



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

**Date:** February 6, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom

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

**Present:** 20 present\*; 2 proxies (\*additional members joined after the meeting called to order)

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

**Proxies:** Sherri Tanner to Bryan Steed; Robert Patterson to Bill Murray

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

Ms. King welcomed everyone. No media present. Ms. King noted she received and distributed the letter from residents at Cathedral Towers. The board welcomed new business representatives Keith Biggs and Chris Hadermann.

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

**NPU-B Action: A motion to approve the January 2024 minutes passed by a vote of 18-0-0.**

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

**NPU-B Action: A motion to approve the February 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 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

Major Vayans reported. A board member asked about the encampments and how they can be controlled; Major Vayans noted there was a small fire today, they made a couple arrests due to propane and other illegal materials. He noted they are trying not to further displace non-homed but to help people find safe places to reside.

Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD)

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

Captain Rae Manion

Captain Rodney Deese

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)

Captain Deese reminded everyone to check their smoke detectors and invest in a carbon monoxide detector if they have gas in their homes. A large class just graduated from the academy, so you'll see training more than usual.

A board member asked about the shelf life for fire detectors; Captain Deese noted it is 10 years and you can get new ones from the fire department as needed. Contact Claudine Nash (404-546-7000, [cnash@atlantaga.gov](mailto:cnash@atlantaga.gov)) if detectors are needed. Ms. Nash noted detectors should be placed inside every bedroom, hallway and basement.

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 reminded the board the solicitor's office handles traffic offenses and code enforcement; they offer Pre-Arrest Traffic Diversion for anyone who might qualify. She noted she sent Dr. Bliwise's email regarding code enforcement and it's being worked on by her superiors.

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

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)

Officer Francis inquired if anyone had any questions; no board member had any questions.

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 Young noted cases are back in court.

3200 Lenox – This has been moved to the Safe and Secure Housing Team; several cases are going to court very soon. They are focusing heavily on this property to get it back to order for residents.

2416 Piedmont – The process server has been unable to serve the property owner; they have prioritized the property.

3387/3377 Lenox Road – Escalating this case for a quick resolution and serve the owners; they have been unsuccessful to serve to date.

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.

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 noted PATH 400 Loridans construction is delayed; the next section will be underway after bids are received and approved, hopefully this summer. Piedmont Road construction is underway with improvements by the CID; information is available [here](#). Upcoming events are available [here](#). PATH 400 fundraising to change the handrails on the 800-foot bridge to be safer; more information is available [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](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)

Mr. Clyde Mitchell with the Ombudsman's Office will be sending out a survey to neighborhood chairs to receive feedback.

Ms. McClung reminded everyone to email with any questions and to sign up for Representative Stacey Evan's newsletter at [staceyevans.com](http://staceyevans.com).

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No APAB report was distributed.

### A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Denise Starling, Vice Chair

Bar Taco / 3802 Roswell Road / Approved

Change of agent. The committee voted 8-0-0 to approve.

Nobu (Hotel, Open Air Cafe) / 3520 Peachtree Road / Approved

Change of agent. The committee voted 10-0-0 and 10-0-0 to approve.

Longhorn #5246 / 2430 Piedmont Road / Approved

Change of agent. The committee voted 10-0-0 to approve.



NM Café (Main, Men's Bar) / 3393 Peachtree Road / Approved  
Change of agent. The committee voted 10-0-0 and 10-0-0 to approve.

Storico (Enoteca, Fresco Pasta) / 3167 Peachtree Road / Approved  
Change of agent. The committee voted 10-0-0 and 10-0-0 to approve.

Hotel Colee (Lobby, Restaurant, Open Air Café) / 3520 Peachtree Road / Approved  
Change of agent. The committee voted 8-0-0, 8-0-0 and 8-0-0 to approve.

Fresh Market / 2430 Piedmont Road / Approved  
Change of agent. The committee voted 8-0-0 to approve.

Bloom Restaurant and Bar / 3195 Roswell Road / Approved  
Change of ownership. The committee voted 11-0-0 to approve.

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

Bodacious Blooms / 3035 Peachtree Road / Approved  
Special event (May 3-5, 2024).

**NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve Bodacious Blooms passed by a vote of 18-0-3.**

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

Jason Kendall, Chair; Abbie Shepherd, Vice Chair

Mr. Kendall reviewed the ordinance on home sizes and shared a report via email; the ordinance has been pulled to clarify language.

**C. ZONING COMMITTEE**

Kim Shorter, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair

[V-23-196](#) / 965 Crane Road / Approved 8-0-0 conditioned on site plan with rain barrel  
Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the south side yard setback from 10 feet to 7 feet.

[V-23-106](#) / 2196 Fairhaven Circle / Approved 8-0-0 conditioned on site plan with corrected pavers and rain barrel  
Applicant seeks a variance to increase the maximum lot coverage from 50 percent to 60 percent.

[V-24-8](#) / 867 Brookhaven Springs Court / Approved 8-0-0 conditioned on site plan  
Applicant seeks a special exception to construct active recreation (swimming pool) on the south side adjacent to a street.

**NPU-B action: A motion by Bryan Steed 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)

Ms. Lavandier's 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 kicked off in January and will continue throughout the year.

NPU University courses are History of NPUs on February 8 and Zoning Fundamentals I on February 13. Register at [npuatlanta.org](http://npuatlanta.org).

Atlanta City Studio Book Club relaunches on February 27 with *The 99% Invisible City: A Field Guide to the Hidden World of Everyday Design*. Visit <https://www.atlcitystudio.org/> for more info.

Nominations are open for 2024 Community Design awards. Deadline for submissions is February 29. Visit <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/public-meetings-boards-commissions/urban-design-commission/design-awards#!/> for more info.

Capital Improvements Element of the CDP is accepting submissions through March 8 at the portal: <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/2021-2025-cie-update>.

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

Christy Campbell discussed overgrowth, drainage and invasive species related to the bond.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS



A community member asked about the Styrofoam in Peachtree Hills via The Dillon construction; she noted many city officials have tried but is unable to intervene. Mr. Murray suggested a route to get through, he will make a connection.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next NPU-B meeting is March 5, 2024 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meetings are March 7 and 14, 2024 at 12 PM in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor.

The next ZRB meetings are March 7 and 14, 2024 at 6 PM in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**NPU-B action: A motion by Denise Starling to adjourn passed by a vote of 20-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.