



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes April 2023

Date: April 4, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

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

Present: 16 present; 4 proxies

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

Proxies: Kim Wachtel to Mandi Gibson, Jefferson McConkey to Shawn Perez, Bryan Steed to Sherri Tanner, Abbie Shepherd to Jason Kendall

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. King welcomed everyone. No media present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to approve the March 2023 minutes passed by a vote of 20-0-0.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the amended April 2023 agenda passed by a vote of 18-0-4.

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

Major Mitchell noted crime is up 50% in stolen vehicles citywide. Zone 2 is down 9%, with the majority of crimes as shoplifting from organized theft rings; with motor vehicle thefts, most are leaving their cars running at the gas station, ATMs, etc., and on the borders of Zones 1 and 5. APD is focused on street racers, water boys and quality of life issues. Calls have increased in the



last couple of weeks for the water boys – continue to call 911 (or non-emergency line if preferred) so they have a record and can dispatch accordingly. APD has been working with GSP to focus on street racers as they travel from Gwinnett and Cobb to cut them off. Follow APD on social media to see big arrests.

A board member asked about an attempted rape at Fogo de Chao; Major Mitchell advised the case was being led by the state.

A community member asked about a tree being removed illegally over the weekend; Major Mitchell asked her to send more information for follow-up.

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

Claudie Nash 404-546-7000, 404-392-0040 cell, cnash@atlantaga.gov

Ensure you have working smoke alarms installed throughout your home; request smoke detectors by contacting Claudie Nash (404-546-7000 or cnash@atlantaga.gov).

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 next Senior Safety event is on April 14, a joint event with Zones 2 and 6. There will be a clean-up event on Earth Day for NPU-E; Ms. Carey noted there is opportunity for another event for NPU-B as well. Her office is creating a safe driving class for youth on April 26 at the Cambellton Road YMCA to showcase risky behavior, how to interact appropriately if pulled over, what points are applied to your license, etc.; ultimately, they would like to roll out to APS, private schools, etc.

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

Mr. Sheppard offered to come into the community for pet waste. If there are any questions about the materials emailed previously, contact Barry Brown (barrybrown@atlanta.ga.gov).

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

No report.

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

A board member asked about when weekly service would resume; Officer McClendon noted he doesn't have the answer but has reached out to his managers and will 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

3200 Lenox – Down to two cases, one closed out as complied and the one as unresponsive (resident moved out).

3369/3377 Lenox – These are in the civil process with two separate owners; it is currently being used as a trash dump with overgrowth. The owners will appear in court.

4621 Wieuca – Burn structure has been vacated, boarded and closed.

4362 Wieuca – This is in the civil process with the business owner appearing in court.

3125 Piedmont – Officer Young taking over this case and will follow it.

3121 Piedmont – Stop work order issued; owner in court with another department and will be ordered to clean up the property and comply.

2119 Piedmont – Officer Young to complete an inspection this week.

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. She was pleased to report PAD calls have increased and more people are being helped. Sign up for City of Atlanta emergency alerts by texting NOTIFYATL to 888777.

A board member asked about availability at night and on the weekends; Ms. Wilson noted that City Council approved moving 311 to 24 hours and the vote is moving through the Mayor's office for review and approval.

A board member asked about chronic mental health issues near her neighborhood – she learned county services can send out social workers, etc. but wasn't sure when to call county versus when to call 311. Ms. Wilson stated if there is an immediate issue to call 911, but call 311 with other issues and they will dispatch the appropriate party (the county, Grady, etc.).

LeTisha McCall from PAD reiterated what Ms. Wilson noted – call 311 to report any quality-of-life issues and PAD will take immediate action to get them help as needed. Any immediate concerns regarding life or death, call 911.

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

No report.

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. McClung noted to sign-up for newsletters at www.staceyevans.com and register for the town hall here: <http://bitly.ws/BNqE>.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 4/4 at 1:16 PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Denise Starling, Vice Chair

Flower Child / 3400 Around Lenox / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

Bar TiAmo / 3199 Paces Ferry Place / Approved
Change of ownership. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

Haven (Main, Downstairs) / 3186 Roswell Road / Approved
Change of ownership. The committee voted 5-0-0 to approve.

NPU-B action: A motion to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 11-0-2.

B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair; Abbie Shepherd, Vice Chair

None.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Kim Shorter, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair

V-23-30 / 2430 Shenandoah Avenue / Approved 9-0-0 conditioned on site plan
Applicant seeks a variance to enlarge existing non-conforming structure by increasing the ceiling height from 10 feet 3 inches to 12 feet in the rear yard.

V-23-35 / 2405 Shenandoah Avenue / Approved 9-0-0 conditioned on site plan
Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 35 feet to 18 feet for construction of a second-level addition for an existing single-family dwelling.

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

V-23-39 / 183 Lindbergh Drive / Approved 9-0-0 conditioned on site plan
Applicant seeks a variance to 1) reduce the required rear setback from 15 feet to 7 feet 5 inches for the proposed gym and 2) enlarge existing non-conforming carport by increasing the square footage from approximately 314 square feet to approximately 420 feet of the carport located in the rear and side setbacks.

Angelita Zouiten represented the homeowners explaining the situation with the trees and why areas are outside of the setback. David Yoakley Mitchell discussed the historical impact of the home plans not including any recognition of the historical significance; Ms. Zouiten will meet with Mr. Mitchell to incorporate language regarding historical inclusion. Laura Dobson noted trees are often presented being saved but are removed after BZA approval.

NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve 183 Lindbergh Drive with conditions passed by a vote of 16-0-1.

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.

V-23-29 / 3951 Wieuca Road / Deferred

Applicant seeks 1) a special exception to place recreational sport court in yard adjacent to the public right of way and 2) a variance to reduce the east half-depth front yard from 25 feet to 19 feet.

U-23-7 / 3804 Roswell Road / Deferred

Applicant seeks a special use permits to operate four outdoor pickleball courts.

V-23-41 / 2870 Piedmont Road / Deferred

Applicant seeks a variance to 1) reduce the north side yard setback from 20 feet to 10 feet, 2) reduce side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet, and 3) reduce the east front yard setback from 30 feet to 20 feet.

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

[AgLanta](#), the City's Urban Agriculture and Food Systems resource hub, has created a free interactive webpage and app to help identify and access fresh food access points (farms, farmers markets, farm stands, neighborhood markets, etc.) across the city.

Zoning 2.0 Focused Workshop #4 is April 20 at 6:30 PM. Visit atlzoning.com/meet-and-contribute/ for details.

April NPU University events are Understanding Public Finance on April 13. 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

[Z-23-15](#) An Ordinance by Councilmember Alex Wan to amend permitted uses in Light Industrial Districts in the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances Chapter 16 Section 16-16.003 Light Industrial District regulations to prohibit warehousing, self-storage facilities, and distribution centers within five hundred feet of the BeltLine Corridor as defined by city code Section 16-36.007; and for other purposes.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve Z-23-15 passed by a vote of 17-0-0.



Shawn Perez volunteered to be Residential Coordinator.

NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve Ms. Perez passed by a voice vote of 10-0-0.

9. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Chris Webster presented information about the Buckhead Slag Site in Peachtree Park.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is May 2, 2023 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meetings are May 4 and 11, 2023 at 12 PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings are May 4 and 11, 2023 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 8:44 PM.