



## **NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes May 2023**

**Date:** May 2, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom

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

**Present:** 14\* present; 1 proxy (\*additional board members joined after meeting called to order)

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

**Proxies:** Jefferson McConkey to Bill Murray

### **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 April 2023 minutes passed by a vote of 16-0-0.**

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the May 2023 agenda passed by a vote of 16-0-0.**

### **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](mailto:aamitchell@atlantaga.gov)

Captain Ben Vayens, Zone 2 Assistant Commander, 404-323-6344, [bvayens@atlantaga.gov](mailto:bvayens@atlantaga.gov)

Lieutenant Walls, Bike Patrol, 404-823-3771, [kwalls@atlantaga.gov](mailto:kwalls@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

Lieutenant Walls reported that Zone 2 is keeping Buckhead safe. Officers are patrolling and listening. There has been a small increase in auto theft and they are working to combat that issue. Crime is trending like last year and they are hoping to have the greatest crime reduction for the third year in a row.

A board member asked about the recent shooting that was at MARTA/Skyhouse Buckhead. That incident started with residents from Skyhouse, escalated and they went to MARTA. Lt Walls was not aware of any arrests other than those previously reported.

A board member noted that there were young entrepreneurs selling items around 7:30 PM on Sunday at the Lenox/Peachtree intersection. The bike patrols have been in that area but they will make sure to visit the site on Sunday.

A board member noted North Buckhead was struck by a group who shattered 45-65 car windows in one night and wondered if anyone was arrested. Lt. Walls noted the police cannot chase for property crimes, but they are working to identify suspects based on video footage.

A board member noted the Second-Ponce lower parking lot had four break-ins over the weekend, with his own tire being slashed. Lt. Walls expects APD will be able to view camera footage.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:cnash@atlantaga.gov)).

Captain Sturm from Station 3 reported AFRD is hosting its second annual bike ride on June 3; visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/atlanta-fire-rescue-department-2nd-annual-fire-cycles-charity-ride-tickets-517892449257> to learn more. AFRD received two new recruits from a recent class and were a big help at Senior Safety event. All paramedics were renewed – they are on a bi-annual renewal cycle to ensure everyone is up to date on the latest safety methods. Breakfast with Bravest is at the Aquarium on May 3 at 7:30 AM to recognize outstanding officers.

There was a fire at Bistro Niko fire this morning on the mezzanine level and not in the high rise. One of the large HVAC units on the roof was on fire, which was quickly extinguished.

#### Atlanta Office of the Solicitors

Judge Sylvia J Lee, 404-932-5566, [sjlee@atlantaga.gov](mailto:sjlee@atlantaga.gov)

Hala Carey, Senior Assistant Solicitor, 404-658-6003, [hcarey@atlantaga.gov](mailto:hcarey@atlantaga.gov)

150 Garnett Street, 3rd floor 30303

Traffic Diversion inquiries: [ptit@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ptit@atlantaga.gov)

Ms. Carey noted the Senior Safety event is on April 14 was a good event; they will do one for Zone 3 on May 19 and share the information. NPU-P had a clean-up day last weekend (originally



scheduled for Earth Day) – if NPU-B would like to have one, she will coordinate. The Young Driver Safety course was a soft roll out last week, but it was not well attended – they will try other tactics to get people interested, like going directly to the students. The age group under 21 has the highest rate of fatal and very serious accidents, so they are working hard to get people involved in the course. A new DUI event will be at Atlanta Metro College in October; Ms. Carey asked if NPU-B would consider supporting again. An Aging Well Expo will occur next weekend.

Fulton County District Attorney

No report.

MARTA Police Department (MPD)

North Precinct 404-848-3902, [itsmarta.com](http://itsmarta.com)  
Major Britt, 404-427-6047, [cbritt@itsmarta.com](mailto:cbritt@itsmarta.com)

No report.

Department of Watershed Management (DWM)

404-982-1480, [atlantawatershed.org](http://atlantawatershed.org)  
Louis Sheppard, 404-546-1181, cell 770-624-0793, [lsheppard@atlantaga.gov](mailto:lsheppard@atlantaga.gov)

No report.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

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

Coach Hambrick noted they are offering free pickleball Monday – Friday from 10 AM – 1 PM. Baseball and football conditioning registration is open. Lifeguard certification and recruitment is still open for anyone interested, which includes a two-year contract of employment for summer.

Department of Public Works

Officer V. Ferguson, 678-221-8215, [vferguson@atlantaga.gov](mailto:vferguson@atlantaga.gov)  
SWEET Officer Ebony Jefferson, 470-304-6757, [edjefferson@atlantaga.gov](mailto:edjefferson@atlantaga.gov)  
Officer Pete Francis, 404-938-1183, [pfrancis@atlantaga.gov](mailto:pfrancis@atlantaga.gov)

Officer Francis reminded hazardous waste should be disposed properly, follow instructions on <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/public-works/office-of-solid-waste-services/household-hazardous-waste-disposal> or visit CHaRM at <https://livethrive.org/charm/>.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

[CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov](mailto:CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov), Report issues: 404-546-3800  
Officer Joseph Young, [jeyoung@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jeyoung@atlantaga.gov), 470-694-1236  
Supervisor Kanzada Wimberly, 404-546-3868 or 404-416-5781

The case total for NPU-B is 36 cases; 10 have been mailed, 1 citation, 2 awaiting inspection, 3 complied, the remainder awaiting reinspection. Officer Grayer is moving to DPW and will no longer be in code enforcement; Officer Young will continue to be our contact.

3200 Lenox – There are currently no new cases; a couple are still awaiting a court date.

119 Pharr – The owner states they weren't receiving notices but they are now in contact. Trash issues are being addressed and Officer Young will stay vigilant.

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

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

3369/3377 Lenox – These are in the civil process with two separate owners; it is currently being used as a trash dump with overgrowth. No court date has been set yet.

3125 Piedmont – This is due for reinspection and entering the civil process.

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

3119 Piedmont – This will enter civil process.

#### ATL311

Barbara Dougherty, Community Affairs Coordinator, 470-698-5171, [bdougherty@atlantaga.gov](mailto: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 missed trash pick-up to mental health issues. Dial 3-1-1 inside city limits or call 404-546-0311, visit and chat at [atl311.com](http://atl311.com) or email [atl311@atlantaga.gov](mailto:atl311@atlantaga.gov). 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/](http://thebuckheadcoalition.com/)  
Denise Starling, Livable Buckhead Executive Director, [livablebuckhead.org](http://livablebuckhead.org)  
Tony Peters, BCID Director of Capital Projects and Programs, [buckheadcid.com](http://buckheadcid.com)

Ms. Starling noted Mountain Way will be closed beginning June 2 through the end of the year for construction; Loridans will be a detour and Mountain Way Commons will be open.

Breakfast with the Bravest will be hosted by Rotary Club on May 3 at 7:30 AM, with our chief up for recognition for Chief of the Year.

## **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](mailto:jkemp@atlantaga.gov)  
Jodi Merriday, Community Engagement Program Director for the Executive Office/Ombudsman of Neighborhoods, 470-316-2382, [jlmerriday@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jlmerriday@atlantaga.gov)  
Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff for State Representative Stacey Evans, District 57, [kennedie@staceyevans.com](mailto:kennedie@staceyevans.com)

Ms. Merriday noted homeowners can call 311 for off-week yard waste pick-up. She mentioned contractors are continuing to supplement pick-ups but there are no answers about when the regular weekly pick-up will resume.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 5/2 at 4:03 PM by Richard Rauh.

### **A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Bryan Steed, Chair; Denise Starling, Vice Chair

Buckhead Saloon (Restaurant) / 34A Irby Avenue / Approved  
Buckhead Saloon (Nightclub) / 34A Irby Avenue / Approved  
Change of ownership/change of status. The committee voted 12-0-0 and 15-0-0 to approve.

The Piedmont at Buckhead / 650 Phipps Boulevard / Approved  
Change of agent. The committee voted 13-0-0 to approve.

AMC Phipps Plaza 14 / 3500 Peachtree Road / Approved  
Change of agent. The committee voted 11-0-0 to approve.

Sky View Restaurant and Bar (Main) / 3201 Cains Hill Place / Approved  
Sky View Restaurant and Bar (Upstairs) / 3201 Cains Hill Place / Approved  
Change of ownership. The committee voted 12-0-0 and 11-0-0 to approve.

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

BESO / 3247 Roswell Road / Approved  
Change of agent.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve BESO passed by a vote of 22-0-2.**

### **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-23-44 / 2978 Habersham Court / Approved 10-0-0 conditioned on site plan and only two new homes

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 60 feet to 50 feet for construction of a single-family dwelling.

V-23-46 / 2983 Habersham Court / Approved 10-0-0 conditioned on site plan and only two new homes

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 60 feet to 50 feet for construction of a single-family dwelling.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 19-0-0.**

V-23-29 / 3951 Wieuca Road / Non-consent

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.

**NPU-B action: A motion to approve 3951 Wieuca passed by a vote of 18-0-0.**

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.

V-23-57 / 341 Meadowbrook Drive / Deferred

Applicant seeks 1) a special exception to place recreational pool adjacent to the street and 2) a variance to reduce the half-depth front yard setback from 17.5 feet to 16.1 feet.

V-22-192 / 2761 Alpine Road / Did not appear

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.

U-23-7 / 3804 Roswell Road / Comment only

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

### **7. PLANNER'S REPORT**

Jessica Lavandier, Assistant Director, 404-865-8522, [jlavandier@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jlavandier@atlantaga.gov)

Nate Hoelzel, Project Manager, [nhoelzel@atlantaga.gov](mailto:nhoelzel@atlantaga.gov)

Troy Smith, Zoning Enforcement, [trosmith@atlantaga.gov](mailto:trosmith@atlantaga.gov)



NPU-B was selected for a pilot program to improve the planner's report; Ms. Lavandier will begin reporting how our votes and recommendations align with the city. Latest report is available here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lesDb3Udh8GeV\\_VtTN7m\\_J78o8o-Dpsr/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lesDb3Udh8GeV_VtTN7m_J78o8o-Dpsr/view)

May NPU University events are Civic Participation for Seniors on May 10, Density Matters/Neighborhood Revitalization on May 11, Urban Plan Academy for Community Leaders on May 13 and Home Sweet Home on May 24. To register or learn more, visit [npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity](http://npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity) or call 404-546-0158.

Corner Conversations are back, every first Thursday of the month in a different neighborhood. For May, the NPU team will be at Virginia Highland District Farmers Market (1017 North Avenue) on May 4 from 4 – 6 PM.

Follow NPU voting activity on the NPU Dashboard at [npuatlanta.org/npu-dashboard](http://npuatlanta.org/npu-dashboard).

Email [npuatlanta@atlantaga.gov](mailto: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**

Cathryn Vassell presented about Partners for HOME, a strategic plan to end homelessness. Email [cvassell@partnersforhome.org](mailto:cvassell@partnersforhome.org) for a copy of the presentation.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

Buckhead Village would like to participate. Buckhead Heights has previously had representation, but their association has not appointed a residential representative. Ms. King is working with both neighborhoods to formalize representation.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next NPU-B meeting is June 6, 2023 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meetings are June 1 and 8, 2023 at 12 PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings are June 1 and 8, 2023 at 6 PM in person.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

**NPU-B action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to adjourn passed by a vote of 16-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.