



NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes

May 2026

Date: May 5, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

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

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

Officers Present: Nancy Bliwise, Kim Shorter, Robert Patterson, Keith Biggs

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. Bliwise welcomed everyone in attendance and asked if there were any elected officials or members of the press present.

- **Press:** None Present
- **Elected Officials:** Amber Madison, Representative for Councilmember Michael Julian Bond

New Members Introduced:

- Barbara Shortridge, Delegate for Rebecca King when unavailable
- Devonta Jennings, Business Owner

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NPU-B Action: Motion to approve the April 2026 minutes made by Kim Shorter and seconded by Lisa Bennett.

- **Approved:** 17-0-1

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (AMENDED)

NPU-B Action: Motion to approve the May 2026 agenda made by Kim Shorter and seconded by Robert Patterson.

- **Approved:** 19-0-0

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

Atlanta Police Department (APD)

Major Ben Vayens, Zone 2 Commander, reported:

- Atlanta crime is down 26% year-to-date as the City prepares for FIFA events this summer.
- NPU-B crime is down 33% overall.
- 37 days until FIFA FanFest begins at Piedmont Park.
- 41 days until Atlanta's first FIFA match on June 15.
- APD units will begin operating on 12-hour shifts during FIFA activities.
- The Clean Car Campaign continues to reduce vehicle thefts, which are down 44% year-to-date. Residents are encouraged to keep valuables out of sight. More information is available at ConnectAtlanta.org.

Questions:

Robert Patterson:

Asked whether attendance projections for FIFA are expected to exceed normal Mercedes-Benz Stadium crowds.

Response: FIFA ticket sales are still ongoing through a lottery system. Crowd levels are expected to increase significantly during the semifinal matches and will likely exceed ticket-holder attendance due to surrounding activities.

Kim Shorter:

Reported helping prevent a theft involving landscaping equipment and noted that these crimes are becoming increasingly sophisticated, occurring in broad daylight using bolt cutters and organized methods.

APD Repeat Offender Unit

- No Report

Atlanta Fire Rescue

Captain Legatta reported:

- Atlanta remains under a Level 1 Drought Declaration.
- Residents should use caution with landscaping and outdoor burning.

- The recent pine straw fire at Ace Hardware was determined to be arson-related and not caused by drought conditions.
- Practice summer safety while enjoying outdoor activities.
- Kitchen fire prevention remains a priority. Store flammable items properly and keep fire extinguishers accessible but away from cooking surfaces.
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month.
- Families should review emergency plans for fires, pools, and CPR emergencies.
- Residents should know how to recognize stroke symptoms and seek immediate assistance during the "Golden Hour."
- Stay hydrated and monitor symptoms such as dry mouth, dizziness, nausea, low blood pressure, and facial flushing.

Question:

Nancy Bliwise:

Asked about burn restrictions and how residents should respond if neighbors are burning during drought conditions.

Response: Contact 911 to report violations during burn restriction periods.

Atlanta Office of the Solicitor

Hala Carey reported:

- The May 9 Senior Public Safety Event location has changed to St. Paul AME Church on Pryor Road from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Approximately 160 attendees are expected.
- Supported by Councilmembers Bond, Westmoreland, Collins, and Winston.
- Career Festival and Second Chance Summit events were held on April 25.
- FIFA activities may result in temporary court schedule modifications to assist with traffic and parking management.

Question:

Nancy Bliwise attended Judge Sites' Open House and requested that In Rem proceedings be searchable by property address rather than case number. Hala requested additional information via email for follow-up.

Additional Departments

- MARTA Police – No Report
- Department of Watershed Management – No Report

Parks and Recreation

Destiny Mays reported:

- Summer Camp registrations are open with programs beginning June 8.
- Youth football and cheerleading registrations are currently available.
- The Peachtree Hills Park renovation project is expected to reopen after the summer following a four to five month construction schedule.

Question:

Lisa Bennett:

Asked whether displaced youth participants were being redirected to nearby facilities.

Response: Chastain Park is currently the closest available alternative location.

Department of Transportation

Nancy Bliwise announced a community bike tour scheduled for May 12 at 5:00 PM and encouraged members to share the information.

Code Enforcement

Officer Bridgers reported:

- NPU-B currently has 66 active cases.
- Twenty cases were inspected with no violations found.
- Civil notices and citations continue to be issued as needed.
- Detailed reports have been distributed to NPU-B members.

Additional Comments:

Nancy Bliwise praised the City's In Rem program but noted that limited annual funding restricts demolition efforts. Demolitions average approximately \$20,000 per structure, and cleanup expenses reduce available resources. Additional funding advocacy was encouraged.

Question:

Keith Biggs:

Asked for an update regarding the demolition timeline for the former Houston's Restaurant property. Livable Buckhead continues to coordinate discussions.

Public Works

Officer Walls (Solid Waste Education Team) reported:

- One-day collection delay due to the holiday schedule.
- Yard trimmings are now collected weekly on residents' normal collection day.
- Bulk collection services now occur weekly on the same day as household collection.

Questions:

Kim Shorter:

Noted that the City's online collection calendar has not yet been updated to reflect the new schedules.

Nancy Bliwise:

Reported that street sweeping routes are also being revised as new equipment is acquired.

ATL311

Shade Campbell reported:

- FIFA operational hours will be Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to Midnight.
- Residents can contact ATL311 via phone, app, website, email, or live chat.
- Case details and updates are available online.
- Residents should reach out directly if assistance is needed rather than waiting until monthly meetings.

Questions:**Keith Biggs:**

Reported concerns regarding:

- Storm drain maintenance near St. Philip's Cathedral
- Pothole at 147 West Wesley Road
- Pothole on Maple Drive

Livable Buckhead / Buckhead Coalition

- No Report

Announcement:

The Wieuca Road traffic circle is now operational.

5. COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Amber Ware, Neighborhood Relations Manager for Councilmember Michael Julian Bond's Office, provided contact information.

Questions:**Kim Shorter:**

Raised concerns regarding public accessibility of permit records due to staff upload errors and whether an Open Records Request was needed to access those files.

Nancy Bliwise:

Reported experiencing similar issues.

Response:

Amber requested examples and agreed to investigate.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tamara Flanagan, Chair

Tammy Caudell, Co-Chair

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve by Bob Connelly and seconded by Kim Shorter.

- **Approved:** 21-0-0

Alcohol License Applications

- Buckhead Brewing Company, 128 East Andrews Drive – Change of Ownership – Approved 13-0-0
- Stix & Savor Asian Cuisine, 3102 Piedmont Road NE – New Business – Approved 13-0-0
- Muse Restaurant, 3186 Roswell Road NE – Change of Agent – Deferred 13-0-0

Tamara Flanagan reported that Oasis Garden's application was approved by the City after obtaining additional parking accommodations through Aldi.

Special Event Applications

- Stratford Road Fourth of July Block Party – July 4, 2026
- Motion by Lisa Bennett, seconded by Tamara Flanagan.

- **Approved:** 22-0-0

Non-Consent Agenda

- Blue Moon Pizza – Deferred from Public Safety Committee due to street parking concerns.

Motion by Kim Shorter, seconded by Keith Biggs.

- **Approved:** 20-0-0

B. DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION

- No Report

C. ZONING COMMITTEE

Kim Shorter, Chair
Bob Connelly, Co-Chair

Consent Agenda

- V-26-031 – 4180 McClatchey Circle NE – Approved 8-0-0
Conditioned on building within setbacks if the existing foundation cannot be utilized.
- V-25-257 – 214 Alberta Drive NE – Approved 10-0-1
Conditioned on reducing the rear setback from 15 feet to 7 feet for construction of a carport/ garage structure.
- U-26-008 – 4475 Roswell Road NE – Approved 11-0-0
Conditioned on vegetation screening and lighting mitigation for adjacent residential properties.

Motion by Keith Biggs, seconded by Robert Patterson.

- **Consent Agenda Approved:** 21-0-0

7. APAB REPORT

Nancy Bliwise reported:

- APAB officers were re-elected: Sagirah Jones (Chair) and Lisa Stiles (Vice Chair).
- Council President Marci Collier Overstreet has initiated discussions regarding modernization of the NPU system, including boundaries, engagement, and operational improvements.
- A Community Improvement Grant was awarded for the Peachtree Creek Park project, beginning this fall.
- ATL 2.0 work continues.
- The Quality of Life Committee is reviewing proposed stormwater fee structures.

Question:

Kim Shorter:

Requested that NPU-B remain actively involved in discussions related to Peachtree Creek Park.

8. PLANNER'S REPORT

Nate Hoelzel reported:

- Miami F1 Watch Party has been canceled.
- Love Our Places grant applications open June 3.
- Design Commission Annual Gala is scheduled for May 15.
- Book Club discussion on *Curbing Traffic: The Human Case for Fewer Cars in Our Lives* will be held May 19.
- June 13 panel discussion at City Hall will focus on preserving Atlanta's LGBTQIA+ social

spaces and history.

- The Atlanta Arborist Division and Georgia Arborist Association are offering financial assistance for qualifying seniors needing hazardous tree removal.
- ATL Cloud Permitting launches Phase 1 this fall and Phase 2 in spring 2027.

Questions regarding pending subdivision applications and Buckhead Church planning activities were discussed.

9. MATTERS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

Peachtree Park Community Impact Grant Project

Presented by Steve Pracht, PPCA Board Member and Past President.

- Minor revisions to the previously approved neighborhood plan were presented.
- Ordinance 26-O-1227 / CDP-26-008 proposes adoption of the Peachtree Park Neighborhood Plan.
- Public hearing scheduled for June 3 at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Kim Shorter, seconded by Keith Biggs.

- **Approved:** 22-0-0

Question:

Robert Patterson:

Asked about project funding.

Response:

- \$25,000 – Canvas Planning Group
- \$10,000 – Councilmember Howard Shook

10. PRESENTATIONS

- None

11. OLD BUSINESS

Robert Patterson reported:

- All NPU-B membership dues have been paid.
- The Board is exploring moving funds to a larger financial institution. Challenges remain due to documentation and EIN verification issues.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- None

13. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

- Next NPU-B Meeting: June 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM
- Next BZA Meetings: May 7 and May 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM
- Next NPU-B Zoning Meetings: May 7 and May 14, 2026

Members interested in attending BZA hearings were encouraged to contact Kim Shorter.

14. ADJOURNMENT

NPU-B Action: Motion to adjourn made by Robert Patterson.

The meeting was adjourned at **8:25 PM**.