

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2006

*There was no executive committee meeting in February.*

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The General meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm 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 Kwabena Nkromo accept deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Edmund Macafee.

Vote: Yes-10; No-0; Abstain- 0 → Motion Carries

3. Approval of Minutes – the minutes from the November & December meetings were distributed.

*A motion was made by Oluyemi Yikealo, and seconded by Kwabena Nkromo to approve the January minutes as written.*

Vote: Yes-10; No-0; Abstain-0 → Motion Carries

4. Police, Fire and Community Prosecutor’s Updates

- Police –

- Zone 4 – Sgt. Rainey (404.756.1903) spoke. He advised:

- *In the last week there were 184 arrests including:
  - a. 2 cases of aggravated assault*
- *He also advised that there 15 cases of businesses operating without a license and that there was a massage parlor in the NPU-T area. There have been 3 arrests for a total of 8 different charges.
  - a. He suggests that we approach the LRB to complain about the illegal activities taking place on the business premises*
- *He cautioned against leaving a running vehicle unattended in order to warm up the vehicle and against leaving any items in sight in the car.*
- *He suggested calling about anyone that apparently does not belong on the street as this can reduce the amount of crime.*
- *Teen truancy is an issue in the area. If you see a school-aged child on the street, call the police to report it.*

- Zone 1 – Officer Brown (404.799.2488), the Zone 1 quality of life officer spoke.

- *He is working with the Atlanta development authority on a project called “Crime & Grime” and is also working with the UCDC on special projects.*
- *He highlighted that it is helpful to participate in community clean-ups and the Zone can help with projects such as tire recycling drives, dumpsters and other types of activities that can enhance the quality of life in then NPU-T boundaries.*

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- Fire & Rescue – no representation at this meeting
  
- Community Prosecutor – David Katz (404.775.6594) the new Zone 1 Community Prosecutor spoke.
  - He highlighted the court watch program that is being run on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - A safety seminar will be hosted at the MLK Natatorium March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

Deviation #1: Chairman Brown invited nonscheduled presenters to speak at this time

- Joy Barnes of Watershed Management spoke about the in-progress work being done for the water rehabilitation in NPU-T.
  1. She has left a status report for members of NPU-T to reference.
  2. She spoke about the rate increase as well that was reflected in the January billing cycle. She left copies of the rate charts for the NPU-T membership.
  3. She inquired as to any complaints or problems resulting from the recent work being conducted. She left a complaint form for members to report issues they encounter during the work.
- Eddie Lovick, owner of E2 coffee house in East Atlanta. He is proposing to open a coffee shop in the Sky Lofts.
- Gail Mozley from Commissioner Boxil's office (404.730.8226) spoke. She brought newsletters that have a lot of Fulton County Services information. She highlighted several of the County Services including:
  1. Arts Centers
  2. Mental Health
  3. Senior Centers
  4. Funding for Grady
  5. Property Tax Assessment questions
  6. Voter Registration questions.

5. Planner's Report – Chancer McLaughlin

- none

**6. Street Abandonment**

- An Ordinance by Council Member Winslow to abandon a public street known as Norcross Street, located in the Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia Community known as Harris Home and to convey said abandoned street at no cost to the Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia; to waive the provisions of Section 2-1578 of the City Code; and for other purposes.

Keith Morton (Atlanta Housing Authority) and Amon Martin (Project Manager) spoke. Plans for the street abandonment were presented to the Zoning & Land Use Committee Chair.

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**Discussion:** Because the NPU-T chair resides in the impacted street, he has turned over management of this discussion to the Vice-Chair.

The street is being proposed for abandonment in order to continue with the College Town development project. A question was asked as to what is involved with abandoning a street. Mr. Morton explained that this process removes a public street from it's current use and converts it to different use.

*A motion was made by xxxx and properly seconded by John Davis to defer this item until the March NPU-T meeting to enable the Zoning and Land Use committee an opportunity to review and recommend an action.*

The Vote: Yes: 9; No: 0; Abstain: 1 → Motion Carries.

**7. Subdivision Review Committee (for review and comments)**

**SD-05-91 1180 Eggeston St.** (case deferred at the Jan. NPU meeting).

Applicant, Mark Ross, seeks to subdivide .8215 acre into three lots. Property is zoned R-5 (Two-Family Residential).

Discussion: The applicant was not present. He did not present to the impacted neighborhood association at their regular meeting. Chauncer will check on the status of the applicant with the Subdivision Department at the City.

*A motion was made by Oluyemi Yikealo and properly seconded by Kwabena Nkromo to defer to allow the applicant to contact the impacted neighborhood association.*

The Vote: Yes: 7; No: 3; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries

**8. License Review Board**

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Annie Myunghea Sung for Kim Sungi Corp.	Super Market	Fair Street Super Market	1021 Fair St.	Chang of Ownership
Bookworld USA, LLC	Gas Station	Chevron	923 Lee St.	

➤ Fair Street Super Market. Thomas Choi was present to speak on behalf of Annie Myunghea Sung for Kim Sungi Corp.

- Discussion: Bill Cannon, President of Booker T Washington Community Association spoke. He indicated that that at the last meeting, the applicant presented to the community. At the meeting, faculty members from M Agnes Jones Elementary and Washington High School were present. He further indicated that there were 33 arrests at this location in the last 12 months. This store is located directly across the street from the elementary school. The impacted neighborhood recommended a denial of the application.

- *A motion was made by Bill Cannon and properly seconded by John Davis to deny the application for change of ownership.*

- The Vote: Yes: 10; No: 0; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries

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➤ Bookworld USA, LLC –

- Discussion: The applicant was not present. They did appear before the impacted neighborhood association who reported that there was a language barrier with communicating with the applicant. The impacted neighborhood association, WEND, recommended that the vote be deferred until the next meeting when the applicant would return with an interpreter so that the community can more fully understand the planned license application.
  - *A motion was made by Kwabena Nkoromo and properly seconded by Bill Cannon to defer action on this item pending recommendation by the impacted neighborhood association.*
  - The Vote: Yes: 10; No: 0; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries

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8. Neighborhood Associations Reports:

- Gwen Cain of Morehouse spoke about the open house that is taking place on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. She also introduced Jamil Lacy, the new intern for NPU-T. He will be working on a quarterly newsletter for NPU-T.

9. Committee Reports –

- Zoning & Land Use: Oluyemi Yikealo spoke. He indicated that he attended the developer's day workshop. A written copy of his report was submitted to the NPU-T Chair.
  - He reported that the new director of planning talked about the City's goal for the permitting process is to streamline the entire process. The director of planning is also looking at re-writing the zoning code. The next developer's day is April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
  - He attended the WEND meeting and attempted to attend the Booker T Washington meeting but was unable to do so due to an unpublished location change.
  - He reminded the membership of the monthly meetings that take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 9pm.
  - He will work with the various communities to begin addressing rooming houses
- Code Enforcement: Committee Chair Scott Smith spoke. Tanya Mitchell has been successful in getting several issues resolved within NPU-T. She will continue to work with the neighborhoods to identify problem areas and improve the responsiveness of Code Enforcement.
- Urban Design Committee: Committee Chair McAfee spoke. He talked about an application for a duplex that was submitted (HD-05-583). A written summary of his findings was provided to the NPU-T Chair.

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- Crime & Public Safety: Committee Chair Dadisi Olutosin spoke. He introduced himself and is in the process of forming his committee. He can be reached at 404.797.9644 [djolutosin@gmail.com](mailto:djolutosin@gmail.com)
- Parks & Recreation: Committee Chair Kwabena Nkromo spoke. He provided a written report that was provided to the NPU-T chair. He talked about a planned refurbishment of ballparks in parks throughout the city. The department of parks is in the process of updating all of the plans that are currently in the CDP. He also discussed the community gardening initiative and grants that are available to add a community garden to an existing park.

10. Chairperson's Report – The chairman praised the committees that have been formed to help in the running of the NPU-T issues. He encouraged members of the NPU-T to get more members of their neighborhoods involved in the NPU-T committees. In the past month, a meeting was held with the neighboring NPU's to talk about common issues so that positive changes can be made.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm EST

Donations in the amount of \$8.00 were received.