



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes June 2023

Date: June 6, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Rebecca King, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 11 present; 3 proxies (*additional board members joined after meeting called to order)
Officers Present: Rebecca King, Bill Murray, Mandi Gibson, Kim Shorter
Proxies: Jamie Olson to Mandi Gibson, Bob Connelly to Bill Murray, Mary-Heather Tatum to Kim Shorter

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. King welcomed everyone. No media present.

Ms. King requested that all board members ensure their information is current on our shared document so we can receive all materials and participate in meetings that happen outside of our monthly meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the May 2023 minutes passed by a vote of 14-0-0.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the amended June 2023 agenda passed by a vote of 14-0-0.

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

Lieutenant Walls, Bike Patrol, 404-823-3771, kwalls@atlantaga.gov

Lieutenant Allison Leduc, arleduc@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

Lt. Leduc reported the city is up in crime 5% overall, but Zone 2 is down overall by 1%. Auto and shoplifting are driving incidents in Zone 2. Reminder for everyone to participate in the Clean Car Campaign and Connect Atlanta. The community is also encouraged to check out APD's social media page for updates. The Bike Patrol is stepping up their coverage to address auto issues, shoplifting and quality of life issues.

A board member asked about a robbery in Brookhaven; Lt. Leduc noted this is under investigation with surveillance.

A board member asked about footage from car cameras; Lt. Leduc noted APD would like the footage if it's ever captured anything for incidents.

A community member asked about the Chevron gas station in Peachtree Hills with overnight car racing, a car fire on April 18 and gun shots on April 5; Lt. Leduc will follow-up with the community member on email.

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

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 Safety event for Zone 3 was a success; upcoming event on July 7 will support Zones 1 and 5. The next event for Zone 2 will be April 24, 2024. The Blue Jean Ball on May 20 was a positive event. Reminder DUI training for APD will be October 10-11.

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

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 Francis noted there is no decision about returning to weekly yard collections and it might not be until fall. As a reminder about bulk waste, some building materials are permitted but cannot include roof shingles. Ensure the bulk pick-ups are placed out the evening before the scheduled date.

Board members noted weekly yard waste pick-ups is a need despite Officer Francis's comment that he doesn't see any problems; community members are keeping their yard waste in their yards, garages, etc. until pick-up. Officer Francis noted and said he'd ask about returning to weekly. Ms. Merriday noted she would also elevate this to the city as she sees it trending across NPUs.

A community member noted there is a storm water back-up when there is heavy rain; Officer Francis directed her to 3-1-1 or DPW.

Code Enforcement Section, APD Community Services Division

CodesRequests@AtlantaGA.gov, Report issues: 404-546-3800

Officer Joseph Young, jeyoung@atlantaga.gov, 470-694-1236

Supervisor Kanzada Wimberly, 404-546-3868 or 404-416-5781

Officer Young noted most of his cases are being served or in citation process. Please report code violations to 3-1-1 and contact Officer Young directly if possible so he can address it faster.

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

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.

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 missed trash pick-up to code violations to mental health issues. Dial 3-1-1 inside city limits or call 404-546-0311, visit and chat at atl311.com or email 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/
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, jlmerriday@atlantaga.gov
Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff for State Representative Stacey Evans, District 57,
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.

Ms. McClung wanted to remind everyone she is available for any questions if needed.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 6/6 at 11:05 AM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Denise Starling, Vice Chair

Seven Lamps / 3400 Around Lenox Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 6-0-0 to approve.

Savi Provisions / 316 Pharr Road / Approved



Change of ownership. The committee voted 6-0-0 to approve.

Canterbury Court / 3750 Peachtree Road / Approved
New business. 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 16-0-0.

B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair; Abbie Shepherd, Vice Chair

Committee met to discuss Freight Atlanta, Beltline Ordinances and SPI-12. Email Jason for comments on SPI.

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve CDP-23-8 passed by a vote of 15-0-0.

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to oppose Z-23-22 passed by a vote of 19-1-0.

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to oppose Z-23-23 passed by a vote of 15-2-0.

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve Z-23-24 passed by a vote of 17-1-0.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Kim Shorter, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair

V-23-086 / 464 Pine Tree Drive / Approved 5-0-0

V-23-41 / 2870 Piedmont Road / Denied 6-0-0

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-23-75 / 3445 Habersham Road / Approved 6-0-0

Applicant seeks a special exception to increase the height of a fence/gate from 4 feet to 6 feet in the front yard setback.

V-23-39 (Amended) / 183 Lindbergh Drive / Approved with conditions 6-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance to 1) reduce the required rear setback from 15 feet to 1 foot for the proposed gym and parking structure, 2) increase the size of accessory structures from 30 percent floor area of principle structure to 33 percent of principle structure and 3) decrease the required half-depth front yard from 17.5 feet to 0 feet for the proposed parking structure.

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

U-23-7 / 3804 Roswell Road / Deferred



Applicant seeks a special use permits to operate four outdoor pickleball courts. *This was approved 5-1-0 with conditions; however, conditions were not met within the agreed timeframe, so owners deferred to July.

V-23-82 / 4605 Angelo Drive / Deferred

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the southern side yard from 10 feet to 3 feet, and a special exception to 1) allow active recreation (swimming pool) in yards adjacent to streets, and 2) allow a 19 foot, 7 inch wall in the southern side yard for construction of an accessory structure for an existing single-family dwelling.

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-23-077 / 2605 Brookwood Drive / Withdrawn

U-23-012 / 3002 Peachtree Road / Withdrawn

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

Ms. Lavandier's planning report is available at

<https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/neighborhood-planning-units/updates>.

The Atlanta Urban Design Commission 2023 Awards for Excellence and Community Design Awards is Friday, June 23 at 7 PM. Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/audc-2023-awards-ceremony-tickets-639312188967>.

June NPU University events are Bylaws Clinic on June 8, Neighborhood Empowerment Workshop on June 24 and The Legislative Process on June 29. To register or learn more, visit npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity or call 404-546-0158.

Corner Conversations are back, every first Thursday of the month in a different neighborhood. For June, the NPU team was at Caribou Coffee (1000 Piedmont Avenue) on June 1 from 4 – 6 PM. For July, the next will be at Broad Street Boardwalk. Email mmcneal@atlantaga.gov to request one in your neighborhood.

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

Compliance with State House Bill 1405

NPU-B action: A motion by Jason Kendall to approve Z-23-29 passed by a vote of 15-0-0.

9. PRESENTATIONS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is July 11, 2023 at 7 PM via Zoom.

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

The next ZRB meetings are July 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 15-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.