



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes December 2022

Date: December 6, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Nancy Bliwise, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 14 present; 4 proxies

Officers Present: Nancy Bliwise, Jefferson McConkey, Kim Shorter

Proxies: Mandi Gibson to Kim Shorter, Kim Wachtel to Kim Shorter, Bryan Steed to Sherri Tanner, Shawn Perez 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 Jefferson McConkey to approve the November 2022 minutes passed by a vote of 16-0-1.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the December 2022 agenda passed by a vote of 18-0-1.

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

Major Mitchell reported from the new officer graduation. The new officers will be active on Thursday, December 8, 2022.



While citywide there is an increase in crime, the crime in Zone 2 is down 13% from last year. Last year, zone 2 won the award for greatest reduction in crime with a 7% reduction. Major Mitchell's goal was to double last year's crime reduction or 14%. He is pleased that in December, the Zone is really close to achieving that goal. There has been an increase in arrests, traffic stops, and gun recoveries this year. Looking forward to carrying this progress forward to 2023.

Bike patrols are ongoing despite the cold weather because there aren't enough vehicles. The zone has transitioned into the holiday detail with a greater presence in the major shopping areas. Major Mitchell advised everyone to have mail held and/or packages delivered in order to avoid theft while travelling over the holidays. There has been an increase in package and mail theft.

Major Mitchell advised the public not to leave cars running to warm them up in the morning.

An NPU board member thanked Major Mitchell for the good news and suggested that NPU-B members share this news with our neighborhoods. The plan that Major Mitchell created to address crime has been working. The focused effort on hot spots has been impactful.

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.

Dr. Bliwise is going to call AFRD as the homeless encampment near Shady Valley under the bridge creates a dangerous situation. There was a person carrying a propane tank under the bridge.

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 thanked Nancy and Jefferson for their support over the past year. Ms. Carey explained that the Office of the Solicitors handles enforcement of traffic violations and some criminal code violations. There is a community outreach division that seeks to be proactive in terms of prosecution to prevent crimes. The community outreach division hosted a neighborhood watch training in November. If you are interested in a training for your neighborhood, email Ms. Carey with your neighborhood and the number of participants.

The Fight Against Blight program recently helped in NPU V. The Office of the Solicitors is not undertaking any new initiatives in December but will restart the Fight Against Blight campaign and the senior citizen public safety events in 2023. All 6 APD zones have held at least one senior citizen public safety training event and Ms. Carey is working on the 2023 training calendar.



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

Ebony Jefferson the COA SWEET manager introduced herself as the new contact for NPU B.

edjefferson@atlantaga.gov

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov, Report issues: 404-546-3800

Officer Willie Grayer, wgrayer@atlantaga.gov, 404-387-4688

Officer Joseph Young, jeyoung@atlantaga.gov, 470-694-1236

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

Officer Grayer reports that tonight is his last night with NPU-B. Officer Joseph Young will be taking over NPU-B. Officer Young introduced himself and provided his contact information.

Officer Grayer provided an update on the 3200 Lenox Road property. In 2022, there were 19 violations and several citations issued. Seven citations have been issued this year. In 2021, there was another violation. This property has had 8 citations in the last 2 years.

Officer Grayer also provided an update on 2761 Alpine Road. There was a complaint about an 8-foot fence that was illegally installed. A case was created for zoning and there is a court date on January 10, 2023.

ATL311

Barbara Dougherty, Community Affairs Coordinator, 470-698-5171, bdougherty@atlantaga.gov
Johnny Wilson, Supportive Services Coordinator

Krystine Maynard reports that the chat bot is getting updated. They are available to support non-emergency services within the city.

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 reports that the groundbreaking on the next section of PATH 400 was a success. Construction will officially start in January with a 22-month timeframe. There will be construction tours for those interested.

Miracle on Peachtree, December 10th from 5:30 – 8:30pm. Many locations in Buckhead activate the street and provide a chance for the community to enjoy great holiday decorations. This is a free event.

The Christmas Tree in Loudermilk Park is installed. The BCID is donating Christmas Trees to every fire station in Atlanta. There is a partnership with Trees for Tuition to provide educational funds for tuition.

Holiday Ham Haul – Christmas dinner is provided to every zone to each of the police station to honor the first responders who are working over the holiday.

Livable Buckhead has received a grant from Community Station to put exercise equipment along Path 400 on Old Ivy under GA400. They will be seeking a grant from Park Pride and that application requires support from the NPU. Miguel Nieves is the mobility services coordinator and presented the Old Ivy Fitness Tunnel Project. The project has received \$25k in grants and hopes for a \$10k grant from Park Pride to support the installation. This is also along a North Buckhead livable street project.

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to support the Old Ivy Fitness Tunnel Project passed by a vote of 17-0-0.

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

Demetrius Myatt is participating representing State Representative Inga Willis and will be updating during the legislative session.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Thursday, 12/8 at 6:11 PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Sherri Tanner, Vice Chair

The Dive Bar / 3184 Roswell Road / Approved

Change of agent, change of status. The committee voted 8-0-0 to approve.

Westin Buckhead Atlanta (Liquor, Beer, Wine) / 3391 Peachtree Road / Approved

Westin Buckhead Atlanta (Packaged Beer, Wine) / 3391 Peachtree Road / Approved

Change of agent. The committee voted 8-0-1 to approve.

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

QuikTrip #744/ 761 Sidney Marcus Boulevard / Approved

Change of agent. The committee voted 9-1-2 to approve.

This application was heard in the committee meeting but did not have a unanimous approval. QT provided a summary of the current security and the efforts to join Connect Atlanta and Buckhead Coalition. Loitering is a problem and security is used to remove people from the QT property.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the non-consent agenda passed by a vote of 17-1-0.

Snap Thai / 3699 Lenox Road / Heard in Full Committee

New business.

The public safety committee ran over time, so this case was held to the general meeting. The agent and representative presented the restaurant concept.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve Snap Thai passed by a vote of 17-0-0.

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-22-123 / 700 Stovall Boulevard / Approved 9-0-0 with conditions

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. [Amended site plan](#) Conditions: Conditioned on the site plan with the inclusion of the flow well for stormwater management.

V-22-155 / 4331 McClatchey Circle / Approved 9-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the rear-yard setback from 20ft to 14ft for construction of a swimming pool.

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

V-22-147 / 2794 Atwood Road / Deferred

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the rear side-yard setback from 15ft to 10ft 5in, reduce the northern side-yard setback from 7ft to 3ft, and reduce the southern side-yard setback from 7ft to 3ft 2in for construction of an accessory structure for an existing single-family dwelling.

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

Zoning Re-Write 2.0 presentation started last week. The presentations are allowed up to 10 days after the meeting and there are a series of questions. They were looking for locations for the zoning team to test new ideas and those can get marked on the map.

There were ideas that need to be distributed to neighborhoods. Dr. Bliwise warned that one needs to listen to the presentation to really understand and participate in the survey. They are distributing information on ideas at this point. There was a concept "string zoning" that reflected the existing pattern of growth within the zoning. The next meeting is on January 17 at 6:30 PM. To complete the survey regarding the first meeting, https://tsw.mysocialpinpoint.com/city-of-atlanta-zoning-ordinance-rewrite#/sidebar/tab/how_to_participate

Information session for the 2023 Community Impact Grant on December 14 via Zoom. The grants are due February 28, 2023.

December NPU University event is "Urban Plan Academy for Community Leaders" on December 10. To register or learn more, visit <https://www.npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity> or call 404-546-0158.

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

None.

9. PRESENTATIONS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Business elections were completed. The 2023 business representative include: Bob Connelly, Jim Cosgrove, Mandi Gibson, Heather Halpern, Jason Kendall, Rebecca King, Jefferson McConkey, Bill Murray, Abbie Shepherd, Denise Starling, Sherri Tanner, Mary-Heather Tatum, Mark Tiller and Kim Wachtel.

Randy Coley will retire from NPU-B and will be replaced in the new year by the neighborhood.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Electronic vote in support for the renaming of Frankie Allen Park to Historic Bagley Park with the Frankie Allen Fields. The electronic vote received strong support with many NPU members as former players! A letter was submitted to support of the project.

NPU-B action: The electronic vote passed by a vote of 22-0-0.

Dr. Bliwise noted that NPU-B typically makes a donation to the Atlanta Police Foundation in the amount of \$500 and a donation in the amount Atlanta Fire Foundation for \$500 each year.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the \$500 donation to the Atlanta Police Foundation and \$500 donation to the Atlanta Fire Foundation passed by a vote of 17-0-0.

In December, we typically elect our Residential Representative and our Business Representative. The Residential Representative is currently Susan Campbell, but she has noted that she does not wish to continue in that role. Kim Wachtel has agreed that she would serve one more year but would like to have someone assisting to transition into the role.

A voice vote approved the deferral of these elections.

Dr. Bliwise noted that this is her last meeting as chair after serving six years. She shared enthusiasm for the leadership of Rebecca King (Chair) and Bill Murray (Vice Chair). As part of the transition, Nancy is working with Rebecca to develop committee procedures that will be reviewed in the beginning of January.



It is hard to believe that she has served three two-year terms. Nancy thanked everyone for the dedicated service and the good work that we do to represent our communities. The board agreed that Nancy left NPU-B “better than she found it” and it will be a hard act to follow.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is January 3, 2023 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meetings are December 8, 2022 and January 5 and January 12, 2023 at 12 PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings are January 5 and January 12, 2023 at 6 PM in person.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.