



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes March 2024

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

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

Present: 14 present*; 3 proxies (*additional members joined after the meeting called to order)

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

Proxies: Mary Heather Tatum to Kim Shorter; Robert Patterson and Bob Connolly 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 February 2024 minutes passed by a vote of 17-0-0.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NPU-B Action: A motion by Kim Shorter to approve the March 2024 agenda passed by a vote of 19-0-0.

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

Captain Dearlove reported Zone 2 continues to trend downward. He reported two incidents within residences among targeted, known entities, with arrests made on scene. The biggest incidents are property crimes and automobile thefts. APD continues to push the Clean Car campaign as well as ConnectAtlanta.

APD, GDOT and ADOT are working on resettling unhomed citizens at Cheshire Bridge, Piedmont and Morosgo.

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

Captain Copeland noted house fires have increased this year and encouraged everyone to have a fire safety plan, with at least one fire extinguisher. Kitchen fires are the most likely; grease fires have been the cause for several fires lately. At daylight savings time, change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors and ensure they are properly working. He reminded everyone to sleep with their doors closed for safety (<https://vimeo.com/293952932>). AFRD will be draining fire hydrants this spring around neighborhoods.

A board member asked about recharging fire extinguishers; he noted the fire department doesn't do that but third-party companies do.

A board member asked about side yard setbacks and what a minimum requirement would be for safety as we assess variances; he suggested we contact 404-546-7000 and speak with Inspections.

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 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 the April event might need to be shifted.

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

Crews are installing a granite curb on Club Drive. Vermont Drive is not draining well, they are working on diversions and new stormwater lines. They expect to be done by spring 2024. DWM has independent contractors assessing the stormwater lines throughout the city. Bellwood Quarry is officially a drinking water reservoir and not for swimming. He also noted the Name the Drain campaign.

A board member asked about a dispute; during the 90-day review, DWM sends a disconnect notice while a case is still open. Mr. Bennett will pass along the question to find out more.

A board member asked about tree trimming and clear cutting that will occur along North Fork Peachtree Creek for homeless rehoming at Buford Highway and Lenox. Mr. Bennett will look into permitting and the process with his manager.

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 reminded everyone of the street sweeping schedule.

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 Young will be out for training the rest of the week and will answer any questions via email.

3200 Lenox – The owner was in court this month; there is a reset in order to allow time for compliance and new cases are under the SSI.

A community member asked about The Dillon and Styrofoam use; they have been sent non-compliance letters and Officer Young has escalated. They will continue to check on them to enforce and go to court if they continue to be non-compliant. A board member asked about issuing a stop work order, which is done by a different department. The community member asked again about fines and if they would be retroactive; Officer Young noted they do not fine anyone but issue citations and put it into the civil process for the solicitor's office to pursue fines.

A board member asked about the old Houston's on Lenox; this is in civil process, trying to serve the property owner.

A board member asked about the old Gold Room; this is in civil process, trying to serve the property owner.

A board member asked about 951 Crane Road; Officer Young will follow-up.

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.

A board member noted the line number changes are difficult and would like to see the water emergency issues to be a callout; Ms. Murillo will pass the comments and case numbers through.

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. Starling shared the spring into fitness events over the next couple months and shared a calendar in the chat. Bids for the next section of PATH400 from Lorida to Sandy Springs were over budget so they are planning and reviewing.

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



Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff for State Representative Stacey Evans, District 57,
kennedie@staceyevas.com

Ms. McClung reminded everyone to email with any questions and to sign up for Representative Stacey Evan's newsletter at staceyevas.com.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No APAB report was distributed.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bryan Steed, Chair; Denise Starling, Vice Chair

Hilton Garden Inn Buckhead / 3342 Peachtree Road / Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 6-0-0 to approve.

El Gordo / 575 Morosgo Drive / Approved
New business. The committee voted 7-0-0 to approve.

James Room / 3017 Bolling Way / Approved
New business. The committee voted 7-0-0 to approve.

Hyatt (Regency Club Lounge, Pool Bar, Lobby Lounge, Cassis) / 3300 Peachtree Road /
Approved
Change of agent. The committee voted 6-0-0, 6-0-0, 6-0-0 and 6-0-0 to approve.

The Bank Bar / 3280 Peachtree Road / Approved
New business. The committee voted 8-0-0 to approve.

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

B. DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Jason Kendall, Chair; Abbie Shepherd, Vice Chair

Mr. Kendall shared a report via email on March 5 at 6:17 PM recapping [Z-24-12](#) and the signage above gas stations in exchange for security cameras. A discussion around non-support in unison with other NPUs was discussed.

NPU-B action: A motion by Kim Shorter to deny the ordinance passed by a vote of 21-0-0.

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Kim Shorter, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair

[V-24-19](#) / 535 Pine Tree Drive / Approved 8-0-0 conditioned on site plan



Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to 1) reduce the required east side yard setback from 7 feet to 3.1 feet and 2) increase the maximum floor area of the accessory structure from 30 percent to 33.5 percent of the main dwelling.

[V-24-20](#) / 370 Ivy Knoll / Approved 8-0-0 conditioned on site plan and letters of support
Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning ordinance to add active recreation in yards adjacent to a street.

NPU-B action: A motion by Mandi Gibson to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 22-0-0.

[U-24-5](#) / 2744 Peachtree Road / Deferred
Applicant seeks a special use permit to operate a church.

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>.

NPU's 50th anniversary Legacy of Love events are at <https://www.npuatlanta.org/50th-anniversary>.

NPU University courses are Reducing Property Taxes with Homestead Exemptions on March 14 and Building Permits and Accela for Beginners on March 28. Register at npuatlanta.org.

Nominations are open for Community Design Awards; submissions are due by March 14.

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

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



Bruce Gregory and Ed Modzeleski, on behalf of Cathedral Towers residents, and Maureen Freehill, on behalf of NCR, presented their positions regarding the units and ownership at Cathedral Towers. Residents should contact NCR at 855-286-6786 with any questions, concerns or issues.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next NPU-B meeting is April 2, 2024 at 7 PM via Zoom.

The next BZA meetings are April 4 and 11, 2024 at 12 PM in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor.

The next ZRB meetings are April 4 and 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 21-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned 9:26 PM.