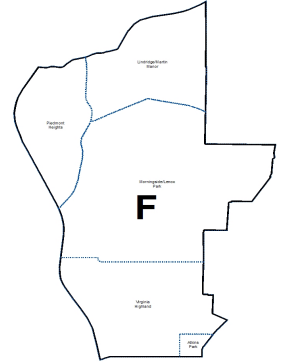


## MEETING NOTICE: NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - F

**WHEN:** Monday, January 19, 2009  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Hillside Facility  
1301 Monroe Dr, N.E.  
**SPONSORS:** NPU-F and the Bureau of Planning



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### AGENDA

#### 1. Welcome and introduction of guests

#### 2. Announcements

Home Preservation Clinic – protect against foreclosure. 2/3 6:00 – 8:00 Homeownership Center 100 Flat Shoals Ave, 303016. 404-5252-4130

Great American Clean Up. Clean up supplies to clean up an area in the neighborhood. Email Dianne Olansky at [olansky@bellsouth.net](mailto:olansky@bellsouth.net) by mid-February for more info.

MARTA Financial Meeting: meeting a few weeks ago. Sought public input to help deal with budget deficit. Looking at decreasing hours, raising the fare to deal with the budget shortfall. [www.itsmarta.com](http://www.itsmarta.com) 404-848-5026 to make comments.

#### 3. Reports by City Representatives (Fire, Police, Council Members, etc.)

##### Fire Department – Midtown and Downtown Rep

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter will have \$50 - \$60 million shortfall for the City. Has resulted in furloughs and blackouts at certain stations. Paramedics from 23 transferred to 19. Increased medical services available. Now have 2 paramedic engines. Transfer resulted in an advance from basic life support to advanced life support. Q: Have furloughs impacted response time? A: 4 minute response time is the national average. Have been able to maintain 4 minute response time but people near closed stations have had increase in response time. Q: Has there been an indepth analysis of expense of wear and tear and gas consumption by increased routes? A: No.

#### 4. Planner's Report

Most NPUs will get a planner every other month. 26 NPUs and 13 Planners. Planner available via email or phone.

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### 5. Committee Reports

#### LMM

Watershed Management has given LMM a large lot. Neighborhood has been working to develop it into a greenspace. Landscape architect has designed a plan for the greenspace. Will be an area the whole neighborhood can enjoy. Formerly a house that was torn down by EPA because it is in a flood plane.

#### Piedmont Heights

Officers were elected. Chris Bertelsen is President. His e-mail address is [cbertelsen@msn.com](mailto:cbertelsen@msn.com).

Kevin Perry is Vice President. His e-mail address is [kperry@georgiabev.org](mailto:kperry@georgiabev.org).

#### Morningside

No report

#### VaHi Business Assoc

No report

#### VaHi Civic Assoc

No report

#### Traffic

No report

#### Public Safety

Major Williams from Zone 5 starting a Clean Car Initiative. Police spend a significant amount of time investigating car break-ins. Remind visitors and neighbors to clean out cars – will reduce car break-ins. Almost half of car break-ins are from out-of neighborhood visitors.

Parks and Recreation No report

#### Trees

Money is in-place for sidewalk improvements.

Morningside Nature Preserve Trailhead is complete. Working on estimates for bridge over Peachtree Creek.

Tom Coffin is appearing before the Committee on Public Safety and Legal Administration re: reinstatement of his position as Sr. Arborist. NPU F voted unanimously to support Dr. Tom Coffin and the work he had done as senior arborist for the city of Atlanta. We ask that this Committee on Public Safety and Legal Administration give due consideration to reinstating Dr. Coffin.

Dr. Coffin has provided excellent service to the city and its citizens by enforcing its Tree Protection Ordinance.

Park Pride is seeking support of pro-parks agenda for the 2009 election. Park Pride is asking NPU-F to support their efforts to inform and educate candidates on parks. Charlotte will attend a Park Pride meeting on 1/29 for additional information before NPU votes.

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Elected Officers

President	Drewnell Thomas
VP	Kwabena Nkromo

Atlanta Renewal Community presentation

Map on properties NPU-F identified as potentially historic properties presented.

Recycling is now every other week. Can use own containers or get a recycling Herbie Curbie from the city. Mr. Busby and/or APAB rep will bring recycling stickers to the next NPU meeting.

### Beltline Network

March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be on historic preservation

## 6. Old Business

Motion from last month to support a tax increase to fund police and fire department was tabled due to lack of attendance at last month's meeting. Since December meeting, people have suggested adding other organizations to the list including Atlanta Urban Design Commission, Parks, etc. Increase would be \$70 a year. Liz Coyle would like NPU to write a letter supporting tax increase. NPU needs a committee to discuss this – Presidents of communities should discuss issue with their neighborhoods this month and make a report next month. Need to determine if the tax money can be earmarked before we continue to explore this issue.

Robb Pitts – Fulton County Commissioner – asked for NPU F to vote on right of people of Georgia to vote for or against the legalization of casino gambling in Georgia. NPU tabled the discussion.

## 7. New Business

## 8. Presentation(s)

Atlanta Beltline, Inc. – Master Plan for Subarea 7 Lee Harrop (Program Management Officer, Atlanta Beltline Inc.)

2/12 – Subarea 6 Meeting at Hillside. Will have NPU presentations and vote in April and May. Request to read draft maps ahead of time to influence plan that is presented later this year.

Subarea 7 (area near Armour Drive/I-85) presentation: Addressed connectivity to Buford Hwy and Piedmont. Armour Drive will be maintained mostly as industrial. Some redevelopment at Home Depo Expo site. Different transit and trail options were presented. Transit will be studied in more detail in EIS study. Q: How will 400 realignment proposed by DOT impact Beltline planning? Proposed transit is independent of 400 study. Q: Piedmont Heights will look at this proposal in detail to lead the motion on the plan for next month. Q: Area around Armour Dr is already a mess – development is increasing. Need another way to get in and out of the area – Beltline will not address this problem. Q: How is economic downturn going to impact the Beltline? A: The Beltline is funded by tax dollars and fundraising. Hope is that Beltline development will snowball and will be able to come up with \$2.8 billion. Hoping to get federal money from Obama stimulus package. Q: Dr. Beverly Scott said that federal government will give money for projects that are ready to break ground. A: Beltline is going to request \$18 million for trails from the government. Hope is that first segment of Beltline will be ready in 5 – 6 years. Will probably be the section the City owns – area in NPU-F. Q: If Federal funds become available, is trail for

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Subarea 6 “shovel ready”? A: Abandonment process needs to be complete. Private funder may fund path in that area to connect Freedom Park to Piedmont Park.

Presentation on Old Fourth Ward Park -- there will be a 2 acre lake on an industrial waste land near Masquarade. 35 acre park with water retention lake, link to trails. Can become a member of the Historic Fourth Ward Park Conservancy. Will be first park created on the Beltline. This is part of Watershed Consent Decree – lake must be finished by 2010.

### 9. Liquor License Review

#### Applicant Type of Business Name of Business Address Request

Kamal Balogun Night Club Platinum 21 1905 Piedmont Ave. Change of Agent

City considered revoking liquor license around 18 months ago. Went to court and paid a fine so license was not revoked. Piedmont Heights had a motion to not object to the change of agent with a number of conditions, including improvements to exterior and hiring off duty police officer to be at the door and the parking lot and decreasing the use of spot light. Code allows for spot light for only 30 days and for only special events. A: Light is only used on Weds and Saturdays. Q: Given that code prohibits use of spot lights except as noted above, business should stop using light.

Motion to support change of agent passed on voice vote. 1 opposition. 1 abstaining. Piedmont Heights has requested owner hire an off duty police officer for parking lot and to stop the beacon light. Morningside asks that murals on front of building be removed (this has been sited as a code violation).

Letter to license review board that owner of 1789 Cheshire Bridge (Fever) has not appeared before the NPU. Location did not have an active license for over a year so grandfather clause is terminated.

### 10. Zoning Matters:

#### Board of Zoning Adjustment February 12, 6:00 PM

##### Z-08-75 1185 Sheridan Road

*(Deferred by NPU-F until February to allow the applicant to meet with the neighborhood.)*

Applicant, Robert A. Pollock, seeks to rezone property from R-4 LL5 17<sup>th</sup> district to R-4B PHD 17<sup>th</sup> district.

Motion to defer until February PASSED on voice vote.

#### Board of Zoning Adjustment February 5, 2009 1:00 PM

##### V-08-258 1102 Stillwood Drive

Applicant, Michael J. & Catherine S. Moore, seek a special exception from zoning regulations to erect a 6.1 ft. to an 8 ft. privacy fence along the northeast side yard and a portion of the rear yard property line (on top of an existing retaining wall) whereas it is otherwise prohibited (fence erected w/o permit).

Unanimous vote by neighborhood on approval on variance after the fact.

Motion to approve PASSED on voice vote.

#### Board of Zoning Adjustment February 12, 2009 1:00 PM

##### V-08-263 1166 Cumberland Road

Applicant, Earl Jackson, seeks a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the west side yard setback from 7 ft. required to 1 ft. to allow for a detached a residential structure (buildback one story garage).

Motion to defer until February PASSED on voice vote. Note: Applicant will need to defer at BZA meeting.

Comment: “residential” in description above needs to be changed to “accessory”

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### Zoning Review Board January 8, 2009 6:00 PM

#### Z-08-78/08-O-2071

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART 16, ZONING, OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A NEW PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT, ENTITLED "PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION (PD-CS)" AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion to defer until new draft from City due to ordinance language undergoing revisions PASSED on voice vote.

### Zoning Review Board March 5 or 12, 2009 6:00 PM

#### Z-08-048 Supportive Housing

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING AND/OR DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS RELATED TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND SHELTERS; TO PROVIDE WHERE SUCH USES SHALL BE PERMITTED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion to defer to February meeting PASSED on voice vote.

### 11. Ordinances & Text Amendments:

#### Recreation Center Rentals *(For Public Review and Comment)*

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 110-3, SUBSECTION (a)(4), TO ADD A RECREATION CENTER RENTAL SURCHARGE, TO BE APPLIED TO RENTALS DURING NON-REGULAR FACILITY HOURS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF STAFFING THE CENTER DURING THE RENTAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion to support PASSED on voice vote.

### 12. Special Events and Outdoor Festivals

#### Yoga in the Park

Week 3/1 – 3/9 MS Awareness Week. 3/7: Yoga in the Park at the Oakhill Region of Piedmont Park. Yoga has been found to alleviate symptoms of MS. Attendance is estimated to be 500 people. 2 police officers – 1 at Grady Parking lot and 1 to coordinate security. Will have recycling bins and will have a landscaping service pick up trash.

Q: How much parking can Grady lot accommodate? 200. Q: Where will other 300 people park?

Motion to approve PASSED on voice vote. 1 opposition.

#### OysterFest/St. Patrick's Day

Did not attend NPU meeting

#### Oyster-Crawfish Festival

Did not attend NPU meeting

### 13. Public review and comments:

### 14. Adjournment

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