

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – F



Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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Minutes

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- o The agenda is adopted unanimously without objection.

2. Approval of Minutes

Thanks to Carol Shunnarah for taking minutes last month. The July minutes were posted on the NPU F website and a link was sent to those on the NPU mailing list.

The July minutes are adopted unanimously.

3. Announcements - None

4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

<p>Atlanta Police Department Zone 2 – Major Ailen Mitchell Zone 6 – Major Webster</p>	<p>Lieutenant Walls Zone 2, kwalls@atlantaga.gov ☐ 404 823 3771 Lt Walls is with the Traffic and Bike unit. Nightclub concerns are being worked on. Clean car campaign is still underway. Residents should use non emergency # if 911 doesn't answer. 404-658-6666. Resident cameras should be registered with Connect ATL camera network. Crime has remained steady. A LMM resident shared concerns about safety ranging from car thefts, brawls under the bridge, to trash and graffiti at Armand Park. The intersection of Cheshire Bridge and Piedmont Roads is especially a problem with anti-social behaviors. Lt Walls said he would follow up.</p>
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<p>APD Code Enforcement Delores Bryant Officer Lyles – In Rem manager</p>	<p>Officer Young reported that the citation for 1386 Wayne Avenue still remains unserved. Citation has been written for the current owner.</p>
<p>ATL311 You can contact us by: 1. Dial 3-1-1 inside city limits or 404-546-0311 2. Visit and chat at www.ATL311.com 3. Email at ATL311@atlantaga.gov 4. Mobile App by searching "ATL311" in your app store 5. Social Media @ATL311 Sign up for COA emergency alerts by texting NOTIFYATL to 888777.</p>	<p>Cheyenne Forbes ATL311 is the Non-Emergency Call Center for City of Atlanta Services, and we are open Monday-Friday from 7am-7pm. PAD (Policing Alternatives and Diversions Initiative): To make a PAD Community Referral for non-emergency quality of life concerns related to mental health, substance use or extreme poverty, please call ATL311 at 404-546-0311 and press the option to speak with ATL311 Supportive Services. PAD only accepts Community Referrals through the ATL311 phone line Monday-Friday, 7am-7pm. For more information visit www.atlantapad.org or email info@atlantapad.org. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If you would like to leave ATL311 feedback from today's meeting, ask us questions, or report any outstanding issues, please take our survey by clicking this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ATL311Meeting.</p>
<p>Public Works Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson vferguson@atlantaga.gov, 678-221-8215.</p>	<p>Pete Francis, DPW SWEET Officer, Tel 404 938 1183, email: pfrancis@atlantaga.gov</p>

5. Comments from Elected Officials

<p>Others –</p>	<p>Kendall Watkins is a Community Resource Specialist from the District Attorney's Office, and serves as the liaison for NPU-F. Contact info: kendall.watkins@fultoncountyga.gov. A resident requested that community prosecutors notify the NPU of cases so they can be tracked. Ms Watkins can be reached at (404) 426-4524 Jodi Merriday, Ombudsman of Neighborhoods jlmerriiday@atlantaga.gov 470-316-2382. A resident asked when DWM will start the project on the Cheshire Farms Trail. Ms Merriday will follow up.</p>
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6. Consent Agenda

Board of Zoning Adjustment

Application	Request	Neighborhood Report	Recommendation
V-23-14 1832 Monroe Drive NE	Applicant seeks a variance to increase the lot coverage from 50 percent to 70.15 percent.	PH: Under review	Defer at the request of the applicant
V-23-81 638 Park Drive NE	Applicant seeks a variance to 1) reduce the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 1 foot, 2) reduce the eastern side yard setback from 7 feet to 2.6 feet, 3) increase the lot coverage from 50 percent to 54.6 percent and a special exception to allow active recreation in yard adjacent to the street.		Defer at the request of the applicant
V-23-110 920 St. Charles Avenue NE	Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the east side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet.	VHCA: Site visit conducted, two trees to be removed, no lot coverage issue (zoned RG-3); neighbors notified; no opposition. Planning & Board approved.	Recommend approval
V-23-111 916 Rosedale Road NE	Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 35 feet to 18 feet for construction of an addition for existing single-family dwelling.	VHCA: 2 nd story and porch addition. Site visit conducted, no tree or other impacts, neighbors notified, no opposition. Planning & Board approved.	Recommend approval
V-23-114 774 Greenwood Avenue NE	Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the west side yard setback from 7 feet to 2 feet.	VHCA: Replacing an existing shed with carport; 2" setback adequate for carport, site visit conducted, neighbors notified, Planning and Board approved.	Recommend approval

Special Events

Event Name/ Applicant	Class/ # Participants	Event Location/ Date	Recommendation
EVECE Walk for Life Edrea Edwards Applicant present	Class E/ 250 Participants (previously 1,500) New Event	Piedmont Park August 26, 2023	Support

Event Name/ Applicant	Class/ # Participants	Event Location/ Date	Recommendation
Walk MS Atlanta 2024 Paul Nevill Applicant present	Class E/ 1,950 Participants Recurring Event	Piedmont Park April 20, 2024	Support

NPU-F Action: Motion by Jack White 2nd by Kay Stephenson to approve the Consent Agenda carries by a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed.

7. Matters for Voting

Special Event Applications (MOSE)		
Event Name/Organizer	Class/# Participants	Event Location /Date
2024 Atlanta Science Festival Exploration Expo Tanner Garrard Applicant present	Class D/ 5,000 Participants	Piedmont Park March 23-24, 2024

Comments: Recurring event. Expanded to 2 day event.

NPU-Action: Motion to recommend support made by Jack White 2nd by Kay Stephenson carries by a vote of 17 ayes, zero nays.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)

V-23-53 885 Highland Terrace NE

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

VHCA Report: Planning Committee voted denial. VHCA Board did not vote.

Comments: Applicant not present.

NPU-F Action: Defer

V-23-115 1015 Drewry Street NE

Applicant seeks a variance to 1) reduce the front yard setback from 35' to 18', 2) reduce the eastern side yard setback from 7' to 3', 3) reduce the rear yard setback from 15' to 7.5' and 4) exceed the maximum lot coverage from 50 percent to 56 percent for construction of accessory structure and addition for single-family dwelling.

VHCA Report: VHCA Board recommends approval conditioned on new site plans dated 8/7/23. DWM should approve stormwater plan. Item 3 is not under consideration for approval.

Comments: Mark Arnold present for applicant.

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval made by Jack White 2nd by Kay Stephenson carries by a vote of 16 ayes zero nays.

V-23-116 1153 Reeder Circle NE

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce 1) the east side yard setback from 7 feet to 5 feet and 2) the rear yard from 15 feet to 5 feet.

MLPA Report:

Comments:

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

Alcohol License Applications (LRB) – [Review and Comment](#)

Name of Business	Property Address	Request
City Winery Atlanta Restaurant LaNaysha R. Sallis	650 North Avenue NE (NPU-M)	Restaurant Change of Agent

Comments: Restaurant with customer dancing and live entertainment

NPU-F supports NPU-M

City Winery Atlanta Farm Winery LaNaysha R. Sallis	650 North Avenue NE (NPU-M)	Farm Winery Change of Agent
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Comments: Manufacturer of wine

City Winery Atlanta Farm Tasting Room LaNaysha R. Sallis	650 North Avenue NE (NPU-M)	Farm Tasting Room Change of Agent
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Comments: Farm Tasting Room with customer dancing and live entertainment

NPU-F supports NPU-M (both applications)

Indaco Atlanta (Patio) Kevin T. Krapp	725 Ponce de Leon NE (NPU-N)	Restaurant New Business
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Comments: Last month, Indaco (interior) was on our agenda.

NPU-F supports NPU-N

Signal House Dining William J. Riddle	680 North Avenue NE (NPU-M)	Bar New Business
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Comments: This is in the southeast corner of PCM in the residential building they put up on top of the new parking deck. They are applying as a bar but expect 70% of revenue to come from food. Also, it won't be open to the public unless you rent it out for a private event. It's an amenity for the residents of the building.

NPU-F supports NPU-M

8. Presentations – None

9. Planner's Report - Nate Hoetzel , Substitute Planner

NPU Univ classes are ongoing. CDP public interface will start soon.

<https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/neighborhood-planning-units/updates> learn more about our NPU-University classes here:

<https://www.npuatlanta.org/npuuniversity> including late September's "fireside chat" with Commissioners Prince and Caviness about Atlanta City Design...<https://www.npuatlanta.org/event-details/p1008-001-atlanta-city-design-2>

10. Neighborhood and Committee Reports

Lindridge Martin Manor	Board will meet next week. SouthFork Conservancy Fundraiser will be held September 14 at Zonolite Park. Residents interested in the master gardener class can contact Norlethia Harris UGA Extension Fulton County Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator North Fulton Service Center 7741 Roswell Rd, Room 248 Atlanta, GA 30350 p: 404-613-3514 e: norlethia.harris@uga.edu w: ugaextension.org/fulton
Piedmont Heights	Master plan process starts this fall. Adoption in 2024.
Morningside Lenox Park	Plans for new neighbor welcome and annual ball are underway.
Virginia-Highland	Townhall is coming up in September.
Edmund Park	N/A
Emory/CDC area/Druid Hills	N/A
Parks, Trees & Environment (Rich Sussman)	Fulton County extension will have master gardener classes. West Nile virus was detected at City park
Education (Leah Matthews)	New interim superintendent has been named for APS.
Communications (Andrew Mackler)	
Public Safety (Kay Stephenson)	See below for ATAG recommendations link. Alcohol Technical Advisory Committee Recommendations For review. Please provide feedback to atag@atlantaga.gov https://citycouncil.atlantaga.gov/home/showdocument?id=12982&t=638276284133041321
APAB (Debbie Skopczynski, Voting Member)	- The next APAB meeting is Saturday, August 19. No report.

2023 Community Impact Project Status Reports	Sidney Marcus Park signage for new park entrance – Sign has been installed. Project COMPLETED. Other projects on track.
Chair Report	NO update on SAP-23-012 1783 Cheshire Bridge Road . (former Rhodes Bakery location.) Reminder – if you live near Piedmont Park and your street becomes impassable during a special event, call 911 and notify your street captain. The Street Captain leads and the neighborhood Public Safety chairs for both VaHi and MLPA have contact info for the event organizer and their security lead. They can also send info to me so that I can work with the Event Organizer for future planning. NPU-F will continue to meet virtually on the third Wednesday of the month.

11. Old Business - None

12. New Business - None

- Proposed By-Law Amendment - Article III Voting (Business Verified Members)

Proposed Language:

VOTING. Each resident, as defined in Article II, Membership, shall have one vote, to be cast in person or virtually. Corporations, other business entities, organizations, institutions, agencies, businesses or professionals shall, by letter of appointment or e-mail message, designate one person as voting representative. For corporations, the voting representative shall be either the president, vice president, or registered agent as recognized by the Georgia Secretary of State. For sole proprietorships, the voting representative shall be the sole proprietor. For partnerships, the voting representative shall be either a general partner or a managing general partner, and if such partner is a corporation or other business entity, the voting representative shall meet the requirements applicable to such business entity. For limited liability companies, the voting representative shall be either the manager or the managing member, if such entity is member managed, and if such manager or member is a corporation or other business entity, the voting representative shall meet the requirements applicable to such business entity. For organizations, institutions, or agencies, the voting representative shall be the executive director of such organization, institution, or agency or their designee. For professionals, the voting representative shall be the individual person conducting such profession within NPU-F.

That Designee shall have one vote, to be cast in person or as established by policy for virtual meetings. Corporations, other business entities, organizations, institutions, agencies, or professions owning more than one piece of property or having more than one office or place of business or profession within NPU-F shall have only one vote which shall represent the primary property, office or place of business or profession in NPU-F.

Any resident, as defined in Article II, Membership, desiring to vote at an NPU-F meeting, shall sign in on an official sign-in sheet or in the method established by policy for virtual meetings. He/she shall list his/her address and present reasonable proof of residency.

The Designee of the corporation, other business entity, organization, institution, agency, or profession shall sign in on the official sign-in sheet or in the method established by policy for virtual meetings and shall present reasonable proof of such designee’s identity, and proof of the entity’s location within NPU-F in the form of a copy of a business or professional license or other official document. After properly signing in, each person shall be issued a voting card (or chit) to be used to cast any official vote. Only one voting card (or chit) shall be issued to any person. Verification of eligibility to vote during a virtual meeting will be managed as established by policy.

The Chairperson of NPU-F (or his/her designee) shall have final discretion in determining if “reasonable proof” of residency, identity, and authority has been presented for qualification as a voter. The Chairperson of NPU-F may or may not vote at his/her discretion, but must cast a vote in the case of a tie.

Comments: This language simplifies the process for accepting business representatives as verified members eligible to vote at NPU-F meetings.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm. Motion by Rich Sussman 2nd by Kay Stephenson.

PUBLIC NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 NPU Bylaws
2024 NPU Bylaws must be submitted by September 30, 2023. There shall be no restrictions on a resident’s right to vote on Bylaws.