

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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Minutes

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting started at 7:06 p.m. The agenda is adopted without objection.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to adopt the December 2023 minutes was made by Kay Stephenson and 2nd by Rich Sussman.

The December 2023 minutes are accepted without objection.

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The January 2024 minutes are accepted without objection.

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The February 2024 minutes are accepted without objection.

- 3. Announcements
- We will not be discussing Amsterdam Walk this evening. The NPU will not vote on this project until the VaHi and Morningside neighbors have completed their discussions and made a recommendation, Maybe next month stay tuned. Keep in mind, that a project presentation will need to be given to the NPU. This is so that the neighborhoods who have not participated in discussions or attended meeting on this very complex project can be briefed before voting at the NPU meeting,
- We will not be discussing the Mixx Special Use Permit tonight. This Ansley Park stakeholders for this project are still in discussion.





- There will be an opportunity to discuss the proposed ABG service road at the end of the meeting. With the headline being that an SAP has NOT been filed with the City. Also, ABG has agreed to defer for one month their 4 applications on the NPU-E agenda. The earliest an NPU-E recommendation will be made is the first Tuesday in May.
- Reminder: we are updating the Verified Resident Registration list. If you have not registered as a verified resident in the last 12 months, you must re-register. If you can't remember when you registered, go ahead and do it again. Only current verified residents will be able to vote on the upcoming Amsterdam Walk application, expected to come to the NPU in April or May. Tell your friends. Best bet is to register early because this is a clunky manual process. Folks have a tendency to register the day of the meeting and we can't guarantee that they will be processed in time of the meeting.
- Still looking for a co-secretary and vice-chair.
- 4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

Atlanta Police Department Zone 2 – Major Vaynes Zone 6 – Major Webster	Zone 2 Captain Germain Dearlove – For our report out from zone 2, for the past 3 years, we've seen a reduction in crime, specifically violent crime. We will continue to a decrease in crime trends for violence, aggravated assaults, this year for zone 2 it will be property crime. We have seen a decrease in theft from autos.
	Specifically for Piedmont Heights, Linridge and Morningside. For the last 30 days we have 5 report car break-ins. We do stress the importance of clean car campaign. YTD we had 60 guns stolen from vehicles.
	We have Neighborhood Watch scheduled for April 20 th .
	On April 1 st we are looking at portion reopening of Cheshire and Falkner Ln. Two lanes should be open. On May 1 st all lanes should be open.
	Rich asked about guns in vehicles is city wide and it is just zone 2.
	Zone 6 – Captain Graham – we are closing the quarter down 9% YTD. Down 18% in auto thefts and 18% in theft from auto. Our property crimes were the highest meaning we do not have much violent crime, which is good. We have made 13 arrests in theft from auto, 11 arrests in burglary and 10 arrests in auto theft. We would like you to continue to put pressure on the judges to keep these in jail.
	We want to continue the Clean Car campaign.
	The Kia theft trend is turning down due the installation of anti-theft devices.
	The anti-theft devices installed in vehicles

	April 5 th – 7 th at 500 Hank Aaron from Friday and Saturday 8am – 6pm and on Sunday 8am – 3pm they will install anti theft devices.
	Make sure that you register your cameras on homes to connectatlanta.org. This helps us fight crime.
APD Code Enforcement	Officer Young – I am still your point of contact as of now.
Delores Bryant Officer Lyles – In Rem manager	1155 La Vista update – there is an open zoning case for that property. We do not have an update on that case. As far as our case is concerned, we are still trying to locate the owners so that they can appear in court.
ATL311 Cheyenne Forbes	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:
	 Dial 3-1-1 inside city limits or 404-546-0311 Visit and chat at www.ATL311.com Email at ATL311@atlantaga.gov Mobile App by searching "ATL311" in your app store Social Media @ATL311
	Sign up for City of Atlanta emergency alerts by texting NOTIFYATL to 888777.
	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. By dialing 311 and selecting option 2, you will now be directly connected to APD non-emergency services.
	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.
	PAD 311 Community Referral Services FAQ.pdf

Public Works Code Enforcement	Pete Francis – I want to reinforce bulk collection. Your bulk collection should be scheduled when you put it out on the curb with clear space so that the truck can pick it up.
	Neighborhood cleanup – Keep Atlanta Beautiful 404-330-6333
	The city will not collect unless you schedule.
Watershed Management Aisha Brown	Aisha Brown – Friendly reminder that fix a leak Week ends on the 24 th . Just some tips and tricks that you can do with your faucets and water heaters and in ground.
aibrown@atlantaga.gov 678-637-1041 City cell	Fix A Leak Week March 18-24, 2024
	www.epa.gov/watersense

5. Comments from Elected Officials

Councilmembers Alex Wan, awan@atlantaga.gov, 404- 330-6049	From Alex Wan - For Cheshire Bridge, the plan is still to try and get one lane open in each direction by April 1st and everything done by May 1st, but we'll see the utility companies are still in there working.
	The one thing I wanted to add though is that there will be a partial demolition of the bridge.
	I, you know, I've been stressing that it's a repair, not a rebuild.
	Once you see the demo, start going, don't worry, the whole thing's not coming down.
	We just got to take a couple of the pillars out that were most badly damaged. And then where the work is going to be going 7 days a week just as soon as the construction contractors start going. So just I wanted to warn everybody about that as well.
	I have weekly conversations with the Department of Transportation and spoke with them today and no definitive start date yet really just again waiting on the utility stuff to finish but I'll stay on them and I'll as soon as there is any substantive update I'll be sending you blast out like I've been doing since December.
	I wanted to also talk about a 1155 La Vista, had a conversation with the deputy CEO yesterday about this.

There is a little bit of an update. And this is just to share with you all that it, we understand that the property owner and the insurance company have reached an agreement and have engaged a demo company.
We've been looking at trying to open up a lane or 2 of La Vista but the problem is the damaged building is over 4 stories and it's those fourth and fifth stories that if they come down will spill out too far and the fire department just won't clear that. We're hoping we can get the demo folks going, We're ready to expedite that permit and as soon as we can get down to the third floor, we'll open up lanes.
Also wanted to affirm those of you that saw the sign at the CSX crossing at Lenox Road saying that was going to be shut down for 2 days for repairs, ignore that. I don't know if the signs have come down. CSX has agreed to wait until the, Lavista/Cheshire intersection has reopened before they'll even start thinking about rescheduling that.
I was hoping I'd have more definitive information about the Tenth and Monroe intersection. That has run into a little bit of complications with permitting. Until they get resolved, they can't start the scheduling of the actual construction.
Thanks to those that insist that I coordinate with Midtown High School. I reached out to El on a belt line. They did have a conversation with Dr. Bachman last week and they will continue to do. So once there's more definition around timing. So that they can coordinate, you know, shut down of the intersection to accommodate bus schedules and, arrival and departures at the school. So know that that conversation is happening or those lines of communication are open. So thanks for that. You know, I'll be honest with you with each passing day that delays, the goal was to have this done before fall before school starts back and before all the festivals go. Beltline is looking at a couple of other options, in terms of If we run out of time, are there other ways to still get it done before fall that might include shutting down the intersection for a weekend or a little more than a weekend just to pour concrete rather than prolonging it over that period. I will keep you all posted. There no decisions have been made a lot of that has to do with timing of the permit and when they can get a green light to go.
I understand about the vicious dog that's been in Armand Park over at the Linridge-Martin Manor. As y'all may have heard there is a little bit of a dispute right now between the city of Atlanta, and Fulton County regarding animal control contract. We're hoping to get that resolved. Fulton County

	gave us an ultimatum yesterday that if we don't figure it out within 2 weeks, they're going to quit servicing the city.
	But all that said, Rich Sussman, please share with Dorothy that I passed that along up to the COO and they're going to make sure that that dog situation gets addressed.
	I did have one congratulations to extend out.
	I don't think this is a secret, so I'm hoping I'm not letting the cat out of the bag, but I did want to congratulate Jack White who's on the call.
	He's going to be receiving an award from Park Pride at their conference this Monday. Jack White and Pat Reynolds are going get the Park Pride annual Inspiration award for all their work at John Howell Park and Orme Park.
	So, District 6 is getting recognized for some great park work.
Fulton County Commission Non profit partners NONPROFIT PARTNERS CAN	From Natalie Hall - The Oak Hil Adolescence Center is one of our health centers that's at 2805 Metropolitan Parkway SW.
APPLY ONLINE February 28 - March 29	There are all types of health services for children, family, and adolescent from dental care to doctor's offices to behavioral health. It is the very first behavioral health crisis
https://fulton.dullestech.net	center. It will be 24 hour, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
Feel free to contact the Fulton County Youth and Community Services Division if you have any questions at 404-613-	A family member can bring someone, and they can come by ambulance, they can come by police officer, An officer can literally drop someone at the behavior health crisis center instead of taking them to jail.
6759, or via e-mail at hsd.applications@fultoncounty ga.gov	The facility opens this spring and we'll make sure that everyone gets the ribbon cutting to come and see this new facility.
Youth Commissioners For more information, please	Also because it's very hard to Park and get into the Fulton County Government Center.
contact with Reginald Crossley, Youth Commission Coordinator, via e-mail at Reginald.Crossley@fultoncoun	The additional thing that's open for youth is our Youth Commission Program. They have until May 24 th of this year by 5 o'clock to apply.
tyga.gov or visit the Fulton County Website at <u>www.fultoncountyga.gov/fcy</u> <u>C</u>	And that's for ninth through eleventh graders. They are they do great projects for us and they tell us about legislation that they feel that we need to pass for their family, for the youth and anything else.
Senior beltline tour Upcoming Dates:	They they're really intelligent into the environment and everything. Next is my senior belt line tour. This gives seniors an opportunity to jump on the bus ride the belt line with me
• June 14th from 10a-2p	and my my partners at Atlanta Beltline Partnership see the
 September 20th from 10a-2p 	Beltline see the affordable housing that's built.

 December 6th from 10a- 2p For questions about registering for our upcoming Senior BeltLine tours, please call or email the District 4 Office at 404-612-8226 or District4@fultoncountyga.gov Harmoni.brangman@fultonco 	See and hear about what is coming to the Beltline and let me turn that down. See what's happening in the belt line connect to the events and everything that are free and available to our to the residents. And my next dates are June fourteenth, September twentieth and December sixth and they're all from 10 to 2. I serve a light breakfast and a lunch because it's a three- hour ride. We have a lot of fun, a lot of history is shared and I have to add more dates because the senior told me that
untyga.gov 404-612-8226	my belt line trips, they fill up fast. Also, evictions are on the rise, so I've been having these addiction prevention town. Halls because there are a lot of people who are experiencing the end of their lease and then the rent goes so it skyrockets to the point where they can't even afford it and they need assistance there's they will get to understand the eviction process they'll know their rights as a tenant it will also help landlords because we know there are situations where people do abuse those situations. There will be community resources there such as if someone is in a situation where they know they can't pay their rent and they know they're going to get evicted. We will have homelessness services there. Work source Fulton will be ready for jobs and free job training and so many other resources. Also there are people still in need of food and so healthy food is a big deal to me.
	I partner with Atlanta City Council member Michael Julian Bond to provide hello fresh middle kits and fresh produce. To our residents that need it and that happens every Wednesday. In my district, we move around from place to place because my district goes from Virginia Highlands all the way down to Southeast Atlanta to the Clayton County line where the airport is and all the way over to the Dekalb County line and all the way west of the Mercedes Stadium, close to 200,000 residents in my district.
Janel O. Bowles, Solicitor Senior Counsel, City of Atlanta, Office of the Solicitor, jbowles@atlantaga.gov 770-542-7759 mobile	Janel Bowles - I am in the position of solicitor senior counsel with the city of Atlanta office of the solicitor. A little bit about what we do in our office. We handle and prosecute traffic violations and code enforcement issues. We investigate commercial harassment. We prosecute the Atlanta City of Atlanta criminal code violations. We enforce false alarm in addition to working in the prosecutorial jurisdiction. We have some diversion programs that are available for individuals if they have some type of issue that arises. We have a traffic diversion and a criminal diversion and that just gives an opportunity for the individual to have some alternatives to what might be a

normal course of action for enforcement from the court. There is a record restriction option which is if someone has a record there's an opportunity for you to seek for that record to be addressed or removed. You would have to contact our office and determine if your actual case would be eligible for the record restriction. We work closely, specifically in terms of my position. I'm a part of a Safe and Secure Housing team which is an initiative of the mayor created just to make sure that the citizens of Atlanta have safe housing, secure housing.
I work on a litigation team of us 3 or 4 attorneys that are dedicated to that.
We do work on some outreach community initiatives. We have several people who volunteer with schools and we work with middle school students to help them prepare for debate. So just encouraging them and having some positive impact from law enforcement with them at an early age.
We do drives for donations for coats and for food donations.
We're constantly involved in the community. If there's some event that you have that you are interested in us participating in or having a representative from our office be present. Please reach out to us.

6. Consent Agenda

Special Events

Event Name/ Applicant	Class/# Participants	Event Location/Date	Recommendati on
Atlanta Out of the	Class D/ 4,000	Piedmont Park – Meadow &	
Darkness Walk	participants	Charles Allen Gate	Support
Kristen Petillo	Recurring Event	November 3rd, 2024	
Rescue Dog Games	Class E/1,500	Piedmont Park	Support
Jill Waddell	participants	November 2, 2024	
Piedmont Holiday	Class E/1,500	Piedmont Park November 30-	Support
Market	participants	December 1, 2024	Not present
Randall Fox			

NPU-F Action: Motion by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Rich Sussman (removing Piedmont Holiday Market) to approve the Consent Agenda carries by a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed.

7. Matters for Voting

Alcohol License Applications (LRB)		
<u>Circle K #251</u> Mohammad Istakharul Karim	1896 Piedmont Road NE	Convenience Store Change of Ownership

Alcohol permits: This is a change of ownership at a convenience store. Request is for a Retail Package store selling beer and wine. They are exempt from all distance requirements including private residences and other retail package stores. This is a 24/7 business and will have cameras both inside and outside the store. Gas pumps are "behind "the building where business is conducted. There is only one street entrance for cars and pedestrians. The application was sent to Morningside and Piedmont Heights for review.

There have been 2 incidents at this location reported by APD: Jan 2022 – person shot another driver became angry over the victim's driving. March 2023 – Victim shot multiple times, suspected dispute over narcotics transaction.

Comments: Cameras and lighting? More lights and 25 cameras will be added. Loitering?

NPU-F action: Motion to recommend approval made by Kay Stephonson 2nd by Rich Sussman carries by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays,

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)

V-23-205 1055 Lanier Boulevard NE

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce 1) the front yard setback from 35 feet to 30 feet and 2) the half-depth front yard from 17.5 feet to 12 feet for construction of a new single-family dwelling.

VHCA report: Voted to approve.

Comments: Only issue from Mark Campis is dirt piled up on the side of the house that id how it meets FRA requirements.

NPU-F action: Motion to recommend approval made by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Rich Sussman carries by a vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays,

Special Event Applications (MOSE)

Event Name	Event Organizer	Event Date
Virginia Highland		John Howell Park – Virginia Avenue – Virginia
Virginia Highland Porchfest and Rock N Run	Class D/9,000 participants	Circle – Adair Avenue – Greenwood Avenue –
	Class D/9,000 participants	Frederica Street
Mallory Izbicki		May 18, 2024

Indigenous House Atlanta	ephenson 2 nd by Rich Sussman. The	Piedmont Park – Large Pavilion
John Dennis	Class D/2,000 participants	May 19, 2024
No action taken – defer.		
Atlanta Jazz Festival		Piedmont Park
Camille Love/Sara	Class A/100,000 participants	
Brumfield		May 25-27, 2024
Motion to support by Kay St	ephenson 2 nd by Rich Sussman. The	motion carries without objection.
Ultimate Family Reunion		Piedmont Park
Terrell Henderson &	Gated/1,500 participants	400 Park Drive
Leslie Dickinson		June 1, 2024
	vis and 2 nd by Jack White while the e	motion does not carry with 7 nays and 3 ayes. vent organizer to finalize the decibel limits.
<u>Virginia Highland</u>		John Howell Park/Virginia
Summerfest &	Class D/8,000 participants	Ave/Greencove/Ponce de Leon Pl/Park
<u>Summerfest 5K</u>		Dr/Barnett St/Todd Rd June 7-9, 2024
Mallory Davis		
Notion to support by Kay St	ephenson 2 nd by Rich Sussman. The	motion carries without objection.
<u>Atlanta Journal</u>		
Constitution Peachtree	Class A/55,000 participants	Piedmont Park
Road Race		July 4, 2024
Julia Manseau-Toth		
	ephenson 2 nd by Rich Sussman. The	motion carries without objection.
Pure Heat Community		Piedmont Park – 400 Park Drive NE
<u>Festival</u>	Class C/19,999 participants	September 1, 2024
Melissa Scott		
Defer no representation atte	ended	1
Light the Night	Class D/8,000 participants	Piedmont Park
Mallory Izbicki	· · ·	October 5, 2024
Motion to support by Kay St	ephenson 2 nd by Rich Sussman. The	motion carries without objection.
		Piedmont Park
Piedmont Holiday Market	Class E/1 E00 participants	
<u>Piedmont Holiday Market</u> Randall Fox	Class E/1,500 participants	November 30- December 1, 2024
	Class E/1,500 participants Chair's request to defer application	
Randall Fox		
		has no objections.

Text Amendments – Zoning Ordinance

<u>Z-24-12</u>

An Ordinance by Councilmember Andrea L. Boone to waive the City of Atlanta's Sign Ordinance to allow security video technology to be integrated with suspended signs to encourage service stations to install surveillance cameras by helping to offset any costs that any such businesses may incur related to the installation thereof; and for other purposes. FACT SHEET

Comments: NPU-A, NPU B voted to deny. These types of signs are prohibited in R and C1 and C2 zoning districts. Residential zoning districts have now been excluded from legislation, although C1-C-2 would be exempt. Cameras were not required to tie into City's system. The blanket legislation opens up the criteria to include brightly lit, changing LED messages. A further complication is that such an exemption under the law would likely set precedence for other businesses, such as billboard operators, to have the same signage rights (non-static, scrolling commercial messaging LEDs) because equity under the law will be demanded. NPU-E says trying to be supportive but thinks there is more work to do in the code language and/or in standard operating policies before voting to enact this. LED signs have been prohibited in urban areas in some municipalities.

NPU-F action: Motion to deny approval made by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Marla carries by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays,

- 8. Presentations None
- 9. Planner's Report Doug Young, Planner

Doug Young, Office of Design, Department of City Planning, 404-330-6702, <u>dyoung@atlantaga.gov</u>

Click below for the planner's report:

NPU F Planner's Report: https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/cityplanning/neighborhood-planning-units/updates

https://coaplangis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/a7ab4e0bb5034b219c63a160a753

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10. Neighborhood and Committee Reports

Lindridge Martin Manor	No report
Piedmont Heights	No report
Morningside Lenox Park	No report
Virginia-Highland	No report
Edmund Park	No report
Emory/CDC area/	No report
Druid Hills	
Parks, Trees & Environment (Rich Sussman)	Thank you to the efforts of Stephanie Coffin. Trees Atlanta will plant trees at the library. Tree selection will take place this week.
Education	No report

Communications (Marla Johnson)	When you register for the NPU, you will also have to send your license or other proof of residency for confirmation. It is a 2
	step process.
Public Safety (Kay Stephenson)	No report
APAB (Debbie Skopczynski, Voting Member)	The March APAB meeting was held last Saturday. Committee assignments were announced. There will be 3 Committees: Quality of Life, Policy and Governance as well as a Bylaws Working Group that I continue to chair. The April APAB meeting has been cancelled so that APAB reps can attend the Mayor's 2 nd Summit of Neighborhoods. (Neighborhood presidents should also be invited.) The May APAB meeting will be lengthened, and a strategic planning session will be conducted.
2024 Community Impact Project Status Reports	None yet.
Chair Report	Nominations for Atlanta Urban Design and Community Design have been extended to the end of the week.
	Plan A Community Open Houses are now being held. Meeting #4 will be held at the Buckhead Library (NPU-B) on March 26 and Meeting #10 will be held in NPU-F at the Morningside Presbyterian Church on April 15. For additional dates, go to atlantaforall.com. Both are drop- ins from 4:00 to 7:30 pm. Please try to attend one of these meetings.
	Virtual Training for Plan A Online Mapping and Survey Tools will be held on March 25 from 6-8 pm. These tools will be used for community input on the CDP.
	Reminder – need a volunteer for co-secretary and vice president. As an added incentive, the VP will invited to attend special city-wide events like the annual appreciation dinner where the mayor and City Commissioners are in attendance. So far, I haven't come up with an incentive for the co-secretaries.
	Atlanta Botanical Discussion (see below)

Atlanta Botanical Garden service road discussion:

Comments:

-see npueatlanta.org for plans and applications and the Diligence list of information requested from NPU-E and NPU-F needed to make an informed recommendation on their applications.

ABG has submitted 4 applications in NPU-E:

- Rezoning request: current zoning to R4 which is how the rest of the Garden is zoned. Currently I-1, C-1 and RG-3 (ZRB/City Council)

- CDP changed to Private Open Space from medium density residential (up to 16 units per acre) (Council CD/HS committee hearing and full Council)
- Special Use Permit: required to operate a Botanical Garden (ZRB/City Council) Motion to support NPU-E's decision by Kay Stephenson.
- Special Exception to reduce parking from 70 spaces, to 0. (BZA). Support NPU-E's recommendation.
- 11. Old Business- none
- 12. New Business -none
- 13. Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm. Motion by Kay Stephenson 2nd by Charles Kaften.

PUBLIC NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campaigning by Elected Officials & Candidates

Campaigning at NPU meetings is strictly prohibited by the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 6-3019 Prohibition of Political Forums

"Neighborhood planning unit meetings shall not be used for political forums or campaigning for city, county, state, or federal elections."

Examples of campaigning could include, but not be limited to:

- Introduction of elected officials as political candidates in upcoming elections;
- Distributing campaign materials and literature; and
- Conducting either of the above in City Hall, its rooms or offices.

Please contact Leah LaRue at 404.546.0159 or <u>llarue@atlantaga.gov</u> with any questions or concerns.