



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes November 2022

Date: November 1, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

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

Present: 17 present; 1 proxies

Officers Present: Nancy Bliwise, Mandi Gibson, Kim Shorter

Proxies: Jefferson McConkey 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 Rebecca King to approve the October 2022 minutes passed by a vote of 17-0-0.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the November 2022 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

Captain Ben Vayen, Zone 2 Assistant Commander, 404-323-6344, bvayens@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. Vayen reports that arrests are up in October, with 22 firearms recovered. The largest problem is car break-ins in October with 35 total, more than 1 per day. The bike patrol is continuing their duty. Shoplifting reports in October were 28, with 22 resulting in arrests. Additionally, several stolen cars were recovered.

A board member thanked APD for their support of traffic mitigation on Blackland Road. The board discussed that zoning might need to review traffic and parking permits as part of the process.

Capt. Vayen reports there are 121 officers in Zone 2. They have lost a few officers due to retirement but look to add more than they've lost. The personnel are divided up by 23 on each shift for morning (10P-7A), day (6A-3P) and evening (2P-11P), along with bike patrol and outposts at Lenox and Phipps.

A board member requested that dumpster trucks on construction sites be cited for noise ordinances if they are dumping during quiet hours; Capt. Vayen will alert his shift managers.

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

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 they are looking to have another Fight Against Blight event in the future; however, they will take November and December as it's a busy time of year.

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 reports that he shared the FAQs with Dr. Bliwise about the rate change but could not get confirmation for any supervisors to attend and discuss. A board member noted she will contact Commissioner Wiggins as it's been several months without any answers.

Additionally, Officer Francis reminds everyone that recycling bins should only be used for recycling, not for any other materials. There was an incident in another part of the city where someone disposed of hazardous materials within the recycling bin and the truck caught on fire when it was compacted, which is a violation of city ordinance and a safety issue.

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

2761 Alpine – Officer Grayer reached out to Zoning for assistance to deal with the fence and will report back with a case report.

3200 Lenox – Officer Grayer suggests that if this goes to court, it would be helpful for the community to appear and support so it's clear the violations are impacting the property and community. He reached out to the Solicitor's Office to see if the current complaints and cases can be escalated.

A board member requested a review of 3387 Lenox for overgrowth and debris.

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

A board member asked about an ongoing safety issue with sidewalks that has been passed around to departments; Ms. Wilson recommended the board member put the report into the chat link and she will research it properly.

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 next section of Path 400 will break ground on November 10 (684 Mountain Drive), with construction projected at 22 months.

Adopt-a-Tree for Atlanta Fire & Rescue Stations are available for sponsorships; contact Ms. Starling or visit <https://www.eventeny.com/events/sponsor/application/?a=tnpptwcn-1951> for more info.

Email calvin@livablebuckhead.com with any lane closures, traffic hang-ups, accidents, or notifications for real-time alerts to be distributed to the community.

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

No report.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 11/1 at 11:38AM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Sherri Tanner, Vice Chair

Life Time (Main, 3rd Floor Café, Rooftop Patio Bar) / 3470 Peachtree Road / Approved
New business. The committee voted 8-0-1 to approve.

Bartaco / 3802 Roswell Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 10-0-1 to approve.

Kimpton Sylvan (Restaurant Bar, Suite Hotel, Garden Patio, Rooftop Patio) / 374 East Paces Ferry Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 11-0-0 to approve.

Tulum / 3167 Roswell Road / Approved
Change of ownership. The committee voted 11-0-1 to approve.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 15-0-1.

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-22-133 / 4570 Club Terrace / Approved
Applicant is requesting a special exception to allow active recreation (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 17-0-1.

V-22-155 / 4331 McClatchey Circle / Deferred
Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the rear-yard setback from 20ft to 14ft for construction of a swimming pool.

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-22-153 / 3275 West Shadowlawn Avenue / Deferred
Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front-yard setback from 35ft to 20ft, reduce the side-yard setback from 7ft to 2.1ft, reduce the rear-yard setback from 15ft to 2.1ft, and to increase the lot coverage from 50% to 53.84% for construction of a single-family home and detached garage.

SD-22-29 / 2508 Brookwood Drive / Opposed*
Applicant seeks to subdivide the property into two lots.
*This is for review and comment only. After discussion, NPU-B opposes the application and provided comments, along with neighborhood opposition, to the SRC.

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

November NPU University events are “How Does the NPU System Work” on November 15 and “Density Matters and Neighborhood Revitalization” on November 30. To register or learn more, visit <https://www.npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity> or call 404-546-0158.

Atlanta Zoning 2.0 first Focused Workshop “Zoning Diagnostic and Citywide Alternatives” on November 29. Visit [ATL Zoning 2.0](#) for more details.

Information session for the 2023 Community Impact Grant on December 14 via Zoom.

Information regarding the LGBTQ+ Grant is available at 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 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

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 presented the officers for 2023, with Rebecca King as Chair, Bill Murray as Vice Chair, Mandi Gibson as Recorder and Kim Shorter as Treasurer.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the proposed slate passed by a vote of 17-0-0.

Ms. Wachtel presented the amended slate for business representatives with the addition of Denise Starling. Voting for business reps will occur virtually in November.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the proposed slate passed by a vote of 18-0-0.

9. PRESENTATIONS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Shorter will share information and an online comment to oppose a GDOT project that was denied in 2020 and resurfaced again recently.

Dr. Bliwise confirmed NPU-B's support of Kelvin Williams as nominee for the open position on the Atlanta Citizen Review Board.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is December 6, 2022 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meetings are November 4 and November 18, 2022 at 12 PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings are November 3 and November 10, 2022 at 6 PM in person.

13. ADJOURNMENT

NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to adjourn passed by a vote of 17-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.