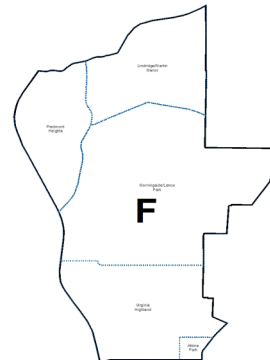


MEETING NOTICE: NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - F

WHEN: Monday, July 21, 2008
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: Hillside Facility
1301 Monroe Dr, N.E.
SPONSORS: NPU-F and the Bureau of Planning

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Doug Young, Planner (404) 330-6702



AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction of guests

2. Announcements

- Graffiti Clean-up Resources: City of Atlanta Public Works -- removal of graffiti (404-330-6236); Keep Atlanta Beautiful -- \$50 Home Depot gift cards for purchase of graffiti removal products (404-249-5853)
- APAB Meeting on Transfer of Development Rights, 8/6/08, location TBA. Contact cmuzzy@gmail.com
- Community Blueprints Workshop, Saturday, 7/26 (404-876-2900)

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

- Atlanta Fire Department – Station 19 North Highland Station 29
 - Did not attend the meeting
- Zone 6 Police –Major Propes, Sgt Gorley (Report by Lt. Boyce)
 - Homeless encampments: It is important to send information on encampments to APD as soon as possible. Information can be emailed to Lt. Boyce at: tboyce@atlanta.ga.gov
 - Crime in every category except larceny by car was down for the month of June. Larceny by car was up 55%. A number of repeat offenders were arrested by APD. Some had 20+ prior arrests for theft from auto. APD is working with Community Prosecutor Warren Atkinson to have these repeat offenders incarcerated.
 - There have been a number of complaints related to Loca Luna. Eric Kline, the owner of Loca Luna, reported that he has hired additional security to help deal with noise and nuisance complaints. He also noted that the timing of the Amsterdam/Monroe light has been corrected so that traffic does not back up when the restaurant closes at 2:00 am. Mr. Kline asked that people contact him directly if there are problems related to Loca Luna: 678-362-2847 or

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eklineoca@gmail.com. Liz Coyle encouraged people to also call 911 for all problems so that there is a record of problems related to this restaurant.

- Major Propes will be out for a few months recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Special Report by Judge Jackson Bedford, Fulton County Superior Court
 - Judge Bedford attended at the request of an NPU member to provide information on the Corey Williams case. Mr. Williams allegedly murdered someone in Little Five Points. Judge Bedford gave a \$92,500 bond. Several members of the community were angry that Mr. Williams received bond and Creative Loafing wrote an article criticizing Judge Bedford's bond decision. Judge Bedford explained that \$92,500 is the second highest bond he has ever issued. In addition, he noted that the bond had several conditions, including that Mr. Williams stay out of Little Five Points. At the time of the bond hearing, Judge Bedford had information showing the Mr. Williams did not have a prior record. Judge Bedford later learned that Mr. Williams had been convicted as a juvenile for aggravated assault. When Judge Bedford learned this, he revoked the bond. The day of the NPU meeting, a motion to reconsider the bond revocation was filed because the only witness to the murder had committed suicide and there was now a lack of proof against Mr. Williams. Judge Bedford emphasized that he had followed the law based on the facts that had been given to him at the time of bond hearing.
 - The Judge was asked about the problem of repeat offenders. He explained that the overcrowded jails cause a tension between property crimes and violent crimes. People with multiple arrests for property crimes are often released to make room for those arrested for violent crimes.
 - An NPU member commented to the Judge that it is important that people be able to access the Open Records Act without retribution. The Chair of NPU-F noted that the right to information is important and that it is important that people can be heard and can participate in the judicial process.
- Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs -- Dianne Harnell Cohen-Commissioner, Ken Gillette Director, Salima Rashied PPC (Report by Ken Gillette)
 - The Dept of Parks is raising fees to support various programs. The increase in fees will have no impact on the general fund or overall budget for parks – it will only go to support those services covered by the fees.
 - A number of recreation centers across the city will be closed. The only recreation center in NPU-F (Morningside Elementary) will not close.
 - An AJC article encouraged people to petition the Parks Commissioner to allow events to return to Piedmont Park. The Dept. cannot commit to a return date for events because it is unclear when the draught will end.
 - 379 caliper inches of trees were damaged in Sunken Park due to the sewer problems/repairs. The Dept of Watershed management is obligated to replace those trees. The replacement

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trees must be planted on public property in NPU-F. The trees cannot be planted before November 1st. Immediate focus will be turf replacement in Sunken Garden. (See additional information on Dept of Watershed report).

- Dept of Parks and APD worked together to clear out the homeless encampment in Freedom Park.

- Bureau of Housing and Code Compliance –
 - Did not attend the meeting

- Bureau of Public Works, Solid Waste Services – John Busby
 - Mr. Busby indicated that there are no immediate plans for larger recycling containers. Call 404-355-8482 if a street is skipped for pick up.
 - The Bureau is short staffed. The average 2 person trash pick up crew picks up trash at 1200 houses a day.

- Department of Watershed Management – Diane Badger
 - Ms. Badger stated that the rate increase was needed to fund a change in the Department pension plan and to offset the decrease in revenue caused by conservation efforts.
 - Watershed is working on a plan to fix Sunken Garden. Ms. Badger will try to bring a proposed plan to the next NPU meeting.

- Atlanta City Council – Anne Fauver, District 6
 - Ms. Fauver has located funding for an engineering study for a quiet crossing for the railroad at N. Highland and Cheshire Bridge
 - VaHi Streetscape will start 9/1 and is scheduled to be completed by 11/1.
 - Wells have been installed in Piedmont Park. They are studying the wells to see if they are a good option for combating the drought.
 - \$14.5 million budget reduction has been requested by Council. Mayor Franklin requested a greater reduction. Police have funded but vacant positions. Fire Dept has had budget cuts.
 - The ADA approved \$40 million for the Civil Rights Museum. This is TAD money, not the money from the general fund. The overall revenue for the City of Atlanta is \$25 billion. \$3 billion is TAD money that does not go into the general fund.
 - Council supports re-opening of closed Fire Station #7. Liz Coyle asked if additional \$3 million in Council budget could pay for the station. Ms. Fauver explained that \$1.6 million

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of that increase was dedicated to elections, which were not previously under the Council budget. Re-opening of station will cost \$1.3 million a year.

- H. Lamar Willis assistant Will Sellars
 - Councilmember Willis has issued a press release to encourage the conversion of city vehicles to biodiesel to save money and use resources more efficiently. The City needs federal coordination to make this feasible.
- Mary Norwood assistant Georgia Robert
 - Did not attend the meeting
- Fulton County Commission -- Nancy Boxill, District 6 Assistant Richard Milliones
 - Did not attend the meeting
- Piedmont Park Conservancy – Yvette Bowden (CEO)
 - The Conservancy needs \$42 million for the park expansion. Has already raised \$39 million.
 - Work has started on the new pool/aquatic center.
 - Three new programs have been implemented: 1) recycling program (90 day pilot program); 2) snack concessions; and 3) wells. The concessions are in a test phase and will go out to bid in 90 days. 50% of the profits will go to the City to fund other parks.
 - The Parks Commissioner makes the decision about whether events are allowed in City parks, including Piedmont Park. The Commissioner has pledged to make a decision about Class A events by the Fall. The goal for the future is to have a Class A facility at Fort MacPherson.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS – NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES

- Lindridge-Martin Manor Neighborhood Association – Jane Rawlings, President, Richard Sussman, Representative – Marty Reynolds , Representative –

LMM will begin Blueprints for Successful Communities process next month.

- Morningside-Lenox Park Association –Tad Christian, President, Charlie Nalbone, neighborhood rep

No report

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- Piedmont Heights Civic Association – Baron Jordan, President – Jean Johnson, Marty Kleinman, Representatives –

PHCA is sponsoring a National Night Out event at Ansley Mall on 8/5 from 5:30 – 8:30.

- Virginia-Highland Business Association (VHBA) –Mike Zimmerman, President, Lynn DeWitt and David Burleson reps

No report

- Virginia-Highland Civic Association (VHCA) –Pamela Papner, President, Rob Glancy, Representative.

No report

- Traffic and Transportation Committee – Jane Rawlings

There will be a transit workshop on 8/2 from 9 – 12 at Peachtree Baptist Church on LaVista.

- Public Safety Committee – John Wolfinger

VaHi is sponsoring a a National Night Out event at John Howell Park/Arcadia Street on 8/5 from 6:30 – 8:30. Dinner for the first 200 attendees will be provided by Whole Foods.

- Parks and Recreation Committee – Rob Glancy

No report

- Trees Committee – Charlotte Gillis

No report

- Environment Committee – Jack White

No report

- APAB - Cary Aiken, Gerry Neumark Alt.

The leadership of APAB has improved. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month and can be viewed on Channel 36.

APAB passed a resolution to re-open Fire Station #7. The station is historic and has specialized equipment that is not available at other stations in the city.

NPU-F Motion by Liz Coyle:

Visit NPU-F's Web Site – <http://npufatlanta.org>
Visit The City of Atlanta Web Site – www.atlantaga.gov

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In order to balance the 2009 budget, The City of Atlanta has placed the citizens of Atlanta, our businesses and our visitors in danger. Severe cuts in public safety have reduced the number of police on the road, the effectiveness of code enforcement and the viability of our fire department.

An example of the tragic impact of inappropriate budget cuts was the unnecessary and capricious closing of Firehouse #7 in Historic West End. We demand that the firehouse be reopened immediately and without delay so that it may continue its almost 100 year legacy of protecting the citizens of this historic and vital area of our City.

NPU Action: Motion APPROVED unanimously based on voice vote.

- NE Beltline Study Group Rep. - Baron Jordan (Report by Cary Aiken)

There was a Beltline meeting 7/17 regarding plans for the Northeast Corridor from I-85/Armour Drive to DeKalb. Over 120 people attended. Cary Aiken encouraged Teri Montague of Beltline, Inc. to consider the community input. The next meeting regarding proposed development in this area will be held 9/11.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

7. Presentations

- Mickey Wade – Atlanta Gas Light Company Update

Information on pipeline replacement is available at: atlantagaslight.com/prp. Problems related to pipe replacement can be reported to: 404-584-3039 or pipelinerplacements@aglresources.com

- Update on the Beltline Draft Environmental Impact Statement Update

A study is being conducted to evaluate the environmental impact of the Beltline.

8. Liquor License Review

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Address	Request
Steven D. Simon	Restaurant	Sala	1186 N. Highland Ave.	Change of Ownership
Nikitas L. Parlos	Bar & Lounge	Eros Tapas	2160 Monroe Dr.	Change of Ownership
Virginia McGriffin	Restaurant	Vine	1190 N. Highland Ave.	New Business

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NPU Action: Motions to recommend FAVORABLY for all three passed unanimously on voice vote. (Eros Tapas was approved, noting that the type of business should show Bar & Restaurant with live entertainment)

9. Zoning Matters:

Board of Zoning Adjustment 1:00 P.M.

V-08-113 755 Saint Charles Ave. (Deferred at June meeting.)

Applicant, Doyle Cassel, seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the side-yard setback from 20.2' to 14' for the construction of a new decks and porches.

VAHI Action: Recommendation of Planning Committee: Recommended approval of plans dated 04-21-2008. Letters of support encouraged but not required, because all adjacent is multi-unit rental. Suggested clarification of "Variance Justification" verbiage, item 2, which suggests addition of heated square footage. Meeting discussion and subsequent verification by architect sufficiently satisfies the Planning Committee that such is not planned and not requested for this variance.

VAHI Board Outcome 06-02-2008: Applicant failed to appear. Motion to defer, approved unanimously (8).

07-07-2008: Motion to approve plans dated 04-21-2008, straw vote unanimous in favor, board unanimous (7) in favor.

Board Conditions None.

NPU Action: Motion to APPROVE subject to plans dated 4/21/08 PASSED on voice vote.

Board of Zoning Adjustment July 25, 2008 1:00 P.M.

V-08-134 1118 Hudson Dr. (Deferred at June meeting.)

Applicant, Greg Dean, seeks a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the front yard setback from 35' required to 31' to allow for the construction of a two-story single family dwelling.

VAHI Action: Planning Committee Summary and Recommendation Applicant did not appear. This application has been deferred.

Board Outcome

Board Conditions

NPU Action: Applicant indicated that application has been deferred. Motion to DENY without prejudice PASSED on voice vote.

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Board of Zoning Adjustment

August 8, 2008

1:00 P.M.

V-08-150 995 Rosedale Road

Applicant, Julie Mirza, seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the south side yard setback from 7 ft. required to 3.4 to allow for one story addition and also a half story addition to an existing single family dwelling.

VAHI Action: Recommendation Unanimously recommended approval.

Board Outcome Motion to approve plans dated 06-04-2008. Straw vote unanimous in favor, board unanimous (7) in favor.

Board Conditions None

NPU Action: Motion to APPROVE subject to plans dated 6/4/08 PASSED on voice vote.

Board of Zoning Adjustment

August 22, 2008

1:00 P.M.

V-08-151 1364 Northview Avenue

Applicant, Lucy Ward, seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce 7 ft. side yard setback to 1.5 ft. on the left southeast side of the lot boundary, and to allow for a second story on existing house and new 7 ft. addition to rear.

VAHI Action: Not yet heard

NPU F Action: Motion to DEFER to August NPU meeting to allow application to go to the neighborhoods PASSED on voice vote.

V-08-153 1125 Lanier Blvd.

Applicant, Lucy Ward, seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the side yard setback 17.5ft required to 14.7 ft. to allow for a second story addition on the existing single family house.

VAHI Action: Not yet heard

NPU F Action: Motion to DEFER to August NPU meeting to allow application to go to the neighborhoods PASSED on voice vote.

V-08-154 662 Park Drive

Applicant, Mr. & Mrs. William Graves, seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce

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the east side yard setback from 7 ft. required to 2 ft. to allow for the enclosure of the rear porch.

VAHI Action: Recommendation Unanimous recommendation for approval, subject to best efforts to obtain letters of approval from contiguous neighbors, plans stamped 06-17-2008 (applicant did not have these at committee meeting, should bring to board/general meeting).

Board Outcome Motion to approve plans stamped 06-17-2008. Straw vote unanimous in favor, board unanimous (7) in favor.

Board Conditions None

NPU Action: Motion to APPROVE subject to plans dated 6/17/08 PASSED on voice vote

V-08-159 744 Sherwood Road

Applicant, Brad Renken, seeks a special exception from zoning regulations to allow for active recreation (swimming pool) adjacent to a public street, where otherwise it is prohibited.

VAHI Action: Not yet heard

NPU F Action: Motion to DEFER to August NPU meeting to allow application to go to the neighborhoods PASSED on voice vote.

10. Special Events and Outdoor Festivals

- **AIDS Walk Atlanta**

The walk will be 10/19. 10th Street will be shut down between Charles Allen and Monroe. Quilt will be on display in Piedmont Park. Estimate 12,000 walkers. A postcard with information on the walk and street closing will be sent to neighborhoods. Information at: www.aidswalkatlanta.com. **Motion to APPROVE passed based on voice vote.**

- **Dog Daze**

Fundraiser for the Piedmont Park dog park. Attendance expected around 500.

Motion to APPROVE passed based on voice vote.

- **Passion For Piedmont**

Fundraiser for Piedmont Park. Attendance expected around 500 – 600.

Motion to APPROVE passed based on voice vote.

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11. Public review and comments:

Ordinance 08-0-0877

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 110-3 TO REMOVE SECTIONS 110-3 (a)(9) AND 110-3 (j) AND MOVE THEM TO A NEW SECTION 2-1548; AND TO AMEND SECTION 110-3 TO INCREASE AND ADD CERTAIN FEES CHARGED FOR RENTAL OR USE OF CITY PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ROOMS AND AMENITIES, AND FOR PARTICIPATING IN CITY PROGRAMS, CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES; AND TO DIRECT THAT THE REVENUE FROM THE NEW FEES BE DEPOSITED INTO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

Motion to DENY due to vagueness passed based on voice vote.

12. Adjournment