

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – D

Tuesday September 22, 2020 at 7:30 PM

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Meeting ID: 953 5469 3520

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The Atlanta Planning Advisory Board, the support umbrella organization for NPUs, is encouraging you to [register to vote](#) and [request an absentee ballot](#)

2021 NPU Bylaws must be submitted by September 30, 2020. There shall be no restrictions on a resident’s right to vote on Bylaws.

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks/Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Reports from City Departmental Representatives
 - Police
 - District Attorney’s Office
 - Fire
 - Public Works
 - City Code Enforcement
 - City Solicitor’s office
 - Department of Watershed Management
 - Library
 - Parks and Wetlands
 - APAB Report
 - Bolton Academy
 - Agape Center
 - Groundwork Atlanta
4. Comments from Elected Officials
5. Planner’s Report
6. Resolution: A resolution stating NPU-D’s opposition to the development of a freight terminal on the historic Chattahoochee Brick site.
7. Matters for Voting

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications (BZA)

Application	Property Address	Public Hearing Date
V-20-82 Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning ordinance to reduce the required number of off-street parking spaces from 167 required parking spaces to 124 parking spaces for the renovation of an existing structure for warehouse and office use.	1874 Defoor Avenue NW	October 1, 2020

Text Amendments – Zoning Ordinance		
Legislation	Public Hearing	
Z-20-07 An Ordinance to amend the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances Part 16 Zoning, Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 and 6A Single-Family Residential District Regulations for R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 and R-4A by requiring the development of new single-family detached dwellings on land-locked lots to obtain a special use permit; and for other purposes. FACT SHEET	Zoning Review Board – City Hall Council Chambers	October 1 or 8, 2020

8. Announcements

9. 2021 NPU-D Bylaws vote

Proposed Bylaws amendments:

1. Article IV, Section 3: Changing the word "member" to "resident" (as used in this context the term "member" is not defined). Proposed by Jim Martin.
2. Article VII, Sections 5 and 6: These appear to belong in Article V rather than Article VII. Proposed by Jim Martin.
3. Article VII, adding a new section that reads: "NPU-D meetings may be held physically, virtually, or in a hybrid format as circumstances dictate. For those meetings where virtual attendance is permitted, virtual attendees must register and provide their full name and relevant affiliation. Voting members must also provide their physical address." Proposed by Jim Martin.
4. Article XI, section 3: changing the word "presentor" to "presenter" (spelling correction). Proposed by Jim Martin.
5. Article VIII, adding a section that reads: "Regardless of its positions on zoning and other matters, NPU-D does not endorse any incentive tax abatement unless and until it has done so specifically by a written resolution." Proposed by Jim Martin.
6. Article VIII, adding a section that reads: "Regardless of any positive action taken by NPU-D in any zoning or other matter, such action does not imply approval of any related proposed tax abatement, as to which NPU-D takes no position in all cases until specifically requested." Proposed by Heather Shankwiler

10. Presentation: Trees Atlanta, Judy Yi (judy@treesatlanta.org, 404-609-3373)

11. Adjournment

NPU-D VOTING RULES as approved September 2019

NOTE: Eligible Voters (*Residents*) shall mean any person 18 years of age or older whose primary place of residence is within the neighborhood planning unit, or any corporation, organization, institution or agency which owns property or has a place of business or profession within the NPU. Each resident may hold office in only one NPU. Each resident shall have one vote and shall have the right to exercise that vote on all issues which come before the NPU; provided that an NPU may adopt bylaws calling for representative voting, as long as the adoption and revision of such bylaws is by vote open to all such residents without attendance requirements, dues payments, or any other limitation.

SECTION 1. No person shall have more than one (1) vote. At the discretion of the presiding officer, any voter may be required to provide information concerning his or her eligibility to vote.

SECTION 2. All actions of NPU-D shall be decided by majority vote of those eligible voters in attendance at a regularly scheduled NPU-D meeting, except as otherwise provided in the **bylaws**. Proxies will not be accepted. **The outcome of a vote shall be counted by the Chairperson and confirmed by the Vice Chairperson, or any other Executive Committee Member, or by the City Planner.** Written ballots may be utilized at the discretion of the presiding officer. Written ballots may require the voter to provide information regarding his or her eligibility to vote.

SECTION 3. NPU-D shall afford the first opportunity of making a motion on zoning issues to any member of the affected neighborhood.

SECTION 4. **Anyone with a direct financial interest in a case being voted on must abstain from voting on said case.** This does not apply to the bylaws vote, as described in Article III Section 1.

SECTION 5. Any business matter shall be judged by the voting members of NPU-D by the criterion of serving the greatest good of the community. The burden of proof in all business matters shall lie with the applicant.

City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances
(Campaigning by Elected Officials & Candidates)

Campaigning at NPU meetings is strictly prohibited by the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 6-3019 Prohibition of Political Forums

"Neighborhood planning unit meetings shall not be used for political forums or campaigning for city, county, state, or federal elections.

Examples of campaigning could include, but not be limited to:

- Introduction of elected officials as political candidates in upcoming elections;
- Distributing campaign materials and literature; and
- Conducting either of the above in City Hall, its rooms or offices.

Please contact Leah LaRue at 404.546.0159 or llarue@atlantaga.gov with any questions or concerns.