

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - F

Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 7:00 PM

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Minutes

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
 - The agenda was adopted without objection.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - The minutes were posted on the NPU-F website and were attached to the Reminder email sent to folks on our mailing list.
 - The minutes were approved without objection.
3. Announcements
 - Atl Zoning 2.0 meeting – Module II Q&A Session – Monday, January 13, 6:30-8 pm on Zoom register at <https://atlzoning.com/meet-and-contribute/> The Module II overview session was held on December 4th. The presentation and related materials are also on this page.
 - Plan A (the CDP) continues to have public input sessions on individual chapters through March.
 - Please save the date -- On January 27th, we will meet to draft our NPU-F policy statements for the CDP. They are due at the end of February
 - The agent and attorney for the Aria Gentlemen’s Club will not be attending the meeting tonight. Their application is still on the agenda, and we will either approve/deny/defer the application when it comes up on the agenda.
4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives



<p>Atlanta Fire Department Station 19 North Highland, Station 29 Monroe Drive Battalion Chief Christopher Martin mroman@atlantaga.gov 404.307.0941</p>	<p>The new, state of the art training center is expected to be operational by March; possibly sooner. Atlanta Fire just received six new vehicles which included three fire engines and three hybrid trucks. We also purchased battery-powered vehicle extrication equipment and are currently training all personnel in its use. This enables the equipment to be carried to the scene without needing to be attached to a power unit.</p> <p>Fire Station 22, NE Atlanta, is set to open December 20, 2024. The City is replacing Fire Stations 30 and 26. Station 30 is being demolished now; Station 26 will be done shortly after that.</p> <p>They have finished the testing season and will soon begin the final phase of promotions at the beginning of next year.</p> <p>We are entering the cold season. Keep in mind to check the batteries on your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Please be careful with space heaters.</p> <p>Call 404.546.7000, Claudia Nash, to get free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. cnash@atlantaga.gov</p> <p>Is Station 15 being closed? No, it may get rebuilt but it is not being closed.</p>
<p>Atlanta Police Department Zone 2 Lt. Jeffrey Henderson jphenderson@atlantaga.gov</p>	<p>Crime is down 7%.</p> <p>Want to push the Clean Car Campaign. Please do not leave possible targets in your vehicles.</p> <p>Connect Atlanta lets you connect your home cameras to the Police Dept.</p>
<p>APD Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Young Atlanta Police Department Code Enforcement Section (470) 694-1236 Jeyoung@atlantaga.gov</p>	<p>No report.</p>
<p>ATL311 Tamika Merryweather 404.546.0311 Visit & chat at www.ATL311.com Email: ATL311@atlantaga.gov</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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

	<p>Sign up for City of Atlanta emergency alerts by texting NOTIFYATL to 24639.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Shade' Stokes-Campbell ATL311 Community Affairs Coordinator sstokescampbell@atlantaga.gov</p> <p>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>If you would like to have ATL311 present for a Community Meeting or Community Event, please feel free to complete the form below and the Community Affairs Coordinator will reach out to you within two (2) business days: https://forms.office.com/g/JzTWX3gHx1</p> <p>Q: The Monroe Drive/ Armour Drive exit off of the Buford Spring Connector has a road sign up that says both lanes turn left. The right lane has a right arrow painted on it and a sign that says right turn only. This is causing a lot of confusion. She will send her the Case number for this to follow up on.</p>
<p>Public Works Code Enforcement Officer Pete Francis</p>	<p>Be careful with explosive materials in your garbage. When it is compacted it can cause a fire.</p> <p>Q: Where do we dispose of explosive materials? A: Not sure. I will get back to you with that information.</p>
<p>Watershed Management Aisha Brown aibrown@atlantaga.gov 678-637-1041 City cell</p>	<p>No report</p>

<p>Fulton County Solicitor Janel O. Bowles, Solicitor Senior Counsel, City of Atlanta, Office of the Solicitor, jbowles@atlantaga.gov 770-542-7759</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Office of Neighborhood Ombudsman</p> <p>Clyde Mitchell Neighborhood Relations Manager clmitchell@atlantaga.gov 404.510.8498</p>	<p>I am your designated Neighborhood Relations Manager in the Office of the Ombudsman of Neighborhoods, with Dr. Jodi Merriday (ex-jmerriday@atlantaga.gov 470-316-2382). Ombuds are independent, neutral, and impartial parties that can assist with navigating the City, finding resources, and resolving outstanding issues/concerns following an unresolved escalation to 311 and/or a City Departments. Please be in touch if we can assist.</p>

5. Comments from Elected Officials – not present

6. Consent Agenda

Board of Zoning Adjustment

Application/ Address	Request	N’hood Report	Recommendation
<p>V-24-224 676 Elmwood Drive NE</p>	<p>Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to 1) reduce the rear yard from the required 15 feet to 6 feet, 2) reduce the west side yard from the required 7 feet to 1 foot 6 inches 3) increase the lot coverage from the required 50 percent to 52.6 percent and 4) a special exception to increase the maximum width of a driveway from the required 20 feet to 24 feet.</p>		<p>Deferred at the request of applicant</p>

Special Events

Event Name/ Applicant	Class/# Participants	Event Location/Date	Recommendation
<p>Whine, Walk and Run 5K Patrice Peters</p>	<p>Class E/ 350 Participants</p>	<p>Piedmont Park 929 Charles Allen Dr May 3, 2025</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>ATL Spring Market Sydney Howell</p>	<p>Class E/ 1,950 Participants</p>	<p>Piedmont Park May 31-June 1, 2025</p>	<p>Not present Support</p>

Consent agenda requirements: All Class E events and one-day Class D events that are recurring. Neighborhood events are not eligible.

Comments: No representative here for ATL Spring Market so it was deferred.

NPU-F Action: Motion by Richard Sussman, 2nd by Kay Stephenson to approve the Consent Agenda after removing Atl Spring Market carried by a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed.

7. Matters for Voting

Alcohol License Applications (LRB)

Name of Business/Agent	Property Address	Request
Aria Gentlemen's Club Ashley Fowler	2284 Cheshire Bridge Road	Nightclub Change of Ownership

Comments: Applicant not present. Blake Poticny indicated that this business has had many issues and supports not approving this license. Note: applicant not present

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend denial of this alcohol license application was made by Kay Stephenson, 2nd by Tom Schwab carried by a vote of 17 in favor, 0 opposed.

AAA 2317 Hina Mithani	2319 Cheshire Bridge Road NE	Convenience Store Change of Ownership
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Comments: No apparent issues with this business at their many locations.

NPU-F Action: Motion to approve made by Tom Schwab, 2nd by Kay Stephenson carried by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed.

Colonnade Lewis Jeffries	1879 Cheshire Bridge Road NE	Restaurant Change of Ownership
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Comments:

NPU-F Action: Motion to approve made by Tom Schwab, 2nd by Kay Stephenson carried by a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed.

Alcohol License Applications (LRB) – Review and Comment

Name of Business	Property Address	Request
Pizza Jeans Jeremy J. Gatto	675 Ponce de Leon NE (NPU-M)	Open Air Cafe Change of Agent

Comments: NPU-M has met with Mr. Gatto. No comments or concerns.

Special Event Applications (MOSE)

Event Name	Class/# Participants	Event Location
2025 Oyster Fest Paul Smith Lee Terrell Henderson	Gated/1,500 Participants	Park Tavern – 500 10 th Street February 8, 2025

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval made by Richard Sussman, 2nd by Tom Schwab. Carried by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed.

Adidas Atlanta City Games Enrique Tomas	Class D/6,000 Participants	Piedmont Park (The Meadow) May 17, 2025
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Comments:

NPU-F Action: Motion to support made by Kay Stephenson, 2nd by Tom Schwab. Carried by a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed.

<p>Park Tavern Spring Fest 2025 Series Paul Smith & Lee Henderson</p>	<p>Gated/1,500 Participants</p>	<p>Park Tavern – 500 10th Street March 8-9, 15-16, 2025</p>
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Comments:

NPU-F Action: Motion to support made by Kay Stephenson, 2nd by David Taylor-Klaus carried by a vote of 12 in favor and 0 opposed.

<p>ATL Spring Market Sydney Howell</p>	<p>Class E/1,950 Participants</p>	<p>Piedmont Park May 31-June 1, 2025</p>
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Comments: ~~Consent agenda – Support (applicant not present)~~

NPU-F Action: Motion to defer made by Kay Stephenson, 2nd by Rich Sussman carried with no objections.

Board of Zoning Review Board Applications (ZRB)

[V-24-224](#) 676 Elmwood Drive NE
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VHCA Report: VHCA voted to recommend support.

Comments: Following the VHCA vote, the Office of Buildings added an additional variance, and an amended referral certificate was issued. A revote was taken when the additional variance was required by COA. The neighbor behind the subject property is opposed to the application.

NPU-F Action: Consent Agenda - Defer

8. Presentations Department of City Planning: Capital Improvements Element | Rasheen Hunter

Mr. Hunter serves as the Project Manager II - Development Impact Fee Coordinator. You can reach him at 404.330.6306 or via email at coaimpactfees@atlantaga.gov.

Mr. Hunter gave a presentation on the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) Project Submission. Our neighborhood can apply for funding for projects. A discussion ensued as to what projects would qualify and which department would need to be applied to for funds. Range in grants of \$5,000 to \$23,000. Those having matching dollars seem to get approved more easily.

9. Planner’s Report – Doug Young

Doug Young, Director, Office of Design, DCP and NPU F Planner. 404-330-6702, dyoung@atlantaga.gov

- They wish to thank everyone for their participation in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the NPUs.
- Follow us at NPU Atlanta and Atlanta4All.com
Atlanta Zoning 2.0, Module One discussion draft is still up for review; comments are being catalogued. You can see those on ATLZoning.com. Module Two, Development Standards, was released on December 4. You can comment on that until December 31.

- **NPU Survey:** <https://arcg.is/1y050T0>

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

<https://coaplans.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/a7ab4e0bb5034b219c63a160a7538708#&NP U=F>

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	
Emory/CDC area/ Druid Hills	No report.
Parks, Trees & Environment (Rich Sussman)	No report.
Education	No report.
Communications (Marla Johnson)	No report.
Public Safety (Kay Stephenson)	<p>The Zone 6 neighborhoods got together and contributed to give each officer a gift card. Extra gift cards were given to the Major to use as extra incentives. Gift cards were also purchased for all Va-Hi AFR officers in Station 19. Piedmont Heights collaborated on a meal for Station 29.</p> <p>If you are traveling, make sure to let the Patrol know to keep an eye on your property. If you don't belong to the Patrol, let your neighbors know you are going to be gone.</p>

<p>APAB (Debbie Skopczynski, Voting Member)</p>	<p>The December meeting of APAB is next Saturday. I will be leaving this Board. I will not be able to attend.</p> <p>Debbie would like to appoint Katie Dewees for APAB Rep. There were no objections to her appointment.</p>
<p>2024 Community Impact Project Status Reports</p>	<p>Community Impact Grant close-out report is due 12/31/24. We can be given some grace on our submission because we received the late check. The project managers have been sent instructions on how to prepare their close-out report.</p> <p>The 2025 Community Impact Grants were released last week. The basic program has not changed from last year. There are a couple of soft spots to be aware of. One is that there is money for upgrades and in plant installations. It's not actually coming from this grants project; it is coming from the Parks Dept. The project manager at the City has indicated that they received a soft commitment to fund these projects.</p> <p>The max award for each NPU is around \$10,000 which includes a \$1,500 training bonus for NPU officers. I will be forwarding the training programs and dates to the newly elected officers.</p> <p>If you are interested in applying for a grant, please send me an email to get the specifics on what is required. Grant submissions must be submitted in early March, which means the NPU will need to vote on grant projects at our February meeting.</p>
<p>Chair Report</p>	<p>I received a Beltline SAP BL-24-045 for 1903 Piedmont Circle (Piedmont Heights), European & Domestic Auto Care renovation and addition. She submitted this to Piedmont Heights for their review.</p> <p>Phase 2 Input of the Piedmont Park Master Plan is now available. You can leave input on components to include entrances and visibility to the park, Clara Meer ecology and paths, adding additional activation at the Naguchi playscape site, Park roads and activating the North portion of the park at the Piedmont Park website.</p>

11. Old Business - None

12. New Business –

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm. Motion by Kay Stephenson, 2nd by Tom Schwab.

PUBLIC NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

<p>Plan A: Atlanta’s Comprehensive Development Plan</p>
<p>The Department of City Planning (DCP) is continuing the planning process to update Plan A: Atlanta’s Comprehensive Development Plan meeting the Minimum Planning Standards set by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Georgia Planning Act. The comprehensive plan sets forth the vision, goals, policies, and actions for future growth and development in Atlanta. DCP will host the next round of events across the city including public meetings and pop-ups between October 2024 and February</p>

2025. DCP will routinely post schedule updates and information on how to participate at www.AtlantaForAll.com. In-person meetings will occur October 10 to February 6. The website will also have education resources, draft documents for public review, and ways to submit comments. For additional questions, please email PlanA@AtlantaGA.Gov.

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