



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes March 2023

Date: March 7, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

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

Present: 13 present; 2 proxies

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

Proxies: Kim Wachtel to Mandi Gibson, Nancy Bliwise to Shawn Perez

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. King welcomed everyone. No media present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the February 2023 minutes passed by a vote of 15-0-0.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the March 2023 agenda passed by a vote of 15-0-0.

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 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 major challenge is theft from motor vehicles, high at 38%. Over 300 firearms have been taken from cars to date. He reminded everyone to please secure your firearms safely, not inside a vehicle. Officers are engaged in traffic enforcement and are making arrests in related vehicle crimes.

Capt. Vayens reminded everyone to participate in Connect Atlanta as well as check out [One Safe City](#).

Mr. Steed, on behalf of Public Safety, asked about alcohol licensing in Zone 2; he will send over an email with questions and send to Capt. Vayens, copying Ms. Carey as well for insight.

A board member asked about the lights syncing on Piedmont/Peachtree; Capt. Vayens will communicate with ADOT to see why they are out of sync. A board member commented that the new bump out also created an issue; Ms. Starling sent it in for research.

Several board members asked about increased traffic, including drag racing and water boys at night; Capt. Vayens noted traffic patrol will check out traffic and to call 911 when the water boys are present. A board member noted she called 911 when she saw the water boys last week and the operator seemed to dismiss the call as they were not being aggressive.

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 the Senior Citizen Public Safety event on February 10 was well attended, with over 100 people. She requested we work together to build another event for NPU-B. She also noted she would like to coordinate another Fight Against Blight event for our area.

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

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)

O'Kelvis Hambrick, Interim Facilities Manager, 678-815-3653, okhambrick@atlantaga.gov
Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC), 404-237-2756, 308 Peachtree Hills Ave

Coach Hambrick noted after-school camps (\$35/week) are available. Summer camp registration is open for up to 120 students; offerings include STEM and other activities. Lifeguard training is starting, available to ages 15+ and certification tests are free for APD students; lifeguard positions start at \$15/hour. Registration for track, ages 5-14, is available until March 22. Pickleball is available inside at Peachtree Hills Rec Center.

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 Francis reminded everyone that yard trimmings are collected bi-weekly and bulk debris must be scheduled online in advance.

A board member asked about when weekly service would resume; Officer Francis noted he would inquire.

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

3200 Lenox – Three inspections are past due because of inability to access; two cases are still in court with Officer Grayer. No new cases were reported to date. Officer Young is still communicating with residents.

3369/3377 Lenox – Overgrowth, graffiti and illegal dumping continues; they are researching and sending notifications to owners. He will have an update on progress within 30 days.

4621 Wieuca – Burn structure has been vacated, boarded and closed. The owner has multiple violations to address, they will monitor the case.

4362 Wieuca – The owner has done some work but not everything is complete; a reinspection is scheduled in 10 days and they will be cited if it's not complete.

Officer Young noted graffiti is part of code enforcement; if graffiti is reported to 311, a case will be opened for code enforcement to investigate.

ATL311

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

Ms. Wilson let everyone know 311 has a new chatbot feature. She also 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 dogs being left on condo balconies; Ms. Wilson will provide information about animal control.

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 a family-friendly, pet-friendly and accessible 5K on April 29. A kid-focused event around chalk art will occur on April 28. <https://livablebuckhead.com/run/>

Livable Buckhead had a graffiti cleanup on Mountain Way common over the weekend. PATH 400 is under construction, so some lane closures will occur on Wieuca.

BUC shuttle service has expanded to include Buckhead Forest. www.bucride.org

LBI will be doing traffic updates for road widening, etc. to sign up for traffic alerts via text.

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/Ombudsman
of Neighborhoods, 470-316-2382, jmerriday@atlantaga.gov
Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff for State Representative Stacey Evans, District 57,
kennedie@staceyevans.com

Ms. Merriday noted they are opening a Diversion Center that will have youth employment opportunities and extra-curricular activities. She also reminded everyone that NPU University is an available resource for all neighborhood members.

Ms. McClung noted you can sign up for weekly newsletter at staceyevans.com and register for the post-crossover townhall on March 8 [here](#).

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 3/7 at 4:49 PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Denise Starling, Vice Chair

Bodacious Bloom Festival / 3035 Peachtree Street / April 27-29

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the special event application passed by a vote of 17-0-2.

B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair; Abbie Shepherd, Vice Chair

Jason suggested everyone watch the Zoning 2.0 meetings online; the committee will provide a recap and continue listening to the materials. Comments are open until March 10 at www.atlzoning.com.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Kim Shorter, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair

V-22-183 / 225 West Paces Ferry Road / Approved 9-0-0 conditioned on site plan
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-23-6 / 17 Vernon Road / Approved 9-0-0 conditioned on site plan
Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the lot coverage from 35 percent 37.1 percent.

Z-23-14 / SPI-12 Subarea 4 Ordinance / Approved 9-0-0
An Ordinance by Councilmember Howard Shook to amend SPI-12 (Buckhead/Lenox Stations Special Public Interest) district to add microbrewery and micro-distillery as a permitted use in Subarea 4; and for other purposes.

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

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 April 13 at 6:30 PM. Visit atlzoning.com/meet-and-contribute/ for details.



March NPU University events are Avoiding Housing Scams on March 9 and Building Permits for Beginners on March 30. 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

None.

9. PRESENTATIONS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Shorter reminded everyone that annual dues are \$60; she will mail invoices to everyone for 2023.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is April 4, 2023 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meetings are April 6 and 13, 2023 at 12 PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings are April 6 and 13, 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 8:23 PM.