

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – F



Monday, February 21, 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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Minutes

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Thanks to Carol Shunnarah for taking the minutes last month. The January 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 Rich Sussman and seconded by Kay Stephenson and carried by a vote of 35 to zero.

3. Announcements

- The Atlanta Beltline Subarea 6 master plan will undergo a formal review starting this month. The first meeting is this Wednesday, Feb 23rd for stakeholders and I was invited as NPU chair. Please watch your emails and social media for the dates of 4 public input meetings. Subarea 6 includes the VaHi, Morningside and Piedmont Heights neighborhoods. You can find the plan on the Atlanta Beltline website.

4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

Atlanta Fire Department Station 19 North Highland, Station 29 Monroe Drive Battalion Chief Derek Harris	Chief DeBerry – station 19 renovation will be completed in April. The department is hiring new fire fighters. With the arrival of spring, the Chief encouraged residents to have a plan in place for severe weather and to check their carbon monoxide detectors. AFD has responded to fires under bridges. All fires should be reported to 911.
Atlanta Police Department Zone 2 – Major Andrew Senzer	Zone 2 Captain Smith reported an uptick in burglaries from storage units; four individuals have

<p>asenzer@atlantaga.gov</p> <p>Zone 6 – Major Peter Ries</p> <p>pjries@atlantaga.gov,</p>	<p>been arrested. The cleanup of the encampment near Morosgo is underway with assistance from the PAD unit. The taskforce working on auto crime has paid dividends. APD is rolling out a real time crime fighting center where businesses can register cameras with the City. To register your camera with the Atlanta Police Department please visit www.connectatlanta.org. This will allow officers and detectives to quickly send an email alert anytime an incident occurs near you. Clean up at Morosgo was very extensive and included the GDOT property. Residents voiced concerns about bridge fires.</p> <p>Zone 6 Captain Malecki noted a 3% increase in overall crime. Auto crime is up; firearms are stolen from cars. Four arrests were made in the last few weeks. Commercial robberies in zone 6 are an ongoing issue. Residents inquired about the homicide on Piedmont (homeless man) and the shooting at Ansley Square parking lot. The Friends Bar situation has deteriorated. Captain Malecki noted that the incidents on Piedmont and Ansley Square are not related.</p>
<p>APD Code Enforcement</p> <p>Delores Bryant</p> <p>Officer Lyles – In Rem manager</p>	<p>Officer Parham from Code Enforcement dialed into the call. Contact info: 404-295-6045 or tparham@atlantaga.gov</p>
<p>Officer of the Solicitor</p>	<p>Sharon Dickson joined the call, she handles code enforcement in the City solicitor's office.</p>
<p>ATL311</p> <p>Barbara Dougherty</p>	<p>The ATL311 representative stated that some neighborhoods have formed 311 taskforces and are meeting with 311 to coordinate requests.</p>
<p>Public Works Code Enforcement</p> <p>Officer Ferguson</p> <p>vferguson@atlantaga.gov, 678-221-8215.</p>	<p>Officer Byrd stated that sanitation crews are collecting yard waste.</p>

5. Comments from Elected Officials

<p>Others –</p>	<p>Jordan Kemp – Council Chair Doug Shipman's communications director, can be reached at jkemp@atlantaga.gov</p>
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6. Consent Agenda

Special Event Applications (MOSE)*

*Applicant must be present

Event Name Event Organizer	Class Event/Participants Event Location/Date	Recommendation
Piedmont Park Summer Arts Festival Randall Fox	Class E/1,999 Participants Piedmont Park August 20-21, 2022	Support
GCA Spring Community Day Tonette Price	Class E/1,900 Participants Piedmont Park April 13, 2022	Support
2022 Atlanta Miles for Melanoma 5k John Bergin	Class E/350 Participants Piedmont Park November 6, 2022	Support
Landmark Luncheon Terrell Henderson	Class E/ 500 Participants Piedmont Park April 28, 2022	Support
Indigenous House Atlanta John Dennis	Class D/2,000 Participants Piedmont Park May 15, 2022	Support

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)

Application/Address	Request	Recommendation
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)	Defer at the request of the applicant
V-22-17 (Amended) 623 Park Drive NE	Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the west side yard setback from 7 feet to 2 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 and to increase the maximum lot coverage from 50% to 57.8%. increase the lot coverage from 50 percent to 62.6 percent.	Deferred at the request of the applicant

NPU-F Action: Motion by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Jane Rawlings to approve the Consent Agenda carries by a vote of All in favor, 0 opposed, no abstentions.

7. Matters for Voting

Alcohol License Applications (LRB)

Club Platinum Stephen Maurice Bynum	1905 Piedmont Road Nightclub	Change of Ownership
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Comments: Deferred at the request of the applicant

NPU-F Action: Motion to defer approved without objection. Motion to defer by Jack White and seconded by Kay Stephenson

Name of Business	Property Address	Request
Baraka Convenience Lloyd Borden	2239 Cheshire Bridge Road NE Retail Package Store	Change of Ownership

Comments: Jane Rawlings noted that the application was for a change of ownership at gas station with permit to sell beer. Mr. Asani and Mr. Borden were present for the applicant.

NPU-F Action: Motion to approve made by Jane Rawlings 2nd by Kay Stephenson carries by a vote of 30 yes 0 nays

Knock Music House Alfredo Issac	1789 Cheshire Bridge Road Convention Center	New Business
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Comments: Knock House is adjacent to two residential properties and does not meet the distance requirements. Alfredo Isaac was present for applicant. The property has not had an alcohol license for the past 12 months. Grandfathering has expired for the property and it is attached to the property. Ms. Rawlings noted that the 300 feet distance requirement is not met. She recommends denying the application. It is a productive piece of property but cannot survive because of the rules.

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend denial made by Jane Rawlings 2nd by Kay Stephenson carries by a vote of 27 ayes 2 nays

Felix's on the square Casey R. Deyton	1510 Piedmont Avenue NE Restaurant	Change of Agent
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Comments: PHCA and Ansley Park Civic Association have no objections to the application. 1510 Piedmont Avenue is located behind Ansley Square. The applicant was represented by Mindy Thompson and Casey Deyton. The business has been cited for noise violations on three occasions. Casey Deyton inherited the business and made changes to mitigate noise. Since then Ansley Park Civic Association has noticed no violations. There are no issues with security in general. Several nearby residents spoke out against the application and want to see additional stipulations on the approval. Ansley residents also want to see conditions imposed on change of agent.

NPU-F Action: Motion to approve made by Jane Rawlings 2nd by Rebekah Falkler carries by a vote of 19 ayes 5 nays

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)

[V-21-332 \(Amended\)](#) 688 Yorkshire Road NE

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the west side yard setback from 7 feet to 2 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 57.8 percent.

MLPA report: Diane Barfield and Steven Turner were present for the applicant. MLPA made a few adjustments to the setback.

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval made by Rebekah Falkler 2nd by Kay Stephenson carries by a vote of 16 ayes 4 nays.

V-22-4 (Amended) 1076 Monroe Drive NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to 1) reduce the required north side yard setback from 7 feet to 5.9 feet for an existing detached garage and (2) reduce the required south side yard setback from 7 feet to 5 feet for a deck.

VHCA report: Mr. Rodriguez was present for the applicant. VHCA recommends approval. This version of the application has less impervious surface.

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval made by Jack White 2nd by Rebekah Falkler_ carries by a vote of 21 ayes 0 nays.

V-22-8 1290 Pasadena Avenue NE

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 4 feet and the west side yard setback from 7 feet to 2 feet 6 inches for the construction of a detached garage.

MLPA report:

Comments: Nicole Lamb was present for the applicant. The new building will be situated on the foundation of the old garage. It was noted that the narrow setback may pose maintenance problems in the future.

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval made by Rebekah Falkler 2nd by Kay Stephenson carries by a vote of 16 ayes 3 nays.

This application was left off the agenda and was added by unanimous consent:

V-22-15 1907 Windemere Dr NE

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the north side yard setback from 7 feet to 4 feet 3 inches.

MLPA report: Approval

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval made by Rebekah Falkler 2nd by Kay Stephenson carries by a vote of 13 ayes 5 nays.

Special Event Applications (MOSE)

<u>Atlanta Dogwood Festival</u> Rebekah Carter-Jones	Class A/ 70,000 Participants, includes road race on 4/9- 1,000 runners	Piedmont Park April 8-10, 2022
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Comments: Changes in 2022 include not activating the meadow, not shutting down bike lanes, there will be lane closures on the Grady High side, and organizers are accepting donations.

NPU-F Action: Motion to approve made by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Jane Rawlings carries by a vote of 17 ayes 1 nays

<u>AJC Peachtree Road Race</u> Jennie Coakley	Class A/65,000 Participants	Piedmont Park July 4, 2022
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Comments: did not attend meeting

NPU-F Action: Motion to Defer made by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Rich Sussman carries by a vote of 17 ayes 0 nays

<u>Atlanta Ice Cream Festival</u> Kevin James	Class B/ 22,000 Participants	Piedmont Park July 23, 2022
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Comments: Kevin James was present for the applicant. Changes for 2022 include scaling back the vendors, no street closures and a higher level of safety and security.

NPU-F Action: Motion to approve made by Rich Sussman 2nd by Kay Stephenson carries by a vote of 17 ayes 0 nays

BeREGGAE Music and Arts Festival Herman Mannings	Class D/9,500 Participants	Piedmont Park August 12-14, 2022
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Comments: The only 2022 change is lane closures on Charles Allen and 10th Streets.

NPU-F Action: Motion to approve made by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Rich Sussman carries by a vote of 15 ayes 0 nays

Subdivision Review Committee Application (SRC)- Review & Comment only

SD-22-5 910 Lindbergh Drive

Applicant (Bryan Warnock) seeks to subdivide the property into 3 lots

LMMNA Report: R4 lots are viable contingent on approval by the City.

Comments: No action required by NPU-F.

NPU-F supports dividing into R4 lots so long as it meets all City requirements. Application will be reviewed by the subdivision review committee.

8. Presentations – none tonight

9. Planner’s Report – Doug Young

Doug Young, Assistant Director for Historic Preservation, Office of Design, Dept. of City Planning, 404-330-6702, dyoung@atlantaga.gov.

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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 atcitydesign.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-williams@atlantaga.gov.

For more information about Capital Improvements Element visit <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/2021-2025-cie-update>

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10. Neighborhood and Committee Reports

Lindridge Martin Manor	The next social is planned for Armand Park on February 27
Piedmont Heights	N/A
Morningside Lenox Park	Friends of Parks received matching funds for matching grants. A Food Drive will be held at Sidney Marcus Park on March 4 and 5.
Virginia-Highland	Summer fest is happening this year on June 10 and 11. Tour of Homes has been moved to October.
Edmund Park	N/A
Emory/CDC area/ Druid Hills	N/A
Parks, Trees & Environment (Rich Sussman)	Trees Atlanta has presented new proposals for the tree ordinance. The new Citizens proposal has merit and deserves a close look.
Education (Leah Matthews)	Update - changes for Inman 4 and 5 are on hold.
Public Safety	No report
Chair Report -	<p><u>Community Impact Grants –</u></p> <p>2022 – The deadline for submission was moved to March 4th. We will vote later in this meeting on any requested project funding.</p> <p>Received a Riparian Buffer notice for 863 Courtenay and forwarded it to the Zoning Co-chairs for their review.</p> <p>APAB met on Saturday. APAB officers, delegates and alternates were sworn in. Appointments were made to the Public Safety Commission and ACRB representing NPU's A-F, Dr. Sherida Howard from NPU-D was appointed.</p> <p>NPU-F is going to continue to meet virtually until further notice.</p>

12. Text Amendments – None

13. Old Business - None

14. New Business - 2022 NPU Community Impact Grant Proposed Projects

- a. Installation of two kiosks at Sunken Garden and Lenox-Wildwood Parks (MLPA) Each kiosk is \$2,000 (Total \$4,000) Project managers: Holly Sasnett and Marla Johnson
- b. Installation of Native Trees along Meadow Loop Trail (LMMNA) 3 – 3-inch caliper native trees (ball and burlap) is \$2,250 and 7 trees is \$5,250 Project manager: Rich Sussman
- c. Professional services to train neighborhood volunteers in sound methodology to remove invasives in Herbert Taylor Park. \$1,000 Project manager: Marti Breen

Project	Version A	Version B
Kiosks – Sunken Garden and Lenox-Wildwood Park (MLPA)	\$4,000 Two kiosks	\$2,000 One kiosk
Installation of Native Trees along Meadow Loop Trail (LMMNA)	\$2,250 3 trees	\$5,250 7 trees
Professional Services to train volunteers on ecological methods for dealing with invasives at Herbert Taylor Park (MLPA)	\$1,000	\$1,000 No change
Total	\$7,250	\$8,250

Note: must have vendors and budgets and project plans by next Monday so that the grant request can be submitted by March 4th. No exceptions.

Each NPU may be granted up to \$5,000 plus a \$1,500 training incentive if representatives attend three NPU-U courses. Carol Shunnarah attended the elected officer and secretary training in January, Kay and Debbie attended the NPU Leadership training in January and Holly Sasnett will attend the Parliamentary Procedures NPU course on March 10.

NPU-F Action: Motion to support grant request for 3 projects totaling \$7,250 made by Jack White and 2nd by Rich Sussman carries by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays,

Other comments: Sherry Williams thanked NPU-F for the Campbellton Road initiatives.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 pm. Motion by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Rich Sussman.