



NPU-B Monthly February Meeting Minutes

February 2026

Date: February 3, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at **7:01 PM** by **Nancy Bliwise, Chair**.

Attendance: 12 members present; 3 proxies (*additional members joined after the meeting was called to order*)

Officers Present: Nancy Bliwise, Kim Shorter, Shawn Perez, Keith Biggs

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

The Chair welcomed attendees and inquired about elected officials and members of the press.

Press: None present.

Elected Officials / Representatives Present:

- Eliva Salgado, Office of Representative McBath
- Jum Elgar, Office of Councilwoman Mary Norwood

Board Acknowledgements:

- Dwight Bell, Business Representative
- Lisa Bennett, Business Representative (Zoning Committee)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Motion to approve the **January 2026 minutes** made by **Kim Shorter**, seconded by **Bob Connelly**.

Vote: Approved **18-0-0**.



3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Motion to approve the **February 2026 agenda** made by **Kim Shorter**, seconded by **Shawn Perez**.

Vote: Approved **17-0-0**.

4. REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHERS

Atlanta Police Department (APD)

Major Ben Vayens, Zone 2 Commander, reported:

- Crime down approximately 50% in early 2026, attributed in part to weather conditions
- 5,000 traffic stops year-to-date
- Continued coordination for FIFA World Cup planning (June 10 – July 19)
- Ongoing outreach through COPS Unit and Partners for Homes regarding encampments

Community Questions:

- Break-ins on Rivers Road under investigation; burglary and auto units engaged
- Traffic and parking concerns at Kingsboro and Roxboro under review with ADOT
- Incident at Cosmopolitan under active investigation; warrants issued

Repeat Offender Unit

Officer Baptiste reported 346 felony arrests, including 68 repeat offenders (112 from Zone 2). Updates provided on an assault case; subject transferred to Department of Corrections custody with maximum release date of January 2033.

Solicitor's Office

Hala Cary provided updates on upcoming food drive and career resource fair (February 11), school bus safety enforcement on Lenox Road, and public safety meeting coordination.



Parks and Recreation

Destiny Mays reported on Winter Break Camp (Feb 16–20), youth sports registrations, and upcoming community events.

Code Enforcement

Officer Bridgers reported:

- 51 compliance citations issued in January
- Extensions and compliance reviews ongoing

Guidance provided regarding court tracking for dangerous structures.

Public Works / Solid Waste

Regular collections resumed following weather delays. Bulk and yard waste pickup ongoing with reminders regarding containerization requirements. Discussion held regarding consistency in field communication and messaging.

ATL311

Updates included:

- System enhancements for case resolution visibility
- Extended operating hours (7:00 AM – 12:00 AM, Monday–Friday)
- Continued system improvements and public engagement tools

Livable Buckhead / Buckhead Coalition

Denise Starling reported:

- Ongoing planning for mixed-use development at Wieuca & Peachtree
- Demolition efforts at former Houston's site
- PATH400 expansion planning
- Master Plan update underway



- World Cup infrastructure coordination

5. COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Apollo Gunn, Office of the Ombudsman, provided an overview of services and assistance with city navigation following unresolved escalations.

Eliva Salgado offered assistance with federal agency coordination.

Jum Elgar shared updates regarding Councilwoman Norwood's committee assignments and encouraged submission of nominations for board appointments.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Safety Committee

Chair: Tamara Flanagan

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve made by **Keith Biggs**, seconded by **Shawn Perez**.

Vote: Approved **20-0-0**.

Alcohol License Applications (LRB) included in the Consent Agenda were heard and are as follows:

- * Shake Shack Buckhead Restaurant 3035 Peachtree Rd NE/Change of agent—
Approved 13-0-0
- * Shake Shack Lenox Mall Restaurant 3393 Peachtree Rd NE/ Change of agent—
Approved 13-0-1
- * The Capital Grille Restaurant 255 East Paces Ferry Rd/Change of agent- Approved
13-0-0
- * Banu Waterfall (Tux wine & spirits Restaurant 3861 Roswell RD NE/New Application-
Approved 10-0-0
- * Cafe Bistro Restaurant 3500 Peachtree Rd NE/ Change of agent- Approved 13-0-0
- * Clarks's Steak House Restaurant 2827 Peachtree Rd NE/New Business- Approved
12-0-1
- * Hotel Colee (3)- 3377 Peachtree Rd/ Change of Agent- Approved 9-0-2

Special Event Applications (MOSE)

- * Yeppa Turns Three- 306 Buckhead Ave NE/ March 22, 2026- Approved 13-0-0-



- * Miami F1 Watch Party at Yeppa -306 Buckhead Ave NE/ May 3, 2026- Approved 12-0-0
- * Amended Buckhead Handmade Holiday Market- Buckhead Ave. b/t Piedmont and Grandview- 269 Buckhead Ave. No Show

Non-Consent Agenda:

Blue Moon Pizza deferred to Full Committee; motion adopted **20-0-0**.

B. Development & Transportation

No report.

Chair encouraged review of Atlanta Zoning 2.0 updates.

C. Zoning Committee

Chair: Kim Shorter

Consent Agenda:

- * V-25-250 - 3226 Roswell Rd NW- Applicant seeks a special exception to reduce the minimum off-street required parking from 6 spaces to 4 spaces. / Defer
- * V-25-251 - 2828 Vernon Rd NW- Applicant seeks a variance to 1. reduce the front yard setback from 60ft to 20ft. 2. reduce the rear yard setback from 30ft to 10ft / Deny 9-0-0
- * V-25-257- 214 Alberta Drive NE- Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 15ft to 2/5ft / Defer
- * V-25-219- No Show- Defer- Withdrawn- Deny without prejudice- 9-0-0 -Motion by Bill Murray to approve, Seconded by Shawn Perez

Motion to approve made by **Bill Murray**, seconded by **Bob Connelly**.

Vote: Approved **19-0-0**.

Applications reviewed with outcomes including deferrals, denials, and comments as noted.

7. APAB REPORT

APAB working on 2026 strategic priorities including TAD coordination and community participation in budgeting. Recommendations anticipated related to Atlanta Zoning 2.0.



8. PLANNER'S REPORT

Interim Planner **Susan Colman** reported:

- Updates on prior applications and dashboard usage
- African American History Initiative programming
- NPU University educational offerings
- Community Impact Grant deadline: February 27
- Urban Design Commission awards portal open through March 6
- Zoning services system upgrades forthcoming

9. MATTERS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

Chastain Park Spring Arts Festival — No representative present. No action taken.

10. PRESENTATIONS

Peachtree Park Community Impact Grant Proposal

Presentation regarding enhancements to the Gordon Finham Bridge landscaping.

Action: Motion to approve grant support made by **Kim Shorter**, seconded by **Shawn Perez**.

Vote: Approved **19-0-0**.

11. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding review of Atlanta Zoning 2.0 updates and upcoming comment period.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- Financial update: approximately \$8,000 balance
- Motion to approve up to \$1,100 for advertisement in Buckhead Guide Book.
Vote: Approved **17-0-0**.



- Motion to maintain 2026 dues at \$60.
Vote: Approved **20-0-0**.
- Motion to establish banking relationship with Truist and authorize Treasurer to execute documents.
Vote: Approved **19-0-0**.

13. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

Notice provided regarding proposed parking fee study ordinance (26-0-1079).

- Next NPU-B Meeting: **March 3, 2026 – 7:00 PM**
- Upcoming BZA and Zoning meetings as scheduled

14. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Motion to adjourn made by **Shawn Perez**, seconded by **Bill Murray**.

The meeting was adjourned at **8:57 PM**.