantaga.taleo.net/careersection/coa_general_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=220485&tz=GMT-04%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew_York)

### Buckhead Coalition / Livable Buckhead / Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID)

Jim Durrett, Buckhead Coalition President, [thebuckheadcoalition.com/](http://thebuckheadcoalition.com/)  
Denise Starling, Livable Buckhead Executive Director, [livablebuckhead.org](http://livablebuckhead.org)  
Tony Peters, BCID Director of Capital Projects and Programs, [buckheadcid.com](http://buckheadcid.com)

Anna Sharp presented the Summer Series Events, noting Sing 2 will be August 19 and Emperor's New Groove (with llamas) will be September 16.

## **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](mailto:jkemp@atlantaga.gov)

Mr. Kemp noted the resolutions that were passed by City Council (<https://aim-ewebapp-01-finalactions.azurewebsites.net/>). Contact [dshipman@atlantaga.gov](mailto:dshipman@atlantaga.gov) with any questions or concerns.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 7/5 at 3:55 PM by Richard Rauh.

### **A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Bryan Steed, Chair; Sherri Tanner, Vice Chair.



Hyatt Centric Buckhead / 3301 Lenox Square Parkway / Approved  
Change of ownership. The committee voted 7-0-0 to approve.

Isla & Co. / 56 East Andrews Drive / Approved  
New business. The committee voted 11-0-0 to approve.

Davio Northern Italian Steakhouse / 3500 Peachtree Road / Approved  
Change of agent. The committee voted 11-0-0 to approve.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 17-0-0.**

Summer Series – Movie in the Park / Old Ivy Park / September 16, 2022 / Support  
Special event.

**NPU-B Action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the Summer Series SUP passed by a vote of 16-0-1.**

Buckhead Arts Festival (Amended) / Buckhead Avenue / September 17-18, 2022 / Support  
Special event. Amended from February 2022 meeting for a date change, no other changes.

**NPU-B Action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to approve the Buckhead Arts Festival Amended Date passed by a vote of 17-0-0.**

Savi Provisions (Specialty Food Store) / 316 Pharr Road / Deferred  
Savi Provisions (Restaurant) / 316 Pharr Road / 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-22-085 / 2070 Fairhaven Circle / Approved  
Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front-yard setback from 35ft to 22.4ft for a second-floor addition, covered front porch entry and side patio. The committee voted 8-0-0 to approve.

V-22-084 / 3291 West Roxboro Road / Approved with conditions  
Applicant seeks a special exception to allow a swimming pool in a yard adjacent to a street. The committee voted 9-0-0 to approve, conditioned to the 5/25/22 site plan and will meet City of Atlanta Watershed storm water requirements.



V-22-081 / 956 Stovall Boulevard / Approved with conditions

Applicant seeks a special exception to allow active recreation (swimming pool and spa) in yard adjacent to a street, and a variance to reduce the half-depth front yard from 25ft to 12.5ft. The committee voted 9-0-0 to approve, conditioned to the 5/6/22 site/landscape plan and will meet City of Atlanta Watershed storm water requirements.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 17-0-0.**

V-22-077 / 1164 Bonview Lane / Approved with conditions

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the required rear-yard from 20ft to 10ft and east side-yard from 10ft to 8ft for a deck addition. The committee voted 7-2-0 to approve, conditioned to the second amended site plan dated 6/15/22 and will meet City of Atlanta Watershed storm water requirements.

Lamar Lea presented the application on behalf of the homeowner.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Jason Kendall to approve the non-consent agenda passed by a vote of 15-1-1.**

V-22-090 / 3243 Andrews Court / Deferred

## 7. PLANNER'S REPORT

Jessica Lavandier, Assistant Director, 404-865-8522, [jlavandier@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jlavandier@atlantaga.gov)

Nate Hoelzel, Project Manager, [nhoelzel@atlantaga.gov](mailto:nhoelzel@atlantaga.gov)

In response to [22-R-3414](#), NPU Best Practices – Draft #1 is available to review and discuss online: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h\\_mem6\\_f81weYXw2hUnStbi70EOW8l0y/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h_mem6_f81weYXw2hUnStbi70EOW8l0y/view).

July NPU University events are for Public Financing on July 14, Civic Participation for Seniors on July 26 and Atlanta Community Engagement on July 30. To register or learn more, visit <https://www.npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity>.

LGBTQ+ History Project is available at [www.atlfutureplaces.com/lgbtq-grant](http://www.atlfutureplaces.com/lgbtq-grant). Contact the project team at [lgbtqcontext@historicalatlanta.org](mailto:lgbtqcontext@historicalatlanta.org).

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

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

## 8. MATTERS FOR VOTING

None.

## 9. PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Keona Jones presented ATLinBusiness Program on behalf of Invest Atlanta. More information available is at <https://atlinbusiness.com/> or contact [kjones@investatlanta.com](mailto:kjones@investatlanta.com) for questions.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

Jason Kendall noted the patio on Knife Kitchen on Piedmont Avenue does not meet setback requirements; he has inquired and will follow-up with more information. Ms. Lavandier recommended he contact Tamaria Letang ([tletang@atlantaga.gov](mailto:tletang@atlantaga.gov)) with any questions about site plan review.

Dr. Bliwise noted that a fence going up on Alpine and Piedmont is too high; the neighborhood is following up to ensure the correct fence is properly installed.

Dr. Bliwise will have an update on hybrid meetings and options in August; Piedmont Center is another possibility for meeting space, which she will tour in July.

## 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is August 2, 2022 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meeting is July 14, 2022 at 12 PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings for July are not scheduled.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.