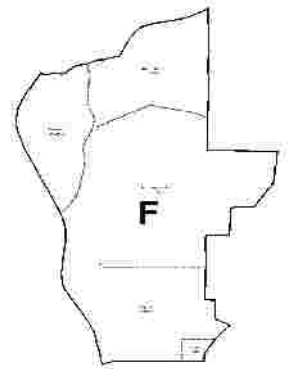


WHEN: Monday, August 15, 2011
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: Hillside Facility
1301 Monroe Dr, N.E.
SPONSORS: NPU-F and the Bureau of Planning

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction of guests

2. Announcements

Delays in our NPU with yard trimming deliveries due to equipment malfunctions will be resolved this week.

3. Reports by City Representatives (Fire, Police, Council Members, etc.)

- Atlanta Fire Department – Station 19 North Highland Station 29 Monroe

National convention in downtown this week

Fan program: fire rescue and SCANA energy will distribute free fans for people at risk from heat/elderly shut-ins 404-546-7000.

Fire Station 29 is not currently occupied. Station has been vacated because repairs to floor caused asbestos release. Company that did repairs is responsible for the cost of remediation.

Fire Station 19 is still conducting fundraisers for renovations. Oldest functioning fire station in Atlanta.

Fire in Buckhead at Tavern 99. Quick response saved the structure.

Trees have been falling down in storms. Droughts have caused dry rot in many root systems. Should have tree surgeons inspect trees.

Budget resulted in payout of 5% to contribute to pension. Grant from FEMA for 75 additional fire fighters for 2 years.

- Zone 6 Police –Major Dalton,

Past 4 weeks have been good in our area. There has been a drop in property crimes.

There have been a few Cheshire Bridge robberies.

APD has increased monitoring of traffic at Amsterdam and Monroe and traffic enforcement in other areas as well.

When calling 911, need to request opportunity to speak with responding officer – officer will not automatically contact 911 caller.

Contact John Wolfinger to arrange for MOPs to do a street monitoring for your street.

Update on status of 24K: Chair of LRB has requested a delay on due cause vote. Sgt. Davis can provide an update on the delay.

Video Integration Center: all city cameras will be monitored from that location.

Auto thefts have increased throughout the City. 4 issues on low levels of return: 1) cars being crushed, 2) taken out of the country, 3) torn apart for parts, 4) fraud. Regional task force has been established to deal with this problem.

Q: Police have had to pay significant settlements in the last few years. A: Police department has been diligent about holding officers accountable. More officers have been fired in the last 20 months than in the last 10 years. Settlements were the result of poor leadership. Leadership will be held responsible for these problems.

- Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs -- George Dusenbury-Commissioner, Quentin Moore, Parks District Maintenance Supervisor Northeast District; Salima Rashied PPC, PPC CEO Yvette Bowden

Not present

- Bureau of Housing and Code Compliance – Jason Bail

238 cases in NPU F. Action taken on 29 cases in July. 5 inspections are pending. 1 citation to sheriff. 3 voluntary compliances.

Question: What is the status of 911 Virginia Circle? Response: Research is working on identifying owner.

People doing work without proper permits should be referred to zoning.

Question: What is the status of the Fleur de Leis building on Cheshire Bridge? A: Matter is going to the Gwinnett Sheriff.

- Bureau of Public Works, Solid Waste Services –

Trash, recycling and yard trimmings are all collected on one day. Monthly street sweeping and bulk collection has been started as well. Residential street cleaning will take place during the day. Bulk collection week for our area is the first week with the first Monday.

Q: Can street sweepers do cleaning on non-trash days? A: Trash cans will be in the way of sweeping.

Q: How will notification of street sweeping occur? A: Each quadrant will be done on a quarterly basis. Notification through signs.

Q: Is there consideration of alternate street parking to allow for street sweeping? A: This is being explored.

City is looking to purchase additional sweepers to increase from quarterly sweeping.

Q: Is there a way to encourage composting? A: Definitely want to encourage composting.

- Department of Watershed Management – Julie Todd

City Water and Sewer Appeals Board needs new members. Meet 3 times a week and receive \$50 per meeting. Contact your City Council member for information on serving on the board.

- Atlanta City Council –Alex Wan, District 6

Not present

- Councilmember H. Lamar Willis, Post 3 At-Large Assistant Kelli Jackson

Nothing to report. Will ask Councilman to come to an NPU meeting.

- Councilmember Michael Julian Bond, Post 1 At-Large, Jarrod R. Jordan Chief of Staff ; Andrea Chambers Representative

Nothing to report. Will ask Councilman to attend a meeting.

- Fulton County Commission -- Joan Garner, District 6

Not present

- Fulton County Community Prosecutor Zone 6, Paul Arena-Camarillo; Zone 2, Hannah Chung

Not present

4. Planner's Report-Doug Young

NPU is required to vote on by-laws by the end of Sept.

Update on CDP process: now in the review period. ARC is reviewing the proposed CDP.

Hearing on 9/12.

Must be adopted by City Council and mayor by end of October.

Q: What is the status of the farmer's market vote? A: Scheduled for ZRB in Sept.

Regional priorities for City transportation were released.

5. Committee Reports

- Lindridge-Martin Manor Neighborhood Association – Jane Rawlings, President, Richard Sussman, Representative –Gerry Neumark, Zoning–

No report

- Morningside-Lenox Park Association –Carmen Pope, President, Tracy Brown, Neighborhood Rep, Trav Carter Zoning

Not present

- Piedmont Heights Civic Association – Kevin Perry, President – Jean Johnson, Neighborhood Rep Marty Kleinman,Zoning–

No report

- Virginia-Highland Business Association (VHBA) –Warren Bruno, President, Lynn DeWitt and David Burleson reps

Not present

- Virginia-Highland Civic Association (VHCA) –Pamela Papner, President, Rob Glancy, Representative, Jack White Zoning

No report

- Traffic and Transportation Committee – Sybil Smith

No report

- Public Safety Committee – John Wolfinger

Citizens Police Academy no longer has any open spots. Can apply now for Spring Academy.

2 bullets found on the street in front of Inman Middle School. Kids find bullets often.

Make sure to report all incidents to 911. Police staffing based in part on 911 call volume.

- Parks and Recreation Committee – Rob Glancy, Rich Sussman

No report

- Trees Committee – Charlotte Gillis

No report

- Environment Committee – Jack White

No report

- APAB - Cary Aiken, Gerry Neumark Alt.

Meeting scheduled for this Saturday.

Commissioner Shelby reviewing plan to disburse funds to NPUs.

6. Old Business

- Music Midtown 2011 (applicant returning to provide Traffic Plan per NPU-F request at July 2011 meeting)

9/24: 10 am to 11 pm. Sound checks on Thursday. 85 officers (40 inside the park and 40-45 in the neighborhood). May have an additional band on Friday, 9/23.

10th Street closure will start on Monday. Street will be closed during the times when stages are being loaded – will not be closed the complete day. Will take about 3 hours. On Monday night, 3 lanes will be opened. 9/23 – 9/26 all of 10th Street will be closed.

There will be an interactive map to show street closures at the website:
www.musicmidtown.com

There will also be electronic signage throughout.

Q: What is the status of the Grady parking lot? A: Expect to have parking at Grady.

NPU ACTION: Motion to APPROVE conditioned on site plan dated July 14, 2011 CARRIES on voice vote.

Board of Zoning Adjustment September 8, 2011 **12:00 P.M.**

V-11-108 **1095 North Highland Avenue**

Applicant, Chris Hamilton, seeks a variance from zoning regulations to (1) reduce the front yard setback from the required 35 ft. to 30.6 ft (2) reduce the ½ depth front yard setback from the required 17 ½ ft. to 0.2 ft. (3) reduce the side yard setback from the required 7 ft. to 4.2 ft to allow an addition to a single family house.

VHCA Report: 1095 N. Highland Ave. NE – Applicant seeks to reduce W side setback from 7' (required) to 4'2", the front yard side setback from 35' (required) to 30'6", and the "half depth front yard" (a side yard that's a corner, in this case the south side) from 17' (required) to 0.2' to allow for a new 2nd story addition. All requested setbacks are pre-existing; Planning observes no impervious, tree, or stormwater issues.

Planning and the VHCA BoD unanimously recommend approval based on site plan date-stamped 7-20-11 by the CoA.

NPU ACTION: Motion to APPROVE conditioned on site plan dated 7/20/11 CARRIES on voice vote.

(Note: Agenda had wrong number on application should be -108, not -109. Motion to correct agenda CARRIES on voice vote).

Board of Zoning Adjustment August 11, 2011 **12:00 P.M.**

V-11-092 **690 Courtenay Drive**

Applicant, Teresa Stoker, seeks a variance from zoning regulations to erect a 6 ft. wrought iron fence on top of an existing 2 in. to 34 in. retaining wall whereas it is otherwise prohibited.

MLPA Report: Approval conditioned on the fence up to five feet from the retaining wall.

NPU ACTION: Motion to APPROVE conditioned on site plan dated 6/21/11 CARRIES on voice vote.

V-11-094 **1114 Saint Augustine Place**

Applicant, David Ogram, seeks a variance from zoning regulations to (1) increase the allowed lot coverage of 50% to 60% (existing lot coverage is at 58%) for the addition of a 3 ft. retaining wall. (2) Applicant also seeks a special exception to allow 4.5 ft. columns attached to 3 ft. retaining all in the required front yard setbacks where otherwise it is not allowed.

Per applicant deferred to September NPU-F meeting.

NPU ACTION: Motion to Defer CARRIES on voice vote.

11. Ordinances, Resolutions and Text Amendments:

(For Public Review and Comment, No NPU Vote Required)

12. Special Events and Outdoor Festivals

- AIDS Walk Atlanta & 5K Run
 - 10/16 Walk in Piedmont Park. Maximum of 10,000 people.
 - NPU Action: Motion to APPROVE CARRIES on voice vote.
- Atlanta Dog Jog
 - 24th Dog Jog. 10/30 in Piedmont Park. Benefits K-9 Assistance.
 - NPU Action: Motion to APPROVE CARRIES on voice vote.
- Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation
 - 11/12 Walk in Piedmont Park. 300 participants. Working with Grady for parking.
 - NPU Action: Motion to APPROVE CARRIES on voice vote.
- Piedmont Park Midsummer Arts & Craft Festival
 - Heard at July 2011 NPU-F
- Firefly Run 5K
 - 10/1 Evening run in Piedmont Park. 1000 – 2000 participants. Benefitting a soldier organization.
 - NPU Action: Motion to APPROVE CARRIES on voice vote.
- Atlanta Ice Cream Festival
 - New date September 10, 2011 12:00 – 6:00. Will move to Charles Allen Drive. Promoting MARTA. Will benefit Lupus Foundation of Georgia. 2,000 attendance. 5 officers.
 - NPU Action: Motion to APPROVE CARRIES on voice vote.
- Battle of the Burgers
 - Not present
- Spina Bifida Walk-N-Roll
 - 11/5 Walk around the meadow. 350 attendees.
 - NPU Action: Motion to APPROVE CARRIES on voice vote.
- Out of Darkness
 - Heard at July 2011 NPU-F
- Music Midtown 2011
 - NPU Action: Motion to APPROVE CARRIES on voice vote.
- 2011 Kids Wheel & Run
 - 1000 attendance. 10/22 Piedmont Park.
 - NPU Action: Motion to APPROVE CARRIES on voice vote.
- Atlanta Pride Festival
 - NPU Action: Motion to DEFER to September CARRIES on voice vote.

- Walk for Farm Animals
 - Heard at July 2011 NPU-F; new date October 29, 2011