

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – B



Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM

To register in advance, click [here](#)

Meeting ID: 83248368602

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AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks/Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives
(please allow public safety representatives to report first)
5. Comments from Elected Officials
6. Committee Reports
7. APAB Report
8. Planner's Report
9. Matters for Voting (please see attachment)
10. Presentations
 - Center for Civic Innovation: Survey and NPU Initiative Report Updates | Ann Hill-Bond
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Announcements
14. Adjournment

NPU-B VOTING RULES per [2025 Bylaws](#)

NPU-B is composed of residential and business representatives who shall each have one vote on any matter. Votes and motions may be made via email (Article 6, Section 6.5). In the event members cannot attend a Board of Committee Meeting, they may designate a Proxy to vote in their place (Article 6, Section 6.9).



MATTERS FOR VOTING

NPU's provide recommendations to the City of Atlanta by voting to support or oppose applications. The application and the NPU's recommendations, along with Staff recommendations, are then considered by the appropriate board, association, commission, or office.

Special Event Applications (MOSE)			
Event Name	Event Organizer	Event Location	Event Date
French Market Atlanta	Richard Keatley & Jamee Stradley	3035 Peachtree Road NE – Buckhead Avenue	October 18, 2025
Yeppa National Day	Kari Weaver	Yeppa & Co. – 306 Buckhead Avenue NE	October 19, 2025
Yeppa World Cup Final	Kari Weaver	306 Buckhead Avenue NE	July 19, 2026

Alcohol License Applications (LRB)				
Name of Business	Type of Business	Applicant	Property Address	Request
Buckhead Bar	Open Air Café	Jeremy J. Gatto	3480 Peachtree Road NE	Change of Ownership
Nobu (Hotel)	Hotel and Open Air Café	Gilberto A. Mejia	3520 Peachtree Road NE	Change of Agent
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Aria	Restaurant	Carlos Andres Loaiza	490 East Paces Ferry Road NE	Change of Agent
Cost Plus World Market	Retail Package	Katie A. Mesier	3495 Buckhead Loop NE	Change of Agent
Revised - Homewood Suites	Hotel/Motel	Peter Park	540 Pharr Road NE	New App/Old Location

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)		
Application	Property Address	Public Hearing
V-25-66 Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to allow retaining wall in side and rear yard to exceed 6 feet to 16 feet.	314 Pinecrest Road NE	August 7, 2025
V-25-91 Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the required side set back from 7 feet to 3 feet.	161 Ridgeland Way NE	-

PUBLIC NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided for informational purposes. Votes/comments are neither required nor expected.

25-O-1417 Occupation Tax Code Amendments
25-O-1417 An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to amend the Atlanta City Code Part II (General Ordinances), Chapter 30 (Businesses), Article III (Occupation tax), to reflect updated laws and procedures; to improve customer service standards; to increase operational efficiencies; to levy a more appropriate occupation tax; and to better reflect the costs to the city for the issuance of the occupation tax certificates; to amend the occupation tax table; and for other purposes. FACT SHEET Occupation Tax Code Public Hearing: Finance/Executive Committee – September 10, 2025

2026 NPU Bylaws

2026 NPU Bylaws must be submitted by September 30, 2025. There shall be no restrictions on a resident's right to vote on Bylaws.

Atlanta Zoning 2.0: Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

DRAFT I of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite has been posted to the project website atlzoning.com.

To find the draft:

- From the project website select "Zoning Drafts"
- Select "Online Zoning Drafts"
- Select "Zoning Ordinance: Revised Discussion Draft V1"

The draft will be available June 2, 2025 through September 2, 2025. You may use the Konveio tool to make comments and suggestions to the draft.

Campaigning by Elected Officials & Candidates

Campaigning at NPU meetings is strictly prohibited by the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 6-3019 Prohibition of Political Forums

"Neighborhood planning unit meetings shall not be used for political forums or campaigning for city, county, state, or federal elections."

Examples of campaigning could include, but not be limited to:

- Introduction of elected officials as political candidates in upcoming elections;
- Distributing campaign materials and literature; and
- Conducting either of the above in City Hall, its rooms or offices.

Please contact Leah LaRue at 404.546.0159 or llarue@atlantaga.gov with any questions or concerns.