



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes October 2023

Date: October 3, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

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

Present: 16 present; 9 proxies (*additional board members joined after meeting called to order)

Officers Present: Bill Murray, Mandi Gibson, Kim Shorter

Proxies: Bob Connelly and Nancy Bliwise to Kim Shorter; Bryan Steed and Anne Culberson to Mandi Gibson; Rebecca King to Mary-Heather Tatum; Jefferson McConkey to Bill Murray; Jason Kendall to Abbie Shepherd; Sherri Tanner to Denise Starling

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. King welcomed everyone. Dyana Bagby from *Atlanta Intown* present. Ms. King reminded residential and business reps to confirm their intentions for 2024.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the September 2023 minutes passed by a vote of 23-0-0.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Denise Starling to approve the October 2023 agenda passed by a vote of 23-0-0.

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 down 2% in zone 2, up 3% overall in the city. Motor vehicle and property related crimes are driving the issues – shoplifting is up 31%. Since the last NPU meeting, we are down 22%, so we are making good strides. More bicycle officers will continue to patrol in partnership with MARTA; BCID purchased additional bikes for APD so additional officers will join.

Look at atlantapd.org for up-to-date stats on crime, the Safety and Training Center and more.

A board member asked about a house on Lookout with guards, SWAT and police presence. Major Mitchell will look into the address.

A board member asked about trends with group shoplifting and if Atlanta is prepared; he noted any city is susceptible, but they have a large contingent of off-duty officers, undercover and more to stay ahead and prepared.

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

Captain Bieri noted fire hydrant checking is in progress. He also noted to check all of your service systems as we move into cooler weather.

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 the next safety event will be at Emory (past events were Tech, GSU and Clark Atlanta). A Challenge for Charity fundraising event is October 15 at Westside Park, benefitting AFRD and APD. The next senior event is at Lakewood Church of Hope on October 20. Drug education and training events will occur in partnership with APD and AFRD throughout elementary schools in APS; Dunbar Elementary will be October 24. The two-day DUI training will occur October 11-12; Ms. Carey thanked NPU-B for providing refreshments. Planning for young adult driver safety is underway.

Fulton County District Attorney

Kendall Watkins, 404-426-4525, kendall.watkins@fultoncountyga.gov

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
Taylor Cosby, Community Facility Manager, 404-237-2756, tcosby@atlantaga.gov
Peachtree Hills Recreation Center (PHRC), 404-237-2756, 308 Peachtree Hills Ave

No report.

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

Officer Francis noted the bi-weekly yard trimming pick up will not immediately change; the city is looking at bringing in contractors to help as we get into fall season. Reminder that more than 20 yard waste bags is considered bulk pick-up and can be scheduled online. Some residents use alleyways for pick up and leave the cans in the right-of-way; ensure all cans are returned to your home after pick-up.

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

3119/3121/3125 Piedmont Road – Citations are written for civil process as no work has been done.

3387/3377 Lenox Road – Citation in process and attempted to be served.

3200 Lenox – One new case opened and moved into civil process this month for an unrepaired leak.

Wieuca Stalled Developments – Owner cleaned up the property and will continue to keep it clean.

Wieuca and Roswell – Overflowing trash issues for a couple properties by Wells Fargo and Subway. Both properties are in court system.

A board member asked about 2500 Rivers Road with multiple stop-work orders; Officer Young noted these would be with zoning rather than code enforcement.

Community members asked about area by Copper Cove and Tin Lizzy's; Officer Young will stop by to check both out.

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.

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. Halpern noted they are hosting "We Got The Jazz: The Jazz of a Tribe Called Quest" live performance featuring actor and musician Malcolm-Jamal Warner and musician Dashill Smith from 7-9pm in Buckhead Village on Saturday, 10/7. Tickets are \$25 and available for purchase [here](#).

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 reminded she is available to provide support or resolutions you may not otherwise be able to find answers.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS



APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 10/3 at 5:04 PM by Richard Rauh.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Denise Starling, Vice Chair

No report.

B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair; Abbie Shepherd, Vice Chair

No report.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Kim Shorter, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair

V-23-117 / 71 Sheridan Drive / Deferred

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the 1) front yard setback from 40 feet to 22 feet and 2) the western side yard setback from 12 feet to 7 feet.

Z-23-047 / 71 Sheridan Drive / Deferred

Applicant seeks to rezone the .30 acre property from the RG-2 (General (multi-family) residential, maximum floor area ratio of 0.348) zoning designation to the RG-3 (General (multi-family) residential, maximum floor area ratio of 0.696) zoning designation for the construction of three townhomes in place of a six-unit multi-family building.

NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the deferrals passed by a vote of 22-0-0.

U-23-007 / 3804 Roswell Road / Deferred – This application has been pulled.

SPI-9 for DelBar will be handled outside of zoning as there are no issues.

11 Peachtree Hills had a lot of discussion; zoning committee presented a letter of recommendation with input from neighbors.

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 Annual Historic Preservation Week 2023 Is 10/23-26. The theme is *Equity & Inclusion: The Narrative of Knowing*. Visit [Future Places Project](#) activities.



Atlanta City Studio reopening has been postponed until further notice. For updates atlcitystudio.org.

Atlanta BeltLine, Invest Atlanta and the city have a survey about business owners and economic development. To participate, visit ATLbizsurvey.com; send any questions to bizsurvey@atlbeltline.org.

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Atlanta Urban Design Commission nominated [The Fulton County World War I Memorial](#) in Pershing Point Park for protection under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The nomination will be reviewed by ZRB and City Council. Visit [Future Places Project website](#) for more info.

October NPU University events are “How Does the NPU System Work,” “A Walk in the Park” and “Intro to CDP.” To register or learn more, visit npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity or call 404-546-0158.

[Corner Conversations](#) are the first Thursday of the month in a different neighborhood. For October, the NPU team will be at Taproom Coffee at 4 PM in Kirkwood. Email mmcneal@atlantaga.gov to request one in your neighborhood. October was the last Corner Conversations for the season; they will resume in April 2024.

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

Melody Harclerode presented on Blue Heron Nature Preserve as they pursue a Park Pride grant.

NPU-B action: A motion by Denise Starling to support Blue Heron passed by a vote of 21-0-0.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The next BZA meetings are October 5 and 12, 2023 at 12 PM in person.

The next ZRB meetings are October 5 and 12, 2023 at 6 PM in person.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.