

# NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – M

**Monday, July 22, 2024 at 6:15 PM**

To register in advance, click [here](#)

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## AGENDA

- Opening Remarks/Introductions

### Elected Officers

Chair - Forrest Coley

Vice Chair - Kyle Kessler

Secretary - Sarah Oak Kim

Asst Secretary - Sarah Oak Kim

Parliamentarian -Jennifer Brooks

### Neighborhood Associations

Old Fourth Ward Neighborhood Association -

-4th and sand - n/a

-4th ward alliance - terry mccall

-4th ward neighbors - forrest coley

-4th ward west - catherine chase

Atlanta Downtown Neighborhood Association - John Fischer

Castleberry Hill Neighborhood Association - patrick collins

Marietta Street Artery Association - N/A

Old Fourth Ward Business Association - Juan Mendoza

### Committee Chairs

Public Safety Committee - Gaye /Sarah / Stacey came on later

Land Use Committee - Senya

Transportation Committee - Dejon Tebought

APAB - Atlanta Planning Advisory Board - Kyle Kessler



- Approval of Minutes

move to approve the minutes (from last month)

Jennifer brooks

2nd katherine chase

Motion carries with none opposed

- Announcement & adoption of Consent Agenda

atlanta missing and murdered NOT HERE

atlanta sweet auburn fest NOT HERE

- motion to adopt the consent agenda
- terry mccall
- 2nd john fisher
- discussion: arthur clement asked about a location not highlighted green
- Motion carries with none opposed

223 randolph - deferring for 30 days from Senya

- Approval of Agenda
- motion to approve the current agenda
- patrick collins
- 2nd steven imle
- Jennifer speaks as parliamentarian - to remind people to use the raise hand feature
- Motion carries with none opposed
- Reports from APD, AFD and other City Departmental Representatives
- zone 5 - major hunt
- gives crime stats - last month focused on castleberry - americasmart - assisting with unhoused in underground - came to auburn ave as well
- Major Hunt open for discussion to general body : asking about krog street and traffic, national night out, e scooter violations, and scooter accessibility and safety.

zone 6 - not present (came on later)

Matthew Benton - (battalion 3) fire dept - updates us on large group of recruits, fire training, smoke detectors

opens up for discussion

**Pete Francis - city of atlanta solid waste** - gives update on current rules of curbside collection and demolition

opens up for discussion - GB asks about recycling,

### **311- Allison Murillo**

- updates: extended hours, new live agent and chat assistant named AVA,
- opens up for discussion - GB asks about landlords that are negligent,

### **Margaret Elliot - Solicitors office**

updates us on: code busters, new cases: drivers going through crosswalks when pedestrians are available,

opens up to GB: asks about illegal food and alcohol vendors

### **code enforcement officer stevens: prefers email and text --**

- Comments from Elected Officials
- **Patrick Husbands - Liliana Bakthiari's** office gives updates on legislation, touches on overgrown lots, 2 events: Trails ATL + coffee with council member this sunday at noon
- opens up for question: GB asks about a Blight Tax - does not know enough about it to speak on it
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- **Janale Broadnax - CM Amos** - updates us on events upcoming, will brief us on Blight tax, increase property 25% for all properties declared to be blighted, have a full year to correct it, if not done that's when the property tax will hit - BLIGHT defined as = any property overgrown dilapidated or inhabited
- Committee Reports
- **Dejon Tebought - transpo** - gives overview and introduce rebecca (new member)
- **Stacey Shearer - public safety** - night out event
- **Senya - land use** - no update
- **APAB Report****Kyle Kessler** -
- updates the city on compensation and salaries for waste management - budget has been adopted - future of the NPU system, APAB passed a resolution for inspector general - no questions
- **Planner's Report** **matt adams** - dept of city planning - 50th year of NPU system, spirit week, NPU M courses otw - no questions

- Matters for Voting (remaining applications - please see attachment)
- Sweet Auburn music fest
  - motion for defer one full cycle
  - Dorthey Hurst
  - 2nd Terry Mccall
  - Motion carries with no objections
- Atlanta Missing and Murdered Children 2024
  - motion for defer the application (and remember that these 2 applications were on consent for this month if we can get them on for next month) comment made by Terry
  - Terry Mccall
  - 2nd Dorthey Hurst
  - Motion carries with no objections
- OYE FEST
  - Randall Ruiz - presents - mentions 100 tickets sold so far
  - previously supported the 3000 attendance # in may
  - motion to support Oye Fest
  - Terry Mccall
  - 2nd Sarah Kim
  - Princess asks a question about blocking beltline - randall says it will be accessible
  - Motion carries with no objections
- Jazz in the park
  - Tariq Jordan presents -
  - opens up for questions: Princess , Terry reminds about deferral - juan asks about street closure 6pm-10am
  - motion to defer one cycle
  - comments to ask to come to neighborhood events meeting
  - 2nd Catherine Chase
  - motion carries with no objection
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- 120 piedmont
  - Hakeem - Not Present
  - Authur Clement - asks about church being in too much proximity and what is the separation on behalf of the church
  - motion to defer
  - John fischer
  - 2nd dorthey
  - motion carries with no objection
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- 231 randolph
  - motion to defer one full cycle

- dorthey hurst
  - 2nd senya
  - motion carries with no objection
- 551 PONCE
  - motion to defer
  - terry mccall
  - 2nd STEVEN IMLE
  - discussion: how many times has this been deferred
  - forrest says 3-4 times
  - motion carries with 6 in favor 1 objection
- Presentations
  - Atlanta Downtown Improvement District: Millennial Pink | Noa Hecht (Temporary Art Permit Application)
  - matt adams presents z-24-43
    - i. motion to support
    - ii. terry mccall
    - iii. 2nd steven imle
    - iv. motion carries with no objection
  - matt adams presents z-24-44
    - i. motion to support
    - ii. steven imle
    - iii. 2nd terry mccall
    - iv. motion carries with no objection
  - MILLENNIAL PINK - temporary art permit
    - i. asking for letter of support from NPU - M
    - ii. motion that npu m writes a letter of support
    - iii. john fisher
    - iv. 2nd patrick collins
    - v. motion carries with no objection
  - BlueLofts & Amara Investments: Blue Lofts | Ike Bams (Atlanta Urban Development Corporation application)
    - i. IKE BAMS Presents (41 marietta st)
    - ii. asking for letter of support
    - iii. he is reminded of going over 3 minutes
    - iv. GB has questions
      - 1. john fisher said ADNA board voted to support the ask and letter -
    - v. makes a motion to support the Blue lofts & Amara investments and write the letter of support
    - vi. John Fisher
    - vii. 2nd Dejon Tebought
    - viii. discussion from GB
    - ix. motion carries with no objection
- capturing the spirit

- no comment
- shell food mart
  - no comment
- Old Business
- n/a
- New Business

kyle kessler announces - code of ordinances - review and update bylaws annually - need to have a committee at next months meeting

Forrest Coley announces: officer positions coming due - reached our 3 year allowance

national night out - aug 6 from Dorthey

Marvil Rodney - asks about 70 boulevard

- Announcements
- Adjournment
- meeting adjourned

## MATTERS FOR VOTING

NPU's provide recommendations to the City of Atlanta by voting to support or oppose applications. The

### NPU-M VOTING RULES per 2024 Bylaws

Eligible members shall be any person 18 years of age or older whose primary place of residence is within the NPU-M designated area or a representative of any corporation, organization, institution, or agency which owns property or has a place of business or profession within NPU-M designated area (Article II, Sec. 1). All eligible members shall have one (1) vote without attendance requirements, dues payments or any other limitation (Article IV, Sec. 1).

Event Name	Event Organizer	Event Location	Event Date
<a href="#">Georgia State University *CODE 142-64*</a>	Boyd Beckwith	Hurt Park – 25 Courtland Street SE	July 28 - September 27, 2024
<a href="#">Meet Boston</a>	Josh Antenucci	Historic Fourth Ward Skatepark – 830 Willoughby Way NE	September 6, 2024
<a href="#">Black on the Block</a>	Alainna Edwards	Underground Atlanta – 50 Upper Alabama Street	September 15, 2024
<a href="#">Party with the Past: South Downtown Block Party</a>	F. Sheffield Hale	117 Peachtree Street – Mitchell Street – MLK Jr. Drive	September 18, 2024
<a href="#">The Urban Regatta</a>	Christopher Calvin	180 Walker Street	September 21, 2024
<a href="#">Sweet Auburn Music Fest</a>	Yusuf Muhammad	321 Irwin Street – 230 JW Dobbs Avenue	September 27-29, 2024
<a href="#">Atlanta's Missing + Murdered Children Memorial Fest 2024</a>	Dr. Sunshine Lewis	Historic Old Fourth Ward Park	September 28, 2024
Amended: <a href="#">OYE FEST 2024</a> (Estimated attendance updated from 3,000 to 3,750 – Previously supported in May)	Randall Ruiz	Historic Fourth Ward Park – 680 Dallas Street	October 6, 2024
<a href="#">Jazz in the Park ATL</a>	Tariq Jordan	Historic Fourth Ward Park – 680 Dallas Street	October 26-27, 2024

#### Consent Agenda

#### Alcohol License Applications (LRB)

Name of Business	Type of Business	Applicant	Property Address	Request
<a href="#">Utopia Restaurant Lounge and Bar</a>	Restaurant	Waheed Ahmad	50 Upper Alabama Street	New Business
<a href="#">La Metro</a>	Restaurant	Hector J. Santiago	675 Ponce de Leon Avenue Suite 152	New Business
<a href="#">MLQ Concourse</a>	Nightclub	Ryan Purcell	50 Alabama Street, Lower Suite 001	New Business
<a href="#">120 Piedmont Ave</a>	Gas Station	Barkat Lakhani	120 Piedmont Avenue	New Business

#### Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)

Application	Property Address	Public Hearing
<a href="#">V-24-15</a> Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to 1) reduce the front yard setback from the required 30 feet to 10 feet, 2) reduce the north side yard setback from the required 7 feet to 0 feet, 3) increase the lot coverage from the required 55 percent to 70 percent and 4) removing the requirement for the front porch to contain roof with a minimum six-inch roof supports.	223 Randolph Street NE	-
<a href="#">V-24-87</a> Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the west side yard setback from the required 7 feet to 3 feet, and increase the lot coverage from the required 55 percent up to 73.1 percent.	540 John Wesley Dobbs Avenue NE	August 8, 2024
<a href="#">V-24-112</a>	70 Boulevard SE	!

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the front yard setback from 10 feet to 8 feet.		
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Zoning Review Board Applications (ZRB)		
Application	Property Address	Public Hearing
<a href="#">U-24-3</a> Applicant seeks a special use permit to operate valet parking operations. <a href="#">SITE PLAN</a>	551 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE	-

Land Use Amendments – Comprehensive Development Plan		
Legislation	Property Address	Public Hearing
<a href="#">CDP-24-18</a> An Ordinance to amend the Land Use Element of the 2021 Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to redesignate property located at 126 Hilliard Street SE and 89 William H. Borders Dr., from the High Density Residential (HDR) land use designation and 380 Decatur Street SE from the Low Density Commercial (LDC) land use designation to the Mixed Use High Density (MUHD) Land Use designation (Z-24-040).	126 Hilliard Street SE, 89 William H. Borders Dr and 380 Decatur Street SE	September 4, 2024 6:00 PM

Text Amendments – Zoning Ordinance		
Legislation	Public Hearing	
<a href="#">Z-24-43</a> An Ordinance by Councilmembers Matt Westmoreland, Jason Dozier, Antonio Lewis, Andrea L. Boone, Alex Wan, Amir Farokhi, Byron Amos, Dustin Hillis, Howard Shook, Jason Winston, Liliana Bakhtiari, Marci Collier Overstreet, Mary Norwood, and Michael Julian Bond to amend the 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, by amending Chapter 36 “BeltLine Overlay and District Regulations”, Section 16-36.008 “Permitted and prohibited uses and structures” so as to prohibit data centers within the BeltLine Overlay District; and for other purposes.	Zoning Review Board – City Hall Council Chambers	August 1 or 8, 2024
<a href="#">Z-24-44</a> An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jason Dozier, Matt Westmoreland, Antonio Lewis, Marci Collier Overstreet, Jason Winston, Amir Farokhi, Andrea L. Boone, Mary Norwood, Alex Wan, Dustin Hillis, Byron Amos, Howard Shook, and Michael Julian Bond to amend the 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, by amending various provisions of the text, including creating a definition for “data center” by amending Chapter 29; and by amending the regulations of various districts to prohibit data centers within half of a mile of high-capacity transit stops; and for other purposes.	Zoning Review Board – City Hall Council Chambers	August 1 or 8, 2024

## MATTERS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

Members can review subdivision applications and provide comments to be forwarded to the Subdivision Review Committee (SRC). Other applications may be presented to an NPU for review and comment when the address is within a 300-foot radius of the NPU’s boundary. The Code of Ordinances does not require these applicants to attend NPU meetings.



Special Event Applications (MOSE)			
Event Name	Event Organizer	Event Location	Event Date
<a href="#">Capturing the Spirit of Oakland</a>	Sandy White	Oakland Cemetery – 248 Oakland Avenue SE (NPU-W)	October 17-28, 2024

Alcohol License Applications (LRB)				
Name of Business	Type of Business	Applicant	Property Address	Request
<a href="#">Shell Food Mart</a>	Convenience Store	Shabnoor Charniya	486 Ponce de Leon Avenue (NPU-E)	Change of Ownership

## PUBLIC NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Campaigning by Elected Officials & Candidates
<p>Campaigning at NPU meetings is strictly prohibited by the City of Atlanta’s Code of Ordinances.</p> <p><b>Sec. 6-3019 Prohibition of Political Forums</b></p> <p>“Neighborhood planning unit meetings shall not be used for political forums or campaigning for city, county, state, or federal elections.”</p> <p>Examples of campaigning could include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of elected officials as political candidates in upcoming elections;</li> <li>• Distributing campaign materials and literature; and</li> <li>• Conducting either of the above in City Hall, its rooms or offices.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact Leah LaRue at 404.546.0159 or <a href="mailto:llarue@atlantaga.gov">llarue@atlantaga.gov</a> with any questions or concerns.</p>