

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown

Prior to the invocation, the Chairman reminded the NPU-T attendees of the prohibition against campaigning during the meeting. This includes buttons, t-shirts, or the distribution of business cards or other campaign materials.

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 – Copies of the minutes were distributed.

*A motion was made to approve the minutes as written and submitted.*

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

4. Police, Fire and Community Prosecutor's Updates

- a. Police

- Sgt. Kreher spoke to the NPU regarding the concerns of police turnover. There have been 821 police officers hired by the city since the year 2000. In that same time, 756 officers have resigned. Sgt. Kreher is president of the Atlanta Police Union.
  1. The members were asked to contact the elected officials (mayor, council, etc.) and inquire why the turnover is as high as it is and what can be done to reduce the turnover.
  2. Sgt. Kreher left copies of his business cards for anyone to contact him.
- Lt. Isom from Zone 1 spoke. He advised the NPU-T attendees:
  1. 115 part 1 crimes were reported in September
  2. He reported here have been 39 narcotics arrests, 4 for prostitutions and other types of crimes and quality of life-related crimes.
  3. He left a copy of the crime statistics with the NPU-T chair.
- Lt. Little from Zone 1 spoke. He advised the NPU-T attendees:
  1. He left a copy of the crime statistics with the NPU-T chair.
  2. He advised the attendees that if there is a suspected location where drugs are sold or if a roadblock location is desired, call the Zone 4 precinct office.

- b. Fire & Rescue – Firefighter Quentin Blakely from Station #7 spoke. He indicated:

- 199 Calls in the last month
- there were fires on Ozone St., Fair St. and Murphy Ave. in the last month

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- October is Fire Prevention Month.
  - Blood pressure testing is available at no charge at the fire stations
  - Home fire safety inspections may be arranged by calling 404.853.7000
  - Smoke detectors are available at the fire stations for no charge. If anyone requires assistance installing them, this is also available at no charge.
  
  - *Bill Cannon spoke about the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Bill is available at 404.753.1056*
- c. Community Prosecutor - Erika Marshall Story (3050 MLK) spoke. She provided updates regarding:
- Don McCray received a life sentence for murder
  - Phillip Moore was indicted for child exploitation and endangerment
  - There was a cold case conviction for Clydine Dallas (1986) and her murder has resulted in a conviction as a result of DNA testing.
- d. Atlanta Watershed Management – Diane Badger spoke. She let us know that:
- October is “Rivers Alive” Month in Georgia and Atlanta. The department will be distributing curb markers indicating “do not dump, drains to stream.” There will be an event on October 29<sup>th</sup> at Beaver Brook Park at 10am.
  - She also left forms for the Ambassador Program Survey.
- e. Housing Code Compliance – Sandra Hines spoke to introduce herself and let us know that she’s striving for a 48-hour turnaround for all reported events.
- f. Gail Mosley from Commissioner Boxil’s office. She provided copies of the Commissioner’s newsletter. She also reminded the NPU-T attendees of several services:
- The Alcohol & Drug Treatment center on Boulevard has been renovated. The programs offered include:
    1. substance abuse
    2. health department
    3. mental health
  - 55 and Alive is a program for citizens 49-59 years of age who come together to talk about issues and concerns to that age bracket
  - October 27<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date of the Fulton County Budget Hearing

Deviation #1:

1. A presentation was made by Ashton Reynolds, a student at Morehouse. He is working with WEND and Booker T. Washington to coordinate the John O. Chiles event. He is asking all the community organizations to provide food contributions in support of the event.

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2. Andre Bertrand worked to discuss community revitalization activities. He talked about the issues regarding economic development and the challenges that the community faces with respect to the creation of employment opportunities within the NPU-T community.
  - o He is working with the Department of Commerce Economic Development Authority (EDA) to have a study conducted. There has been a grant in the amount of \$220k to conduct an EDA study. The study will focus across 40 census tracts and will result in a report that makes recommendations on future commercial developments that will enhance the community. The study is expected to run for 1 year once the consulting contract has been awarded.
5. Planner's Report – Chancer McLaughlin
  - a. Chancer distributed a summary of **M LK Jr. Dr. Corridor Transportation Study**. This will be discussed in greater detail at the November meeting.

**6. Board of Zoning Adjustment** November 18, 2005 **1:00 P.M.**  
**V-05-306** **350 Spelman Lane**

Applicant, Robert D. Flanigan for Spelman College, seeks a special exception from zoning regulations to reduce the off-street parking requirement from 400 parking spaces (required) to 100 parking spaces to allow for the construction of a new dormitory, classroom and arts building.

Discussion: Concerns were expressed that the plan had been brought to the community with little time to research and understand the nature of the proposed structure. The Zoning and Land use Committee has not had an opportunity to review and make a recommendation.

A motion was made and properly seconded to defer a vote until the November meeting.

The vote: Yes: 8; No: 2; Abstain: 2 → Motion carries.

**Zoning Review Board** December 3 or 10, 2005 **6:00 P.M.**  
**Z-05-103** **Text Amendment**

An Ordinance by Council Member Felicia Moor to amend code section 16-27.003 (2) of the Land Development; to clarify and define the minimal information required for a rezoning application; and for other purposes.

Discussion: A fact sheet was distributed by the Planner. Concern was expressed regarding the timing of the text amendment and the lack of lead time that was given to the NPU-T members to decide.

A motion was made and properly seconded to defer a vote on this text amendment until additional information can be gathered.

The vote: Yes: 12; No: 0; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries

**Ordinance 05-O-1748 – (for information only)**

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An Ordinance by Councilman Ceasar C. Mitchell as substituted by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee to amend Section 162-118 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta Georgia (Vehicles for Hire, Schedule of Fares) so as to increase the schedule of fares; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.

**No NPU-T action is required on this ordinance (05-O-1748).**

### 7. Neighborhood Associations Reports:

- a. Kay Wallace of WEND discussed the Candidates Forum for the City Council District 4 seat that will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The Forum will be held at Brown Middle School at 7pm. The doors open at 6:30pm.

### 8. Committee Reports –

- a. Nominating Committee: There was no nominating committee established so the NPU-T Chair accepted nominations from the floor. The following individuals were nominated for office:

- Chair – Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown
- Vice-Chair – Kwabena Nkoromo
- Secretary – Scott Smith
- Assistant Secretary – none
- Chaplain – Gwen Porter

There were no additional nominations made during the course of the meeting. This slate of nominees will be presented at the November NPU-T meeting for a vote of the membership.

- b. Kwabena Nkromo, spoke and advised the NPU-T membership
  - He is conducting a survey to determine how neighbors use parks and to understand their perceptions of Atlanta City Parks.
  - He attended a conference for food security. He is attempting to determine how community gardening may positively impact issues related to food security
  - He advised that the Parks Commissioner will be holding her regular meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> at City Hall East.
- c. Kaatim El Al spoke to invite members of the NPU-T to a reception being held for the new principal of Washington High School. He provided flyers for the NPU-T membership announcing this event.

### 9. Chairperson’s Report – Chairman Brown Announcements – none

### 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm