

## NPU-T Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2006

The General meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm EST by Chairman Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown

1. Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.
2. Approval of the Agenda – A motion was made by Kwabena Nkromo to accept the agenda as published with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Gwen Cain.

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

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

A motion was made by Kwabena Nkromo to accept the minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Karl Barnes

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

4. Police, Fire and Community Prosecutor's Updates

- a. Police –

1. Zone 1 – Lt. J. Johnson spoke:

- Lt. Johnson extended the apologies of Major Dallas for his absence from the prior two (2) NPU-T Meetings.
- Lt. Johnson highlighted holiday safety tips:
  - a. If you are out of town for the holidays, please call the precinct to request a directed patrol. The zone number is 404.799.2488
  - b. He also indicated that it is helpful to get to know the beat officers.

2. Zone 4 – Maj. Walker spoke:

- Maj. Walker was asked what the proper method to get to know the individual officers. He has committed to present strategies at a future NPU-T meeting.
- A copy of the crime statistics was provided to the NPU-T Chair.

- b. Fire & Rescue

1. Station #17 – Lt. Jordan spoke:

- In the past month, the station participated in the ASAP program. In that event, they distributed 80 smoke detectors in the Mozley Park area. He also reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors regularly. To request child safety seats, call 404.853.7000.
- He also highlighted that fires occur in vacant house due to vagrants or other individuals illegally occupying the properties. If you see anyone going into a vacant house, call 911.
- There were no fires in the NPU-T area in the last month.

- c. Community Prosecutor – on maternity leave

- d. Code Compliance – none.

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- e. Department of Watershed Management – Joy Barnes spoke.
  - 1. Ms. Barnes advised the community on disposal safety. She highlighted that grease and dairy products should be placed in the trash rather than using the drain.
  - 2. 404.817.6843 is the phone number to call for help with Commercial Grease disposal.
  - 3. If anyone notices a leak of water to the street, the number to call is 404.658.6500.
  - 4. A copy of the complaint forms and the watershed management newsletter was left on the information table.

**5. Planner's Report – Chancer McLaughlin**

- a. Planner McLaughlin spoke about the redevelopment of Fort McPherson. There is a planning session on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the William M. Finch Elementary School.

**6. Neighborhood Associations Reports: -**

- a. Morehouse Revitalization Task Force –
  - i. There will not be a Holiday luncheon sponsored by the Morehouse President.
- b. John O. Chiles Thanksgiving Luncheon – Gwen Porter & Gwen Cain spoke
  - i. The event will run from 11-1:30pm
  - ii. Everyone asked to bring their food items no later than 10am on the day of the event.
  - iii. They are still in need of volunteers
  - iv. WEND will assist with providing cold drinks
- c. Westview – Scott Smith spoke.
  - i. The Westlake LCI study will conclude in early December. The final draft will be presented at the Job Corps facility. For more information, please call Scott Smith at 404.752.6423.

**7. Committee Reports –**

- a. Education – Oni Oluremi spoke.
  - i. She highlighted that the Thanksgiving break is from 11/22 – 11/27.
  - ii. She also talked about the APS plan to open single gender schools
- b. Crime & Public Safety – no report
- c. Zoning – no report
- d. Code Enforcement –
  - i. In October, a complaint was made regarding a residential property that was being used as an auto repair business. A call to the Georgia EPA resulted in the property owner being compelled to clean up the oil/fluid spills and provide proof of the clean up. This property had been reported multiple times to code

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enforcement over the past five (5) years. A call to the EPA resulted in a resolution of the environmental violations in less than 30 days.

**8. Presentation(s) –**

- a. Atlanta Renewal Community Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP)

**9. License Review Board**

| <b>Applicant</b>   | <b>Type of Business</b> | <b>Name of Business</b> | <b>Location Address</b> | <b>Request</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Cheryl Witherspoon | Restaurant              | Chrome on Cascade       | 790 Cascade             | New Business   |

The applicant spoke about her plans to sell liquor in her restaurant. The hours of operation will be Wed-Mon from 11a – 2a (Sun 11a-12:30a). The applicant has plans to install cameras and to also have off-duty police officers to provide security. The applicant has been scheduled to present her proposal to NPU-S but has not yet done so.

The applicant has not yet presented to the impacted neighborhood association (WEND). Based on NPU-T bylaws, a vote cannot be taken until the applicant has had the opportunity to present to the impacted neighborhood.

**10. Nominations and Election of Officers were taken from the floor**

- a. **Nominations for Chairman were taken:**
  - i. **Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown**
- b. **Nominations for Vice-Chair were taken:**
  - i. **Kwabena Nkromo**
- c. **Nominations for Secretary were taken:**
  - i. **Scott Smith**
- d. A motion was by Jabari Henry made to elect the 2007 slate of officers as nominated. This was seconded by Oni Oluremi.

The vote: Yes – 10; No – 0; Abstain – 0 → Motion Carries. The slate of 2007 officers will be as indicated above.

**11. Chairperson’s Report –**

- a. The December NPU-T meeting will involve a short meeting followed by a holiday party. The meeting will be planned for no more than 30 minutes.
- b. He also made a request for more volunteers to serve on committees.
- c. The West End Festival was very successful. Plans have begun to hold the 2007 West End Festival. Capitol City Bank has again volunteered to assist with the planning of the event.

**12. Announcements –**

- a. None.

**13. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm EST

Donations in the amount of \$34.00 were received.