

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – F



Monday, April 18, 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 7:05 pm

Motion to adopt the agenda carries by show of hands of 32 to 0.

2. Approval of Minutes

Thanks to Aruna Narasimhan for taking the minutes last month. The March 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 made by Kay Stephenson and seconded by Phyllis Wingo and approved with no objections.

3. Announcements

A Due Cause hearing for Allure will be held at the License Review Board (LRB) tomorrow night (April 19) at 5 pm. The LRB is now meeting at City Hall in the Council Chambers. While there is no opportunity for the NPU to speak at due cause hearings, it does help to have some members of the public present.

During the Planner's Report today, we will be nominating and selecting a project, place or event as recipient of the 2022 Community Design Awards. In previous years, we've honored the Morningside Mile Road race, Armand Park, Stephanie Coffin's mosaics in VaHi. For more information on criteria for nomination, please see the description at the bottom of the agenda. Award recipients receive a very nice plaque that is awarded at the very nice annual UDC ceremony.

4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

Atlanta Fire Department	Captain Scott Sealy filling in for Chief Maclain. Getting ready to start hydrant season. You will see us out checking hydrants so you may see them running. We will use
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<p>Station 19 North Highland, Station 29 Monroe Drive</p> <p>Battalion Chief Derek Harris</p>	<p>ipads and a gps locate. We have 132 recruits. 26 graduate tomorrow. We are hiring if you know anyone wanting to join Atlanta Fire. www.atlantafirerescue.com on May 4th we honor our members and some citizens with a dinner. Engine 19 is being relocated while station 19 is under renovation. We plan to be back in end of June.</p> <p>Please don't try to drive through still water. Remember the motto "don't drown turn around".</p>
<p>Atlanta Police Department</p> <p>Zone 2 – Major Andrew Senzer asenzer@atlantaga.gov</p> <p>Zone 6 – Major Peter Ries pjries@atlantaga.gov,</p>	<p>Capt Malecki – Zone 6 -Pmalecki@atlantaga.gov Auto thefts and car break ins continue. Half of vehicles stolen have keys in them. We also see a spike of identity thefts, and this is due to the auto thefts. Keep cars clean.</p> <p>Captain Smith – Zone 2 -jksmith@atlantaga.gov Excited to see how the LRB meeting goes with Allure. The Cheshire Bridge area is where we are concentrating on. We have had success there. The car break ins is what drives crime over there. One success story on April 1st we had two people riding on scooter with tag expired. The passenger had warrants out for her arrest and had fraudulent credit cards on her. The driver was a convicted felon and had a gun on him. They also had bags of marijuana and cocaine. We got a dangerous guy off the street. ConnectedAtlanta.org which is our real time crime center. Please register your camera. You can also have update alerts. Major Senzer was promoted to deputy chief. Major Mitchell will replace him.</p>
<p>ATL311</p> <p>Barbara Dougherty</p>	<p>Constance Harris – Call ATL311 for general information.</p> <p>ATL311 is the Non-Emergency Call Center for City of Atlanta Services, and we are open Monday-Friday from 7am-7pm. You can contact us by:</p> <p>Dialing 3-1-1 inside city limits or (404)546-0311.</p> <p>Visiting us online at www.ATL311.com.</p> <p>Emailing us at ATL311@atlantaga.gov.</p> <p>Downloading & reporting issues via our app by searching "ATL311" in your app store.</p> <p>Sending us a message on Social Media. Just search "ATL311" on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Reddit, NextDoor, and YouTube</p> <p>We also partner with PAD service.</p>
<p>Public Works Code Enforcement</p> <p>Officer Ferguson</p>	<p>Officer Parham - 404-295-6945 or email tparham@atlantaga.gov</p>

<p>vferguson@atlantaga.gov, 678-221-8215.</p>	<p>February and March – we have flagged the properties at 1700 Monroe and 2319 Cheshire Bridge for being open and vacant.</p> <p>Please make sure trash for pickup is neatly placed on curb. You may call me for bulk pickup so that neighbors will not complain.</p> <p>Officer Ferguson – Again bulk pickup must be called in. We will pickup within the week.</p>
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5. Comments from Elected Officials

<p>Doug Shipman City Council President</p>	<p>Jordan Kemp : Atlanta City Council President's Office- Jordan Kemp- Email: JKemp@atlantaga.gov/ Cell: 470-650-8970.</p> <p>To Schedule a meeting with the Council President email @ dshipman@atlantaga.gov .</p>
<p>Rob Pitts Fulton County Commission Chair</p>	<p>Jennifer Freeman : COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ROBB PITTS' OFFICE</p> <p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>The Fulton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 10 a.m. in Assembly Hall.</p> <p>The meeting will be aired live on www.fultoncountyga.gov/watch-fgtv.</p> <p>Fulton County Releases the 2022 Veterans Services Program (VSP) Request for Proposals</p> <p>Click links for more details:</p> <p>https://www.bidnetdirect.com/georgia/fultoncounty and via Fulton County WebGrants https://fulton.dullestech.net.</p> <p>Are you a small business impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic? Fulton County has partnered with Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs to offer loans up to \$100,000 and business counseling classes for qualifying businesses. Interested? Applications are now open! Learn more: Aceloans.org/Fulton</p> <p>EARLY VOTING HOURS:</p> <p>Monday – Friday, May 2 - 20, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.</p> <p>READ MORE: https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/inside-fulton-county/fulton-county-departments/registration-and-elections/early-voting-locations</p>

6. Consent Agenda

Special Events Applications

Event Name/Organizer	Class Event/Participants Event Location and Date	Recommendation
SMART Community Fair Brenda Banks New Event	Class E/500 Participants Piedmont Park - Meadow July 10, 2022	Not present
Freedom March Jeffrey McCall New Event,	Class E/1,000 Participants Assembly & Outdoor Festival Piedmont Park – Oak Hill October 29, 2022	Not present
Festival Peachtree Latino Ray Ortega	Class D/9,000 Participants Piedmont Park - Meadow September 27-28, 2022	Not present

NPU-F Action: None of the applicants were not present and no vote was taken.

7. Matters for Voting

Alcohol License Applications (LRB)

Name of Business	Property Address	Request
Club Platinum Stephen Maurice Bynum	1905 Piedmont Road Nightclub	Change of Ownership

Comments: NPU-F recommends denial for the following reasons:

- 1) **The application is incomplete.** Applicant omitted answers to questions regarding hours of operation, if there is a current alcohol license at the location for the past 12 months, and required parking. NPU-F requested this additional information from the applicant by email prior to the meeting. Some information still has not been provided as requested.
- 2) **The application contains misrepresentations.** Applicant indicated on the application that he has never applied for an alcoholic beverage license or server’s permit. He has been the listed agent on 3 distinct alcohol applications forwarded to NPU-F for review dating back to 11/20/2017.
- 3) **As an adult business the applicant does not meet the distance requirements from residential property.**
- 4) **The adult business lacks adequate parking.**
- 5) **Large volume of calls for service at this establishment under the current applicant’s management**

6) The agent, Stephen Bynum, was booked in Gwinnett Co on 12/16/21 for 10 counts of carrying a weapon or long gun in an unauthorized location

7) Neighbors report nuisance behaviors and safety violations. NPU-F has received complaints of shots fired, illegal street parking, weapons dumped on surrounding private property,

8) The applicant was operating without a valid COA alcohol license from 12/31/21 to 2/9/22. The current alcohol license expired on 12/31/21 and a temporary was not issued until 2/9/22 so any alcohol sales overseen by the agent from 1/1/22 to 2/9/22 would have occurred without a valid City of Atlanta alcohol license.

9) The applicant has been operating with an invalid temporary alcohol license. Because of its exemption from distance requirements this property is not eligible for a temporary license, so the license was granted in error and is not valid.

Comments: Operating hours are 12 noon – 2:45 am Monday thru Saturday. There is office parking at doctor's office across the street and 21 legal parking spaces on site. An LRB hearing date has been set.

NPU-F Action: Motion to DENY made by Jane Rawlings, 2nd by Kay Stephenson carries by 39 ayes and 2 nays and 2 abstentions carries.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)

[V-22-50](#) 1145 Virginia Ave NE

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 35ft to 20ft for a porch addition and a special exception to allow a swimming pool in a yard adjacent to a street.

VHCA Report: no observed tree issues and ample storm water capacity. No issues we recommend approval

Comments: This is a pie-shaped lot with no rear yard.

NPU-F Action: Motion to approve by Jack White 2nd by Rebekah Faulkner carries by a vote of 18 ayes, 1 nay.

[V-22-52](#) 824 Clermont Dr NE

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the west side yard setback from 7ft to 2ft, rear yard setback from 15ft to 8ft, and to increase the size of an accessory structure from 30% to 68% of the main dwelling.

VHCA Report: Conducted site visit. One tree impacted (not on property). Recommends approval

Comments: House not huge. Met with neighbors No intent to rent ADU. No kitchen will be built,

NPU-F Action: A motion to recommend approval by Jack White, 2nd by Marla Johnson carries by a vote of 18 ayes, 0 nays,

Special Event Applications (MOSE)

Event Name	Participants	Event Location/ Date
Virginia Highland Summerfest Rob Frazer	Class D/6,000 Participants Assembly & Outdoor Festival	797 Virginia Ave NE (John Howell Park) June 10-11, 2022

Comments: Event will be held on one day (Saturday). No activity on North Highland. Virginia to be closed between Todd Road and Ponce de Leon Place

NPU-F Action: A motion to support by Kay Stephenson, 2nd by David Taylor-Klaus carries by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays,

Festival Peachtree Latino Ray Ortega	Class C/9,000 Participants	Piedmont Park - Meadow September 27-28, 2022
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Comments: Not present

NPU-F Action: No objections to defer to May meeting.

SMART Community Fair Brenda Banks	Class E/500 Participants New Event	Piedmont Park - Meadow July 10, 2022
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Comments: Not present

NPU-F Action: No objections to defer to May meeting.

Freedom March Jeffrey McCall	Class E/1,000 Participants New Event, Assembly & Outdoor Festival	Piedmont Park – Oak Hill October 29, 2022
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Comments: Not present

NPU-F Action: No objections to defer to May meeting.

Juneteenth Jason Arnold	Class D/2,000 Participants New Event	Piedmont Park- East side of Meadow btw Westminster & Dutch Valley June 19, 2022
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Comments: Not present

NPU-F Action: No objections to defer to May meeting.

1st Annual One Juneteenth Celebration Carl Neal / Jerome Rowland	Class D/9,500 Participants New Event	Piedmont Park - Meadow June 18, 2022
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Comments: Not present

NPU-F Action: No objections to defer to May meeting.

ASO Concerts in the Park Tyler Benware	Class D/9,999 Participants	Piedmont Park – Oak Hill June 15-22, 2022
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Comments: Elizabeth Graser represented Tyler Benware. Two concerts on 6/16 and 6/22 at 7 pm.

NPU-F Action: A motion to support by Kay Stephenson, 2nd by Holly Sasnett carries by a vote of 17 ayes, 0 nays,

<p style="text-align: center;">Inner G Fest DaGean “Dae” Samuel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Class D/9,000 Participants New Event</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Piedmont Park Clara Meer Dock, Oval Circle, Meadow, Oak Hill,+) July 29-31, 2022</p>
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Comments: This is a wellness fest, No road closures. The parking lane on 10th street will be closed. The bike lanes will be kept open.

NPU-F Action: A motion to support by Jane Rawlings, 2nd by Kay Stephenson carries by a vote of 16 ayes, 0 nays,

- 7. Presentations – None
- 8. Planner’s Report - Doug Young

Nominations from the floor were taken for the 2022 Community Design Award:

- PiHi Alliance
- Virginia-Highland District Association

A Zoom poll was conducted and the VaHi District Association received 5 votes; PiHi Alliance received 4 votes. The contact for the VHDA is Katie Voelpel.

Other items of interest:

- Registration is open for Introduction to Invest Atlanta (CD1004.001). The class will be held on Mar 10, 2022, at 6:00 PM. To register please visit - <https://www.npuatlanta.org/event-details/cd-1004-001-introduction-to-invest-atlanta>
- For more information about NPU University courses, visit <https://www.npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity> or call 404.546.0158.
- Email us at npuatlanta@atlantaga.gov or TEXT – NPUATLANTA to 22828 to sign up to receive monthly updates from the Department of City Planning and Neighborhood Planning Units team.
- To submit a nomination for the Atlanta Urban Design Commission’s 2022 Community Design Award, please visit <https://airtable.com/shrE7d0knUULJsXf7> For details on the Department or for more information about the Award, please visit <https://www.atlantaga.gov/udcatlanta>.
- Follow NPU voting activity on the NPU Dashboard: <https://www.npuatlanta.org/npu-dashboard>.
- To stay informed, follow us on social media @npuatlanta

- 9. Neighborhood and Committee Reports

<p>Piedmont Heights</p>	<p>PiHi Alliance road clean-up to be held on Cheshire Bridge Road</p>
<p>Morningside Lenox Park</p>	<p>Ribbon cutting ceremony at Sidney Marcus Park on 4/29; MLPA security updated their sedan for officers</p>

<p>Education (Leah Matthews)</p>	<p>Leah Matthews’ report was read by Kay Stephenson: "We haven’t heard the Sizemore recommendation, even though it was given to the BOE on Friday. We should hear what it is this week.</p> <p>After it is announced, the board will review and make its recommendation on May 2. The official vote is early June (June 6th). There will be community engagement and feedback until June 3rd."</p>
<p>Public Safety</p>	<p>Safety Report from Kay Stephenson, Safety Chair Alcohol Technical Advisory Group III (ATAG3) Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Progress Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ATAG3 seeks to review and improve the entire system of alcohol licensing in the City of Atlanta. o We will introduce both legislative and procedural improvements. o There are 16 seats fully appointed to ATAG3 today. o The group has already met three times and will continue to meet every three weeks through the end of the year o Combining current feedback with the recommendations approved ten years ago by ATAG2, we identify the relevant elements for review and improvement. · Please resist the urge to propose one-off quick fixes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Because of the crime we are seeing in our communities there is a desire to make changes immediately. o ATAG would like to urge you to resist a piecemeal approach in favor of a whole system review and improvement plan which will be completed before the end of this year. · Community Leaders for Enforcement, Accountability and Responsibility in Alcohol Licensing (CLEAR) is an excellent resource to learn more about the issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o This group is a private citizen advocacy group working to modernize alcohol licensing in the City of Atlanta. It was started in October 2020. CLEAR has previously presented to APAB. o The CLEAR website (www.clearatl.org) has links to resources to educate yourself on the issues. o You can also sign up as a supporter of their advocacy – either individually, as a civic association or on behalf of your NPU. Signing up will provide direct communication about future updates and calls to action. Find the link to sign up on the clearatl.org homepage.
<p>Chair Report</p> <p>-</p>	<p>NPU-F was awarded an NPU Community Impact Grant total of \$7,500 for 3 projects. The award amount is notable in that a) it’s more than what was allotted to each NPU (\$5k+\$1500 training incentive) and b) more than what was requested (\$7,250). We were acknowledged as being one of the top 5 proposals submitted this year. The projects awarded were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiosks in Sunken Gardens and Lenox-Wildwood Parks - \$3900 • Native tree planting Meadow Loop Trail in LMM - \$2250

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Services and signage at Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson Parks - \$1350 <p>Congratulations to the project managers! The award check will be sent to our fiscal manager at the end of May.</p> <p>APAB met on Saturday in-person at City Hall. City Council has approved an expansion of the Public Safety Commission by creating a subgroup in Zone 2, 3, 4, and 5/6.</p> <p>I'm unclear if this group would replace the current zone community groups or why. If you are interested, please let Kay Stephenson or the chair know so that we can submit your name for consideration. You must live in the Zone to be a member.</p> <p>Next month we will have an updated presentation from Beltline Rail Now and a request to re-commit to their petition to accelerate the timeframe for rail on the beltline. Copies of the letter will be provided prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Have not heard back from Hillside on their willingness to have us return for our monthly meetings. In the meantime, we will continue to meet virtually until further notice. Last month, folks said that they would prefer Zoom or hybrid meetings and would be less likely to attend in-person.</p>
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- 11. Old Business - None
- 12. New Business - none
- 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm. Motion by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Jane Rawlings

PUBLIC NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided for informational purposes. Votes/comments are neither required nor expected.

Design Awards 2022 – NPU Voting on Community Design Awards
<p>The Community Design Awards are a way for the NPU to recognize the buildings, public spaces, events, art, organizations, etc. that make your community a better place to live. Examples of previous Community Design Award winners include: neighborhood events, community organizations, new buildings, public art programs, individuals or organizations who have made a significant contribution to a neighborhood, public agencies working in that part of the city, etc. Based on the nomination’s location, each nomination received was assigned an NPU for voting purposes. There can only be one Community Design Award winner from each NPU regardless of the number of nominations. The NPU may also decide that none of the nominations warrant a Community Design Award. <u>Nominations can be made from the floor regardless of whether there were any nominations submitted ahead of time to the Dept. of City Planning.</u></p>