

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – F

Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM, Via Zoom



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Minutes

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

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

2. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes for the May 2020 meeting were posted on the NPU-F website and a link was sent those on the NPU-F mailing list.
- Motion to approve the May minutes carried with no objections.

3. Calendar Announcements

- ABI Northeast Study Group + Ponce de Leon Streetscapes Thursday, June 18, 2020 from 6:30-8pm
- Tree Protection Ordinance Work Session Thursday, June 25 10 am to Noon

4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

- Atlanta Fire Department – Station 19 North Highland, Station 29 Monroe Drive; Derek Harris, Battalion Chief – None
- Atlanta Police Dept – Zone 6, Zone 2 – Major Senzer; Captain Singh - None
- Fulton County Prosecutor – Zone 2, Zone 6 – Nemonie Nooks - None
- MARTA Police - None
- Bureau of Housing and Code Compliance – Office Vincent Jeter 470-626-7171 vcjeter@atlantaga.gov. Send concerns to email or ATL 311 app.
- Public Works Code Enforcement – Officer Ferguson
- Office of the Solicitor's – Andrew Hughes, Solicitor - None
- Man Cave date, Allure date
- Watershed Management, Spence Peck, Watershed Ambassador, speck@atlantaga.gov, 404-546-1203



- Spencer stated that the Watershed Management is temporarily suspending water connections at this time.

To pay water bill or make payment arrangements, please use the Customer Service help line or payatwater.com, or by mail.

MOST Sales tax is reauthorized for July – June 30, 2024.

There has been an increase in water consumption. You will see a water quality report with your June bill and online.

- Public Works – None
- 311 Call Center – Community Affairs Coordinator – Barbara Dougherty, Community Affairs Coordinator – 470-698-5171 (call or text)
Barbara states that there are 60 agents now remote at the call center taking 2 – 3000 calls a day. Monday – Friday 7am – 7pm.
Dial 404-546-0311 or use ATL311.com or email atl311@atlantaga.gov, you may also use social media. #atlstrong

5. Comments from Elected Officials

- State House of Representatives (Pat Gardner, Park Cannon) – N/A
- Councilmember Jennifer Ide – N/A
- Others – N/A

6. Presentations – None

7. Planner's Report – Doug Young – No Report

8. Neighborhood and Committee Reports

- Lindridge-Martin Manor – Construction on bridge started late in May and is still going.
- Morningside-Lenox Park – No Report
- Piedmont Heights Civic Association – No Report
- Virginia-Highland Civic Association – No Report
- Edmund Park – No Report
- Emory/CDC Area/Druid Hills – No Report
- Parks, Trees, and Environment – No Report
- Public Safety – No Report
- Education Committee – no committee chair

9. Chair Report:

- Have not been receiving any BZA, rezoning or LRB applications while City Hall is closed. An announcement should be made in the next couple weeks on the reinstatement of BZA, ZRB and LRB hearings, probably using virtual applications. It may be awhile before live meetings are conducted.
- 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
- Two events that have come before the NPU have not cancelled. The Atlanta Jazz Festival (originally scheduled for Memorial Day weekend and tentatively rescheduled for early August) and the Green Concert to support the Piedmont Park Conservancy (originally scheduled for early August, rescheduled for 2021).

10. Matters for Voting (please see below)

Consent Agenda

Special Events Applications

Event Name	Event Type	Date	Recommendation
Peachtree Junior + AJC Peachtree Road Race (Date Change – Original Application Supported 12/16/19)	Class A 60,000 Participants	Piedmont Park November 26-27, 2020	Continue to Support

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications

Application	Request	Recommendation
V-19-230 631 Park Drive NE	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.	VH: Defer at the request of the applicant
V-19-231 627 Park Drive NE	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.	VH: Defer at the request of the applicant

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda carries on voice vote.

MATTERS FOR VOTING

Special Event Applications (MOSE)

La Fete du Rose Reginal Cokerham	Gated 3,50 Participants	Piedmont Park September 12, 2020
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Comments: This is a picnic celebrating the drink Rose. This is the 3rd year. They plan to social distance and provide hand sanitizer stations. Set up is the day before. Presold tickets.

NPU-F Action: Motion to support carries with no opposition.

Peachtree Junior + AJC Peachtree Road Race (Date Change – Original Application Supported 12/16/19)	Jennie Coakley	Midtown: Piedmont Park November 26-27, 2020
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Comments: Previously rescheduled for 7/3, 7/4

NPU-F Action: Consent Agenda – Continue to Support

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)

[V-19-230](#) 631 Park Drive NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the required west side yard setback from 7 feet to 0 feet and rear yard setback from 15 feet to 5 feet to construct a joined detached garage in the rear yard.

VHCA Recommendation: Defer

NPU-F Action: Consent Agenda – Defer

[V-19-231](#) 627 Park Drive NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the required east side yard setback from 7 feet to 0 feet and rear yard setback from 15 feet to 5 feet to construct a joined detached garage in the rear yard.

VHCA Recommendation: Defer

NPU-F Action: Consent Agenda - Defer

Zoning Review Board Applications (ZRB)

[U-20-7](#) 1800 Piedmont Road

Applicant seeks a special use application to operate a private school.

[SITE PLAN, SURVEY](#)

PHCA Report: recommend approval.

Comments: Heritage school to purchase Rock Springs Presbyterian Church which is not occupied anymore by the congregation.

NPU-F Action: Motion to support carries with no opposition.

Text Amendments – Zoning Ordinance

[Z-20-7](#)

An Ordinance by Councilmember J.P. Matzigkeit to amend the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances Part 16 Zoning, Chapters 3, 4, and 5 Single-family Residential District

Regulations for R-1 (Single family residential), R-2 (Single family residential), and R-3 (Single family residential) by requiring the development of new single-family detached dwellings on land-locked lots to obtain a special use permit; and for other purposes. [FACT SHEET](#)

Comments: Members were unclear about the purpose of this legislation or how it might affect property within NPU-F. The fact sheet did not provide clarification.

NPU-F Action: No Action Taken

[Z-20-36](#)

An Ordinance by Councilmembers Dustin Hillis, Andrea Boone, Andre Dickens, Antonio Brown, Joyce Sheperd, and Matt Westmoreland to amend the 1982 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Atlanta (Part 16), as amended, to delete sections 16-06.012 , 16-06a.012, 16-06b.012 and 16-07.012 Relationship of Building to Street in their entirety and for other purposes. [FACT SHEET](#)

Comments: Legislation is being amended. No Action Required.

NPU-F Action: No Action taken. A meeting of the Zoning Committee will be held to discuss further. Kay Stephenson and/or Debbie Skopczynski will setup meeting. Jack White to circulate research from VHCA Planning Committee or contact ctbold@gmail.com

10. Old Business - None

11. New Business - None

12. Announcements

Volunteer Opportunities

The Atlanta Planning and Advisory Board (APAB) is seeking active NPU attendees who are interested in serving on the **License and Review Board, Beltline Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee (TADAC) and Invest Atlanta Board.**

APAB representative to the Beltline TADAC – 2 positions

The Atlanta BeltLine Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee (TADAC) was created through the Atlanta BeltLine legislation as part of its Community Participation Framework. Its primary function is to ensure ongoing and meaningful citizen input into the planning, design, and implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine. The Beltline TADAC provides regular input and recommendations as it relates to the execution of the Atlanta BeltLine's TAD bonds. Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of every other month from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at 100 Peachtree St NW.

License Review Board

The License Review board is a seven-member body that is appointed by the mayor and approved by City Council. One of the members of the board is the APAB president, or the president's designee. The members of the board serve two-year

terms. At least two LRB meetings are held twice a month (Tuesdays at 5 pm) and members are paid \$100 per meeting,

Board members review all applications for permits, other than work permits and taxicab permits, issued under the police power of the city after APD determines whether or not an application/applicant meets the legal requirements for granting a permit. The LRB makes a recommendation to the Mayor who makes the final decision whether to approve or deny a license.

Those not eligible to serve include:

-Employee or elected official of the city

-Anyone who holds any interest in any license issued under the police powers of the city.

Invest Atlanta - 3 nominees/1 position

We have recently been informed that Bill Bozarth will not seek a second term as APAB representative to Invest Atlanta when his term expires later this year. Bill has done an excellent job in keeping each NPU informed when a development project is on their agenda. This is a 9-member board appointed by the City Council and the Mayor. APAB will submit 3 names to the Mayor and she will select one. <http://www.investatlanta.com>

Those interested should send a letter interest and a resume to apabatlanta@gmail.com.

13. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.