



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes February 2023

Date: February 7, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Rebecca King, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 15 present; 2 proxies

Officers Present: Rebecca King, Bill Murray, Mandi Gibson, Kim Shorter

Proxies: Sherri Tanner to Mary-Heather Tatum, Jason Kendall to Robert Patterson

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. King welcomed everyone. No media present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the January 2023 minutes passed by a vote of 17-0-0.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the amended February 2023 agenda passed by a vote of 19-0-4.

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 Vayens, 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

Captain Vayens noted the biggest focus are car break-ins as well as shoplifting. Traffic stops are up, with over 2,600 stops in January.

Two key arrests in January: A male has been breaking in many cars throughout December; he is still being held in Fulton County. Another female was arrested for shoplifting at Lenox.

He reminded everyone to join Connect Atlanta and look at onesafecity.com.

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 noted Senior Citizen Public Safety events resumes on February 10 at William Walker Rec Center in Zone 4 at 10:00 AM, as does Fight Against Blight in NPU-P. She would like to do another Senior Citizen event in Zone 2 again and a clean-up event soon and requested dates from the board.

Fulton County District Attorney

No report.

MARTA Police Department (MPD)

North Precinct 404-848-3902, itsmarta.com

Major Britt, 404-427-6047, cbritt@itsmarta.com

Major Britt reports car break-ins are high across all stations.

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

O'Kelvis Hambrick, Interim Facilities Manager, okhambrick@atlantaga.gov

Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC), 308 Peachtree Hills Ave

Coach Hambrick noted after-school camps, applications for summer camps and lifeguard training recruiting are in progress.

Department of Public Works

Officer V. Ferguson, 678-221-8215, vferguson@atlantaga.gov

SWEET Officer Ebony Jefferson, 470-304-6757, edjefferson@atlantaga.gov

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

Officer Jefferson noted to contact 311 with any complaints or needs.

A board member asked about pouring new sidewalks; Officer Jefferson directed her to 311 for follow-up.

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 Young notes there were 23 cases for the month; 6 were non-violation, 11 require more investigation, 2 were non-entry and 1 re

3200 Lenox – Two cases are in the civil process, with three more set for inspections on Friday and one unable to gain entry for inspection.

3377 Lenox – A case was created to report violations and they are investigating ownership.

4621 Wieuca – Burn structure has been identified as a dangerous structure; owners are being cited to report to court.

4362 Wieuca – Development project has been halted with debris; agent removed the porta-pot and will clean up the mess.

A board member asked about 4310 Roswell Road, noting it looks like it's too close to the street with too much lot coverage; Officer Young noted he would pass along to zoning.

ATL311

Barbara Dougherty, Community Affairs Coordinator, 470-698-5171, bdougherty@atlantaga.gov

Johnny Wilson, Supportive Services Coordinator

Ms. Wilson reminds everyone to call 3-1-1 for everything from potholes to traffic lights to mental health issues. Sign up for City of Atlanta emergency alerts by texting NOTIFYATL to 888777.

A board member asked about a specific case update regarding a curb; Ms. Wilson will look into and provide an update.

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 Buc shuttle service was expanded a little to include more territory. The full map is on <https://www.bucride.org/>.

A clean-up day for PATH400 is scheduled on February 18 at 10:00 AM.

PATH400 between Wieuca and Loridans is now under construction.

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
Jodi Merriday, Community Engagement Program Director for the Executive Office, 470-316-2382, jmerriday@atlantaga.gov

No report.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 2/7 at 6:11 PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Sherri Tanner, Vice Chair

Whitehall Tavern / 2391 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 6-0-0 to approve.

CVS #5731 / 3221 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 6-0-0 to approve.

Springhill Suites Buckhead (Main Facility and Market) / 3459 Buckhead Loop / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 6-0-0 to approve.

Buckhead Theatre (First and Second Floors) / 3110 Roswell Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

Atlanta Marriott Buckhead (Main, Banquet and Lounge) / 3405 Lenox Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

Atlanta Marriott Buckhead (Market) / 3405 Lenox Road / Approved
Adding retail package sales. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

Le Bilboquet / 3035 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

Waldorf Astoria Buckhead (Spa and Hotel) / 3376 Peachtree Road / Approved
Adding additional facility and change of agent. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

Buckhead Grand (36 Floor and Patio) / 3338 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

Fresh Market #84 / 4405 Roswell Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

Hotel Colee (Lobby, Restaurant, Rooftop) / 3377 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

Del Frisco's Grille / 3376 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 6-0-0 to approve.

Savi Provisions / 365 Peachtree Hills Avenue / Approved
Change of ownership. The committee voted 8-0-0 to approve.

Savi at Lenox / 3478 Lakeside Drive / Approved
Change of ownership. The committee voted 6-0-0 to approve.

Yeppa & Co / 306 Buckhead Avenue / Approved
Change of ownership. The committee voted 6-0-0 to approve.

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

The full board heard the following applications:

Shake Shack / 3393 Peachtree Road / Approved
New business.

NPU-B action: A motion by Denise Starling to approve the Shake Shack passed by a vote of 20-0-1.

Legends Music / 3480 Peachtree Road / Approved
New business.

NPU-B action: A motion by Denise Starling to approve Legends Music passed by a vote of 21-0-1.

Spice House / 2591 Piedmont Road / Approved
New business.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve Legends Music passed by a vote of 18-0-1.

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-22-175 / 208 Springdale Drive / Approved 8-0-0 pending final letters of support
Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the western side-yard setback from 7ft to 3ft for construction of a detached accessory dwelling unit for an existing single-family dwelling.

SPI-12 Subarea 4 Ordinance / Approved 9-0-0

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

Z-22-089 321 Pharr Road NE / Approved 6-3-0

Applicant seeks to rezone the property from SPI-9 SA1 (Special Public Interest District: Buckhead Commercial Core, SubArea 1) to SPI-9 SA1 (Special Public Interest District: Buckhead Commercial Core, SubArea 1) for the purposes of creating a uniform application of the base floor area ratio.

NPU-B action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the non-consent agenda passed by a vote of 18-0-0.

V-22-183 / 225 West Paces Ferry Road / Deferred

Applicant seeks a Special Exception to allow active recreation (swimming pool) in a yard adjacent to a street for construction of a swimming pool.

V-22-192 / 2761 Alpine Road / Deferred

Applicant seeks a Special Exception to allow a 6.5ft opaque fence in the required half-depth front yard and front yard setback for a 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 2.0 meeting on February 28 at 6:00 PM at the Buckhead Library. Visit atlzoning.com/meet-and-contribute/ for details.

2023 Community Impact Grant applications are due February 27.

February NPU University events are Jobs and Careers in Your Community on February 9, Introduction to Invest Atlanta on February 23, Parliamentary Procedures on March 1. To register or learn more, visit npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity or call 404-546-0158.



Follow NPU voting activity on the NPU Dashboard at 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

Buckhead Arts Festival / 269 Buckhead Avenue / Approved
Special event application.

NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the special event application passed by a vote of 19-0-0.

2023 Committee Chairs
Bryan Steed, Public Safety Chair
Denise Starling, Public Safety Vice Chair
Kim Shorter, Zoning Chair
Vacant, Zoning Vice Chair
Jason Kendall, D&T Chair
Abbie Shepherd, D&T Vice Chair

NPU-B action: The board approved the committee chairs by a vote of 18-0-0.

Community Impact Grant Applications:

Marianna Lee presented on behalf of Mountain Way Common to improve connectivity and accessibility to PATH400.

Donna Peters and Peter Davis presented on behalf of Peachtree Park to expand their community garden and nature trail.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to split the grant funding passed by a vote of 14-0-0.

9. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Bliwise noted she heard a valuable presentation by Neighborhood Nexus and would share with the board.

10. OLD BUSINESS

NPU-B action: A motion by Denise Starling to re-open and consider the Beltline grant passed by a vote of 11-0-1.

11. NEW BUSINESS

New website funding and hosting budget presented.

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

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The next BZA meetings are March 2 and March 9, 2023 at 12 PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings are March 2 and March 9, 2023 at 6 PM in person.

13. ADJOURNMENT

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to adjourn passed by a vote of 15-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.