



## **NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes August 2024**

**Date:** August 13, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom

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

**Present:** 16 present\*; 2 proxies (\*additional members joined after the meeting called to order)

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

**Proxies:** Robert Patterson to Bill Murray; Scotty East to Rebecca King

### **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 July 2024 minutes passed by a vote of 16-0-1.**

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

Agenda amended to remove V-24-75, as it was removed by the city.

**NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the amended August 2024 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 Ben Vayens, Zone 2 Commander, 404-323-6344, [bvayens@atlantaga.gov](mailto:bvayens@atlantaga.gov)

Captain Germain Dearlove, Zone 2 Asst Commander, 404-987-7377, [gdearlove@atlantaga.gov](mailto:gdearlove@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



Major Vayens noted he appreciated NPU-B's efforts and volunteering. National Night Out, especially in Zone 2, was a success and he thanked everyone for the support.

Zone 2 is doing well so far this year, down 13% overall. At 0% in burglaries year over year; homicides are up (6 versus 5 last year) with a car shooting last week. Enforcement looks good, with Zone 2 leading the city in arrests and citations. He noted Zone 2 officers are doing well handling calls. Club 1145 is permanently closed, as ruled by a judge last week; two more locations that are problematic will go to court shortly.

A board member noted the Peachtree Hills house is known to be running as a halfway house, provided the address and asked for additional follow-up.

A board member asked about a three-way stop for Wesley and Muscovy and Peachtree.

A board member asked about the attempted robbery of USPS on Pharr Road as well as the Capital Grille shooting; Major Vayens noted the suspect's vehicle was identified in the USPS and in Capital Grille, the parties knew each other, had a conflict and the suspects have been identified.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

Main 404-546-4400, Station 21 404-546-4421

Captain Rae Manion, Captain Rodney Deese, Captain Eric Copeland

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, [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)

No report.

Ms. King noted they are working on the next senior cybersecurity safety meeting and asked the Canterbury if they are able to host on October 25, 2024. Volunteers interested in helping should reach out to Rebecca.

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)  
Evan Bennett, [evanbennett@atlantaga.gov](mailto:evanbennett@atlantaga.gov)  
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)  
Artiane Saintil, [asaintil@atlantaga.gov](mailto:asaintil@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](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)

Office Lawrence is filling in while Officer Francis is out; she noted there will be a competition among NPUs through Keep Atlanta Beautiful. A reminder that yard waste is still bi-weekly, and 20+ bags are considered bulk and must be scheduled.

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  
Officer Y. Fader, 470-643-4339 or 404-456-3815, [yfader@atlantaga.gov](mailto:yfader@atlantaga.gov)

Officer Fader provided a 90-day report in the chat.

ATL311

Barbara Dougherty, Community Affairs Coordinator, 470-698-5171, [bdougherty@atlantaga.gov](mailto:bdougherty@atlantaga.gov)  
Johnny Wilson, Supportive Services Coordinator  
Allison Murillo, Bayyinah Sullivan, Shade Stokes-Campbell

Ms. Stokes-Campbell noted the hours have been extended until 12A. She reminded 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.

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)

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](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)  
Clyde Mitchell, Neighborhood Relations Manager in Ombuds Office, 404-510-8498,  
[clmitchell@atlantaga.gov](mailto:clmitchell@atlantaga.gov)  
Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff for State Representative Stacey Evans, District 57,  
[kennedie@staceyevans.com](mailto:kennedie@staceyevans.com)  
Jennifer Freeman, Community Outreach Representative to U.S. Congresswoman Nikema Evans,  
404-623-5453, [jennifer.freeman@mail.house.gov](mailto:jennifer.freeman@mail.house.gov)  
Dana Barrett, Fulton County District 3 Commissioner, 678-467-5142,  
[dana.barrett@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:dana.barrett@fultoncountyga.gov)

Commissioner Dana Barrett provided her information and noted her office is available for questions as needed.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No APAB report was distributed.

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

Bryan Steed, Chair; Denise Starling, Vice Chair

Flying Fish Lenox Square / 3393 Peachtree Road / Approved  
New business. The committee voted 11-0-0 to approve.

103 West / 103 West Paces Ferry Road / Approved  
New business. The committee voted 10-0-0 to approve.



Kimpton Sylvan Hotel (Garden Patio, Suite Hotel, Rooftop Patio, Restaurant Bar) / 374 East Paces Ferry Road / Approved  
Change of ownership. The committee voted 9-0-0 to approve.

Party on the PATH / 764 Miami Circle / Approved  
Special event October 6. The committee voted 9-0-0 to approve.

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

The following were heard by the full board due to time constraints at Public Safety:

French Market Atlanta / 3035 Peachtree Road / Approved  
Special event September 27-29.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to approve the French Market passed by a vote of 21-0-2.**

Atlanta ChristKindl Market / 290 East Paces Ferry Road / Deferred  
Special event November 22 – December 24.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to defer ChristKindl passed by a vote of 19-0-0.**

## **B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

Jason Kendall, Chair; Abbie Shepherd, Vice Chair

Report emailed by Mr. Kendall on August 6 at 5:04 PM.

## **C. ZONING COMMITTEE**

Kim Shorter, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair

V-24-107 / 2820 Shady Valley Drive / Withdrawn

V-24-126 / 445 Brentwood Drive / Deferred

V-24-132 / 4018 Club Drive / Deferred

**NPU-B action: A motion by Abbie Shepherd to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 23-0-0.**

## **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)



Punya Vats, Urban Planner II, 470-522-3399

The planning report is available at <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/neighborhood-planning-units/updates>.

NPU's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Legacy of Love events are at <https://www.npuatlanta.org/50th-anniversary>. The next event is Neighborhood Spirit Week in August.

Upcoming NPU University courses are Elections Integrity Clinic, Navigating Mortgage & Renter Challenges, Code Enforcement Academy, Parliamentary Procedures III, Atlanta Community Engagement Playbook, Density Matters and Neighborhood Revitalization and Intro to Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Register at [npuatlanta.org](http://npuatlanta.org).

DCP is continuing to update Plan\_A, Atlanta's Comprehensive Development Plan. Visit [atlantaforall.com](http://atlantaforall.com) to stay involved in the planning process.

The next Atlanta City Studio Book Club meets on August 27. Learn more at <https://www.atlcitystudio.org/acs-book-club>.

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**

None.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. King noted there will be a few items for discussion: potential dues increase for website assistance, by-laws committee, neighborhood delegates, dues and 2025 slate.

Ms. King also congratulated NPU on the 50-year anniversary, noted she attended today's celebration and provided an update on APAB.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**



The next NPU-B meeting is September 3, 2024 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meetings are September 5 and 12, 2024 at 12 PM in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor.

The next ZRB meetings are September 5 and 12, 2024 at 6 PM in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**NPU-B action: A motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 17-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned 9:01 PM.