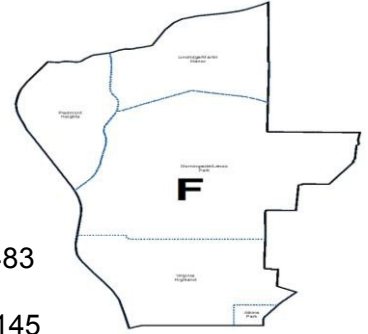


MEETING AGENDA

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - F

DATE: Monday, August 21, 2017
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Hillside Facility
1301 Monroe Drive
Atlanta, GA 30306-3439



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Minutes

1. Opening Remarks/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Reminders:

- Campaigning for any political office is prohibited at NPU meetings. If you are a candidate, you are welcome to meet and greet outside the building before and after our meetings. The specifics of the prohibition are printed at the end of the agenda.
- All attendees, including non-residents, must sign in on one of the sheets located on the front table. If you are interested in receiving updates from the NPU and more detailed agenda with links to the applications to be discussed, please sign the clip board.
- Residents of NPU-F may vote on any issue unless there is a financial interest (e.g. property owners may not vote on their own variances, but can vote on other variance applications). Business owners may vote if they have met the requirements as described in our by-laws. Most of our votes will be taken by voice vote.
- Because of the length of the agenda, discussion and debate may be limited throughout the meeting. We use Robert's Rules of Order to keep the meeting moving – so please be patient and follow the cues on when it is appropriate to discuss an issue.

2. Approval of Minutes

The July 2017 minutes have been posted on the NPU website. Motion to approve the July 2017 minutes carries on voice vote.

3. Announcements

- The NPU Secretary, Jori Mendel, is on maternity leave. Many thanks to Kay Stephenson for taking minutes tonight! A back-up will be required for next month. Let Debbie know if you are available.
- The NPU is also still looking for a volunteer to serve as Vice-Chair since Gerry Neumark was required to step down due to a conflict with other city duties.

4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

Atlanta Fire Department – Station 19 North Highland; Station 29 Monroe – Not Present.

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Atlanta Police Dept – Zone 6 Captain Kolotzer; Zone 2 Captain Butler

- Crime remains down for the year with our most significant crime continuing to be care break-ins. There has been a small increase in auto thefts which is believed to be a crime of opportunity when thieves find a vehicle with keys left in the vehicle. Package thefts are also continuing to be a problem and residents are encouraged to use alternate deliver locations.
- We have seen protests in response to incidents in Charlottesville and elsewhere. APD expects these protests to continue.
- With regard to Peachtree-Pine, some residents have already been transitioned out. APD is working with other local agencies to make sure the problem is not just pushed out into the surrounding neighborhoods. Nightly sweeps are being conducted of city parks to prevent homeless camps from being established.

Fulton County Community Prosecutor - Zone 2 - Brendan Dougherty

- Provided an update on the recent CourtWatch training program held on Saturday August 19th.
- He also reported on three initiatives being pursued by the Fulton County District Attorney's office.
 - First, they are requesting that the county renew funding for Narcan/Naloxone. If every first responder is equipped with these drugs, heroin overdoses can be reversed quickly and lives saved.
 - Fentanyl is becoming increasingly popular as a street drug and is extremely dangerous as it is ten times more powerful than Heroin. First responders are at risk of severe reactions and even death if exposed to this drug in some forms. The DA's office is asking Fulton County Commissioners to sponsor a resolution to purchase protective gear for officers in all municipalities within the county who may encounter this drug.
 - The DA's office is taking advantage of property forfeiture laws to seize property which is then being turned over to Habitat for Humanity to rehab and provide housing for families or for police officer housing.

MARTA police – Sgt. Mosley

- Seeing more loitering in train stations with the closing of the Peachtree/Pine shelter. They are deploying more plain clothes officers to address this issue and the issue of fare evasion. Since the beginning of this initiative they have arrested more than 500 fare evaders. This crime results in significant loss of revenue for the system.

Bureau of Housing and Code Compliance – Officer Edwards (sledwards@atlantaga.gov cell 404-326-6573)

- Actively working to identify properties that need overgrowth cut or graffiti removed. She requests that residents report any problem properties.
- The department has now hired eleven research technicians which is resulting in being much more effective at locating property owners and being able to pursue and close cases.

Office of the Solicitor's - Andrew Hughes, Solicitor - excused

Watershed Management – not present

A discussion was led by Rich Sussman regarding a recent communication from the Ombudsperson requesting that residents adopt and care for catch basins to keep them free of leaves and other debris

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that contribute to flooding during storms. Residents suggested that more frequent street cleaning by the city would greatly aid in solving this problem as evidenced by programs in other parts of the country. It was also suggested that conducting street cleaning on days when trash, recycling and yard waste pick-ups were NOT scheduled would greatly aid in the effectiveness of street cleaning.

Public Works – Carla T. Smith (ctsmith@atlantaga.gov 404-546-0041)

A recycling pilot project is in progress and will be coming to this area soon.

5. Comments from Elected Officials

State House of Representatives - Rep. Pat Gardner/Rep. Park Cannon – Not Present

Councilmember District 6 – Alex Wan – Not present

Atlanta City Council At Large Posts – Michael Julian Bond – Post 1; Mary Norwood – Post 2; Andre Dickens – Post 3 – None present

Atlanta City Council President's Office - Ceasar Mitchell – Not present

Fulton County Commission - Fulton County Commission - Lee Morris, District 3; Marvin Arrington Jr., District 5 – Not present

Atlanta School Board – Matt Westmoreland – Not present

6. Presentation(s)

More MARTA – Phillip Cherry, Ryan Sager and Louis Grisoglio

Mr. Sager and Mr. Cherry presented maps showing all possible routes being considered for MARTA expansion and improvements to bus and rail lines. These improvements and expansion will be funded through the TSPLOST ½ penny sales tax that was approved by voters. They are now looking for input from the public on how that money should be spent. Not all options are possible. Take the survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/moremarta>.

Ryan Sager is the new project manager for the Clifton Corridor project.

7. Planner's Report (Doug Young) – No report.

8. Committee Reports

Lindridge-Martin Manor Neighborhood Association – Kevin McBride, President; Rich Sussman, NPU Rep

- Armand Park Legacy Grant discussed with Park's Trees & Environment Committee report.

Morningside-Lenox Park Association – Sally Bayless President; TBD, Neighborhood Rep; John Ayers, Zoning – No report.

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Piedmont Heights Civic Association – Gary Dresser, President; Jean Johnson and Tim Berube, Neighborhood Reps

- Upcoming Event Summer Fandango on August 23rd at American Spirit Works in Armour Yard area.

Virginia-Highland Civic Association (VHCA) –Jenifer Keenan, President; Barry Loudis and Eleanor Barrineau, Representatives; Jack White, Zoning

- VHCA will hold their annual meeting and board election on September 14th. Residents who are 18 years of age are welcome to run for the board and should notify the nominations committee by August 30th of intent to run.

Virginia-Highland Business Association (VHBA) –Lynn DeWitt and Kristi Warren Evans, Reps. – no report.

Edmund Park - Tony Gonzales, Neighborhood Reps; Sally Montgomery, Zoning – no report.

Public Safety Committee – Jim Hardy – no report.

Parks, Trees & Environment Committee – Jack White and Rich Sussman

- Support for Zonolite garden in DeKalb County adjacent to MLPA (MLPA does not support pavilion). Though MLPA residents were present to discuss this matter, no applicant was available to present the project or respond to questions. No action taken.
- Support for Noble Park in Morningside (MLPA Supports). A park plan was reviewed and a 100K grant is being sought from Park Pride. Matching funds have been raised. Rich Sussman made a motion to support this project and the motion carried on voice vote.
- Support for Armand Park in Lindridge-Martin Manor (LMMNA Supports). This park project is looking for a 250K legacy grant from Park Pride. A motion to support the project carried on voice vote.

Education Committee - Abby Martin

- A forum to meet the principals in the Grady cluster schools will be held at lunchtime on September 13th at Springdale Park Elementary.

Chair Report:

- Seeking volunteer to attend a meeting sponsored by the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs at City Hall Old City Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 29 to share ideas about Atlanta’s Language Access Plan. Improving the accessibility of City services for people with limited English skills fosters meaningful participation. “No one in Atlanta should have to speak Perfect

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English to receive Perfect service”.

- By-Laws must be approved and submitted to the City Office of Planning next month. The Emory Annexation will require changes to the by-laws and suggest that we submit the 2017 by-laws without any changes and amend them as necessary following City Council’s approval of the annexation. The current by-laws are on the NPU-F website.
- Reminder that NPU-F elections will be held in November. Please let me know if anyone is interested in an NPU F leadership role. The Vice-Chair role is now vacant and I’m looking for a volunteer.
- The Rock Spring Presbyterian Church rezoning application is on hold again. The developer is considering his options after the church has rejected a proposed covenant between the church, developer and the Piedmont Heights Civic Association that would primarily preserve the church and restrict any expansion. These covenants are required as a condition of approval by the NPU.
- APAB met last Saturday. Two items of interest: the APAB Transportation committee is looking at the issue of protected bike lanes being removed (either permanently or temporarily) and whether it is allowed without City Council action. They have just started looking into this issue that could have an impact on the frequent closing of the cycle track on 10th street for special events. Also, additional appointments have been made to the Beltline TADAC. APAB has a total of 13 seats with a few more vacancies. If you are interested in serving, see Debbie.

9. Matters for Voting

Consent Agenda:

Special Events Applications

Application	Date/Location	Class/# Participants	Recommendation
6 th Annual Atlanta World Kite Festival and Expo	October 28, 2017	Piedmont Park Meadow Class E/ 1,500 participants	Support
Ugly Sweater Run	December 9, 2017	Piedmont Park Class D/ 2,000 participants	Defer to September at the request of the applicant
Drawchange 4 th Annual 5K Run/Walk	October 29, 2017	Piedmont Park Assembly & Class E/ 300 participants	Outdoor festival application withdrawn; no action required
AIDS Walk Atlanta & 5K	October 22, 2017	Piedmont Park/Ansley	Support

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Run		Park Class D/ 4,000 participants	
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Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications

Applicati on	Address	Request	Neighborhood Recommenda tion
V-17-142	712 Ponce de Leon Place NE	Applicant, Nhan Le, seeks a special exception from the zoning regulation to reduce the required parking from 23 spaces to 13 spaces for a restaurant.	VHCA: Recommend deferral
V-17-174	1944 Piedmont Circle NE	Applicant, Lemuel Ward, seeks a special exception from the zoning regulation to reduce the required off-street parking from 377 spaces to 211 spaces for proposed hotel/office use.	PHCA: Recommend Deferral
V-17-207	1343 Greenland Drive NE	Applicant, Aleksandar Fote, seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the required northern side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet, 6 inches in order to accommodate air conditioning units taller than 30 inches in height.	MLPA: Recommend approval
V-17-208	897 Saint Charles Avenue NE	Applicant, Pamela Bullock, seeks a variance from the zoning regulation: (1) to reduce the required front yard setback from 40 feet to 25 feet, (2) to reduce the required eastern side yard setback from 7 feet to 5 feet, 6 inches, and (3) to reduce the required western side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet in order to erect a new single-family home and detached garage structure.	Deferral at the request of the applicant

NPU Action: Motion to accept the neighborhood recommendations and approve the consent agenda carries on voice vote

License & Review Board (LRB) (Vote Required)			
Type of Business	Name of Business	Property Address	Request
Retail Grocery	Sprouts Farmers Market #519	1544 Piedmont Ave NE	Change of Agent Billy C. Jones II

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Applicant not present – no action taken.

Alcohol Permits report: This is a retail grocery supermarket that is an existing business that has applied for a change of agent on its current alcohol license for retail package license for beer and wine sales. Agent has over 10 years management experience and will be on premises 45 hours/week. Hours of Operation Sunday-Saturday 7:00 AM-10:00 PM. No history of license suspensions/revocations at this location. NPU-F has received no complaints from the community regarding operations at this facility. Business is located in NPU-F in Morningside. MLPA Board has received no complaints regarding operations at this facility and waived appearance before their Board prior to the NPU-F meeting as a result. Recommend approval for this application.

Special Events (Vote Required)		
Music Midtown 2017 Peter Conlon	Piedmont Park Class A/ 170,000	September 16 – 17, 2017
<p>Comments: 10th street from Monroe to Charles Allen will be closed from Friday September 8th through Friday September 22nd. The event will run from noon – 11 pm on Saturday and noon to 10 pm on Sunday. Sound check will take place on Friday evening from 5 – 9 PM. Cleaning will take place from 10 – 3 am on Sunday night into Monday morning and then crews will return at 6 am on Monday. Live Nation is making a 10K donation to Grady PTA and a 10K donation to Grady Athletics. Music stages are being rearranged so that the stage nearest 10th street can be assembled more quickly, but this will have no impact on acoustics. The presenter was unaware of any other contributions to the community. In addition, she was unable to answer questions about how far into the neighborhood clean-up would take place. Residents expressed concern about the loud music occurring so late on Sunday night (a school night), the impact on 10th street, and land-locked streets between Monroe and the park. Sentiment was strong that the vote of the NPU would not affect whether this festival goes forward as planned.</p> <p>NPU-F Action: Motion to support was approved by a vote of nine in favor, and five opposed.</p>		
Atlanta Pride Festival Jamie Green-Ferguson	Piedmont Park Class A/ 95,000 participants	October 14 – 15, 2017
<p>Comments: No significant changes from last year.</p> <p>NPU-F Action: Motion to support was approved on voice vote with one in opposition.</p>		
Shatterproof 5K-Rise Up Against Addiction 5K Run/ Walk Jake Geiger	Piedmont Park Class D/ 2,500 participants	November 4, 2017
<p>Comments: Route is around the perimeter of the park on 10th, Piedmont, Monroe, and back to 10th. Organizers were made aware of concerns about land-locked streets between Monroe and the park. Event will be wrapped up by 11:00 am. There will be a post-race party at Park Tavern.</p> <p>NPU-F Action: Motion to support was approved on voice vote with one in opposition.</p>		

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DAV 5K Run to Honor Veterans David Kramer	Piedmont Park Class D/ 2500 participants	November 11, 2017
Comments: Route is around the perimeter of the park on 10 th , Piedmont, Monroe, and back to 10 th . Organizers were made aware of concerns about land-locked streets between Monroe and the park. Event will be wrapped up by 11:00 am.		

Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA)
(Vote Required)

V-17-197 569 Elmwood Drive

Applicant, Charles R. Bobo II, seeks a variance from the zoning regulation: (1) to reduce the required western side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet, (2) to reduce the required rear yard setback from 15 feet to 7 feet (with alley credit), (3) to increase the maximum impervious lot coverage from 50 percent to 60 percent, and (4) to increase the maximum size of an accessory structure from 30 percent of the principal structure to 48 percent in order to construct an accessory structure.

VHCA Report: After two sets of revisions, owner Charles Bobo now seeks a reduced number of variances to construct a new accessory building that will hold two cars with a living space above in the rear of his property: (A) a reduction in the western side yard variance from the required 7' to 3' and (B) a reduction in the required rear setback from the required 15' to ', with credit for an additional 5' in the adjacent rear alley. The main structure will also be enlarged with a new basement; no variances are required for that.

The adjacent neighbors have been notified; one tree will be lost. The living quarters are intended to house a caregiver for his mother, a permitted use in R-4. Mr. Bobo is aware that the rental of the living space for most other uses in R-4 is proscribed. The VHCA Board recommended approval 6-1, conditioned on the proper filing of new plans with the city by the NPU meeting identical in content to those shown at the Board meeting dated 8-14-17.

NPU-F Action: Referral certificate has been amended to add front yard setback reduction (this is an existing condition) and eliminate (3) lot coverage increase and (4) accessory structure increase. Motion to recommend approval of the setback reductions on the west and rear yard carries on voice vote.

V-17-200 1831 Homestead Avenue NE

Applicant, Gail Mooney, seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the required half depth front yard setback from 17.5 feet to 12.5 feet for an addition.

MLPA Report: Approved 13-0-0

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval carries on voice vote.

V-17-210 836 Yorkshire Road NE

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Applicant, Mark Arnold, seeks a variance from the zoning regulation: (1) to reduce the required front yard setback from 35 feet to 30.7 feet, and (2) to reduce the required west side yard setback from 7 feet to 2.8 feet to construct a second story to a single-family home.

MLPA Report: Approved 13-0-0

NPU-F Action: The referral certificate has been corrected to reflect that this is a 2nd floor addition and not to construct a garage. Motion to recommend approval carries on voice vote.

V-17-211 1727 North Pelham Road NE

Applicant, Mark Arnold, seeks a variance from the zoning regulation: (1) to reduce the required north side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet, and (2) to reduce the required rear yard setback from 15 feet to 3 feet to construct a garage at the rear of an existing single-family dwelling.

MLPA Report: Approved 7-3-3

Comments: Residents on the east side of this property object to the variance arguing that they were not provided sufficient notice of the MLPA meeting and that the applicant has other options to rebuild their garage which was damaged when a tree fell. Complainant had sufficient time to present objections at NPU meeting and may argue their case in front of the BZA.

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval carries on hand vote with nine in favor and six opposed.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

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City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances

(Campaigning by Elected Officials & Candidates)

As we prepare for 2017 Elections please allow this message to serve as a reminder of the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances. Voting will involve municipal, county and state elections. The Guidelines for campaigning by elected officials at NPU and APAB meetings is strictly prohibited by the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances. Please note the following code section:

SEC. 6-3019 Prohibition of Political Forums

Part 1, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 6-1: "It shall be unlawful for any person to use the interior of city hall, its rooms or offices in any type of advertisement of commercial products and political campaigns without first obtaining express permission from the city council. This prohibition shall apply to the filming or photographing of the interior of city hall for use in such advertisements; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the filming or photographing of the interior of city hall for news coverage purposes by newspapers, magazines and television."

Part 6, Chapter 3, Article B, Section 6-3010: "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;
- Passing out campaigning materials and literature; and
- Conducting either of the above in city hall, its rooms or offices.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact: Erica Pines at (404) 546-0159 or epines@atlantaga.gov .