



## **NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes October 2022**

**Date:** October 4, 2022

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Jefferson McConkey, NPU-B Vice Chairperson.

**Present:** 19 present; 2 proxies (\*3 joined after the meeting was called to order)

**Officers Present:** Jefferson McConkey, Mandi Gibson, Kim Shorter

**Proxies:** Kim Wachtel to Mandi Gibson; Mark Tiller to Jason Kendall

### **1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Mr. McConkey welcomed everyone. No media present.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the September 2022 minutes passed by a vote of 16-0-0.**

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**NPU-B Action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to approve the October 2022 agenda passed by a vote of 17-0-1.**

After review and discussion, Mr. McConkey noted the agenda was amended to reflect the election will be in November, not October.

**NPU-B Action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to approve the amended October 2022 agenda passed by a vote 20-0-0.**

### **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)

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

Major Mitchell reports that Zone 2 is down 11% overall, all other zones are still seeing an increase. Major Mitchell reminded everyone that stats are available online. For the city overall, 50% of crimes are property crimes, with most being car thefts (many are running cars or key fobs left inside the car).

Burglaries and shoplifting are up over the last three months, particularly in retail spaces. Car break-ins continue to be an issue, though they are down year over year; less people are leaving valuables and guns in their cars, which makes a difference. APD has noticed that more are signing up for Connect Atlanta – he wanted to clarify that signing up for the service only alerts the police that a camera is in the area, not providing them unlimited access.

In the Buckhead shops area, there was a fight and a stabbing occurred; they have a lot of footage and good leads. Another incident, a victim noted he was robbed; the victim has returned to his home out of state and has not cooperated with investigators – police are continuing their investigation. There have also been two noise complaints in Buckhead Village after Labor Day (when off-duty patrol ended); APD is looking into reestablishing their extra duty and they have cited the restaurant for being open on Sunday after midnight.

Major Mitchell noted the upcoming events for Senior Safety (Friday, October 7 at Cathedral of St. Philip at 10A) and Faith & Blue Zone 2 Coffee with a Cop (Sunday, October 9 at Peachtree Presbyterian between services).

A board member asked about construction noise at 6AM; Major Mitchell advised she email the location and he will follow-up.

A board member asked about improper parking at construction sites, specifically on Blackland; Major Mitchell asked about no parking signs and advised she send an email with specifics.

A board member asked about drivers stopping in the middle of the street for pick-ups, deliveries, etc.; Major Mitchell noted that most are infractions by food delivery drivers, and they have communicated with the companies as well as cited the drivers with tickets.

A board member asked about the restaurants serving alcohol past their cutoff time; Major Mitchell noted there are undercover officers shopping to try to get served, and then they can ticket. APD notes this is a loophole in the system and they are working with the mayor's office to improve the process, with the goal to stop it at the application process or allow APD to intervene earlier.

A board member asked about issues with construction at the corner of Andrews and Roswell Roads; Major Mitchell asked he follow-up with an email to investigate who issued the permit and if it can be streamlined.

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, [silee@atlantaga.gov](mailto:silee@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)

Ms. Carey reports the next Senior Citizen Public Safety event will be in Zone 2 on Friday, October 7 from 10A-12:30P. In addition to telemarketing and cyber security, Ms. Carey will share information about a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to support veterans for home repairs free of charge. She also reports that they will be supporting Emory on Saturday as well as AFRD on Sunday for different events. The Young Adult Driver Safety Initiative is still a focus; Ms. Carey is coordinating with the Governor's office to expand the program, so rollout will be in 2023.

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

Major Jackson reports that there are 52 part-one crimes year to date (76 total last year); for the month of September, there were six part-one crimes, three crimes against person and three crimes against property. July was a difficult month for crime, with declines in August and September; they are working hard to keep numbers lower overall. Major Jackson reminded everyone of the See & Say app to report crimes anonymously and discreetly.

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)

No report.

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 Pete Francis, 404-938-1183, [pfrancis@atlantaga.gov](mailto:pfrancis@atlantaga.gov)

Officer Francis reports that he expected a representative to explain the proposed rate changes, but she could not attend; he states a deputy should be in attendance for our next meeting.

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

114/116 Terrace – Officer Grayer noted he followed up with the properties in September and both had been cleared.

687/697/825 Longwood – Officer Grayer visited and noted all properties were in violation; all properties will be cited.

3200 Lenox – Officer Grayer spoke with the property manager at length in-person; the manager noted the rodent exclusion, plumbing repairs to address leaks, safety mitigation strategies for the open gates – she shared contracts with vendors to confirm progress. Some tenants are sub-leasing without credit checks or background checks; the property manager is working with APD to clear that up and Officer Grayer is following up to ensure progress.

A board member asked about a short-term rental operating within a zone that isn't approved; Officer Grayer asked him to follow-up with address and details for follow-up and investigation.

### 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. 3-1-1 also has a chatbot if you would like to communicate over chat. 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>.

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)

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](mailto:jkemp@atlantaga.gov)

No report.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 10/4 at 6:40PM by Richard Rauh.

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

Bryan Steed, Chair; Sherri Tanner, Vice Chair

Le Bon Nosh (Restaurant) / 65 Irby Avenue / Approved  
Le Bon Nosh (Wine Specialty Shop) / 65 Irby Avenue / Approved  
Change of agent. The committee voted 8-0-0 to approve.

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

### **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-22-124 / 97 Carlton Drive / 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.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 20-0-0.**

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-22-133 / 4570 Club Terrace / Deferred

Applicant is requesting a special exception to allow active recreation (pool) in a yard adjacent to a street.

## 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)

Troy Smith, Zoning Enforcement, [trosmith@atlantaga.gov](mailto:trosmith@atlantaga.gov)

October NPU University events are How to Avoid Foreclosure on October 4 and Parliamentary Procedures on October 13. To register or learn more, visit

<https://www.npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity> or call 404-546-0158.

Permitting in the Park will be at Peachtree Hills Rec Center on October 7 from 9A–1P; contact Angela Epps ([adepps@atlantaga.gov](mailto: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>.

Information regarding the LGBTQ+ Grant is available at [atlfutureplaces.com/lgbtq-grant](http://atlfutureplaces.com/lgbtq-grant).

Corner Conversations continues for the first Wednesday of each month in different neighborhoods; contact Tony McNeal with questions ([mmcneal@atlantaga.gov](mailto:mmcneal@atlantaga.gov) or [404-546-6232](tel:404-546-6232)).

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](mailto:eajohnson@atlantaga.gov)

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

Regarding amended ordinance Z-22-25, Mr. McConkey provided an overview of the revisions – the board discussed the revisions and the process, and generally did not feel there was enough or discussion with the city.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to deny amended ordinance Z-22-25 passed by a vote of 18-0-0.**

## 9. PRESENTATIONS



Nancy Pitra presented from the Alzheimer's Association. Contact [alz.org](http://alz.org) or 800.272.3900 for 24/7 support.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

Kim Wachtel will send out intent-to-run information to business reps in October; officer elections will be held in November. Jefferson McConkey noted that he will not be on the slate for 2023 as he is relocating.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next NPU-B meeting is November 1, 2022 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meeting is October 13, 2022 at 12 PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings is October 13, 2022 at 6 PM in person.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**NPU-B action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to adjourn passed by a vote of 16-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.