

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2006

The General meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 Dadisi Olutosin to accept deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Brent Brewer.

Vote: Yes- 7; No-0; Abstain- 0 → Motion Carries

3. Approval of Minutes – the minutes from the July meeting were distributed.

A motion was made by Oluremi Yikealo to accept the minutes as distributed. This was seconded by Kwabena Nkromo

Vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0 → Motion Carries

4. Police, Fire and Community Prosecutor’s Updates

- a. Police – Major Walker (Zone 4) spoke. He indicated that there were 106 arrests in Zone 4. This indicates a 15% reduction in reported crime for the same period in 2005. A copy of the crime statistics were provided to the NPU-T Chair.
 - Major Walker highlighted that the majority of crimes reported were larceny. In many cases, these thefts are from vehicles. His advice is to ensure that all items in your vehicle should be placed out of site and/or removed from the vehicle while it is not in use.
 - Finally, he indicated that there were three (3) cars stolen from the NPU-T Zone 4 area in the week preceding the NPU-T monthly meeting. These cars were stolen while the vehicles were left unattended and turned on.
- b. Fire & Rescue – Captain Touhy (Station #17) spoke. He indicated that on Saturday, August 12th they will be conducting a smoke detector blitz. He further highlighted that by calling the central fire station (404.853.7000) to receive a child safety seat if someone requires one at no charge
- c. Community Prosecutor – Erika Marshall Story is on maternity leave.
- d. Code Compliance – Tracy Thomas (tthomas@atlantaga.gov), the supervisor for the area spoke. The new officer is Dakarta Richardson. The complaint line is 404.330.6190.
- e. Department of Watershed Management – Joy Barnes spoke. She has left several handout brochures for the members of the NPU-T body. This includes information on new payment methods for your water bill and an overview of the 2005 water quality report.

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- If anyone has a leaky meter or unusually high water bills, the property owner or resident should call customer service at 404.658.6500. You will need your account # and the date and amount of your previous water bill that you felt was normal. Complaints that are found to be valid may result in a reduction of your water bill.
- She left a handout with information regarding limitations associated with the current water drought.

5. Planner's Report

- a. Reminder NPU 2007 Bylaws are due September 29, 2006
 - i. A copy of the redline version of the 2007 edits were distributed. This will be voted on in the September meeting.
- b. NPU Neighborhood Boundaries Review (***NPU vote required***) – ***this will be incorporated as part of the bylaws review and will be voted on at the same time. Chairman Brown will contact the neighborhood that is a potential for change to determine whether it makes sense to change any boundaries of any existing communities.***
 - i. A boundaries planning session will be held on Wednesday, August 23rd at Founders Hall at 7pm.

6. Zoning

- a. **Board of Zoning Adjustment September 1, 2006 1:00 P.M.**
V-06-208 980 Oglethorpe Avenue

Applicant, Faye L. Morgan, seeks a special exception from zoning regulations to allow for an 8' height fence in the required front yard setback where such fences are restricted to 4' in height.

- **The Discussion: This applicant has not yet spoken with the impacted neighborhood association or spoken with the Zoning Committee.**
- **The Action: This was deferred in accordance with the NPU-T bylaws.**

No action taken per the bylaws.

- Zoning Review Board September 7 or 14, 2006 6:00PM**
Z-06-50 Text Amendment

An Ordinance by Zoning Committee to amend the City of Atlanta Sign Ordinances so as to allow temporary construction fences to be decorative; and for other purposes.

- **The Discussion: Planner McLaughlin highlighted the proposed text amendment. Chairman Brown expressed concern over the enforcement of the existing sign ordinance. The current ordinance has not been enforced to date and there is significant concern that this will be unenforceable should Z-06-50 be approved.**
 - **A question was asked as to the illegal attachment of other signs to the signs that are posted legally.**
 - **Another concern was expressed as to the degree of advertisement that could be seen and make it more of a public nuisance.**
 - **The Booker T. Washington President highlighted a multi-block development that had signs placed along the entire length of the property.**

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- **The Action: Scott Smith made a motion to deny the text amendment as it is currently published. This was seconded by John Davis.**

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

- 7. ORDINANCE- 06-O-1162** *(for information only) (case deferred at the July NPU meeting)*
An Ordinance by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to amend chapter 38 of part 2 of the Atlanta City Code to provide for Cemetery or Burial Ground Disturbance Permits; to amend the Section 6-4043 of the Land Development Code to authorize the Urban Design Commission to review and make recommendations on Cemetery or Burial Ground disturbance Permits; and for other purposes.

- **The Discussion: This has been withdrawn from the agenda.**

8. Special Events/Outdoor Festivals

- a. 10th Annual Great Atlanta Youth Walk
 - i. the applicant has not presented to the impacted neighborhood and will be present at a future NPU-T meeting for action.

9. Neighborhood Associations Reports: -

- a. Westview Community Organization – Mark Malaguerra talked about the West Lake LCI study. Scott Smith is on the steering committee.

10. Committee Reports –

- a. Zoning & Land Use - Oluyemi Yikealo – provided a copy of his report (transcribed below)
 - i. Oluyemi highlighted the July 25th Developer’s Day and the August 1st National Night Event.
 - 1. He highlighted the Developer’s Day conferences and advised that there is additional information on the city’s website (www.atlantaga.gov)
 - ii. There are applications on Fair, Walnut and Olglethorpe streets which will need future action by the NPU-T body.
- b. Education – Oni Oluremi
 - i. She reminded the NPU-T body that August 14, 2006 is the first day of school.
 - ii. She also highlighted that 50% of the 8th Grade students that attended summer school passed the GRCT.
- c. Crime & Public Safety – no report
- d. Code Enforcement – Scott Smith
 - i. Report attached

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- e. Bylaws Committee – discussed earlier in the meeting, see item #5

11. Presentation(s) –

- i. Sonia Ebron** of Black Energy spoke to the NPU-T about the cost of fuel and the impact of the cost of oil on non-oil related products. This organization forms energy co-ops to help lower the consumer natural gas rates. She left information on the organization for the NPU-T Body. → Once the presenter completed her talk, it was realized that this organization is a for-profit company and should not have been placed on the agenda during the meeting.

12. Chairperson's Report –

- a. Chairman Brown highlighted the diversity of the community. He indicated that prejudice and bias are not welcome in our decision-making process or procedures.
- b. On October 28, 2006, Capital City Bank will be hosting the First Annual West End Fall Festival.
- c. Chairman Brown has been appointed by the Atlanta Planning and Advisory Board (APAB) to the commission on Coretta Scott King. The purpose of this commission is to identify ways in which the city can recognize and honor the contributions of Coretta Scott King to the City of Atlanta. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 24th, 2006.

13. Announcements –

- a. Oleyemi Yikealo talked about the new West End Business Association.
- b. Oni Oluremi announced that on August 26th, there will be the first West End Unity and Culture Celebration. The event will be held from 10am – 6pm and will be held at the Shrine of the Black Madonna parking lot.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm EST

Donations in the amount of \$ 11.00 were received.

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July 2006 Code Enforcement Committee Report

1. The NPU-T Code Enforcement Officer has been on medical leave and we are expecting a new officer to be appointed.

Please continue to provide feedback on suspected code enforcement issues so that we can get the complaints loaded into the system.

- a. We will still be using the code enforcement reporting sheets. The sheets should be filled out for any suspected housing code violation. If you deliver them or call the committee chairperson (404.752.6423), they will be reported to the appropriate agency.
2. Additional committee members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott C. Smith
Committee Chairperson