

# NPU-N July Meeting

July 31st, 2025

NPU-N members present:

- Chair - Amy Stout
- Cabbagetown Initiative - John Dirga
- Cabbagetown - Eric Foley
- Candler Park - Sarah Cusick
- Druid Hills - Barbara Stafford
- Inman Park - Matt Weaver
- Lake Claire - Beth Grashof
- Little Five Business - Mack Headrick
- Little Five Community Center - David Shorter
- Poncey Highland - Steve Cushing
- Reynoldstown - Christopher Leerssen
- City Planner - Tamaría Letang

## AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks/Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Fast Track suggestions
    - i. Little Five Points Holiday
    - ii. First Voices Festival
    - iii. V-25-138 - 835 Marcus Street Variance
  - b. Adopted with additions to fast track - unanimous**
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve June minutes with minor edits – unanimous**
4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives (please allow public safety representatives to report first)
  - a. Atlanta Police Department - Lt. Carroll
    - i. 18 motor vehicle thefts
    - ii. 9 burglaries
    - iii. 25 theft from auto
  - b. Atlanta Fire Rescue - Matt Driver (Battalion 5)
    - i. School starting again soon; keep an eye out for children and traffic patterns
    - ii. Be careful with grills and fireworks, especially on rooftops
    - iii. Keep an eye out for heat emergencies
  - c. ATL311 - Imani Banks
    - i. Non emergency issues (potholes, missed trash, etc)
    - ii. How to contact:
      1. Dial 3-1-1 inside city limits or 404-546-0311 if outside of city limits
      2. Visit and chat at [www.ATL311.com](http://www.ATL311.com)
      3. Email at [ATL311@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ATL311@atlantaga.gov)

- 4. Download mobile app
      - 5. Reach out via social media @ATL311
    - iii. Survey link -
  - d. Department of Public Waste - Officer Spurlock ([ejspurlock@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ejspurlock@atlantaga.gov))
    - i. Oversees enforcement for all sanitation regulations
      - 1. Storage, collection, solid waste, recycling, and illegal dumping
    - ii. Cannot put bulk pickup on right of way until the day before pickup
  - e. Atlanta Watershed – Tessa Winbigler ([twinbigler@atlantaga.gov](mailto:twinbigler@atlantaga.gov))
    - i. No updates
  - f. Code Enforcement – Officer Parham (404-295-6045 - [tparham@atlantaga.gov](mailto:tparham@atlantaga.gov))
    - i. Please ensure that addresses
    - ii. Projects are now going through courts now instead of in-rem board
  - g. Office of Ombudsman Of Neighborhoods - Amber Ware ([amberware@atlantaga.gov](mailto:amberware@atlantaga.gov))
  - h. ATL Parks and Rec - Marvin Mosley
    - i. Last day of Summer camp is July 24th
    - ii. After school program starting August 4th
    - iii. Rec center free for all seniors
    - iv. Movies in the park going until October 24th
5. Comments from Elected Officials
  - a. Office of Liliana Bakhtiari - Patrick Husbands
    - i. City Council on recess
    - ii. Council adopted regulations for 1000 ft distance between vape shops as well as 1000 ft to schools and daycares (25-O-1098)
    - iii. Atlanta DOT broke ground on Jackson St Bridge renovations
    - iv. Councilmember helped open new grocery store 381 Edgewood Avenue, which used to be a food desert
6. APAB Report
  - a. No Report
7. Planner's Report
  - a. Following Applications supported by NPU and the ZRB
    - i. Z-25-15
  - b. [npuatlanta.org](http://npuatlanta.org)
  - c. First complete draft complete of new zoning and open for comment [atlzoning.com](http://atlzoning.com)
  - d. City and Clark Atlanta have combined to offer classes on Atlanta's Civic landscape
8. Matters for Voting (please see attachment)
  - a. Fast Track
    - i. Little Five Points Holiday
    - ii. First Voices Festival
    - iii. V-25-138 - 835 Marcus Street Variance
    - iv. Motion to approve - unanimous
  - b. Mimosa Fest 2025 - Kari Weaver
    - i. 7th annual event, 1st time in Candler Park

- ii. October 15th from 1-5
- iii. 21 and over event
- iv. There will be music, food trucks, mimosas, beer, and wine
- v. Plenty of Security
- vi. Trash team to come back the next morning
- vii. Comments from public
  - 1. Same day as Little Five Points Halloween Festival
    - a. May move back to the skate park if that is an issue
- viii. Comments from the board
  - 1. Candler Park vote was pretty split
    - a. There have been some bad experiences with gated and ticketed events in Candler Park
    - b. People may not have understood that this event was for charity and raising money for brain cancer research
    - c. Access to the playground may have been limited
    - d. Setup time was from Thursday to Monday (does it need to be that long?)
      - i. Access would not be prevented except for during the event
    - e. Candler Park residents could meet with event organizers to iron out details

ix. Motion to defer - unanimous (applicant not present due to not being invited)

- c. Southern Fried

i. Motion to defer - unanimous

## 9. Matters for Review and Comment

- a. No Comments

## 10. Presentations

- a. Center for Civic Innovation - Ann Hill Bond
  - i. Atlanta-based nonprofit with the mission to strengthen the community's understanding and power to advocate for local policy change
  - ii. In 2019 led initiative to ensure residents have a voice through the NPU system
    - 1. Strengthen purpose
    - 2. Strengthen leadership and capacity
    - 3. Strengthen transparency and accountability
  - iii. Recommendations came right before Covid, so trying to make another push now
  - iv. Want to agree on purpose of NPUs
    - 1. Survey here: [civicatlanta.org/npusurvey](http://civicatlanta.org/npusurvey)
  - v. There will be an NPU advisory board created
  - vi. Learn more here: <https://civicatlanta.org/npu-initiative>

## 11. Old Business

- a. Update for the CIG

- i. Poncey Highland has a committee working on their plan for the sign and street toppers
  - 1. Have requested bids from 3 companies for 48 companies
  - 2. Will be done for closeout report in December
- ii. Little Five Points is doing research about Gregory Davis to include in the sign
  - 1. If you have any information about Gregory Davis contact Lauren Welsh at the Little Five Points Alliance

#### 12. New Business

- a. Special Use permit for the Daily Cafe
  - i. This will be on the September Agenda
- b. The city is offering to setup Google Workspace accounts
  - i. Eric Foley and John Dirga are appointed to head this up for the NPU
- c. Bylaws
  - i. We have to revise bylaws to reflect new board position
  - ii. Deadline to get new bylaws to the city is the end of September
  - iii. Our own bylaws say that we have to vote on them by the end of June
  - iv. All resident of the NPU are allowed to vote on the bylaws, not just the board
- d. A person is proposing a TOD project at the Marta station in Reynoldstown

#### 13. Announcements

- a. CIE Impact Funding
  - i. Looks like only one person was approved out of about 100 applicants
  - ii. Most rejections were something along the lines of “does not align with department goals”
  - iii. Department of City Planning wanted a lot of applications and got them
  - iv. Selection process was not clear at all and ended up wasting a lot of people’s time
  - v. Seems to be a disconnect between the residents and the department if so many were denied
- b. Findley Plaza
  - i. Fencing will hopefully go up on Monday
  - ii. They will be done with hardscaping by the Halloween parade, but probably not the landscaping

#### 14. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:27