



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes September 2022

Date: September 6, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Nancy Bliwise, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 18 present; 3 proxies (*2 joined after the meeting was called to order)

Officers Present: Nancy Bliwise, Mandi Gibson, Kim Shorter

Proxies: Jefferson McConkey to Bill Murray; Mark Tiller and Abbie Shepherd to Jason Kendall

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Dr. Bliwise welcomed everyone. No media present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the August 2022 minutes passed by a vote of 19-0-0.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to approve the August agenda passed by a vote of 19-0-0.

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

Maple Drive Precinct, 404-848-7231; Buckhead Village Precinct, 404-546-5486; Lenox Mall Precinct, 404-467-8061; Non-Emergency 911, 404-658-6666

Capt. "Ski" Sokloski reports that Zone 2 is still down 10% overall and other zones have seen an increase. The Labor Day holiday was uneventful. Captain Ski invited everyone to visit the precincts and say hello. He encouraged all businesses and homeowners to sign up for Connect Atlanta. A board member asked about participation in the program; Captain Ski noted they're having a good response overall though some are hesitant due to concerns over access, so he reminded the group that the police can only access specific footage with permission.

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

Lt. McMillian, acting officer at Station 3, reports that fall hydrant inspections will begin in October, so don't be surprised to see hydrants with low pressure during that time. If any hydrants are out of order or need attention, please call the station. A reminder to change smoke detector batteries this fall and continue to practice Close Before You Doze, their ongoing campaign for safer sleep. Car seat inspections are active at stations; call ahead to see if a certified staff member is on duty. The fall Boot Drive begins this month, benefitting the Atlanta Fire Foundation and Muscular Dystrophy.

Atlanta Office of the Solicitors

Judge Sylvia J Lee, 404-932-5566, silee@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

Ms. Carey reports the next Senior Citizen Public Safety event will be in Zone 1 on September 23 from 10A-12:30P; they are looking to hold one in Zone 2 on October 7. The Fight Against Blight campaign will restart in October with an event in Zone 1. The Young Adult Driver Safety program is in development, with a goal to promote better driving decisions and practices for younger drivers in order to prevent serious incidents.

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

No report.

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 Pete Francis, 404-938-1183, pfrancis@atlantaga.gov

Officer Francis, from the SWEET team, reminded everyone that bulk pick-ups are intended for larger items, like furniture or appliances, as well as yard waste with more than 20 bags or chopped up trunk pieces. Bulk pick-up piles may not be larger than 8 cubic yards. Refrigerators must have the doors and freon removed. All bulk pick-ups must be scheduled in advance; Officer Francis noted they are running around 4 weeks out to be scheduled. Items may not be placed at the curb until the evening before the scheduled pick-up.

Contracts for contractors assisting the city with yard waste pick-up have ended. The city will resume their bi-weekly schedule for yard waste pick-up; check DPW's website for the pick-up schedule.

A board member asked about proposed rate changes; Officer Francis is unable to provide any feedback but will request a representative who can for the next meeting.

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

Supervisor Kanzada Wimberly, 404-546-3868 or 404-416-5781

Officer Grayer noted there is an uptick in violations overall, with 29 citations to be issued to property owners.

127 East Paces – He is in contact with the property owner and tried to serve him personally; he will continue working on it.

3200 Lenox – He is working with his supervisor and the Solicitor's Office to list the property as a nuisance property as they continue to receive complaints and have issues with the property managers/owners.

ATL311

Barbara Dougherty, Community Affairs Coordinator, 470-698-5171, 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 and more by calling 3-1-1. She also noted Georgia Power is now responsible for maintaining and servicing streetlights within the city's right-of-way; contact customer service at 1-888-660-5890 (Monday – Friday from 7A to 9P) or report online at <https://www.georgiapower.com/company/safety/outages-and-stormcenter/outage-information/street-light-outage.html>.

A board member asked what to do when an inquiry gets lost or doesn't move for months, even years; Ms. Wilson said she would follow-up personally, and to also send any escalation requests to ATL311@atlantaga.gov.

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

Mr. Kemp noted there are no major announcements this month. Contact dshipman@atlantaga.gov with any questions or concerns.

A board member asked about Zoning 2.0 meetings being cancelled without any plan for rescheduling; Mr. Kemp will investigate and provide any insight by tomorrow, 9/7.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 9/6 at 5:32 PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Sherri Tanner, Vice Chair

**Vote totals marked with an asterisk were corrected following download of the Zoom Poll Report to remove poll responses submitted by non-voting attendees.*

Roshambo / 2355 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of ownership. The committee voted 7-0-0* to approve.

Buckhead Shell / 4499 Roswell Road / Approved
Change of ownership. The committee voted 9-0-0* to approve.

Carmel / 3035 Peachtree Road / Approved
New business. The committee voted 7-0-0* to approve.

Chando's Tacos / 2900 Peachtree Road / Approved
Chando's Tacos (Patio) / 2900 Peachtree Road / Approved
New application at old location. The committee voted 11-0-0 and 11-0-0 to approve.

YEBO / 56 East Andrews Drive / Approved
YEBO (Lion's Head Bar) / 56 East Andrews Drive / Approved
Adding specialty wine shop. The committee voted 12-0-0 and 12-0-0 to approve.

James Room / 3035 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of ownership. The committee voted 11-0-0* to approve.

NPU-B action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 21-0-0.

NM Café (Capsule Bar) / 3393 Peachtree Road / Placed on non-consent agenda
Additional facility. The committee voted 11-1-0* to approve.

NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the non-consent agenda passed by a vote of 20-1-0.

Dorian Gray / 3393 Peachtree Road / Deferred to full board due to time
New business. The board noted the applicant should update hours on the application appropriately (until 1A, not 11P).

NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the application passed by a vote of 20-1-0.

CT Reforma / 3699 Lenox Road / Deferred to full board due to time
CT Reforma (Patio) / 3699 Lenox Road / Deferred to full board due to time
New business.

NPU-B action: A motion by Rebecca King to approve the application passed by a vote of 20-0-0.

Traditional German Oktoberfest / 290 East Paces Ferry Road / October 21 – October 30, 2022
The board noted the applicant will provide parking plans.

NPU-B Action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the special event application passed by a vote of 20-1-0.

Christkindl Market / 290 East Paces Ferry Road / November 25 – December 24, 2022
The board noted the applicant will provide parking plans.

NPU-B Action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the special event application passed by a vote of 20-0-0.

Another Broken Egg / 2285 Peachtree Road (NPU-E) / Support
Another Broken Egg (Patio) / 2285 Peachtree Road (NPU-E) / Support

NPU-B Action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to support the application passed by a vote of 19-0-0.

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-22-120 / 4660 Club Circle / Approved with conditions

Applicant seeks a Special Exception to allow a 6ft high opaque wooden wall “privacy fence” within the half-depth front yard and to allow active recreation (swimming pool) in a yard adjacent to a street. The committee voted 4-0-0 to approve, conditioned on the site plan and withdrawing the request for a solid fence and installing a fence fully compliant with city code.

V-22-115 Amended / 3995 North Ivy Road / Approved with conditions

Applicant seeks a variance to increase the lot coverage from 40% to 46.47% and a Special Exception to allow active recreation (swimming pool) in a yard adjacent to a street. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve, conditioned on the site plan and the homeowner installing stormwater to capture either new or existing impervious area even though the project is below the threshold. Part of the rationale for approving the lot coverage increase was that the lot was smaller than the minimum but more importantly, changes to existing impervious areas would compromise the safety of a family member who has physical challenges.

V-22-107 / 3512 Old Ivy Lane / Approved with conditions

Applicant seeks a Special Exception to allow active recreation (swimming pool) in a yard adjacent to a street. The committee voted 4-0-0 to approved, conditioned on the site plan.

All three applicants were reminded that the overflow must be more than 10 feet from the property line and that concentrated flows cannot cause damage downstream.

NPU-B action: A motion by Jason Kendall to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 21-0-0.

V-22-090 / 3243 Andrews Court / Deferred

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the rear-yard setback from 20ft to 3.49ft for the construction of a gazebo.

V-22-123 / 700 Stovall Boulevard / Deferred

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front-yard setback from 50ft to 11.7ft and to increase the size of an accessory structure from 30% to 50.5% for the construction of a detached garage.

V-22-124 / 97 Carlton Drive / Deferred

Applicant seeks a Special Exception to allow a 6ft high opaque wooden wall “privacy fence” within the half-depth front yard and to allow active recreation (swimming pool) in a yard adjacent to a street.

7. PLANNER’S REPORT

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

Nate Hoelzel, Project Manager, nhoelzel@atlantaga.gov

Troy Smith, Zoning Enforcement, trosmith@atlantaga.gov

In-person and virtual meetings for Zoning 2.0 have been postponed; Jessica will provide updates as she hears more. Current information is also provided at <https://atlzoning.com/>.

Permitting in the Park will be at C.T. Martin Natatorium; contact Angela Epps (adepps@atlantaga.gov) for details.

Annual Historic Preservation Week will begin October 15 with the theme of “Highlighting Atlanta’s Legacies and Cultures.” More information on speakers and presentations at <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/historic-preservation/historic-preservation-week>.

September NPU University events are Atlanta City Design on September 8 and Code Enforcement Academy will be bi-weekly on Saturdays beginning September 10. To register or learn more, visit <https://www.npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity> or call 404.546.0158.

Corner Conversations will be on September 7 from 4-6 PM in East Atlanta Village at the corner of Flat Shoals Ave and Glenwood Ave to talk about any neighborhood concerns and the NPU. Contact Tony McNeal with questions (mmcneal@atlantaga.gov or [404-546-6232](tel:404-546-6232)).

A draft of 22-R-3414: Best Practices for NPUs is [here](#). Submit feedback to npuatlanta@atlantaga.gov.

To offer feedback and ideas on how to improve services for Atlanta residents, please email Elizabeth Johnson, Business and Service Improvement Manager, at eajohnson@atlantaga.gov

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

Email 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

Dr. Bliwise recapped the process established to arrive at the proposed by-law revisions, reminding everyone that is open to any residential or business owner within NPU-B; the board discussed the goals to improve transparency, consistency and accountability with neighborhood civic associations, developers, constituents and any other affected parties for each committee's procedures and guidelines. Dr. Bliwise distributed the proposed 2023 bylaws via email to the board on August 23 at 4:33 PM and posted on NPU-B's website for public review. Several residents, all from Garden Hills and Peachtree Hills, expressed concern for lack of transparency and equity with their neighborhood associations for both non-dues paying residents and multi-family home residents.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the amended by-laws passed by a vote of 23-2-0.

9. PRESENTATIONS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Bliwise asked if any board members have connections to Senior Living facilities to help distribute information about the senior program in development with Ms. Carey; Dr. Bliwise will share her contacts so other board members can help with the outreach.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is October 4, 2022 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meeting is September 8, 2022 at 12 PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings is September 8, 2022 at 6 PM in person.

13. ADJOURNMENT

NPU-B action: A motion by Jason Kendall to adjourn passed by a vote of 21-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM.