



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes July 2024

Date: July 8, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Rebecca King, NPU-B Chairperson.

Present: 17 present*; 5 proxies (*additional members joined after the meeting called to order)

Officers Present: Rebecca King, Bill Murray, Kim Shorter, Robert Patterson

Proxies: Tim Webb and Mandi Gibson Kim Shorter; Chris Hadermann to Heather Halpern, Bob Connelly and Anne Culberson to Bill Murray

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 May and June 2024 minutes passed by a vote of 20-0-0.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the July 2024 agenda amended to remove four Kimpton LRB agenda items 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

Captain Germain Dearlove, Zone 2 Asst Commander, 404-987-7377, gdearlove@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 Vayens noted that he would get clarification on the change of ownership question from the LRB pre-meeting. Most finished the Peachtree Road Race safely and it was a great event.

The crime is down 12% in 2024. Zone 2 is down 40% in violent crimes, up in burglaries 6%, and an increase in homicides to 4 from 3 last year.

There were 54 vehicles broken into in NPU B in the last month. There were 266 arrests, primarily traffic and quality of life offenses. Officers are working hard to deter and address quality of life issues.

Street racing in metro Atlanta is popping back up all over metro Atlanta the past few weeks. Zone 2 and NPU B has done a good job to push out information real time to address issues as quickly as possible. The Zone traffic officer is still working on water boys, but those calls have reduced dramatically. Diverting these kids to other opportunities.

Major Vayens was in Israel for training. Thanked those that stepped in during his absence.

A board member noted high speeds on W Wesley from Habersham to Peachtree as traffic flies up toward Peachtree. They asked if a 3 way stop could be installed on Muscogee. Major Vayens will consult with ADOT.

A board member noted that people are parking in the street in front of ChickFila at Pharr/Boling Road. Cars are parking and backing up to the apartment complex entrance. There is a median and people are driving over the median and creating a dangerous situation.

National Night Out will be held August 13th. The Atlanta Police and Fire interact with students and support the parents and students as they enter the new school year. Our August meeting will be August 13th to allow NPU to support the officers on August 6th. More information will be shared.

There was a question about arrests on fireworks on Stratford near the cul-de-sac. Major Vayens is checking into the incident.

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

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 that the DUI training for officers is being planned for this fall.

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

Evan Bennett, evanbennett@atlantaga.gov

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

Artiane Saintil, asaintil@atlantaga.gov

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

Tara Buckner, tbuckner@atlantaga.gov, 404-217-9603

Ms. Buckner shared the Citywide trails master plan is in progress. The first round of public engagement was well attended. The next round of meetings will be held by Council District. Details on District 6 and District 7 are shown below. District 8 is not scheduled yet.

<https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation>

Next Trails ATL Meeting:

District 7

Tuesday, July 30 at 6:30 pm

Peachtree Hills Recreation Center

District 6

Monday, August 5 at 6:30 pm

Magnolia Hall, Piedmont Park

TrailsATL.com

Department of Public Works

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 that demolition waste is not collected generally. On occasion, demolition waste will be collected if (1) the work is performed by the homeowners, (2) the weight must not exceed 35 pounds and (3) the trash can should close. Occasionally, homeowners place boards in the trash sticking out of the can and that is not permitted.

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 Fader provided the 90-day report in the chat. She reminded everyone that junk, trash, debris and overgrown yards are a Code Enforcement issue. Issues with land use would be Zoning Enforcement.

A board member asked about 642 Timm Valley Road NE. Officer Fader has been referred to a specialty department due to the continuous issues.

ATL311

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

Ms. Stokes-Campbell 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 or email atl311@atlantaga.gov. Sign up for City of Atlanta emergency alerts by texting NOTIFYATL to 888777. They are now open from 7am to midnight for city-related inquiries.

A board member thanked 311 for extending the hours and asked about weekend service. Currently, there are no plans for weekend service. If the extended hours are helpful, then the weekend hours may be considered.

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

Denise provided information in the chat on the following upcoming events.
Buckhead Restaurant Week is back July 22 - 27 - join us! <https://livablebuckhead.com/savor-the-return-buckhead-restaurant-week-makes-a-flavorful-comeback-july-22-27/>



New discount card for Buckhead businesses - don't miss out on your savings! <https://livablebuckhead.com/gobuckhead/>

Cycling safety class for kids and families on July 20th 11am to noon at Mountain Way Common Park. Register ahead of time.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pedal-together-cycling-safety-tickets-911440923337?aff=oddtcreator>

SPI 9 and 12 – Sales Force Tower (Atlanta Plaza) has indoor pickleball coming to the lobby. Knife returned with an illegal deck and their plan has been correct. Outfront media will be removing and updating billboards.

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
Clyde Mitchell, Neighborhood Relations Manager in Ombuds Office, 404-510-8498,
clmitchell@atlantaga.gov
Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff for State Representative Stacey Evans, District 57,
kennedie@staceyevans.com
Jennifer Freeman, Community Outreach Representative to U.S. Congresswoman Nikema Evans,
404-623-5453, jennifer.freeman@mail.house.gov

No report.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rebecca is going to share the APAB meeting agenda. APAB is working on a strategic planning report and standing committee reports. The goal is to route concerns or legislation through the committees to ensure they are being reviewed.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Denise Starling, Vice Chair

Roswell Chevron / 4341 Roswell Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 16-0-0 to approve.

Burton's Grill / 3330 Piedmont Road / Approved
New business. The committee voted 13-0-0 to approve.

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

B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair; Abbie Shepherd, Vice Chair

Report emailed by Mr. Kendall on July 8 at 4:27P. R4 is being sliced off from R1- R3 and this will allow for upzoning by right. There was a robust discussion regarding the importance of R4 and the concerns about the CDP changing the dynamic of the city. There were concerns about the CDP and the zoning updating occurring simultaneously and the confusion that it is creating. A plea for the City to update the CDP and then rewrite the zoning ordinance after based on where there is capacity for future growth and development.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Kim Shorter, Chair; Shawn Perez, Vice Chair

V-24-36 (Amended) / 246 Bolling Road / Approved 10-0-0 with conditions

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to increase the floor area for an accessory unit from 30 percent to 45 percent of the main structure.

*Conditioned on use only as a guesthouse (no rental or commercial use). No kitchen will be added at any time. Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to increase the floor area for an accessory unit from 30 percent to 36 percent of the main structure.

V-24-65 / 3750 Peachtree Road / Approved 10-0-0 with conditions

Z-24-28 / 3750 Peachtree Road / Approved 10-0-0 with conditions

U-24-15 / 3750 Peachtree Road / Approved 10-0-0 with conditions

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to increase the height of a fence in the half-depth front yard from the required four feet to six feet. Applicant seeks to rezone the property from the RG-3-C (General (multi-family) residential, maximum floor area ratio of 0.696 conditional) and R-3 (Single-family residential, minimum lot size 0.41 acres) zoning designations to the RG-3-C (General (multi-family) residential, maximum floor area ratio of 0.696 conditional) and R-3-C (Single-family residential, minimum lot size 0.41 acres conditional) to include a new adjacent green space.

*Conditioned on Canterbury Court will use parcels currently addressed as 3717, 3727, 3741 Vermont Road NE that are adjacent to Canterbury's existing campus at 3750 Peachtree Road NE exclusively for passive green space and conforming with the conditions applied to the existing campus through the SUP. Canterbury retains the right to sell the parcels, only if they return to conforming R-3 lots for use as single family residential properties and following the sale, removing them from the SUP. The FAR associated with 3717, 3727, and 3741 shall not be used on the existing campus at 3750 Peachtree Road NE.

V-24-78 / 3296 Mathieson Drive / Approved 11-0-0

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the required north side yard setback from 14 feet to 10 feet in order to construct a new single-family residence.

NPU-B action: A motion by Bryan Steed to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 20-0-1.

V-24-75 / 2771 Peachtree Road / Defer



Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the required setback for a monument sign from the street property line from the required 30 feet to 4 feet.

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

Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning ordinance to allow active recreation in yards adjacent to the street.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the non-consent agenda passed by a vote of 21-0-1.

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

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

NPU University courses are "Atlanta Community Engagement Playbook" on July 27 and "Bylaws Clinic" on July 31. Register at npuatlanta.org.

DCP is continuing to update Plan_A, Atlanta's Comprehensive Development Plan. Visit atlantaforall.com to stay involved in the planning process.

ATL 2.0 Zoning Ordinance Module I released for public review. This module includes draft standards for Form & Frontage Districts and Use Districts. You can review and comment on the draft at atlzoning.com or join the discussion on July 9 via Zoom.

The next Atlanta City Studio Book Club meets on July 30. Learn more at <https://www.atlcitystudio.org/acs-book-club>.

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

Z-24-43

An Ordinance by Councilmembers Matt Westmoreland, Jason Dozier, Antonio Lewis, Andrea L. Boone, Alex Wan, Amir Farokhi, Byron Amos, Dustin Hillis, Howard Shook, Jason Winston, Liliana Bakhtiari, Marci Collier Overstreet, Mary Norwood, and Michael Julian Bond to amend the 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, by amending Chapter 36 "BeltLine Overlay and



District Regulations”, Section 16-36.008 “Permitted and prohibited uses and structures” so as to prohibit data centers within the BeltLine Overlay District; and for other purposes.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the Ordinance passed by a vote of 16-0-4.

Those voting in opposition feel that the BeltLine Overlay District requires a greater overhaul in order to put in provisions to support several of the “whereas clauses” including protecting established single family residential areas and historical protections. A piecemeal approach to addressing the needs of this legislation should be avoided in favor of a comprehensive update.

Z-24-44

An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jason Dozier, Matt Westmoreland, Antonio Lewis, Marci Collier Overstreet, Jason Winston, Amir Farokhi, Andrea L. Boone, Mary Norwood, Alex Wan, Dustin Hillis, Byron Amos, Howard Shook, and Michael Julian Bond to amend the 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, by amending various provisions of the text, including creating a definition for “data center” by amending Chapter 29; and by amending the regulations of various districts to prohibit data centers within half of a mile of high-capacity transit stops; and for other purposes.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the non-consent agenda passed by a vote of 21-0-1.

There was some confusion about the definition of high-capacity transit stops and while approved, this was on the understanding that the city had mapped the current high-capacity transit stops to ensure this Ordinance was appropriate.

9. PRESENTATIONS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Robert Patterson provided a list of the members who still owe dues.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is August 13, 2024 at 7 PM via Zoom. ***This is moved due to National Night Out.***

The next BZA meetings are July 11 and 18, 2024 at 12 PM in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor.



The next ZRB meetings are July 11, 2024 at 6 PM in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor.

13. ADJOURNMENT

NPU-B action: A motion by Bill Murray to adjourn passed by a vote of 20-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned 9:02 PM.