

NPU-N September Meeting

September 25th, 2025

NPU-N members present:

- Chair - Amy Stout
- Cabbagetown Initiative - John Dirga
- Cabbagetown - Eric Foley
- Candler Park - Not Present
- Druid Hills - Barbara Stafford
- Inman Park - Matt Weaver
- Lake Claire - Carol Holliday
- Little Five Business Association - Mack Headrick
- Little Five Community Center - Rich Pettit
- Poncey Highland - Steve Cushing
- Reynoldstown - Not Present
- City Planner - Tamaría Letang

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks/Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Removal of Marta presentation
 - b. Fast Track suggestions
 - i. U-25-24 – 100 Hurt St special use permit
 - ii. Southern Fried Queer Pride Festival
 - c. Adopted with additions to fast track and presentation removed - unanimous
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve August minutes with minor edits – unanimous
4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives (please allow public safety representatives to report first)
 - a. Atlanta Police Department - Alneta Harris
 - i. Decrease of 10% in crime
 - ii. 18% decrease in theft from auto
 - iii. Shots fired on Harold Ave in Lake Claire
 - iv. Festivals to be aware of
 1. Sweet Auburn Festival from Friday to Sunday
 2. East Atlanta Strip
 3. Old Fourth Ward Art Festival
 4. Grant Park Queen's Day
 - v. Will be in Little Five Points for National Suicide Awareness Day
 - b. Atlanta Fire Rescue - not present
 - c. Code Enforcement - not present
 - d. 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 (7am - 12am)
 2. Visit and chat at www.ATL311.com
 3. Email at ATL311@atlantaga.gov
 4. Download mobile app
 5. Reach out via social media @ATL311
 6. Chat virtual assistant
- e. Department of Public Works - Officer Spurlock (ejspurlock@atlantaga.gov)
- i. Leaf season - please place in brown paper bags
 - ii. A lot of construction debris on right of way - please do proper disposal of debris when doing yard or house work
 - iii. If reporting violation, please make sure you give ATL311 address of home address, not your address
- f. Atlanta Watershed – Tessa Winbigler (twinbigler@atlantaga.gov or (678) 975-6830)
- i. Trick or Treatment October 31st from 3 to 9pm at Hemphill water treatment facility
- g. Code Enforcement – Officer Stevens (404-205-1238 - asstevens@atlantaga.gov)
- i. Please ensure that addresses in complaints
 - ii. Can make complaint through 311
- h. Office of Ombudsman Of Neighborhoods - Amber Ware (amberware@atlantaga.gov)
- i. Please reach out for any concerns
- i. ATL Parks and Rec - Marvin Mosley
- i. Washington Park jamboree on Saturday
 - ii. Movies in the park continuing Friday and Saturday through October 24th
 - iii. Splash pads are still open daily 10am to 8pm
 - iv. Soccer ages 3-4 season starts October 4th
 - v. Midnight basketball every Tuesday Thursday at 7:30
 - vi. Fall break camp offered October 13th-17th
5. Comments from Elected Officials
- a. Office of Liliana Bakhtiari - Not Present, but sent report (p husbands@atlantaga.gov (404) 330-6048)
- i. Resolution executing 755,000 dollar for Edgewood Avenue Safe Streets
 - ii. 50,000 dollars for legacy residents in East Lake, Kirkwood
 - iii. Carden Wyckoff filled vacant district 2 seat after councilmember Farokhi stepped down. She will serve the remainder of the term
- b. Office of Councilmember Bond - Amber Madison (4043306770 mbond@atlantaga.gov amadison@atlantaga.gov)
- i. Save Our Youth summit to provide families with tools to protect youth, promote smarter decision making
 1. Location: Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
 2. Saturday Sept 27th from 10am to 1pm
 - ii. Real Talk: Keeping it 100 discussion the dangers of the digital world
 1. October 15th 6:30pm to 8:30pm
 2. Jefferson Park Recreational Center

- c. Judge Cassandra Kirk
 - i. With Demetrius Myatt
 - ii. Celebrating 10 year anniversary of the magistrate court
 - iii. Magistrate court handles small claims, landlord tenant, post-judgement collections, 24-7 search and arrest warrants
 - iv. Closed 707,000 cases in the last 10 years
 - v. Middle and High school students
 - 1. Year round internship
 - 2. Bang the Gavel - Day long shadowing to observe trials, lunch provided
 - 3. Reach Clinic - opportunity for people that have questions about a magistrate court case
 - d. Congresswoman Nikema Williams - Ernest Boston
 - i. Last Saturday held military academy day
 - 1. About 70 students from across district
 - 2. If you have a child interested, contact the office
 - ii. National App Challenge
 - 1. Students design an app that helps humanity/citizens
 - 2. Winner presents to national competition with winners receiving scholarships
 - iii. Congressional Art Competition
 - 1. Winner gets artwork displayed in the Capitol
 - 2. Winner presents to national competition with winners receiving scholarships
 - iv. Not sure what will happen with federal budget. Be on lookout for more information from this office
 - v. There is a constituent services office that the congresswoman runs to help with anything under the federal purview
6. APAB Report
- a. No Report
7. Planner's Report
- a. npuatlanta.org
 - b. First comment period of new zoning is closed: see at atlzoning.com
 - i. Probably will not be another round of public input
 - ii. Planning on being in front of city council end of this year or early next year
 - c. Cases reviewed by BZA
 - i. V-25-119 (1112 Kirkwood Ave) - approved by NPU and BZA
 - ii. V-25-115 (471 Clifton Rd) - approved by NPU and BZA
 - iii. V-25-77 - NPU voted in favor but application denied by BZA (717 Edgewood Avenue)
8. Matters for Voting (please see attachment)
- a. Fast Track
 - i. U-25-24 – 100 Hurt St special use permit
 - ii. Southern Fried Queer Pride Festival

iii. Motion to approve - unanimous

- b. V-25-168 - 1189 Euclid Ave NE requesting special exception to decrease parking spaces from 14 to 6 and reduce transitional yard setback
 - i. There are currently 6 spots; keeping as is, not reducing; zoning would usually require 14 spots for building of that size
 - ii. Parking currently rarely used
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. Michelle Krupa
 - a. Resident at 198 Degrasse Ave
 - b. Speaking in support of the application
 - c. Would love to see a business of this sort open nearby
 - 2. Scott Foerst
 - a. Direct neighbor next door
 - b. Found out about project day of CPNO meeting
 - c. No vote at CPNO
 - d. Main concern is parking for 4100 sq ft; zoning requires 14
 - e. Has been functioning fine at current size but adding 1700 sq ft
 - f. Had to ask work trucks to relocate and not block alleyway
 - g. If it becomes a new business it does not have to follow this adjustment
 - h. Fine with setback but concerned about parking
 - 3. Dave Aynes
 - a. From Atlanta Leasing and Investment
 - b. Helped with the purchase of the buildings
 - c. Little Five Points is unique and the average parking in the area is 2 spots per 1000 sq ft which is close to variance
 - d. Building fits character of little five points without adding parking
 - 4. Lauren Estrin
 - a. Speaking in favor
 - b. Client that bikes or walks to the business
 - c. Emails from business gives parking instruction (use parking behind Abadaba's across the street)
 - 5. Elizabeth Ames
 - a. 352 Sinclair Ave
 - b. Echoes what Lauren Estrin said
 - c. Great opportunity for young adults and teens to have exercise classed in neighborhood
 - d. Neighbors love the therapy offered there as well
 - 6. CPNO did have a vote on this
 - a. 65 in favor, 18 opposed
 - 7. L5P Business Association also voted to approve
 - 8. Shayna Gross (business owner) rebuttal

- a. Vision is to create 2 rings of community
 - i. People that are a part of the business
 - ii. The overall community in little five points
- b. Want to be a center that curates an experience that is positive
- c. Very participatory neighbor, gives tours, answers questions, etc.
- d. At time of the first renovation parking signs had been overgrown, once they knew it was private parking they moved all trucks

iv. Motion to approve - unanimous

9. By-laws vote

- a. Only change was adding Cabbagetown Initiative as board member
- b. Votes by neighborhood (yes, no, abstention)
 - i. CI - 8, 0, 0
 - ii. CNIA - 17, 0, 0
 - iii. CPNO - 77, 6, 11
 - iv. Druid Hills - 15, 0, 3
 - v. IPNA - 25, 6, 0
 - vi. Lake Claire - 16, 0, 0
 - vii. L5P BA - 7, 0, 1
 - viii. L5P Community Center - 7, 0, 0
 - ix. Poncey Highland - 8, 0, 0
 - x. Reynoldstown - 20, 0, 2
 - xi. Total - 200, 12, 17

10. Presentations

- a. Mayor's office of Cultural Affairs - Robert Witherspoon
 - i. World Cup 2026 - Bridges, Tunnels, and Walls
 - ii. Mural at the corner of Freedom Parkway and John Lewis Parkway
 - iii. There were surveys within communities of what they wanted
 - 1. This community had responses for celebrating greenspace
 - iv. Proposal is by Larkin Ford
 - v. Freedom Park Conservancy has submitted a letter of support
 - vi. Asking us for a letter of support
 - vii. What is the timeframe?
 - 1. Completed by November probably

viii. Motion for chair to write letter in support of the mural - unanimous

11. Old Business

- a. Community Impact Grant
 - i. Poncey Highland sign topper
 - 1. Selected a vendor
 - 2. Amended sign topper count
 - 3. Approval from city (permit for work)
 - 4. November install date

5. On track to complete project, pay vendor, and write up report by the due date at the end of the year
 - ii. Little Five Points Alliance
 1. Arts Consultant conducted multiple interviews with APD
 2. Working to see if bullet proof vest can be part of the signage
 3. Hope to have text and design to share at next meeting
 - iii. NPU-N in person socializing will be October 2nd at Manuel's
12. New Business
 - a. Will need to have Nominating committee for NPU-N elections
 - b. Next month
 - i. 3 variances on Dekalb
 - ii. 1 in Reynoldtown
 - iii. Ordinance on banning barbed wire in the right of way
 - iv. Please bring these up to the neighborhood meetings
13. Announcements
 - a. Little Five Points square will not quite be done for Halloween
 - i. Will bring fence down for Halloween parade
 - ii. Will replace fence after Halloween parade
 - b. Tunnel Mural on Moreland
 - i. Large mural will probably not happen before the World Cup
 - c. Spirit of Freedom park
 - i. Justin Cutler - commissioner of parks will be speaking
 - d. Candler Park Tour of homes this Saturday (September 27th)
 - e. Fall Fest on October 4th and 5th in Candler Park
14. Announcements
15. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:29