

NPU April General Body Meeting
Virtual 6:15 PM 4/26/2021

Introductions - Board introduced themselves

Approval of Minutes: Terry Mccall makes motion to approved, Seconded by Jeff Cullen,
APPROVED

Reports from City Departments

- Capt. Bostwick - Dept of Fire Rescue: members assisting with vaccines at Mercedes Benz, firefights phase 1 physicals occurring, always remember the close door campaign - close your door if there is a fire, it allows them time to find you
- Major Spann Zone 5 commander APD: successful Coffee with a Cop, Dorthea won a smother and covered award for her work with Public Safety and APD, another coffee with a cop coming up, there have had many successful events, protests were peaceful and went well, they are prepping for protests related to Reshard Brooks verdicts, staying aware of any planned protest - plans to keep the neighborhood aware - Nuisance property List: Members Only night club has been added to this list - Have been conducting compliance checks with many night spots that have had complaints. - Always an uphill battle with dirt bike/ATVs on the roads- Partnered with Ga state patrol as they are able to chase them as APD does not do this - Construction sites: increase in copper theft, secure your tools at construction sites, they have a suspect (white older male), open for questions, Dorthea: what did we find at Sidebar? Sidebar had a temporary liquor license, and do not have a valid valet permit D: When did you do the inspection? A: 4/24, 4/25
- Forrest: what is the procedure to get someone on the Nuisance list? A: We look at how many complaints, or a spike in violent crime. Forrest: that's initiated by APD not neighbors A: yes but neighbors can assist, Dorthea is a goos contact. Forrest: who is for Zone 5:
- Jeff: What does it mean to be on the Nuisance list? Want to flag parked cars in front of Nancy's in the bike lane? A: Once its on there all information is aired with the neighborhood, search warrants and violations etc. (my internet cut out here which it loves to do during NPU)
- Sherra: asking about OAK, I just want to know how many times their windows need to be shot out before they are added to the Nuisance List. Major: We can have a sidebar about this and we look at violent crimes. Sherra: we'll be in court tomorrow, invites group to accompany her to court, Major explains neighbor involvement is important in court
- Princess: verify Members Only on Ralph McGill or Ivan Allen Major: it is Ivan Allen, the name changes at Piedmont, clarity between OAK and Members only provided based
- In chat, send email Major Spann a complaint in order to have a compliance check, do not call 911 (pspann@atlantaga.gov)
- Major Ries, Zone 6: (my internet acting up again - didn't hear it all) : Major P Ries Zone 6 Commander - Pjries@atlantaga.gov
- Forrest:
- Jeff: concern with what the neighborhood thinks is a club: thinks its zone 5 never mind.
- 311: 4045460311: Aubriana Kress: invitation to reach her in the chat with any questions.
- Code Enforcement for Public Works Atlanta Street Team (Roderick : asks for any concerns for Public Works? Tom Boyle: who is responsible for replacing steel coverings in sidewalks, Answer: its watershed and can be called into
- Princess: trash cans being left out, princess provided street names Sampson Street and East Ave, Forrest: Sampson and John Wesley Dobbs
- There was a question about the process for liquor licenses - APD was off the chat, Question: is 311 for fire hydrants, and yes those can be reported to 311

Reports from Elected Officials

- Stacey Evans - District 57 - Reimportation Day was today - population based on the Census, this year Georgia did not gain any seats. Next we move onto districts may lead to redistricting. If you want an update of the legislative session visit her website
 - Bill to change voter laws: has passed, is being challenged in court, but the new guidelines need to be learned and followed, she is creating a citizens guide to voting
 - Voted out a citizens arrest law
 - Street racing HB 534 passed - increases penalties, law enforcement can seize the vehicle, can punish the organizers of the events
 - Transit funds approved this session - 6M to Marta
 - this is where my internet cut out and it erases the chat so I don't have her email
- Jay Tribby - with Farohki's office - Farohki is on paternity leave to return in May - All 110 bus lines are back operational especially of note the 3 and 899. ((For District 2 issues, feel free to EM Amir at ARFarohki@AtlantaGA.gov and cc: me at JCTribby@AtlantaGA.gov while he is on paternity leave through the end of April. Thanks. Jay Tribby, Amir's Chief of Staff.))
- internet cut out again, UGH
- Natalyn Archibong: brought up the conversation of what happens to the detention center, has a hearing tomorrow for waiving the fee for recycle for low income seniors folks, this has not been addressed in many many years - will be voted on in Utility Committee. - also environmentally conscious.
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Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee: Station 464 Apartments:

- Dorthea: went to LRB meeting, 255 Trinity -nightclub- there was hearing, they were accused of operating two times beyond stated hours Nov 2020, Dec 2020, not being able to control patrons and employees, applicant pleaded guilty, made a deal with the city they had 20 days suspension and a \$2500 fine. Dorthea also sent out the audit of the license division - will be discussed at Public Safety.
- Sherra: including link for public safety survey link: just kidding it expired

Planners Report

- Susan Coleman present for Matt
- Regarding the CDP questions please contact Nate Hoelzel at nhoelzel@AtlantaGa.Gov
- I missed a lot of this because of my connection

Voting Matters

Special Events (MOSE):

- 25th Atlanta Black Pride Celebration:
 - Q (Jeff): this hasn't come to FFW so we want some details, would you be willing to come to FFW, we just want to hear more about it
 - A: would love to come to your meeting

- A (Terrance): this year 500-600 people in Central Park, 2 days celebration, 2 stages with music amplified sound (12p-7p saturday and sunday) concluding no later than 5pm. APD presence will be heavy and include overnight. Also have private security.
- Q: Jeff concerned about parking and trash: A: encouraging ride share and walking, and have staff picking up trash as the event occurs AND after
- **Motion of support by Jeff, seconded by Elie conditional on them attending FFW meeting - 33-0 motion carries**
- Atlanta Artisans Market
 - encouraging small business engagement
 - bringing businesses affected by covid highlighted
 - handmade and vintage items
 - 9am-4pm
 - setup 7:30a breakdown promptly at 4pm
 - trash cans set up every 2-3 vendors
 - this is an ongoing saturday and sunday event and Dorthea had questions about the type of permit then my internet went out
 - Dorthea wants to know what the class of the type of event permit: community concern that it is a reoccurring event
 - **Motion to defer conditional on meeting with the neighborhood association for more clarity: terry made motion, Elie seconded 20-4 passed**
- Sweet Auburn Music Fest
 - **Motion made me Elie: defer 1 cycle based on them not being here, Second by Robyn Jackson 35-0**
- 2021 COA International Soccer Festival
 - Lusía Cardona: first time at Central Park, previously at other locations, 600 attendees, October 9&10,
 - Jeff: invitation for them to attend FFW meeting **motion made to support contingent on them attending FFW meeting, Second made by Terry 33-0**
- Old Forth Ward Arts Festival
 - Supported previously on 1/27/2021 - they do not have to attend but we do have to make a new vote on the change of date - Terry makes motion to approve, Jeff seconds: 22-5

Alcohol License Applications (LRB)

Motion to remove Views from the consent agenda made by Robyn, Elie seconded the motion: 33-2

Note: Side Bar Cru and Views not included in consent agenda

* **Consent agenda: Shannon made the motion, Robyn seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda: 33-2**

- Side Bar- waiting on a new application, looks like the same application, does not have live entrainment indicated, however they do live entrainment,
 - issues: they have three distinct bars, the license is for one pouring bar which doesn't cover all three, they also had issues with marketing and valet,

- (Chan Heard) They have completed a new application for valet, they no longer do live entertainment, and they have reported inaccurate social media pages inaccurately promoting the sidebar.
- His actual application doesn't reflect accurate informations, **There is a motion to defer 1 cycle based on a complete and accurate application Secodned by Tom Boyle 38-0**
- Jeff brings up if motions can be put in chat or if they need to be spoken, Dorthea clarifies motions need to be spoken not written.
- Cru Urban Lounge - Kenny met with the neighborhood association, there was approval in Castleberry Hill,
 - Khodorkovsky, Alex passed with a narrow vote, still have some issues
 - Curtis: passed by ONE vote, motion of support, one issue: they are operating beyond requirements of the business, trash management, and blocking sidewalks
 - DeWayne: (didnt catch hat he said, I think grandfathered in to later hours?)
 - Milia Akkouris: has concerns that this is meant to be a restaurant but its a lounge,
 - There is dispute about wether they are grandfathered in for extended hours
 - William Gilbert: business is operating questionably??? mentions violence, —internet crapped out
 - Rob: didn't catch this
 - Greg: didn't catch this
 - Lida: nightmare over the weekend, traffic
 - Tiffani:
 - Eric: exclaims there are shootings on this street/on this area,
 - Matthew Peterson:
 - **Motion to support made by Matthew Peterson second by Elie - 11/36 - NON SUPPORT**
- Views Bar and Grill -
 - Robyn Jackson: have not met the applicant, have concerns from previous business and out of state holdings, concerned with the level of security he needs, he has some disagreements with the legality of change of agent, (six security on week and ten on the weekend)
 - A: safety is everything
 - Motion of non-support: Robyn & Terry second: 17-21
 - A lot was said and i'll be honest I didn't catch it because people were acting so far out of decorum i wanted to scream
 - (I missed SO MUCH of public commentary, honestly I just couldn't)
 - Second Motion to support: Elie , Emma seconded : 17-14
- Landmark Diner - no representative present- **motion defer one cycle my Sherra, seconded by Shannon 27-1**
- Biggerstaff Brewing Company*
- Hard Rock*
- Handle Bar*

Presentations

Citizen's Tree Protection Group: Howard Katzman

BZA:

V-21-67 Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the east side yard setback from 7 feet to 5 feet and the west side yard setback from 7 feet to 5 feet for the construction of a single-family dwelling.	654 McGruder Street NE	May 6, 2021
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Motion: Forrest motion of support seconded by Tom Boyle : 18-0

V-21-78 Applicant seeks a variance to 1) reduce the useable open space requirement from 23,409 square feet to 14,984 square feet; 2) increase the maximum height in the transitional height plane from 35 feet to 53.75 feet; 3) reduce the transitional yard requirement from 20 feet to 10 feet and 4) a special exception to reduce the required off-street loading from 1 space to zero spaces.
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Motion: Princess Wilson motion to support, Tom Boyle second: 17-0

V-21-90 Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to 1) reduce the required west side yard setback from 15 feet to 5 feet and 2) adjust the required transitional height plane measured 35 feet above the required west side yard setback to be measured 35 feet above the reduced setback at 5 feet. The applicant also seeks a special exception to reduce the number of required off-street parking spaces from 12 parking spaces to 9 parking spaces for the construction of a multifamily development.	552 Boulevard Place NE	May 13, 2021
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Motion: Motion to support Terry, seconded by Tom Boyle: 15-0

Zoning Review Board Applications (ZRB)		
Application	Property Address	Public Hearing Date
Z-21-1 Applicant seeks to rezone the property from the I-1 (Light industrial) zoning designation to the MRC-2 (Mixed residential and commercial, maximum floor area ratio of 3.196) zoning designation for a mixed-development with student housing and street level commercial components. SURVEY, SITE PLAN	263 Decatur Street SE	June 3 or 10, 2021

Legislation	Property Address	Public Hearing Date
CDP-21-008 An Ordinance to amend the Land Use element of the 2016 Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to redesignate property located at 263 Decatur Street SE from the Industrial (I) Land Use Designation to the Mixed use-Medium Density (MU-MD) Land Use Designation and for other purposes (Z-21-001).	263 Decatur Street SE	-

Motion to defer 1 cycle: Made by Rebecca seconded by April, 13-0

Text Amendments:

Z-21-27 An Ordinance to amend the 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to amend section 16-26.003, entitled "Conditions of Granting a Variance" and to create a new section 16-26.008 entitled "Administrative Zoning Setback Variances for the Preservation of Trees"; and for other purposes. FACT SHEET

Moton of support by Ross: seconded by Terry: 14- 0

MATTERS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT AND NO VOTE: i just didn't do it thank you

Community Design awards:

Terry: project for freedom dog park and Forrest seconded

Kyle: 101 Peachtree ST award of excellence

DOG PARK IDEA: Terry made motion and Forest seconded: change the freedom barkways:
12-2

I'm sorry its 9pm and I have to go