

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – F



Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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Dial-In: 646-558-8656, access code, 92815131493#

Meeting ID: 928 1513 1493

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Motion to adopt agenda with no changes by Kay Stephenson and seconded by Rich Sussman.

Motion carries by unanimous consent.

2. Approval of Minutes

Thanks to Carol Shunnarah for taking the minutes last month. The December minutes have been posted on the NPU-F website and a link was sent to those on the NPU mailing list and verified members.

Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Kay Stephenson and seconded by Rich Sussman and carried by a vote of unanimous consent.

Are there any objections to approving the December minutes? No objections.

3. Announcements – none

4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

Atlanta Fire Department Station 19 North Highland, Station 29 Monroe Drive Battalion Chief Derek Harris	Jacob Lessington JJLessington@Atlantaga.gov Community Affairs Director 404-546-7088 (O) 404-615-8951 (C)
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<p>Atlanta Police Department</p> <p>Zone 2 – Major Andrew Senzer asenzer@atlantaga.gov</p> <p>Captain Jason Smith, Zone 2. jksmith@atlantaga.gov</p> <p>Zone 6 – Major Peter Ries pjries@atlantaga.gov, Capt. H. Zenelaj hzenelaj@atlantaga.gov</p>	<p>Captain Peter Malecki from Zone 6:</p> <p>We got hit with several vehicle break ins about 80 vehicles broken into or vandalized. They are looking for firearms or key fobs. These are cars parked on the street. We think it is the same crew that hit Grant Park about 10 days ago. We have recovered a stolen vehicle that was used. We have processed it and hopefully will get evidence back.</p> <p>pmalecki@atlantaga.gov - please contact if you have video of these events.</p> <p>Major Senzer:</p> <p>On the 9th of this month at The Optimist Lofts 30 cars were broken into. Then the individuals committed aggravated assault. They pointed a pistol at a woman on Howell Mill. Later that day they were involved in a robbery. The main person is 17, we got great video from the apartment complex. We were able to identify the vehicle and the clothing that they were wearing. This put them other locations. In the end, we were able to get 35 warrants and arrested the individual for aggravated assault and apply a gang statute that led to no bond.</p> <p>Down 8% in crime for zone 2. Zone 6 down 1%</p> <p>Our bike team is operating in the Lindberg/Morosco area and has impacted crime significantly by 32%. We will hopefully replicate this in other areas.</p>
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5. Comments from Elected Officials

<p>Councilmember Alex Wan awan@atlantaga.gov 404-330-6049</p>	<p>Committees he has been appointed to are, Transportation, City Utilities, and he is now chair of Finance/Executive.</p> <p>Lance Orchid is staying as chief of staff.</p> <p>Cheshire Bridge (the actual bridge) is taking so long. There was an emergency procurement request and responses are due at the end of the month.</p> <p>I will convene a meeting between, ADOT,</p>
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	<p>GDOT and Atlanta Gas to discuss the roundabouts being installed, Cheshire Bridge being out and gas lines up and down Piedmont.</p> <p>Octopus Kitchen – I was able to confirm that Mayor Bottom's did not act on the application before she left. If there is no action the recommendation is of the LRB which was to approve. I am discussing this with Mayor Dickens. Please reach out to Mayor Dickens to express your feelings about how the NPU voted and what was recommended.</p> <p>I am trying to get on ATAG 3 as a council member appointee.</p>
<p>State Reps Park Cannon, Stacy Evans stacey@staceyevans.com</p> <p>Kennedie McClung – Chief of Staff kennedie@staceyevans.com, or 678-234-9480.</p>	<p>Kennedie McClung replacing Olivia Buckner who is now working on the lobbying side.</p> <p>Sign up for our newsletter to get weekly updates on the 2022 legislative session, and any other district news! You can sign up at https://staceyevans.com. I look forward to working with you all</p>
Others – Dan O'Toole from Councilmember Keisha Waites	I will attend as many meetings as I can attend. Please contact us at Keisha's city email address.

6. Consent Agenda

Board of Zoning Adjustment

Applications	Request	Recommendation
<p>V-21-322 1330 North Highland Avenue NE</p>	Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the required front yard setback from 35 feet to 23.56 feet in order to construct a second story addition to an existing single-family residence.	MLPA: Approval
<p>V-21-332 688 Yorkshire Road NE</p>	Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the west side yard setback from 7 feet to .5 feet (garage), the east side yard setback from 7 feet to 3.8 feet, the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 2.7 feet (garage) and to increase the maximum lot coverage from 50 percent to 57.7 percent.	MLPA: Defer

Special Events

Event Name/ Applicant	Outdoor Festival Class/ # Participants	Event Location/ Date	Recommendation
Shatterproof Rise Against Addiction Eileen Barnick	Class E/ 1,200 participants	Piedmont Park November 5, 2022	Approve

Rescue Dog Games Jill Waddell	Class E/ 1,500 participants	Piedmont Park October 22, 2022	Approve
Piedmont Park Summer Arts Festival Randall Fox	Class E/ 1,999 participants	Piedmont Park August 20-21, 2022	Removed Applicant isn't present.
Families First Unity for a Difference Balloon Race Shatavia Richardson	Class E/ 500 participants	Piedmont Park October 15,2022	Approve

NPU-F Action: Motion by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Rich Sussman to approve the Consent Agenda (with Piedmont Park Summer Arts Festival removed) carries by a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed, no abstentions.

7. Matters for Voting

Special Event Applications (MOSE)

Event Name	Event Location	Event Date
Park Tavern Spring Series Paul Smith	Gated event/1,500 participants	500 10 th Street March 5 & 12, 2022

Comments:

Terrell Henderson representing Park Tavern. This is the same event that we have had for 10 years. No impact to park until the event. For Covid, we do have masks and hand sanitizer. We will have porta johns available.

NPU-F Action: Motion to approve made by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Jane Rawlings carries by a vote of unanimous consent since there are no objections.

Piedmont Park Summer Arts Festival Randall Fox	Class E/1,999 participants	Piedmont Park August 20-21, 2022
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Comments: Consent Agenda

NPU-F Action: Motion to defer made by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Rich Sussman carries by a vote of unanimous consent.

License Review Board (LRB)

Name of Business/Applicant	Type of Business/Address	Request
CVS Pharmacy #4747 Altonio N. Dalton	1544 Piedmont Avenue NE Pharmacy	Change of Agent

Piedmont Heights: No comment

Comments:

This is an application for a change of agent for a retail package license to sell beer, and wine. They are exempt from distance requirements. Manager has over 10 years of retail managerial experience and will be on site 45 hours/week. There is no history of alcohol denial/suspension/revocation either for the applicant or for this location. Operating hours Mon-Sun 7AM-10PM. PHCA had no concerns. NPU-F has received no complaints regarding operations at this location.

Mindy Thompson representing Altonio Dalton states that he has not had any issues in the past.

NPU-F Action: Motion to approve made by Jane Rawlings 2nd by Kay Stephenson carries by a vote of 17 ayes, 0 nays.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)

Application

[V-21-299](#) 626 East Morningside DR NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to 1) reduce the required west side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet, 2) increase the height of an accessory structure from 20 feet to 24.5 feet and 3) increase the maximum total floor area of an accessory structure from 30 percent of the main structure to 53 percent of the main structure in order to construct two accessory structures (garage/carriage house and a pool pavilion)

MLPA Report: see December 2021 minutes for report.

Comments: Application was deferred at December 2021 meeting to allow time for applicant and neighbor to discuss his concerns. Applicant has had a death in his immediate family and asks that we defer his application to next month. I was notified this morning after the consent agenda had been published and distributed.

Any objections to Deferring this application? NO OBJECTIONS, deferred until next month.
a vote of _____.

8. Presentations

- Trees Atlanta - Judy Yi

There has been a long pause on tree protection ordinance for the elections.

Prior to the pause in reviewing the tree protection ordinance.

Kathryn Kolb has concerns about the draft for the new ordinance.

CityintheForest.org Kathryn Kolb or questions call 404-862-0118

9. Planner's Report – Doug Young

Doug Young, Assistant

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For public hearings or other departmental information visit

<https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning>

To read Plan A, visit atlcitydesign.com/2021-cdp.

For more information on the 2022 Design Awards or to place your nomination visit:

bit.ly/UDCawards or contact Leslie Battle-Williams at [lbattle-](mailto:lbattle-williams@atlantaga.gov)

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10. Neighborhood and Committee Reports

Lindridge Martin Manor	No report since December.
Piedmont Heights	At January Board meeting elected new members. President is Bill Compton, Vice President is Cole Patton, Treasure is Vola Demasio, and Treasurer is Susan Roberts.
Morningside Lenox Park	We welcomed 3 new board members. Thankful for Jennifer Ide and Lance Orchid as they found funding for 2 digital speed readers and additional pedestrian refuges and we look forward to working with Alex. Holly Sasnett reports the retention bridge is open as the city has patched the repairs. Over the storm, 3 trees down and tennis courts were smashed. You may want to reschedule your tennis games.
Virginia-Highland	March 19 th is tour of homes. You can volunteer and get free tickets. We hop you will come and attend.
Edmund Park	None
Emory/CDC area/ Druid Hills	None
Parks, Trees & Environment (Rich Sussman)	Both Bridges are now open so you can now get out and walk!
Education (Leah Matthews)	No new report. Leah attended a meeting for special needs families.
Public Safety	Covered with police report
Chair Report -	<u>Community Impact Grants –</u> Close-out – Our 2021 Community Grant Close-out form was sent to the City as required, and they've asked for us to provide additional info on a couple items, but the Morningside summary still needs some work. 2022 – The deadline for submission was moved to March 4 th so we will vote on any requested project funding next month instead of this month. I've heard from 2 neighborhoods who have possible projects and will need project budget information in the next week or so that we can work out how the funds will be distributed.

	<p>NPU officers – The ethics department is requiring that the Chair, Vice-Chair, zoning chair(s), and APAB Delegates/Alternates attend ethics training. It is scheduled on Saturday, Jan 22. The ethics training is a part of the annual mandatory Chair training/orientation.</p> <p>APAB met on Saturday. It was more of an organizational meeting, Anne Phillips, chair of NPU-Z will be president in 2022. About half of the NPU chairs are new this year. Leah LaRue announced that she is getting 2 new staff members. They'll start within the month. Reminder that APAB is looking for a representative to ACRB for NPU A-F (last held by Jim Hardy). The ACRB reviews citizen complaints against police officers and makes recommendations to the Chief of Police for appropriate discipline. Issues with Public Works recycling and yard waste pickup seem to be getting worse throughout the city. Please watch social media for announcements on scheduled pick-up changes. Most of the issues seem to be caused by staffing shortages caused by COVID.</p> <p>NPU-F is going to continue to meet virtually until further notice.</p>
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11. Text Amendments - None

12. Old Business – None

13. New Business – Jack White mentions how our recommendations have helped citizens with the BZA.

14. Adjournment - None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm. Motion by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Rebekah Faulkner