



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes January 2023

Date: January 3, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Rebecca King, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 17 present; 1 proxy

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

Proxies: Heather Halpern to Denise Starling

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 November 2022 minutes passed by a vote of 20-0-1.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Jefferson McConkey to approve the amended December 2022 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, 404-546-5979, 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 reports Zone 2 finished -14% below 2021, winning the crime reduction reward again for the city (2021 was -7%). He thanked the officers for their service, as well as the community support to boost morale.

Citations were up in 22% in arrests and traffic stops; 24% in firearms. Zone 2 is actively recruiting more officers, with hiring bonuses and referral bonuses. Please continue registering cameras on Connect Atlanta and check out [onesafecity.com/](https://www.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

Captain Bret Bieri reminded everyone to keep space heaters at a safe distance and to discard any fireplace ashes properly. It is also imperative to ensure generators are well ventilated. Capt. Bieri reminded everyone that the city has warming centers available. He also reminded the board about the Close Before You Doze campaign, encouraging everyone to close bedroom doors during sleep for safety.

A board member asked about the recent restaurant fires and whether they have regular inspections; Capt. Bieri noted they are currently under investigation.

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

Albert Hopkins noted courts are open and there was a lighter caseload for DUIs, which is attributed to more use of ride share.

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](https://www.itsmarta.com)

Major Frederico Jackson, 404-427-6047

Major Jackson notes there was a -19% for the year 2022 in the North District (-17% overall for MARTA citywide); while it didn't lead the city, it was still a strong achievement. They have continued the Ride the Train campaign with officers riding routes, which has been a big impact. They are also addressing homeless encampments near stations

The bike patrol in Lindbergh, a joint partnership with APD made 160 arrests for the year.

Major Britt will be the new representative for North District.



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

No report.

Ebony Jefferson, 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

127 West Paces – Officer Young noted that Grayer is still over that case; the citation has been written and is attempting to be served.

2761 Alpine Road – Officer Young noted there is a court date of January 10.

3200 Lenox – Officer Young noted three re-inspections were compliant; one new inspection was in violation and was sent to management. Many residents are moving out due to a major rodent issue. He will continue to follow-up and report on this property.

A board member asked about 3377 Lenox; Officer Young will follow-up with information.

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 mental health issues. Sign up for City of Atlanta emergency alerts by texting NOTIFYATL to 888777.

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 holiday dinners were delivered to every police and fire station throughout the city on behalf of Buckhead community. The new section of PATH 400 construction will start quickly in the coming weeks.

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

Jodi Merriday is the new Community Engagement Program Director; she looks forward to working with communities about public safety, zoning, permitting and transportation.

Demetrius Myatt is the Community Representative for State Representative Inga Willis; he will be attending during legislative session to provide updates.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 1/3 at 5:08 PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Sherri Tanner, Vice Chair

TOMO Japanese Restaurant / 3630 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of ownership. The committee voted 10-0-0 to approve.

Palm Restaurant / 3391 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 8-0-0 to approve.

Postino (Restaurant) / 3655 Roswell Road / Approved
Postino (Wine Specialty Shop) / 3655 Roswell Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 9-0-0 to approve.

Blue Moon Pizza / 325 East Paces Ferry Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 10-0-0 to approve.

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

Fado Buckhead St. Patrick's Day / 273 Buckhead Avenue / Approved
Special event application.

The full board heard the application by Kari Walker for Fado's St. Patrick's Day event on March 17, 2023.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the special event application passed by a vote of 18-0-4.

B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair; Abbie Shepherd, Vice Chair

Committee will review CDP items, establish best practices and share with the group. The committee will also review and comment on the zoning rewrite.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Bill Murray, Chair; Kim Shorter, Vice Chair

V-22-153 / 3275 West Shadowlawn Avenue / Approved 8-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front-yard setback from 35ft to 20ft, reduce the south side-yard setback from 7ft to 2.1ft, the rear-yard setback from 15ft to 2.1ft, and increase the lot coverage from 50% to 63.1% for the construction of a single-family home and detached garage.

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

V-22-147 / 2794 Atwood Road / Withdrawn

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.

V-22-175 / 208 Springdale Drive / Deferred

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.

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 January 17 at 6:30 PM. Visit atlzoning.com for details.

2023 Community Impact Grant applications are due February 28.

January NPU University events are Elected Officers Orientation on January 12 and Zoning Fundamentals on January 31. To register or learn more, visit 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

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. King distributed committee notes and processes to chairs; she will also set-up an email and cloud drive to store materials for historical purposes.

Ms. King suggested new meeting dates for 2023 – July 11 (rather than July 4) and August 8 (rather than August 1).

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the meeting dates passed by a vote of 22-0-0.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The next BZA meetings are 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 Bill Murray to adjourn passed by a vote of 22-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.