NPU-T Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm EST 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 by Mark Malaguerra to accept deviations as the chair deems necessary and seconded by Kwabena Nkromo.

   Vote: Yes-6; No-0; Abstain- 0 ➔ Motion Carries

3. Approval of Minutes – the minutes were read.

   A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra and seconded by Penny xxx to approve the minutes as written and read.

   Vote: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0 ➔ Motion Carries

Deviation #1: Chairman Brown spoke about the success of the John O Chiles Thanksgiving Dinner. He recognized Gwen Porter for her leadership of the event planning.

4. Police, Fire and Community Prosecutor's Updates

   a. Police –

- Major Dallas from Zone 1 spoke.

  1. He provided activity statistics for beats 103 and 107 to the NPU chair.
     a. Additional copies were provided for members of the community
  2. There have been 105 arrests in these two (2) beats in the past month.
  3. He informed the community that they have added additional officers to help during the holiday season.
  4. He also indicated that Zone 4 has increased officers at West End and Greenbriar Malls.
  5. Major Dallas gave advice on ways to stay safe during the year.
  6. Major Dallas advised that if there are specific requests for any type of community education (i.e. prevent identity theft, etc.), he will assist with getting the sessions conducted.

- Sergeant Dell from Zone 4 spoke.
  1. She indicated that there have been a lot of vehicles stolen recently because cars are left unattended with either the keys in the ignition or left on to warm up in the colder weather. She advised that it is very helpful to remain aware of your surroundings.
  2. No crime stats were not available at the current time.

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b. Fire & Rescue –
   - Firefighter Blakely of Station 7 spoke. There were 251 runs, 120 were medical and the remaining 93 were fire calls and 38 were miscellaneous calls.
     1. He advised on several different safety tops:
        a. Candle safety – make sure that lighted candles are in proper holders and are out of the reach of children. Also never leave home with candles lighted, keep them away from holiday decorations.
        b. Electrical Safety – do not overload an electrical outlet
        c. Holiday Lights – do not use lights if the cables or plugs are damaged.
           i. Never leave the tree lit overnight or when not at home.
        d. Holiday Trees – keep natural trees watered so that they don't dry out and become an increased fire hazard.
        e. Fireplace Safety – Get the fireplace cleaned at least once a year and make sure there is a screen in front of the fireplace to prevent sparks from going into the room.
     2. He reminded of the blood pressure checking available at the fire stations, child seat inspections / installations are available at 404.853.7000. Smoke detectors are available upon request by calling 404.853.7000.

c. Community Prosecutor – Erika Marshall Story
   - The Court Watch program will be on February 18, 2006. This is an activity to help educate the community on the court process.
   - There will be a series of public safety seminars sponsored to discuss A) Gang Identifiers, B) Burglary & Theft Prevention and C) General Safety information
   - Zone 3 now has a community prosecutor. There will be an office opened in Zone 1 in January 2006.

Deviation #2 – Tanya Mitchell of Code Compliance spoke about issues and was on hand to hear any immediate issues. Her direct # is 404.330.6136.

5. Planner's Report – Chancer McLauglin
   a. The planner was not present.
   b. M.L. K. Jr. Dr. Corridor Transportation Study Final Report (NPU will vote on the plan at the next NPU meeting)

   c. NPU-T Administration of Oath of Officers
      - There was no city council member present to administer the oath of office.
      - The officer's elect are:
        1. Chairperson– Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown
        2. Vice Chair Person – Kwabena Nkromo
        3. Secretary – Scott C. Smith
        4. Chaplain – Gwen Porter

6. Zoning Review Board December 3 or 10 , 2005 6:00 P.M.

Z-05-104 Text Amendment

An Ordinance by Council Members Mary Norwood, Joyce Sheperd, H. Lamar Willis, Ivory Lee Young, Natalyn Archibong, Anne Fauver, Debi Starnes ad Jim Maddox to amend the 1982 City of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended to define and regulate infill residential development, and for other purposes.

No planner was present to provide an explanation of the amendment. Chairman Brown indicated that this has already been voted on by the city council but that the NPU-T has the right to vote on the amendment.

Z-05-106 Text Amendment

An Ordinance by Council Member Ceasar C. Mitchell to amend chapter 16 of the City of Atlanta Zoning Code to create a New Category of Shopping Center signs; to provide specific regulations for such signs; and for other purposes.

No planner was present to provide an explanation of the amendment. Chairman Brown indicated that this has already been voted on by the city council but that the NPU-T has the right to vote on the amendment.

7. **License Review Board**

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Shamsha Lakhani	Food Store	West End Stop & Shop	785 Lee Street	Change of Ownership

The applicant was not present as they had not yet presented to the impacted neighborhood association.

7. Neighborhood Associations Reports:

   a. none

8. Committee Reports – none

9. Chairperson's Report – A certificate of appreciation was presented by Deputy Chief Dunovant to recognize NPU-T's collaboration with the Atlanta Police Department.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm EST

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