



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

**Date:** September 5, 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; 5 proxies (\*additional board members joined after meeting called to order)

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

**Proxies:** Bill Murray and Jefferson McConkey to Shawn Perez; Kim Wachtel to Mandi Gibson; Bob Connelly to Kim Shorter; Jason Kendall to Abbie Shepherd

### **1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Ms. King welcomed everyone. No media present.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**NPU-B Action: A motion by Denise Starling to approve the August 2023 minutes passed by a vote of 21-0-0.**

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

**NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the September 2023 agenda passed by a vote of 21-0-0.**

### **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)

Lieutenant Allison Leduc, [arleduc@atlantaga.gov](mailto: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

Leutenant Wulf noted Zone 2 is down 1% in crime overall and continues to face shoplifting and car break-ins. Citizens should remove any valuables and guns from cars. APD continues to promote Connect Atlanta. The Crime is Toast event will be held September 26, 2023.

A board member asked about the valet who was shot on Lindbergh; a suspect has been identified and warrant is out for his arrest.

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)

No report.

Atlanta Office of the Solicitors

Judge Sylvia J Lee, 404-932-5566, [silee@atlantaga.gov](mailto:silee@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 Tech campus safety event was last week; additional events will follow. Drug education and training events will occur in partnership with APD and AFRD throughout elementary schools in APS. The two-day DUI training will occur October 10-11; Ms. Carey thanked NPU-B for providing refreshments. Another senior safety event will be October 27, more info to come once it is confirmed.

Fulton County District Attorney

Kendall Watkins, 404-426-4525, [kendall.watkins@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:kendall.watkins@fultoncountyga.gov)

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

Ms. Cosby noted pickleball is available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11A – 1P and open gym basketball on Tuesday and Friday from 11A – 1P. More activities, like Kids Zone (Mondays), Bingo (Tuesdays), Movies (Wednesdays), Walking Club (Thursday) and Game Day (Fridays) are available. Teen Game Night will be September 21 and Trunk or Treat will be October 25.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner Al Wiggins, 470-653-3013, [awiggins@atlantaga.gov](mailto:awiggins@atlantaga.gov)  
Deputy Commissioner Anou Sothsavath, 678-878-0904, [asothsavath@atlantaga.gov](mailto:asothsavath@atlantaga.gov)  
Deputy Program Moses Tejuoso, [motejuoso@atlantaga.gov](mailto:motejuoso@atlantaga.gov)  
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 Park noted they are behind due to Labor Day and will continue on Saturday to ensure they are caught up. Reminder that more than 20 yard waste bags is considered bulk pick-up and can be scheduled online. If any bulk pick-up is missed, report to 3-1-1 after 3 days. Report any illegal dumping to 3-1-1.

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

3125 Piedmont Road – Citation processed and will be served.

3121 Piedmont Road – Citation will be written soon; stop work order still intact but they'll move forward with the case.

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

3200 Lenox – No new cases since last month.

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.

ATL311

Barbara Dougherty, Community Affairs Coordinator, 470-698-5171, [bdougherty@atlantaga.gov](mailto: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](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.

A board member asked about how to report metal plates aren't properly installed and she noticed the plates aren't identified on their map, so she's wondering how to report these in the future.

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 talked about Party on the Path on October 1: <https://livablebuckhead.com/pop/> and PATH400 hard hat tour on September 25: <https://livablebuckhead.com/event/path400-hard-hat-construction-tour/>. On Tuesdays from 6-7 PM is a run/walk club in partnership with Lululemon. She noted Knife on Piedmont had a stop work order issued for the outdoor seating area and it will come back in front

## **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, [jmerriday@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jmerriday@atlantaga.gov)

Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff for State Representative Stacey Evans, District 57,

[kennedie@staceyevans.com](mailto:kennedie@staceyevans.com)

Ms. Merriday reminded she is available to provide support or resolutions you may not otherwise be able to find answers. A board member noted graffiti is a growing trend; Ms. Merriday will look into. Another board member noted illegal tree removal is an issue with many neighborhoods, especially on the weekends; Ms. Merriday will look into any support the city is able to provide with arborists or increased fines. Another board member noted his car insurance increased by \$100 because he lives in Atlanta. A community member said the rip rap on the beltline is concerning.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

APAB Report was distributed by email on Tuesday, 9/5 at 1:08 PM by Richard Rauh.

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

Bryan Steed, Chair; Denise Starling, Vice Chair



Kimpton Hotel (Restaurant Bar/Rooftop Patio/Suite Hotel/Garden Patio) / 374 West Paces Ferry Road / Approved  
Change of agent. The committee voted 6-0-0 to approve.

Buckhead Chevron / 639 Morosgo Drive / Approved  
Change of ownership. The committee voted 8-0-0 to approve.

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

Christkindl Market / 290 East Paces Ferry Road / Approved  
Special event. The committee voted 6-1-1 to approve.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Denise Starling to approve the non-consent agenda passed by a vote of 20-0-2.**

## **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

Z-23-102 / 1014 Ferncliff Road / Approved 11-0-0 with conditions  
Conditioned on the revised site plan showing a 1' tall retaining wall with a 5' tall fence made of aluminum (or equivalent) with spacing between the pickets that may be lined with shrubbery.

V-23-108 / 855 Loridan Circle / Approved 11-0-0 with conditions  
Conditioned on the revised site plan that allows the reduction of side yard setback from 10 feet to 4 feet but the front of the garage must be within the front yard setback and not project forward beyond the existing stoop.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 20-0-0.**

V-23-082 / 4605 Angelo Drive / Denied 10-1-0

**NPU-B action: A motion by Shawn Perez to deny the non-consent agenda passed by a vote of 18-2-1.**

Z-23-047 / 71 Sheridan Drive / Deferred

V-23-117 / 71 Sheridan Drive / Deferred

U-23-007 / 3804 Roswell Road / Deferred



## 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)

Ms. Lavandier's planning report is available at

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

Planning is updating the Comprehensive Development Plan and will kick-off community engagement this fall.

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.

September NPU University events are "Housing Resources for Tenants" and "Atlanta City Design." To register or learn more, visit [npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity](http://npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity) or call 404-546-0158.

Corner Conversations are the first Thursday of the month in a different neighborhood. For September, the NPU team was in Buckhead; in October, they will be at Taproom Coffee at 4 PM in Kirkwood. Email [mmcneal@atlantaga.gov](mailto:mmcneal@atlantaga.gov) to request one in your neighborhood.

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

Dr. Bliwise presented the by-laws, rationale for maintaining them and noting all community members who are residents or business owner within NPU-B can comment. Approval conditioned on discussion of inclusion for residents who aren't members of an HOA.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Nancy Bliwise to approve bylaws passed by a vote of 23-2-2.**

## 9. PRESENTATIONS

Radiant Development Partners, LLC / Pennrose, LLC | Sharon Guest and Taylor Brown (Invest Atlanta Application)

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

## 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is October 3, 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.