

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2006

The General meeting was called to order at 7:33 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 Mark Malaguerra to accept the agenda as published with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

Vote: Yes- 5; No-0; Abstain-0 → Motion Carries

3. Approval of Minutes – the minutes from the November meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to the December meeting. The minutes were read by the NPU-T Secretary. There was one correction.

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

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

4. Police, Fire and Community Prosecutor's Updates

a. Police –

- Zone 4 (Major Walker) spoke.
- Major Walker introduced Ofc. Character, the Zone 4 Quality of Life Officer. Officer Character spoke about the general duties that he performs in support of the community. 404.756.1903 is the telephone number to the Zone.
- Major Walker also indicated that there are three (3) officers (beats) that patrol throughout the week in NPU-T.
- Sgt. Tellis was introduced. The sergeant is the head of the Criminal Investigative Unit within Zone 4.
- A copy of the crime stats were presented to the NPU-T chair. Maj. Walker indicated that the crime were up by 28 crimes over last year. There were 101 arrests in NPU-T in the past 30 days.

b. Fire & Rescue

- Station #17 – Firefighter Glenn spoke.
- He requested a moment of silence for a recent loss of a firefighter in the Vine City neighborhood.
- In the past month, between 200 and 300 smoke detectors were distributed in the Oakland and Vine City communities.
- He reminded the community that there is free blood pressure monitoring at the fire stations
- He highlighted the child safety seat exchange program.
- 404.853.7000 is the telephone number to call for safety seats or smoke detectors

c. Community Prosecutor – on maternity leave

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d. Solid Waste – Clarence Rogers spoke about the change in the yard waste policy. The city will no longer accept plastic bags, there must be paper bags.

e. Code Compliance – no report

1. Department of Watershed Management – Joy Barnes spoke.

- By Friday there will be signs posted on RDA and Lee Streets with advanced notice of future road closings.

5. Planner’s Report – Chancer McLaughlin

a. Planner McLaughlin discussed Z-06-121 in item #10 below.

6. Neighborhood Associations Reports:

i. –

7. Committee Reports –

a. Education – APS is on Winter break from December 22 through January 7, 2007.

b. Crime & Public Safety – no report

c. Land Use & Zoning – no report

d. Code Enforcement – no report

e. Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Kwabena Nkromo spoke. He highlighted that there is a new community garden that has been opened within the NPU-T boundaries. This is being called the Rose Circle Community Garden.

8. Presentation(s) –

9. License Review Board *(case deferred at the November NPU meeting)*

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Cheryl Witherspoon	Restaurant	Chrome on Cascade	790 Cascade	New Business

The applicant has presented to WEND and to NPU-S since the prior meeting. NPU-S deferred voting on the applicant. WEND has voted in support of the application. The WEND president has communicated this support via e-mail to the NPU-T chair.

A motion was made by Kwabena Nkromo to accept the application as submitted and amended by the NPU-T. This was seconded by Oluyemi Yikealo

Vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain- 2 → Motion Carries

10. Zoning

Zoning Review Board

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Z-06-121 Text Amendment (*requires CDP amendment*)

An Ordinance to amend the 1982 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Atlanta, as amended, so as to create a new chapter to be entitled chapter 36 Beltline Overlay District; to establish overlay regulations for said district; to enact, by reference and incorporation, a map establishing the boundaries of said district; and to designate and include in the overlay certain properties, exclusive of property zoned R-1 (Single-family Residential) Through R-5 (Single-family Residential) that are recognized lots of record at the enactment of this part, so as to support the future implementation of the Atlanta Beltline; and for other purposes.

Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) Amendment (*requires NPU vote*)

An Ordinance to amend the Urban Design Element and the Land Use Element of the City of Atlanta 2004-2019 Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) and to re-designate certain properties so as to support the future

Planner McLaughlin distributed a fact sheet and a copy of the proposed ordinance. A vote is not expected at the December meeting. A representative of the Department of Planning will be present at the January 2007 meeting so that an informed vote can be taken.

11. Chairperson's Report –

- a. The Chairperson has advised that Dadisi Olutosin has moved out of the NPU-T boundaries.
- b. He has appointed Vice Chair Nkromo to form a task force to investigate alternative plans to help address crime within the NPU-T boundaries. The text of the announcement follows:
 - i. In response to the troubling string of home burglaries in the Westview neighborhood, the relentless criminal attack on the 964 RDA commercial strip and continuing challenges in relationship to public safety NPU-T wide, I have instructed the Vice-Chair of NPU-T to form a Crime Task Force. This purpose of this group will be to discover new ways of meeting the public safety needs of our residents and businesses. All powers necessary to carry out the purposes of the Task Force are hereby delegated.
- c. Dr. Pauline Drake will be retiring from Spelman College at the end of the semester.

12. Announcements –

- a. None.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm EST

Donations in the amount of \$16.00 were received.