

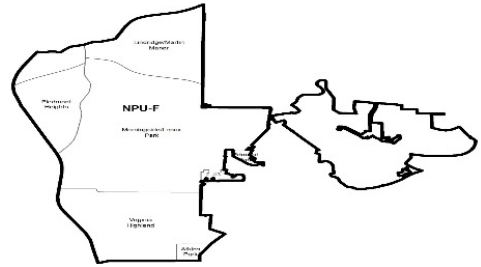
NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – F

MEETING INFO

Date & Time: Monday, August 19, 2019 – 7:00 PM

Location: Hillside Facility

1301 Monroe Drive Atlanta, GA 30306-3439



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*****2020 NPU Bylaws will be due on September 30, 2019*****

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Thanks to Aruna Narasimhan who prepared the minutes last month with the help of Carol Shunnarah. Carol will be taking minutes tonight.

Motion to approve the July 2019 minutes carries on voice vote.

3. Announcements

NPU-F Executive Committee will meet at 7 pm on Monday, August 26th at Hillside Center to discuss changes to the NPU By-Laws.

4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

▪ **Atlanta Fire Department – Station 19 North Highland; Station 29 Monroe**

AFRD received highest accreditation for the 3rd consecutive year.

Sept 11th memorial held at Christ the King.

Nov 12th – Breakfast with the Bravest at the Flourish

131 recruits and 9 Saudi with the culture exchange.

It is a good practice to close doors at night, this will allow more time for fire fighters to get to you in case of a house fire.

▪ **Atlanta Police Dept. - Zone 6 - Major Vazquez; Capt Clay Zone 2 – Major Shaw, Captain Patterson**

Captain Clay from zone 6 stated that even though the number of cars were broken into is high, all crime is down by 10%. He reiterated not to leave anything in your car, remember the “clean car campaign”.

If you have any issues with an officer’s response to 911, call the precinct and if you do not get a response, call Captain Clay at 404-396-2874

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

34 maintenance calls out of 41 total this month.

- **Public Works Code Enforcement – Office McKoy**

The 3rd Saturday of each month at Greenbriar mall is recycle day

Call in bulk pickup BEFORE you put it out.

Call 404-276-1187 for missed pickup of regular service

- **Office of the Solicitor’s - Andrew Hughes, Solicitor**

No issues to report on.

- **Watershed Management** –Spence Peck, is new Watershed Ambassador and lives in Virginia-Highland, 404-546-1203, speck@atlantaga.gov

Storm Water Roadshows to be held August 20th and September 10th.

1198 Zimmer Drive update: water issues – improving drainage – driveway apron will be coordinated with homeowners.

ATL 311 is best place to give info with water issues.

- **Public Works – Carlos Collins**

Prince Nwagbara (for Carlos Collins) states the Public Works will be conducting Fall ride alongs with 12 passenger van. Email snerry@atlanta.gov if you would like to participate in the ride-along.

He also stated for call ATL311 or go online to report pot holes, problems with sign post, etc. The online citizen concern form can be found at atlantaga.com. Response time should be 24-48 hours.

5. Comments from Elected Officials

- **Fulton County Commission - Fulton County Commission** - Marvin Arrington Jr., District 5;

There was a long discussion about the Ponce library renovation. Present were architects, designers, landscapers as well as the county manager, Dick Anderson and Commissioner Marvin Arrington.

They stated the plan is to save trees. They plan to attend more NPU meetings. After hearing concerns from the NPU, the County committed to reviewing their plans and provide a report at the next NPU meeting.

Library renovations budget is \$275 million. 34 libraries have or will be been renovated. 10 libraries have been renovated in phase I. Phase II will have 24 libraries with only 2 not in Fulton County. 8 have been completed and 6 still under construction.

Julian Bene stressed the importance of rebalancing the tax digest between homeowners and commercial, giving examples on how the assessments for commercial property was considerably less than the amount for what the property recently sold.

It was stated that the County is understaffed and that issues will be addressed.
We need to change the GA Constitution to see changes such as the tax commissioners being paid too much.

- Councilmember District 6 – Jennifer Ide (Lance Orchid & Kent Strickland, staff)
Jennifer Ide stated the city Public Works department is understaffed. She reiterated to call 311 for yard pickup. Or call 404-330-6049 if yard waste is not being picked up. They promise to pick up the whole street and not just the address that called in.

For solid waste bills errors contact Fince Bryon 404-865-8452 or email fobryan@atlanta.gov

Upcoming meetings such as

1. August 22nd is a work session for City of Atlanta's Tree Protection Ordinance
2. August 26th is the mobility and safety town hall meeting to discuss scooters and bikes.
3. August 29th beltline meeting to discuss northeast expansion.

Jennifer stated there will be no more permits granted to new companies who wish to rent scooters. The restriction on hours has expired due to lack of legislation.

There was a discussion about the safety in Morningside Village, the need of more cameras that are cheaper and how they do help to track down criminals.

Atlanta is the most surveilled city.

6. Presentation(s)

- Trees Atlanta: Judy Yi (Not present, will attend in September)

6. Planner's Report – Doug Young

Meetings will be held beginning in October on historic preservation.

7. Committee Reports

- Lindridge-Martin Manor Neighborhood Association – Kevin McBride, President; Rich Sussman, NPU Rep
Opening of rain garden went very well. Reminder about the pollination project August 23-24
- Morningside-Lenox Park Association – Ben Nemo, President & NPU Rep; John Ayers, Zoning & NPU Rep
No report
- Piedmont Heights Civic Association – Jim Hardy, President; Jean Johnson and Tim Berube, NPU Reps
Alliance with business association
- Virginia-Highland Civic Association (VHCA) –David Brandenberger, President; Barry Loudis and Kay Stephenson, NPU Reps
Events coming up: 3rd Friday of month is happy hour, 2 movie nights at North Highland Park, one for kids; Scarecrow contest
Candy crawl thru businesses along North Highland the Tuesday before Halloween.

- Virginia-Highland Business Association (VHBA) –Lynn DeWitt, NPU Rep
No report
- Edmund Park – Carol Wales, President, Pete Densmore, Neighborhood Rep; Sally Montgomery, Zoning
No report
- Emory/CDC Area/Druid Hills
No report
- Parks, Trees, and Environment – Rich Sussman/Jack White
Georgia Pollinator count August 23-24
- Public Safety Committee – Jim Hardy
No report
- Education Committee (vacant)
No report

Chair report:

- **The Man Cave LRB application** has still not been scheduled for a License Review Board meeting. Will keep you informed if/when it is scheduled. (LRB hearings are held every other Tuesday at City Hall at 5 pm.) We haven't been able to get any info from the applicant or the City on the status. Some activity has been observed at the location and I've asked neighbors to keep an eye out. A complaint was sent to Building enforcement when an event was advertised on Eventbrite, but the Accela record says that they were unable to find the location at this address. We are not giving up.
- Councilmember Marci Overstreet and State Representative Park Cannon are hosting a funding forum for NPUs and are inviting TWO MEMBERS OF EACH NPU to attend (total of 50 people). The forum will be held in the Marvin S. Arrington Council Chambers at Atlanta City Hall on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. A distinguished panel will decode the processes of HOW TO FUND community projects with Federal, State and Local dollars. I have a flyer with a little more info. Need to share names with the city in the next week.
- APAB meeting met on Saturday, July 20th and approved 4 resolutions:
 - *Resolution requesting the COA Planning Department to provide NPUs with boiler-plate language for zoning conditions requiring that Affordable Units be included in new residential developments. (19-003 deferred at April meeting)*
 - *Resolution requesting the COA Planning Department to provide the NPUs with boiler-plate language for zoning conditions requiring specific trees or groups of trees be protected during development (19-004 Deferred at April meeting)*
 - *Resolution requesting the City of Atlanta, the Atlanta Development Authority and the Development Authority of Fulton County not to provide tax abatements or grants to developers proposing to create affordable rental housing unless the value of those grants and abatements is less than the discounted present value of the aggregate of rental discounts that will make the newly created housing affordable. (19-006)*
 - *Resolution requesting the City of Atlanta Planning Department to create a template for communicating NPU recommendations to city boards and to direct planning staff in formulating recommendations to reach out to NPU leadership prior to communicating a recommendation to a city board that contradicts an NPU recommendation. (19-007)*
- Did not attend August APAB meeting and will report on the meeting next month.
- Annually, each NPU reapproves or amends their by-laws and must submit them to the City by September 30th. Several months ago, the Executive Committee discussed several changes to the by-laws, but the work got stuck on the back burner due to a family issue. We will vote on the new by-laws in September. If you have any suggestions for by-law amendments or concerns, please let me know.

9. Matters for Voting

Consent Agenda

Special Events Applications

| Event | Date | Event Type | Recommendation |
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| GCA Back to School Event Tonette Brown | September 25, 2019 | Piedmont Park Class E/1,500 participants | Support |
| Little Hands...Big LOVEFEST! Michelle Hodgson | October 20, 2019 | Piedmont Park Class E & Assembly 1,999 Participants | Support |
| Shatterproof Rise Up Against Addiction 5K Walk Run Kat Thomas | November 2, 2019 | Piedmont Park Class E & Assembly 1,500 Participants | Support |

NPU Action: Motion to approve the consent agenda, carries on voice vote.

Special Event Application(s) – MOSE

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| Pure Heat Community Festival Avian Watson | Class C/19,999 participants | Piedmont Park September 1, 2019 |
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Comments: 8th year, additional police @ 10th and Piedmont and shuttles to take people to vehicles.

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

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| Atlanta Pride Jamie Ferguson | Class A 195,000 Participants | Piedmont Park October 12-13, 2019 |
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Comments: Not present at meeting.

NPU-F Action: Motion to defer to September meeting carries on voice vote.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application(s) – BZA

[V-19-157](#) 1797 Charline Avenue NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to 1) eliminate the front porch requirements to allow the front door to face a side lot line and 2) reduce the required front yard setback from 35 feet to 22 feet for the construction of a single-family dwelling.

MLPA Report: Approved

Comments:

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval **carries** by a voice vote

[V-19-171](#) 1024 North Virginia Avenue NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the south side yard setback from 7 feet to 5.5 feet.

VHCA Report: Approved

Comments:

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

V-19-176 1686 Noble Drive NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to 1) reduce the required east side setback from 7 feet to 3 feet, 2) reduce the required rear yard side setback from 15 feet to 3 feet to construct a detached accessory dwelling and 3) exceed the total floor area of proposed detached accessory dwelling structure from 30 percent to 40 percent of the main structure.

MLPA Report: Approved

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval **carries** by a vote of 10 Ayes, 4 Nays, 0 abstentions

| Text Amendment(s) – Zoning Ordinance | | |
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| Legislation | Public Hearing | |
| <p><u>Z-19-56</u> An Ordinance to amend Chapter 13 of the Atlanta Zoning Ordinance entitled “C-3 Commercial Residential District Regulations” to correct a scrivener’s error from Ordinance No. 06-O-0038 and to allow for special use permits for “hotels and motels” in Sec. 16-13.005(1)(G); and to amend Chapter 14 of the Atlanta Zoning Ordinance entitled “C-4 Central Area Commercial Residential District Regulations” to correct a scrivener’s error from Ordinance No. 06-O-0038 and allow for special use permits for “rooming houses” in Sec. 16-14.005(1)(K); and for other purposes EXHIBIT A. FACT SHEET</p> | <p>Zoning Review Board – City Hall Council Chambers</p> | <p>September 5 or 12, 2019</p> |

Comments:

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval **carries** by a voice vote

| Public Notice |
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| <p><u>19-O-1354 (Information Only)</u> An Ordinance by Councilmember Amir R. Farokhi as amended by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend Chapter 138 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances so as to amend article IV of Chapter 138 to be entitled “Right of Way Dining”; to establish regulations related to and procedures for the authorization of eating and drinking establishments that wish to operate outdoor dining areas on the sidewalk in the public right-of-way; to amend Chapter 10 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, (the alcohol code), so as to provide for the sale and service of alcohol for consumption on the premises pursuant to a right of way dining permit issued under Chapter 138; and for other purposes. PUBLIC NOTICE</p> |

Comments: NPUs should have a vote on this legislation.

- 10. Old Business
- 11. New Business
- 12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.