

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chairman Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown

1. Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.
2. Approval of the Agenda – The agenda was approved with a motion to accept deviations as the chair deems necessary.

Vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain- 0 → Motion Carries

3. Approval of Minutes – the minutes were distributed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as read with the indicated correction.

Vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0 → Motion Carries

4. Police, Fire and Community Prosecutor's Updates

- a. Zone 4 Police – Maj. Walker introduced Investigator Christian

- Inv. Christian is a former Day Watch commander for Zone 4 and is in charge of the Zone 4 investigations
- Maj. Walker indicated that there was a 28% reduction in crime for NPU-T. A copy of the statistics was presented to the NPU-T Chair.
- There have been 141 arrests in the past 28 days.
- He indicated that there is a group within Zone 4 that meets quarterly to discuss how to reduce crime within the community. He will extend an invitation to the associations in the NPU so that we can increase the participation.

- b. Zone 1 Police – Major Walker introduced the new Zone Commander, Major Dallas.

- Major Dallas indicated a 16% reduction in crime over the last 30 days.
- A copy of the crime statistics has been left with the NPU-T chair.
- 404.799.2488 is the Zone 1 Precinct telephone #.
- He indicated that a plan has been implemented to address several burglaries that have taken place on Beat 103.

- c. Fire & Rescue – no representative present.

- d. Community Prosecutor – Erica Marshall Story is the new Zone 4 Community Prosecutor.

- She can be reached at 3050 MLK Drive Suite X6. The phone # is 404.699.5294 / fax 404.699.5293.
- She left copies of a form to target homes which are being used for drug purposes.

- e. City of Atlanta Dept of Watershed Management – Diane Badger

NPU-T Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2005

- Diane spoke about the Combined Sewer area that is within NPU-T. The Greensferry is slated for sewer separation in West End & Washington Park.
 1. There will be a public hearing for this work effort held in front of the Urban Design Commission on July 27th at 4pm at City Hall.
 2. Construction for the NPU-T portion of the sewer separation will be started in August
 3. There is an ability to pay your water bill online. To register, logon to www.atlantaga.gov and select online services.
5. Planner's Report – Chancer McLaughlin
- a. He discussed Z-05-56 – Text amendment. <See discussion below>
 - b. The SPI was discussed. Research revealed that a prior NPU-T vote had never taken place.
 - Bill Dunkley spoke concerning the SPI and provide an historical view of what has transpired over the last two (2) years since the initial SPI was drafted
 - A printed copy of the entire SPI was distributed.
 - Once the public hearing takes place, if it is approved, the SPI will be presented to the City Council within 30 days. If the city council approves it, the Mayor receives it. If the Mayor approves the SPI it then becomes into effect. This can take as little as 45 days.

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the SPI as presented by Bill Dunkley

The Vote: Yes-13; No-1; Abstain-0 → Motion carries

6. 2006 CDBG / Home Review

- a. Morehouse College – Tory Johnson presented the grant renewal for the Revitalization Taskforce.
 - The Morehouse grant will enable the acquisition of properties and the building of single family homes within the AUC community.
 - This grant will enable the construction of six (6) single family homes.
 - All construction will be performed in conjunction with the UCDC.

A motion and properly seconded to recommend that the CDBG be renewed for the Morehouse Revitalization Task Force.

Vote: Yes-14; No-0; Abstain-0 → Motion carries

- b. UCDC Homebuyer Certification – Valerie Fontaine presented the grant request for \$30,000 to continue homebuyer certification programs that are designed to provide education to individuals desiring to become homeowners.

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2005

- There will also be a portion of the grant which will also provide education for existing homeowners.
- Valerie discussed the objective of the training.
 1. There is home purchase down-payment assistance up to \$30,000 for individuals who successfully complete homeownership training such as that offered by the UCDC.
 2. Provide financial education to help individuals understand how to manage money and to reduce the likelihood of mortgage foreclosure

A motion and properly seconded to recommend that the CDBG be renewed for the University Community Development Corporation (UCDC).

Vote: Yes-15; No-0; Abstain-0 → Motion carries

- c. YMCA – Frederick Riley presented a program to build out a facility to provide for additional youth-centric program.
- The CDBG in the amount of \$1.1M was requested.
 - A concern was raised that this YMCA was not within the boundaries of the NPU-T. Because some members of the NPU-T may utilize the YMCA, a vote was recommended so that the community could provide input.
 1. the response from the YMCA was that the reason the NPU-T was requested to vote was because this YMCA attempts to service all of Southwest Atlanta and does not align with the specific NPU-T.

A motion and properly seconded to recommend that the recommendation of the impacted NPU (NPU-S) the YMCA CDBG request.

Vote: Yes-14; No-0; Abstain-0 → Motion carries

7. Board of Zoning Adjustment

- a. V-05-209 162 Walnut St SW.
- Applicant Michael Brown seeks a variance from zoning regulations to reduce both side yard setbacks from 7' to 5' in order to allow for a new two-story single family dwelling

Mr. Brown was not present and had not presented to the impacted neighborhood (Booker T. Washington). Per NPU-T bylaws this application cannot be voted on until presented to the impacted community.

No vote was required

- b. Zoning Review Board Z-05-56

NPU-T Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2005

- An ordinance by council member Ivory Lee Young, Jr. to amend various sections of the Zoning Code of the City of Atlanta for the purpose of clarifying and/or defining certain terms related to supportive housing; to provide how applications for such uses are to be processed; defining the term community center and removing certain redundant terms related to such use; redefining the conditions under which Dormitories, Sorority Houses and Fraternity Houses are permitted; Deleting rooming houses and boarding houses as permitted uses in certain districts; and for other purposes

Questions concerning grandfathering existing properties were raised. Chancer clarified that existing legal properties will be covered but if the property is operating illegally, it remains up to enforcement to address.

Questions concerning defining the affiliation for dormitories, fraternities and sororities were raised. There was a concern that the term allows too many loopholes for uses that are inconsistent with the ordinance.

A motion was made and seconded to defer the vote until the clarification was achieved for the above questions.

Vote: Yes-9 ; No 5; Abstain-1 → Motion Carries.

8. Neighborhood Associations Reports: none

Deviation 1: A motion was made to extend the meeting by an additional 20 minutes.

Vote: Yes-14 ; No 0; Abstain-0 → Motion Carries.

9. Committee Reports –

- a. Parks & Recreations: Kwabena Nkromo presented a copy of his committee report to the NPU-T chair
- b. Zoning: All neighborhoods in the NPU-T are currently without a housing code enforcement officer.
 - We have developed a data sheet and are working with a team from the City to address outstanding issues.
 - The first dozen properties that have been brought to the attention of the Housing Code have been sited and brought within the Code Enforcement System.

10. Presentation(s)

NPU-T Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2005

- a. Bill Dunkley presented the Northside Drive Transportation Study. He highlighted the fact that this study increases the importance of the West End transfer station. This will be presented at the August meeting for a NPU-T vote.
- b. Melissa Milligan of HJ Russell presented the Loft project.
 - Phase 1 is currently under construction
 - The CVS construction is separate from the Russell phase of the project.
 - Melissa presented renderings of the first condo building and the CVS store. The condo will be faced with over 40% brick.
 - 105 Condos will be in phase 1 and the total project will be 199 housing units.
 - Community Concerns:
 1. Minority-owned business should be solicited for the project
 2. The condition of the Phase 2 and 3 parcels before they are developed. A request was made to have the property owner guarantee the condition and appearance of the parcel while waiting for the next phases
 - a. Keep the grounds clean
 - b. Make sure that the undeveloped parcels are not left in an abandoned.
- c. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Study Update – Harry Straight presented. There is a similar study being conducted along MLK between Northside and the West Lake Marta Station. Mr. Straight left a copy of information with the NPU-T

11. Chairperson's Report – Chairman Brown Announcements –

- a. Reminded the bylaws committee to meet
- b. Reminded of John O Chiles dinner
- c. Reminded that the 2006 Nominations Committee must make recommendations by the September meeting.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22pm