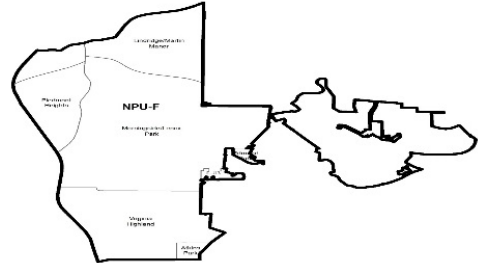


NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – F

MEETING INFO

Date & Time: Monday, July 16, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Location: Hillside Facility
1301 Monroe Drive Atlanta, GA 30306-3439



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AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion to add special event called Insight Global 2018 Summer Olympics, a gated event that will take place prior to our next meeting carries unanimously on voice vote.

2. Approval of Minutes

Thanks to Kay Stephenson for taking the minutes last month. The June 2018 minutes have been posted on the NPU-F website. Are there any changes or revisions?

NPU-F Action: Motion to approve the June 2018 minutes carries on voice vote.

3. Announcements

Refer to the Consent Agenda and flyers on the front table for information on how you can provide input on the More MARTA projects and Monroe Drive Complete Streets Project.

4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

- Atlanta Police Dept. - Zone 6 – Captain Collier Zone 2 – Captain Patterson

The Zone 2 report by Captain Patterson focused on a homicide on Manchester/Liddell areawhich the police view as a targeted event. It does not pose a higher risk of violence in the area. Overall crime is on a downward trend including rapes and robberies. Since January 1, 2018, Zone 2 has experienced 11 robberies, 2 murders, and 11 aggravated assaults with most of the assaults arising from domestic violence and disputes between homeless men. Zone 2 has a very good clearing rate on robberies. Several NPU residents expressed concerns about suspicious activity at Manchester and Liddell Streets and asked for additional police patrols in the area. Videos of suspicious activity should be sent to the video integration center and Officer Patterson can be contacted at jpatterson@atlantaga.gov.

The Zone 6 report by Officer Collier noted continued car break-ins in the area and an uneventful July 4.

- MARTA police - Major Nelvette Easterling, Lt. Chapman, North Precinct Sergeant Ray Moseley represented MARTA and reported that juvenile crimes continue to be a concern and are mostly crimes of opportunity. MARTA is gearing up for Major League Soccer's All State game in August.

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- Bureau of Housing and Code Compliance – Officer Edwards sledwards@atlantaga.gov cell 404-326-6573
A citation has been issued to an address on North Highland Avenue.
- Watershed Management – Ralph Jones Jr, rmjones@atlantaga.gov, Watershed Ambassador
Mr Jones is the new NPU-F Ambassador and had nothing of significance to report.
- Public Works – Carlos Collins
 - Mr. Collins noted that the changes to the trash collection days had gone smoothly for the most part. Several attendees inquired about speed calming devices for residential streets. Mr. Collins noted that it involves a multistep process including using a speed monitoring device to get data on traffic patterns, deciding whether the street qualifies for traffic calming devices, and circulating a petition among property owners in the area. Installation of traffic calming measures requires approval of 75 percent of property owners. Mr. Collins can be reached at 404-803-9376.
 - Officer McKoy discussed the role of the Code Enforcement section of the Department of Public Works which deals with code compliance by public properties. He can be reached at tmckoy@atlantaga.gov.

5. Comments from Elected Officials

- Councilmember District 6 – Jennifer Ide (Lance Orchid & Kent Strickland, staff)
Councilmember Ide mentioned that the 10th and Monroe project is off the table. Ms Ide also discussed the upcoming More MARTA Meetings (details can be found on the MARTA website) and the Complete Street project. Comments on the latter can be made at renewatlanta@atlantaga.gov or on the Renew Atlanta website. She noted that the City needed to fix waste collection issues before implementing the higher rates for waste collection. Also noted: MoreMARTA Town Hall on 8/15 sponsored by CMs Ide, Farohki and Archibong. Commissioner of Public Works has resigned.

6. Presentation(s)

- MARTA Clifton Corridor: Eboni Brown
Scott Brown and Lesley Walker updated the NPU on the More MARTA project. The presentation focused on the light rail component which connects Lindbergh and Avondale stations via the CDC, Emory University and DeKalb hospital. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be published next year. Various options were considered for the track and a cut and cover tunnel appears to be the preferred alternative. The More MARTA list will be adopted in Fall of 2018. Comments are due by October 31, 2018 either on the More MARTA website or to Bryan Hobbs at jhobbs@itsmarta.com. Attendees raised questions about the decision making process; while multiple entities have a voice in the project, the final decision will rest with the MARTA board.
- Larry Vincent, Georgia Power representative
Mr Vincent apologized for the haphazard and harmful tree trimming on Highland Park. Going forward, Georgia Power will consult arborists before undertaking major tree pruning. He also announced the \$25 refund to customers.
- Affordable Housing Update – Emma Tinsley
Ms Tinsley discussed the challenges and policies relating to affordable housing in Atlanta. About 15 percent of homes in Atlanta are currently severely cost-burdened and Georgia

has the third highest eviction rate in the US. It's estimated that 2,500 new units are needed each year to address the affordability gap. Policy changes are needed in the areas of zoning, renters rights and subsidies to narrow the gap in affordable housing.

7. Planner's Report

- Zoning Ordinance Update Phase II
- Six events will be held to provide a “deeper knowledge” regarding the proposed policy and regulatory changes. RSVP by calling 404-330-6724 or emailing: madarby@AtlantaGA.gov
The remaining events dates are:

Saturday, July 21 st	Southeast Atlanta Branch Library	1463 Pryor Road SW	12:30 – 3:30 pm
Saturday, August 4 th	Metropolitan Branch Library	1332 Metropolitan Parkway SW	10 am – 1 pm
Saturday, August 11 th	East Atlanta Branch Library	400 Flat Shoals Avenue SE	10 am – 1 pm
Saturday, August 18 th	Buckhead Branch Library	269 Buckhead Avenue NE	10 am – 1 pm

- Annexations (see legislation below)
 - **1086 Rosedale**
Motion to recommend approval of Z-18-070 to designate the zoning of property at 1086 Rosedale Rd as R-4 and recommend approval of O-18-1382 to designate the land use as Single Family Residential carries on voice vote.
 - **1843 and 1847 Homestead**
Motion to recommend approval of Z-18-072 to designate the zoning of property at 1843 and 1847 Homestead as R-4 and recommend approval of O-18-1389 to designate the land use as Single Family Residential carries on voice vote.
 - **1170 Amsterdam Ave NE**
Motion to recommend approval of Z-18-073 to designate the zoning of property at 1170 Amsterdam Avenue as R-4 and recommend approval of O-18-1402 to designate the land use as Single Family Residential carries on voice vote.

8. Committee Reports

- Lindridge-Martin Manor Neighborhood Association – Kevin McBride, President; Rich Sussman, NPU Rep
The quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 1st
- Morningside-Lenox Park Association – Charlie Nalbhone, President & NPU Rep; John Ayers, Zoning & NPU Rep
None
- Piedmont Heights Civic Association – Gary Dresser, President; Jean Johnson and Tim Berube, NPU Reps
3 license plate readers being installed in Piedmont Heights
- Virginia-Highland Civic Association (VHCA) –David Brandenberger, President; Barry Loudis and Kay Stephenson, NPU Reps

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The VHCA is gearing up for the annual tour of homes.

- Virginia-Highland Business Association (VHBA) –Lynn DeWitt, NPU Rep
None
- Edmund Park – Aruna Narasimhan, President, Pete Densmore, Neighborhood Rep; Sally Montgomery, Zoning
None
- Emory/CDC Area/Druid Hills
None
- Public Safety Committee – Jim Hardy
None
- Education Committee (vacant)
None
- Chair Report
- The NPU received two SAPs this month:
 - o **SAP-18-091 1944 Piedmont Circle** (current Executive Suites conversion to a boutique hotel and office space). Piedmont Heights reported that they had no comments or concerns.
 - o **SAP -18-089 841 North Highland** – proposal to build a 3 story building with living space and retail (dry cleaner) on first level. 3 parking spaces are proposed with additional spaces at the adjacent parking lot. Virginia-Highland neighborhood is reviewing this application. An NPU response is due to the City by July 23rd.

Comments: Comments on SAP 18-089 841 should be directed to Jack White of the VHCA.

- **NPU-F FILM COORDINATOR** – looking for a volunteer who would like to become a Neighborhood Film liaison with the Mayor’s Office of Entertainment. Many neighborhoods are now using this type of resource to coordinate with film companies on location selection, coordination with schools and local businesses on the timing of street closures and soliciting financial recompense to pay for neighborhood projects. The Mayor’s Office in encouraging these relationships to help mitigate issues. If you are interested (or think you may know someone) but don’t want to commit, I can connect you with some folks who can give you more background. It’s a unique opportunity, can connect you with the Atlanta Film industry and help out you ‘hood.
- **SPECIAL EVENTS** – Looking for a volunteer or volunteers who can help with reviewing Special Events applications and coordinate with the Midtown Neighbors Association and NPU-E. Preferably someone from VaHi or Morningside neighborhoods and is directly impacted by events at Piedmont Park. The Special Events process is broken – either with MOSE, or with the Planning Office because neither NPU-E nor NPU-F have been receiving applications for assemblies (5Ks, walks, marathons) or large gatherings. Essentially, we don’t know what we don’t know.
- **BY-LAW CHANGES** – Beginning 2018 bylaw review process in the next month. Several changes need to be made to incorporate the Emory/CDC area and Druid Hills (North). Two significant areas for consideration is the restructuring of the Executive Committee and a definition of the zoning review process for the newly annexed areas that are not in one of our traditional 5 neighborhoods. The process for managing by-law changes will be similar as previous changes – including an Executive Board meeting (probably in July) to review and recommend changes and visits with each of the neighborhoods before an NPU vote for

approval no later than September. I'll also be checking in with many of you for input. Please see me if you have any other changes that you think need to be made this year.

- **NEIGHBORHOOD LISTING** – Have been using the following as the list of neighborhood associations and organizations in NPU-F. You'll see this list on the City of Atlanta NPU website pages. While we will formalize these in the by-law revisions., no objections to doing so.

Edmund Park, Lindridge-Martin Manor, Piedmont Heights, Morningside-Lenox Park, Virginia-Highland, Virginia-Highland Business Association, Emory/CDC Area and Druid Hills (North)

9. Matters for Voting

Consent Agenda

Special Events Applications

Event Name	Event	Event Date	Recommendation
Exhibitat in Piedmont Park – Unveiling	Piedmont Park Class E/200 participants	September 2, 2018	Approval

The Event Organizer asked that Exhibitat be removed from the Consent Agenda so that she could share information about the event.

- **NPU Action:** None taken (no applications).

Special Event Application(s) – MOSE			
Event Name	Event Organizer	Event Location	Event Date
Pure Heat Community Festival	Avian Watson	Piedmont Park Class C/19,999 participants	September 2, 2018

Comments:

NPU Action: Motion to support carries on voice vote.

Exhibitat in Piedmont Park Unveiling	Nikki Belmonte, Ex Director for Lillie Kline, EO	Piedmont Park – 400 Park Drive Class E/200 participants	September 25, 2018
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Comments: Removed from Consent Agenda at the request of the applicant Chimney Swift tower has been erected to attract birds.

NPU Action: Motion to support carries on voice vote.

Festival Peachtree Latino 2018 (Vote Required)	Ray Ortega	Piedmont Park Class C/15,000 participants	August 26, 2018
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Comments: MNA is opposed to closing 10th Street and amplified music sound checks at 7 am.

NPU Action: Motion to support carries on voice vote.

Insight Global 2018 Summer Olympics (Vote Required)	Terrell Henderson	Piedmont Park Gated event/1,800 participants	August 10, 2018
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Comments: Added to agenda at beginning of meeting. This is a company employee team building event at Park Tavern and Meadow. Previously in Centennial Park. Attendees coming by shuttle bus. Picnic-type competitive events will be fenced off with bicycle racks.

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NPU Action: Motion to support carries on voice vote.

Liquor License Application(s) – LRB				
Name of Business	Type of Business	Applicant	Property Address	Request
EDBT LLC (Vote Required)	Restaurant	Blaise Nowak	1397 North Highland Avenue	Change of Ownership

NPU Action: Motion to support carries on voice vote

Atlanta Man Cave (Vote Required)	Male Haberdashery	Darnika Bunting	2139 Liddell Drive	New Business
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Comments: Application is deferred at the request of the applicant.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application(s) – BZA

[V-18-197](#) 1659 Noble Drive NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to 1) reduce the required front yard setback from 35 feet to 30 feet and 2) reduce the required rear yard setback from 15 feet to 5 feet for the construction of an addition to an existing single family home.

MLPA Report: Approved 11-0-0

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

[V-18-204](#) 1450 Lanier Place NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to 1) reduce the required front yard setback from 35 feet to 31.4 feet and 2) reduce the required south side yard setback from 7 feet to 3.5 feet.

MLPA Report: Approved 11-0-0

Comments: for construction of new home in existing foot print

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

[V-18-207](#) 2059 Manchester Street NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to 1) reduce the south side yard setback from the required 15 feet to 3 feet, 2) reduce the east rear yard setback from the required 20 feet to 4 feet, and 3) allow windows within the side yard on all sides of the building to allow for the construction of a new multi-family development.

MLPA Report: Approved 11-0-0

Comments: This property was recently rezoned

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

Zoning Review Board Application(s) – ZRB

Application	Property Address	Public Hearing Date
Z-18-70 (Vote Required) An Ordinance by Councilmember Jennifer Ide to zone property located at 1086 Rosedale Road to the R-4 (Single-Family Residential) Zoning District; and for other purposes.	1086 Rosedale Road	September 6 or 13, 2018

NPU Action: see Planner's report

Z-18-72 (Vote Required) An Ordinance by Councilmember Jennifer Ide		
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to zone property located at 1843 and 1847 Homestead Avenue to the R-4 (Single-Family Residential) Zoning District; and for other purposes.	1843 and 1847 Homestead Avenue	September 6 or 13, 2018
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NPU Action: see Planner's report

<u>Z-18-73 (Vote Required)</u> An Ordinance by Councilmember Jennifer Ide to zone property located at 1170 Amsterdam Avenue to the R-4 (Single-Family Residential) Zoning District; and for other purposes.	1170 Amsterdam Avenue	September 6 or 13, 2018
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NPU Action: see Planner's report

Text Amendment(s) – Zoning Ordinance		
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Legislation	Public Hearing	
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<u>18-O-1382 (Vote Required)</u> An Ordinance by Councilmember Jennifer N. Ide to amend the Land Use element of the 2016 City of Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to designate property at 1086 Rosedale Road to the Single-Family Residential Land Use designation; and for other purposes.	1086 Rosedale Road	September 24, 2018 6:00 PM
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NPU Action: see Planner's report

<u>18-O-1389 (Vote Required)</u> An Ordinance by Councilmember Jennifer N. Ide to amend the Land Use element of the 2016 City of Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to designate property at 1843 and 1847 Homestead Avenue to Single-Family Residential Land Use designation; and for other purposes.	1843 and 1847 Homestead Avenue	September 24, 2018 6:00 PM
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NPU Action: see Planner's report

<u>18-O-1402 (Vote Required)</u> An Ordinance by Councilmember Jennifer N. Ide to amend the Land Use element of the 2016 City of Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to designate property at 1170 Amsterdam Avenue to the Single-Family Residential Land Use designation; and for other purposes.	1170 Amsterdam Avenue	September 24, 2018 6:00 PM
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NPU Action: see Planner's report

10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.