

NPU-B MONTHLY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 7, 2026

Time: 7:01 PM

Location: Zoom

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

Attendance: 14 members present; 1 proxy (additional members joined after the meeting was called to order)

Officers Present: Nancy Bliwise, Kim Shorter, Robert Patterson, Tamara Flanagan, Tammy Caudell, Keith Biggs

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Chair Nancy Bliwise welcomed attendees and requested recognition of elected officials and members of the press.

Press: None present

Elected Officials / Representatives: Amber Madison, Representative for Councilmember Michael Julian Bond

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve the June 2026 Full Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Kim Shorter **Seconded by:** Bill Murray

Vote: Motion Passed 15-0-1

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Amend the agenda by moving New Business to beginning to change the dates of two upcoming NPU-B meetings: August 4 (National Night Out) to August 5; November 3 (Election Day) to November 10.

Moved by: Kim Shorter **Seconded by:** Keith Biggs

Vote: Motion Passed 21-0-1

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

Atlanta Police Department

Reporter: Captain Kevin Knapp, Zone 2 Commander

- Citywide Part 1 Crime is down 13%; Zone 2 crime is down 21% year to date. Property crime is down 16%.
- Significant reductions: Stolen Vehicles (-50%, targeting Dodge/Mopar parts, scanned and sold overseas); Theft from Auto (-32%); Robberies (-3%); Property Crimes (-32%, storage facilities being targeted); Shoplifting (-19%, the #2 reported crime in Zone 2 — vendors urged to call 911 while a theft is in progress; a repeat offender has been arrested).
- Crimes Against Persons down 8%, mostly domestic violence: a homicide at 3578 Roswell Rd (mental health domestic crisis involving a family member); an aggravated assault at 3117 Chastain (domestic, roommate's brother arrested); and a domestic incident at 3450 Roxboro (victim uncooperative).
- FIFA update: officers are worn out after four weeks in — a nod or thank-you is appreciated. Uptick in lawn and landscaping equipment theft (secure items when not in use) and package theft (schedule deliveries for when someone will be home).

Community Questions

- Kim Shorter again raised enforcement of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance regarding recurring noise, trash, and debris issues at 50 Lakeland. Neighbors report no response after calling 911 and have turned to private security instead. Captain Knapp stated there are only a few calls on record this year and from 2025, that Zone 2 has partnered with Zone 1 given continued STR issues, and that License & Permits has joined the discussions. He asked residents to call 911 and request to meet with police so there is a record.
- Bill Murray raised concerns about delivery trucks parking on busy streets and blocking traffic, and landscapers parking on sidewalks. Captain Knapp asked residents to call 311, noting 911 can help too but "311 is a friend."
- Hernando Bunuan reported a crime at Andrews Court, where a family called an Uber to leave town and the driver later returned to rob the home but was apprehended. Captain Knapp asked to be given additional information for immediate follow-up.
- Tammy Caudell thanked officers for extra patrol in Ridgeway Park and asked about MARTA safety. Captain Knapp noted MARTA has upgraded its camera systems and there have been a few 911 calls but nothing further to report. A member asked whether the end of free rides could be contributing to increased crime; Denise Starling stated there are no free riders.

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- Abbie Shephard asked whether a MARTA representative was available to address the TAP system, noting she was unable to tap for her whole party. Nancy will request a MARTA representative attend a future meeting.
- Nancy thanked Captain Knapp for continued support.

Repeat Offender Unit

- No report.

Atlanta Fire Rescue

Reporter: Captain Richard Lagatta

- Hundreds of additional personnel have been added to help with FIFA emergencies.
- No major fires in Buckhead outside of the Ace Hardware fire on Peachtree, which was arson; a suspect was arrested.
- Swimming safety reminder: never swim alone, keep an eye on children, and take a CPR course if responsible for others near a pool.
- Engine 21 (Lenox & Peachtree) was hit by a distracted driver who never braked and said she never saw the fire truck, which was running lights and sirens.

Community Questions:

Tamara asked whether weather during the Peachtree Road Race caused additional issues. Mr. Lagatta reported that precautions taken beforehand meant there were no surprises, and that all fire stations were equipped with water stations for anyone walking or jogging in the heat.

Solicitor's Office

Reporter: Hala Carey

- Received certification through the Mayor's Office FIFA Global Ambassador training program on being more welcoming to cultural visitors and visited Fanfest at Centennial Park.
- Increased in-custody hours for early-release suspects arrested during FIFA.
- Attended Community Soccer Fest and took part in a commercial about Atlanta, dressed in attire representing her country of origin (Egypt), with hope of a featured spot.
- National Night Out will focus on College Safety.
- Individuals may inquire about eligibility for the Pre-Trial Traffic Intervention Program by contacting ptit@atlantaga.gov.

Office of the Inspector General

Reporter: Apollo Gunn

- Office of the Ombudsman (Dr. Jodi Merriday) monthly reminder: an independent, neutral, and impartial party that can help navigate the city, find resources, or resolve outstanding issues and escalations with ATL311 or other city departments.
- Amber Ware serves as Neighbor Relations Manager.

Department of Watershed Management

- No Report.

Parks and Recreation

Reporter: Destiny May

- Camp registration is in full swing and ends July 24th.
- After-school registration is now open: Tots Olympics (ages 3-4), Flag Football, Youth Football and Cheerleading, Foot Golf (new, ages 7+), and Girls Volleyball and Football.
- Peachtree Hills Park is still awaiting completion, hopefully by September.
- Newsletter from DPR sent to board members

Code Enforcement

Reporter: Officer Bridgers

- 60 active cases during the reporting period.

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- Nancy Bliwise asked whether changes in LLC ownership delay enforcement proceedings; OFC Bridgers stated the company or agent is still cited through the civil process.

Department of Transportation

- No report. Nancy asked members to contact her on questions concerning Marta and she would invite them to attend a future meeting.
- Residents were reminded to submit transportation concerns through the Department's online request portal.

Public Works / SWEET

Reporter: Officer RJ Green (Rgreen@atlantaga.gov, 470-936-2348)

- No yard trimming pickup this week due to the July 4th holiday.
- Keith Robinson - Rate Study: curbside multi-family collection rates will decrease; backyard rates remain flat as the city looks at ways to avoid trucks backing into yards; the recycling rate will increase by \$5/month to help offset inflation, since the city has no landfills of its own. Studies are underway on creating the city's own waste diversion to lower costs.

Community Questions:

Kim Shorter asked what residential property services are provided and how often. Mr. Robinson responded that garbage pickup is weekly, recycling is weekly, and yard trimmings/bulk pickup is bi-weekly. Kim noted the study describes all services as weekly with 12 bulk pickups, which is not currently accurate, and that the future ordinance does not specify which services will be provided — it would allow the Commissioner to change sanitation schedules without Council approval. She feels this should be put to a community vote, is concerned the tonnage forecasting doesn't reflect current conditions, and would like projection studies for 2027 followed by 2028 and 2029.

ATL311

Reporter: Sade Stokes-Campbell

- Residents should contact ATL311 for non-emergency issues. Hours of operation are 7:00 AM to Midnight, with multiple reporting methods available.
- Cooling Centers are up and running for those experiencing homelessness; residents can contact the Supportive Services team at ATL311 for water, food, and shoes.

Livable Buckhead Coalition

Reporter: Denise Starling

- Buckhead Restaurant Week runs July 27 – August 1, with 38 restaurants participating and more expected.
- Party on the Path is October 4; tickets are on sale now.
- The Path400 extension from Loridans to Sandy Springs is expected to be done by year end, though its opening may be delayed pending Sandy Springs.
- Three parks (Mountain Way, Common, and Loridans) are awaiting information from the city.
- The Old Ivy Park master plan update and design is underway; North Buckhead residents who want to be involved should reach out to Denise.
- Fetch,Americano, and the Intercontinental Hotel are hosting World Cup viewing centers, as is Phipps Plaza.

5. COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

- No report.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee

Chair: Tamara Flanagan

Alcohol License Applications

- Muse Restaurant, 3186 Roswell Road — Change of Agent

Recommendation: Defer 8-0-0

- 5 Paces Inn Bar, 41 Irby Ave NW — Change of Ownership (conditioned on food/alcohol ratio on application)

Recommendation: Approve 11-0-0

- Buckhead Brewing Restaurant, 128 East Andrews Dr. NW — Change of Ownership

Recommendation: Approve 11-0-0

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- Lucy's Market Specialty Food Shop, 3402 Piedmont Road — Transfer of Location

Recommendation: Approve 11-0-0

Special Event Applications

- Buckhead Arts Festival 2026, 269 Buckhead Ave — September 19-20, 2026

Recommendation: Approve 24-0-0

- Buckhead Handmade Holiday Market, Buckhead Ave between Piedmont & Grandview - 269 Buckhead Ave

Recommendation: Approve 24-0-1

Consent Agenda Motion

Motion: Approve the Public Safety Committee consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Jason Kendall **Seconded by:** Bill Murray

Vote: Approved 23-0-0

Development & Transportation Committee

- No report.

Zoning Committee

Chair: Kim Shorter

- BZA Application V-26-76, 2097 Fairhaven Circle NE — Recommendation: Approve 9-0-0
- ZBA Application U-26-10, 3035 Peachtree Rd NE — Recommendation: Approve 9-0-0
- Z-26-44, 2525 Piedmont Rd NE — Recommendation: Approve 9-0-0

Consent Agenda

Motion: Approve the Zoning Committee consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Bob Connelly **Seconded by:** Bill Murray

Vote: Recommendation: Approve 22-0-0

Z-26-41: An ordinance by Councilmembers Wayne Martin and Antonio Lewis to amend the 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended (Special Permits), to add a special permit requirement allowing a holder of a state medical cannabis and product dispensing license to operate within the distance prescribed by state law (State law: 1,000 ft; Georgia law: 3,000 ft), giving the NPU an opportunity for input. Public Hearing: August 6–13, 2026. Referred to Development & Transportation & Special Projects Committee for review.

7. APAB REPORT

- No Report.

8. PLANNER'S REPORT

Reporter: Tia Maxwell

- NPU University Community Leadership Institute with Clark Atlanta University — apply online; program runs August 29 – November 7.
- Election integrity clinic on Monday, July 20 — members should be prepared for upcoming NPU elections.
- RiverLands park planning and Chattahoochee Brick Company memorial planning meeting #4 on July 25 at Rosalind Recreation Center.
- Community meeting for the Chattahoochee Brick Company Brownfield cleanup site at the Northwest Library at Scott's Crossing, July 27; public comment period runs July 27 – August 26.
- Atlanta Studio City book club meeting July 27 — "Toward an Urban Ecology."
- Nancy asked whether there was a timeline for release of responses to the latest round of community input for ATL 2.0; Tia reported there was not.

9. MATTERS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

- High Noon Branchery Brunch Restaurant (NPU-E), 2285 Peachtree Rd NE — New Business

Recommendation: To support the application contingent upon approval by NPU-E.

10. PRESENTATIONS

- No Report.

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11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Robert Patterson announced that, with the new system and new ownership change, NPU-B will stay with Huntington Bank.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Next Full Board Meeting: August 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Upcoming BZA/ZRB Meetings: July 2 & 9 (BZA); July 9 (ZRB)

- Jamie Olsen announced the developer for the Garson Road project; the groundbreaking ceremony will be held August 3rd or 4th.

13. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 26-O-1356 — A substitute ordinance to amend Chapter 130 (Solid Waste Management), Article III (Municipal Collection and Disposal System), Divisions 1 (Generally) and 4 (Rates and Charges).

14. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Bill Murray **Seconded by:** Jason Kendall

Vote: Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.