

# NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – F



Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Please pre-register by clicking [HERE](#)  
Dial-In: (646)558-8656, access code,  
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## Minutes

### 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

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

### 2. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes for the April 2020 meeting have been posted on the NPU-F website and a link was sent those on the NPU-F mailing list. Motion to approve the April minutes (without changes) passed unanimously and minutes are approved.

### 3. Calendar Announcements

No announcements

### 4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

- Atlanta Fire Department – Station 19 North Highland, Station 29 Monroe Drive; Derek Harris, Battalion Chief

- AFD Chief Hatcher – all personnel wearing masks and gloves. Fire stations are closed to public visits. The AFD is grateful for support from the public and for food donations. Go to Atlanta Fire Foundation webpage for information on donations. Fire hydrant inspections are starting this week.
  
- Atlanta Police Dept – Zone 6, Zone 2 – Major Senzer; Captain Singh  
N/A
  
- Fulton County Prosecutor – Zone 6 – Nemonie Nooks  
Ms Nooks is the new Zone 6 community prosecutor. Only handling essential proceedings at this time. Courts are slated to open on June 15. Terry Noble was arrested, charged with multiple burglaries, and sentenced to 8 years. More updates will be shared after the courts open.
  
- MARTA Police  
N/A
  
- Bureau of Housing and Code Compliance – Office Jeter
  - Vincent Jeter – [vcjeter@atlantaga.gov](mailto:vcjeter@atlantaga.gov), 470 626 7171.
  - Use ATL311 app to report code violations. NPU stats indicate a total of 19 cases, 2 of which are highly hazardous. The City is conducting limited compliance activities. But residents should report cases of concern. A resident inquired about the situation at 2416 Piedmont Avenue which is located in NPU-B. There are concerns about trash and trespassing at the Gold Room. Mr. Jeter responded that there had been some turnover among the compliance officers and he would look into it.
  
- Public Works Code Enforcement – Officer Ferguson  
N/A
  
- Office of the Solicitor's – Andrew Hughes, Solicitor  
N/A

- Watershed Management, Spence Peck, Watershed Ambassador, [speck@atlantaga.gov](mailto:speck@atlantaga.gov), 404-546-1203
  - Mr. Peck is an Environmental Specialist with the DWM; The DWM continues to exercise health and safety measures while providing 24-hour service. Ability to take payments is restricted and walk-in centers are closed. Best options are to pay bills online at [PayATLwateronline.com](http://PayATLwateronline.com) or by mail or at the City Hall drop box. Call 404 546 0311 to speak to a customer specialist regarding payment plans.
  - Mr. Peck reminded residents that the MOST is on ballot for the June election. MOST funds will be used for infrastructure and clean water initiatives.
  - May is older Americans month – the City offers various services to seniors such as savings on water bills.
  - A Food Assistance program is available from COA – apply through ATL311; Details of the program and eligibility requirements are at [ATLstrong.org/seniors](http://ATLstrong.org/seniors).
  - No project updates for NPU-F.
  - Rich Sussman raised two issues – garden invasive materials need to be picked up from 2381 Armand Road which is a community garden and a DWM property.
  - South Fork of Peachtree Creek – a log across the creek is accumulating trash and the log needs to be cut.
  - Jim Hardy – major changes have been made at the Rock Springs (Hedgewood) development regarding the dumping of storm water. The PHCA is unaware of approvals from COA regarding a new storm water pipe. Further, the COA administratively approved a change to the road that intersects the subdivision without knowledge of the neighborhood – Jim recommended that the COA departments of Watershed and Planning look into these issues.
- Public Works  
N/A
- ATL 311 -

- The Community affairs coordinator, Barbara, shared her contact information and asked for feedback. Barbara can be reached via text or call her at 470-698-5171.
- The Department of Solid Waste may be behind on bulk pick ups. Residents should call ATL 311 for bulk items.

5. Comments from Elected Officials

- None

6. Presentations

- Atlanta Fulton Library: Oscar Gittemeier
  - The library is issuing temp 30 day cards. Free tutoring is available for K-12 and college students. Virtual programs are offered through library teams. Library staff are available to curate content if book clubs are interested. Reach out to Oscar Gittemeier.
  - The library also offers a wide variety of children’s programs. Tentative staggered reopenings are planned –some branches will open after June 15. Library staff is willing to drop off fliers to locations that don’t have internet. The NPU Chair inquired about the difference between Libby and Overdrive. Libby is the new app, it’s more user friendly and allows users to access multiple libraries through one account.

7. Planner’s Report – Doug Young

The Office of Design staff is working remotely, processing permits. Public hearing applications are not being processed because the BZA and ZRB are not meeting. While the department is working on plans to restart, no date has been set for reopening. Emails have been established to reach staff that conduct reviews. The City is doing virtual building inspections.

8. Neighborhood and Committee Reports

- Lindridge-Martin Manor

South Creek Rising has been cancelled due to COVID. On May 23, the South Fork Conservancy will conduct a raffle.

- Morningside-Lenox Park  
N/A
- Piedmont Heights Civic Association  
N/A
- Virginia-Highland Civic Association
  - SummerFest postponed to Nov 14 and 15.
  - Virtual 5K, by Active.com, run the race on June 13 and 14 and report results.
- Edmund Park  
N/A
- Emory/CDC Area/Druid Hills  
N/A
- Parks, Trees, and Environment
  - There has been activity with trails.
- Public Safety
  - APD has started to crack down on drag racing, 100 citations were issued and 26 arrests made, including seizing of vehicles.
- Education Committee – no committee chair
- Chair Report:
  - Have not been receiving any BZA, rezoning or LRB applications while City Hall is closed. Please enjoy the calm before the storm.
  - APAB -- which is an official COA Board, has suspended their meetings as required by an Executive Order by the

Mayor suspending all City Boards, Authorities, Commissions, etc. Meetings will resume when City Hall reopens to the public

9. Matters for Voting

## MATTERS FOR VOTING

### Consent Agenda

#### Special Events Applications

Event Name	Event Type	Date	Recommendation
<b>Sisters by Choice Pink Ribbon 5K Run-Walk</b> Dr. Rogsbert Phillips-Reed	Class D 3,400 Participants	Piedmont Park July 18, 2020	<b>Support</b>
<b>Salesforce Field Day</b> Catie Schreiman	Class E 400 Participants	Mayor's Grove Park June 5, 2020	<b>Defer</b>
<b>Southern Cocktails in the Park</b> Jim Shumake (Date Change – Original Application Supported 1/20/20)	Class E 600 Participants	Piedmont Park November 8, 2020	<b>Continue to Support</b>
<b>2021 Atlanta Science Festival Exploration Expo</b> Cynthia Alford (Date Change – Original Application Supported 11/18/19)	Class C 15,000 Participants	Piedmont Park March 27, 2021	<b>Continue to Support</b>

#### Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications

Application	Request	Recommendation
<b>V-19-230 631 Park Drive NE</b>	Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the required east side yard setback from 7 feet to 3.5 feet and rear yard setback from 15 feet to 5 feet to	<b>VH: Defer at the request of the applicant</b>

	construct a detached garage in the rear yard.	
V-19-231 <b>627 Park Drive NE</b>	Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the required east side yard setback from 7 feet to 3.5 feet and rear yard setback from 15 feet to 5 feet to construct a detached garage in the rear yard.	<b>VH: Defer at the request of the applicant</b>

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda after removing NONE carries with 16 approvals and none opposed.

**Special Event Applications (MOSE)**

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type/ Participants</b>	<b>Event Location/Date</b>
<a href="#"><u>Virginia-Highland Summerfest</u></a> Robert Frazier	Class B 40,000 Participants	797 Virginia Ave November 13- 15, 2020

Comments: Rob Frazier present. Nothing changed from previous years. Great chance to start Christmas shopping.

**NPU-F Action:** Motion to support carries by a vote of 18 to 0

<a href="#"><u>Music Midtown (MAP)</u></a> Peter Conlon Melissa Laurenceau	Gated 160,000 Participants	Piedmont Park September 19- 20, 2020
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Comments: Asked to defer until later in summer.

**NPU-F Action:** Motion to Defer carries by voice vote

<a href="#"><u>43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Atlanta Jazz Fest</u></a> (Date Change) Sara Brumfield	Class A 90,000 Participants	Piedmont Park August 1-2, 2020
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Comments: Originally scheduled for Memorial Day weekend.

Sara Brumfield present. Same as past years. Set up starts Monday before.

**NPU-F Action:** Motion to support carries by a vote of 16 to 0

**Alcohol License Applications (LRB)**

Name of Business	Type of Business	Request
<a href="#">CVS Pharmacy</a> <a href="#">#4747</a> 1544 Piedmont Avenue NE	Pharmacy	Change of Agent Amanda B. Holloway

Comments: Applicant asked to defer

**NPU-F Action:** Motion to defer carries by voice vote.

**Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)**

[V-20-27](#) 927 St. Charles Avenue NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required east and west side yard setbacks from 7 feet to 5 feet to construct a third unit for a multi-family development.

VHCA Report: recommended approval conditioned on amended site plan stamped and dated 4/20/20.

Comments: Zoned RG2. Greg Dickerson is property owner. Create a 2 BR accessory structure. Amended referral certificate to reduce usable open space (not available at meeting). Applicant will pave terrace to create additional parking spaces. Net effect is to create a central courtyard. No single family homes located behind property.

**NPU-F Action:** Motion to recommend approval conditioned on amended site plan stamped and dated 4/20/20 carries by a vote of 13 yes and 0 opposed



## Zoning Review Board Applications (ZRB)

### **Z-20-25. 1890 Lenox Road NE**

Applicant would like to rezone the property from the R-4 (Single-family residential, minimum lot size .21 acres) zoning designation to the R-3 (Single-family residential, minimum lot size .41 acres) zoning designation.

MLPA Report: Unanimous approval 10-0

Comments: Kyle Williams present for applicant. Development company never cleaned the title to the driveway. This application will merge the lots into one conforming property zoned R3. Intention is not to create additional lots, rather clean up an error made several years back.

**NPU-F Action:** Motion to recommend approval carries by a vote of 12 to 0

10. Old Business - None
11. New Business- None
12. Announcements - None
13. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.