



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes August 2023

Date: August 8, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

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

Present: 18 present; 3 proxies (*additional board members joined after meeting called to order)

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

Proxies: David Burge to Robert Patterson; Jefferson McConkey to Bill Murray; Abbie Shepherd to Mandi Gibson

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. King welcomed everyone. No media present.

We need to work on our by-laws; any interested volunteers should let Ms. King know.

Ms. King viewed the sites of our community grant recipients; Peachtree Park is complete and Mountain Way is in progress.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the July 2023 minutes passed by a vote of 18-0-1.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the August 2023 agenda passed by a vote of 20-0-0.

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

Major Mitchell noted we are up 3% citywide, but down in violent crime. Four of the six zones are down overall, including Zone 2 (down -2% from this point this year). Zone 2 continues to face shoplifting (up 42%) and car break-ins (up 1%). Citizens should remove any valuables and guns from cars. APD is working with the city and other entities to improve homeless encampments.

The Crime is Toast event will be held September 26, 2023.

A board member reminded everyone that Atlanta's Finest 5K is August 19. Learn more and register at <https://atlantapolicefoundation.org/events/atlantas-finest-5k/>.

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

Claudia 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, 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

Ms. Carey noted campus safety events are upcoming, starting with Georgia Tech. The two-day DUI training will occur October 10-11; Ms. Carey requested NPU-B's support to provide \$500 for food during the event.

NPU-B Action: A motion by Denise Starling to approve the donation passed by a vote of 17-0-0.

Fulton County District Attorney

We have a new representative who will join next meeting.

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

Taylor Cosby, Community Facility Manager, 404-237-2756, tcosby@atlantaga.gov

Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC), 404-237-2756, 308 Peachtree Hills Ave

Ms. Cosby noted there are after school programs at all rec centers, which includes homework assistance, activities and snacks; visit <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation> to apply and learn more.

Pickleball is available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11A – 1P and basketball is available daily from 11A – 1P.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner Al Wiggins, 470-653-3013, awiggins@atlantaga.gov

Deputy Commissioner Anou Sothsavath, 678-878-0904, asothsavath@atlantaga.gov

Deputy Program Moses Tejuoso, motejuoso@atlantaga.gov

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

Commissioner Al Wiggins noted there have been questions about the conversion from weekly to bi-weekly yard waste pick-ups. Mr. Wiggins said an outside company is doing a cost analysis for the curbside pick-ups, including solid waste, recycling and yard waste, which should be completed by year end. Yard waste pick-ups are challenging and difficult to predict due to the varying containers as well as difficulties with the waste transfer station; they have been unable to normalize the service or anticipate staffing needs. He noted once they have all of the findings and data in place, they will have a decision on reinstating a weekly pick-up.

A community member asked about weather-related pick-ups; Mr. Wiggins noted this would not be possible.

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 they are getting new cases for 3200 Lenox and he will be following up closely this month.

4360 Wiueca – One of the co-owners assured Officer Young he would clean-up this week. Court proceedings will still occur regardless.

A board member asked about 91 Delmont and a potential issue with a set-back and 3125 Piedmont, which had a stop work order issued. Officer Young will follow-up.

A board member asked about the properties on Lenox where the overgrowth, trash and graffiti is; Officer Grayer will continue working on that and trying to serve papers to take them to court.

A community member asked about 2986 North Fulton with an illegally operating business; he noted this is a Zoning issue, not Code Enforcement.

ATL311

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

Ms. Murillo 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.

A board member asked about reporting missing bulk pick-ups; Mr. Murillo will report to management that it's a difficult process.

A board member asked about a fallen tree across the street where they called 911 but the call was directed to 311 – she is wondering who the call should've been placed to initially; Ms. Murillo stated 911 was the correct first call.

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 talked about Party on the Path on October 1: <https://livablebuckhead.com/pop/>.

Construction on Path 400 continues at Wieuca and Loidans and it's progressing nicely. The community improvement unit is working on things like Wiueca roundabout, widening of roads, etc. and Livable Buckhead will provide information as things occur to avoid traffic issues. If you are interested in projects that come before the development review committees visit our website to see all the plans, visit <https://livablebuckhead.com/development/>.

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 she is available for questions via email as needed.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 8/1 at 12:52 PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Denise Starling, Vice Chair

Smoke World Buckhead / 3210 Roswell Road / Approved
New business. The committee voted 10-0-0 to approve.

Planta Queen / 3035 Peachtree Road / Approved
New business. The committee voted 7-0-1 to approve.

Party on the Path / 764 Miami Circle / Approved
Special event. The committee voted 10-0-1 to approve.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 25-0-0.

Utopia Restaurant / B2469 Piedmont Road / Approved
New business.

NPU-B action: A motion by Jason Kendall to approve Utopia passed by a vote of 18-6-0 on the condition of consulting with Morosgo neighborhood association.

B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair; Abbie Shepherd, Vice Chair

Jason will provide notes on office storage.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Kim Shorter, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair

V-23-90 / 2256 Fairhaven Circle / Approved 9-0-0 based on site plan
Withdrawing denial in July for approval in August. Applicant seeks a variance to 1) reduce the front yard setback from 35' to 17' and 2) reduce the southern side yard setback from 7' to 2.9' for construction of additions to an existing single-family dwelling.



NPU-B action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to approve the withdrawal passed by a vote of 21-0-0.

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

V-23-082 / 4605 Angelo Drive / Deferred

U-23-007 / 3804 Roswell Road / Deferred

For information only: 3296 Mathieson Drive / Stream Buffer Variance

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>.

Will Vining is attending on behalf of Ms. Lavandier.

Zoning 2.0 draft to come this fall.

AgLanta Eats food festival on August 21. Visit aglanta.org for more info or to get tickets.

August NPU University events are "Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)" and "Parliamentary Procedures II." 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 August, the NPU team was at Broad Street Boardwalk in Summerhill. In September, they will be in Buckhead. 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

None.

9. PRESENTATIONS



Tony McNeal provided information about Corner Conversations. On September 7 from 4-7P, they'll be in Buckhead Village to answer any questions.

Maureen Freehill from National Church Residences provided information about Cathedral Towers.

NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the NCR's proposal passed by a vote of 22-1-0.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Bliwise provided an update on ATAGIII. There are revisions to the code, LRB process, technology, transparency, etc. The city is now inviting comment on recommendations; when the revision recommendations are available for review, Dr. Bliwise will let the board know.

Ms. Shorter suggested that we earmark our annual \$500 to the Atlanta Police Foundation for Zone 2 lockers.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the donation passed by a vote of 19-0-0.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is September 5, 2023 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meetings are September 7 and 14, 2023 at 12 PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings are September 7 and 14, 2023 at 6 PM in person.

13. ADJOURNMENT

NPU-B action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to adjourn passed by a vote of 19-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 PM.