

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – F

Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM



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Minutes

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The February minutes have been posted on the NPU-F website and a copy was sent to those on the NPU mailing list and verified members.

Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Jane Rawlings and seconded by Stephen Ramsden.

The motion was approved by votes 21 aye votes and with 2 abstentions.

3. Announcements

Please review the information on the Consent Agenda for details on the upcoming Public Hearings/City Council Work Sessions. There are a number of important pieces of legislation that Council is considering at this time – including Short Term Rentals, a revised Tree Ordinance and a Beltline Special Services District so be sure that your voice is heard.

4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

Atlanta Fire Department Station 19 North Highland, Station 29 Monroe Drive Battalion Chief Derek Harris	No Report
Atlanta Police Department Zone 2 – Major Andrew Senzer asenzer@atlantaga.gov Zone 6 – Major Peter Ries pjries@atlantaga.gov , Capt. H. Zenelaj	Major Senzer – 2 weekends ago with the NBA All Star event with the hotel occupancy rates we saw tremendous amounts of traffic and unusually high call for service. In anticipation of this, we went to 12 hours shifts canceling off days for officers. We worked hard around this and it became

<p>hzenelaj@atlantaga.gov</p>	<p>challenging for us.</p> <p>As far as Onyx, Platinum 21, and Allure and other establishments in the area, we know you experienced issues with these establishments and our officers responded as best as they could. Our license units worked in zone 2 and zone 5 and did compliance checks. At least 17 establishments were checked out every single night. We do not camp out at these places. We are aware about the issues.</p> <p>We have spoken to city council and trying to advocate for legislation to change some of the rules and laws as well as permitting procedures.</p> <p>For Allure we have 2 due cause packages in the works and we will deal with that and alcohol licenses.</p> <p>For the amusement ride issue, we do not have a cut and dry ordinance to enforce anything to that ride. Our best course of action is for the due cause package we have.</p> <p>Major Ries – Thanks to those that attended Coffee with a Cop. About 726 Ponce Avenue – we have not forgotten about it. If there is new information please let us know.</p> <p>Tokyo Valentino incident – individual inside the establishment that onsite security removed from the facility. He was not happy and then he fired off rounds but didn't harm anyone but it is still under investigation.</p> <p>Crime Prevention Inspector Anderson- Zone 2 mlanderson@atlantaga.gov 470-717-4415. Let me know if you have any questions about Coffee with a Cop</p>
<p>APD Code Enforcement Contact Info:</p> <p>cwimberley@atlantaga.gov</p> <p>https://www.atlantapd.org/services/community-services/office-of-code-enforcement</p>	<p>Officer Ferguson representative – Kanzada Wimberly reports: In rem review board hearing for 1944 Piedmont circle, In Town Suite. Scheduled for April 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Lena Curry at 404-904-2188 Email: lcurry@atlantaga.gov or Jocelyn Lyles at Email: jlyles@atlantaga.gov</p> <p>In rem team – evaluate property to see if it meets criteria to demolish or clean and close. Requests go before an In rem review board.</p> <p>Crime Prevention Inspector Jammie Tillman to Everyone : Want to start a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood? Reach out to Crime</p>

	<p>Prevention Inspector Tillman of Zone 6 and Crime Prevention Inspector Anderson of Zone 5.</p>
<p>ATL311 Barbara Dougherty ATL311 Non-Emergency Call Center for City of Atlanta Services M-F, 7am-7pm Dial 3-1-1 inside city limits, or (404)546-0311 Visit our website at www.ATL311.com Email us at ATL311@atlantaga.gov Download & report via app by searching "ATL311" in the App or Google Play Stores Message and follow us on social media— search "ATL311" on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Reddit, NextDoor, SnapChat, and YouTube</p>	<p>Barbara Dougherty – Regarding PAD - PAD will not go onto private property. Dealing with homeless – encampment is another option which is separate from PAD referral these can be reported via 311.</p>
<p>Public Works Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson</p>	<p>Officer Ferguson with Solid Waste - Reminder we are collecting garbage on a weekly basis but rotating recycling and yard trimmings every other week.</p>
<p>Watershed Management Environmental Policy Specialist City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management Office of Watershed Protection Spencer Peck speck@atlantaga.gov 404-546-1203 https://www.atlantawatershed.org</p>	<p>Spencer Peck – This week is - Fix a leak week. Find ways to fix leaks around your house. Listen for running water, check shower heads and faucets for drips. Look for rust and other leakage around water heater. This saves not only water but your money. 9th annual Water Drop 5k is March 20th is 5k https://www.waterdropdash.com/ Now is the time to consider to install a water irrigation meter Don't forget- Paperless billing and toilet rebate programs. The West area water quality control facility is being upgraded, This should be complete by December of 2022. Annual contractors will be out across the city doing closed circuit television work to inspect and assess the storm water system. This is routine work for inspecting storm water infrastructure.</p>

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5. Comments from Elected Officials

Councilmember Jennifer Ide	Council is still meeting and Jennifer will not be present at our meeting,
State Reps Park Cannon, Stacy Evans stacey@staceyevans.com Olivia Buckner – Chief of Staff olivia@staceyevans.com	Olivia Buckner reports – crossover day – a lot of bills went through around 60 bills in one day that crossed over house side. If you want to read about some of the bills that passed: https://staceyevans.com/category/news/ .

6. Consent Agenda

Application	Request	Recommendation
V-21-38 1198 Mclynn Avenue NE	Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to 1) reduce the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 7 feet and 2) increase the lot coverage allowed from 50 percent to 52.8 percent for the construction of a swimming pool. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time. (Revised referral certificate)	MLPA: Defer

NPU-F Action: Motion by Jane Rawlings 2nd by Kay Stephenson to approve the Consent Agenda carries by a vote of 17 to 0 with 8 abstentions.

- 7. Presentations - None
- 8. Planner's Report – Doug Young, Asst. Director, Office of Design, 404-330-6702, dyoung@atlantaga.gov

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For more information
<https://www.atlantaga.gov/Home/Components/News/News/13482/1338>

For information on the 2021 design awards <http://bit.ly/UDCawards>

For public hearings or other departmental information visit <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning>

Follow NPU voting activity on the NPU Dashboard: <https://www.npuatlanta.org/npu-dashboard>

For info on the CDP, visit www.atlcitydesign.com/comprehensive-development-plan

For information on the tree ordinance visit Tree Protection Ordinance
To stay informed, follow us on social media @npuatlanta

9. Neighborhood and Committee Reports

Lindridge Martin Manor	<p>Reshuffling of officers Peyton Bell is new president. The old president resigned.</p> <p>Membership person moved –Missy Funderburg – is new treasurer.</p> <p>These are interim replacements the regular election is in November.</p>
Piedmont Heights	No report
Morningside Lenox Park	Micah Coleman announced that MLPA's 40 th anniversary is next month – we will still have the rock hunt
Virginia-Highland	No Report
Edmund Park	No Report
Emory/CDC area/Druid Hills	No Report
Parks, Trees & Environment	State Botanical garden is now providing lists of pollinator plants to take to nursery,
Public Safety (Jim Hardy)	Reminder – call 911 for immediate emergency – or non emergency so they can make a record so we can get more police assistance.
Chair Report -	<p>The next opportunity for public comment on the Tree Ordinance is April 27th. Info is on the Consent Agenda. The formal Public Notice for the hearing will be on next month's NPU agenda. Note: The legislation will not be on the NPU agenda to vote or for review and comment.</p> <p>The Short-Term Rental legislation was referred back to Council Committee and a substitute has been introduced. Of note, a certificate is no longer required. Instead, STR agents will need to apply for a license. A copy of the new legislation is on the chat.</p> <p>The two neighborhood projects that the NPU approved for submission were approved to receive an NPU Community Grant award: Piedmont Heights - \$1,105 to refurbish a speed monitor on Rock Springs</p>

	<p>Road and a project in Morningside to remove invasives and plant natives at the Daniel Johnson and Herbert Taylor Parks - \$3,000. The NPU was awarded \$5,000 which will provide a cushion for PHCA and some additional plantings at the parks. Thanks to our friends at Piedmont Heights Civic Association for acting as the fiscal agent and handling the funds.</p> <p>FYI, The Chair and Vice-Chair of the NPU and representatives to APAB are required to complete the City's Ethics Division Financial Disclosure statement. Our filings are complete and should be available on the city's website.</p> <p>If you haven't already, please take the CCI NPU Survey. The link is on the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>There are 2 NPU Committee chair openings: Zoning Committee which will shepherd the CDP process for us and Education Committee. See Debbie if interested</p> <p>At the February APAB meeting: Kay Stephenson was selected to represent APAB on ATAG III. Also a resolution was adopted asking Council to slow down the Beltline Special Services District tax legislation so that it can be better communicated to small business owners on the Beltline.</p> <p>The March APAB meeting will be held next Saturday.</p>
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10. Matters for Voting

Alcohol License Applications (LRB)			
Name of Business	Applicant	Property Address	Request
Platinum	Stephen Maurice Bynum	1905 Piedmont Road Adult Entertainment	Change of Ownership

Comments:
 Request for license to server alcohol on premise. Terry Bailey attorney states that there have been no citations. They have been subject to frequent compliance checks.
 We are operating on 50% capacity. Jane mentions large calls for service volume from APD. For noise and fights, larceny etc. Stephen Bynum states not all calls are for the establishment and plans for more security presence for establishment and community. Open to meeting with neighborhood to address issues. Neighbors indicate that several calls have not been returned when they attempt to meet with owners. They cite issues with noise, illegal parking, a gun found hidden in yard, urinating on lawns.

Motion to deny application given the excessive volume of calls of service which would seemingly indicate a failure to supervise.

NPU-F Action: Motion by Jane Rawlings 2nd by Stephen Ramsden to **deny the application** carries by a vote of 22 ayes, 2 nays and 3 abstentions.

Publix 0599	Aissata Deme	1544 Piedmont Ave NE Retail Grocery	Change of Agent
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Comments: NPU has not received any complaints at this location.

NPU-F Action: Motion by Jane Rawlings 2nd by Stephen Ramsden to support the application carries by a vote of 18 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Farm Burger	George Frangos	1017 North Highland Avenue NE Restaurant	New Business
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Comments: No live entertainment. Seasonal cocktails, beer and wine. Will close at 9 pm

NPU-F Action: Motion by Jane Rawlings 2nd and Stephen Ramsden to support the application carries by a vote of 17 ayes, 1 nay and 1 abstention.

Alcohol License Applications (LRB) – Review and Comment			
Name of Business	Applicant	Property Address	Request
Publix 0724	Aissata Deme	1001 Ponce de Leon Ave NE Retail Grocery (NPU-N)	Change of Agent

Comments: No action required.

NPU-F Action: Motion by Jane Rawlings 2nd by Rich Sussman to support the application contingent on NPU-N's support carries by a vote of 16 ayes, 0 nays and 3 abstentions.

Special Event Applications (MOSE)				
Event Name	Event Organizer	Event Location	Event Date	
Music Midtown	Peter Conlon	Piedmont Park	September 18-19, 2021	

Comments: Event organizer states that they will use the same plans as used in 2019. Will follow all required COVID protocols. They are committed to working with NPU-E and NPU-F on traffic issues. Email Mimi@nxtwkprod.com for questions

Motion to approve conditioned on support by Grady High School PTSA, Midtown MNA and ABC and returning in May with progress that has been made and updates.

NPU-F Action: Motion by Jack White 2nd by Rich Sussman to support the application carries by a vote of 9 ayes, 2 nays and 1 abstention.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)
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V-21-29 1109 North Highland Avenue NE

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the south side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet for the construction of a detached garage.

VHCA Report: approved unanimously by VH Planning Committee and VHCA Board
Comments: Existing structure being replaced with enclosed garage and work space.

NPU-F Action: NPU-F Action: Motion by Jack White 2nd by Rich Sussman to recommend approval of the application carries by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

V-21-30 870 Adair Avenue NE

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the half-depth front yard setback from 17.5 feet to 7 feet 4 inches and the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 5 feet for the construction of a detached garage with guest house.

VHCA Report: approved unanimously by both the VaHi Planning Committee and VHCA Board
Comments: garage to fit 2 cars, lot coverage is being reduced from 51% to 48%. Neighbors support, no trees impacted.

NPU-F Action: NPU-F Action: Motion by Jack White 2nd by Jane Rawlings to recommend approval of the application carries by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

V-21-59 1559 Johnson Road NE

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the required south side yard setback from 7 feet to 5 feet.

MLPA Report: Approve 14-0

Comments: Existing carport in line with current structure.

NPU-F Action: NPU-F Action: Motion by Rebekah Falkler 2nd by Jack White to recommend approval of the application carries by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

11. Old Business – None

12. New Business – None

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kay Stephenson and seconded by Rich Sussman. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.