

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 13, 2007

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 following remarks by the chairman

2) Approval of Agenda –

- a) A motion was made by Kwabena Nkromo to approve the agenda as published with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

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

3) Approval of Minutes – *April / May*

- a) Copies of the April Minutes were distributed for approval as indicated in the May minutes

- i) A motion was made Kwabena Nkromo to approve the April Minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

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

- ii) Copies of the May meeting minutes were distributed.

- (1) A motion was made Kwabena Nkromo to approve the April Minutes. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

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

4) Police, Fire, and Community Prosecutor’s Updates (5 minutes per report)

a) Police: Major Perdue (zone 4) Spoke.

- i) There have been multiple robberies of pedestrians at or near the West End MARTA station.
ii) Multiple thefts from vehicles are taking place. The Major suspects that it is due to the summer school break.

b) Police: Johnson Lt. (Zone 1) Spoke.

- i) A copy of the crime statistics was presented to the NPU-T Chair.

c) Fire: Fire Station #17 (Captain Perdue) spoke.

- i) Captain Perdue highlighted that they have assisted the police on several occasions by helping police officers access buildings through the use of ladders to help stop the rooftop burglaries.
ii) Homeland Security training continues to be conducted within the station staff.

d) Community Prosecutor – There is no community prosecutor for Zone 4.

5) Neighborhood Associations Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) WEND – Karl Barnes spoke about the sidewalks in the historic West End and the difference between the historic district requirements and the city approach to the sidewalk repair. He will also work with the Revitalization Task Force on identifying quality development for historic communities.

Deviation #1 → Ms. Anastasia Sandoval (404.472.5461) Spoke about the Greensferry Sewer Separation Project. They are currently repaving the MLK area near Washington High School. She also highlighted the new water restrictions. She left a copy of the new water and sewer rates.

6) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) **Housing Code Enforcement – Scott Smith**

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- i) No report
- b) Crime Task Force – Jasper Boykin**
 - i) The task force has received a \$5,000 grant from the Atlanta Renewal Community.
 - ii) A copy of their May report was distributed to the NPU-T Body.
- c) Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs –**
- d) Education – Oni Oluremi:**
 - i) No report
- e) Executive Committee – Kwabena Nkromo.**
 - i) Kwabena highlighted the details of the CTF Grant.
 - ii) A summary of the work plan will be available for review at the July NPU-T meeting.
- f) Zoning & Land Use (Oni Holly) -**
 - i) no report.
- 7) Planner’s Report –**
 - a) West Lake MARTA LCI Report – Keri Stevens, City Planner**
 - i) Keri Stevens spoke about the West Lake LCI
 - (1) Keri provided background on the study
 - (2) Keri will return in July which is when the NPU-T body will need to vote on the plan.
- 8) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report (APAB representative or NPU-T delegate)**
 - a) No report

- 9) Presentation(s)**
 - a) none

10) Zoning

Zoning Review Board June 7 or 14 , 2007 6:00PM

Z-06-144/06-O-2697 Text Amendment (requires NPU vote) (case deferred at the NPU meeting)

An Ordinance by Council Member Carla Smith to amend chapter 28 of part 16 of the Atlanta City Land Development code to provide for density increases in exchange for affordable workforce housing; to define certain terms; to provide limitations and requirement; and for other purposes.

The Discussion: A special meeting on June 28, 2007 at 6pm in City Council Chambers has been called to discuss this ordinance and to solicit community input.

The Action: No action required at this time.

U-07-02 1310 White Street (case deferred at the NPU meeting)

Applicant, James Higgs, seeks a special use permit to operate an Urban Monastery that will accommodate 150 overnight residents.

The Discussion: The applicant was not present and has not presented again at the impacted neighborhood association.

The Action: A motion was made by Scott Smith to deny the application. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

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The Vote: Yes: 8 No: 2; Abstain: 3; → Motion Carries

Zoning Review Board **June 7 or 14 , 2007** **6:00PM**

Z-07-44 **Text Amendment** *(case deferred at the NPU meeting)*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 1982 ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIOS IN THE R-4A AND R-4B ZONING DISTRICTS AND MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE IN THE R-4B ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDE NEW MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIOS AND LOT COVERAGES FOR THE VARIOUS TYPES OF STRUCTURES ALLOWED IN THE R-5 ZONING DISTRICT; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 16-24.008 CONCERNING THE MEASUREMENT OF FLOOR AREA FOR ADDITIONS TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES; AMEND SEC. 16-28.008(5) CONCERNING THE HEIGHT OF WALLS IN REQUIRED YARDS; AMEND SECTION 16-28.009 TO CLARIFY APPLICATION OF THE FLOOR AREA RATIO CALCULATION; CREATE A NEW SECTION 16-28.026 CONCERNING LIMITING HEIGHT OF THE MAIN FLOOR LEVEL; TO AMEND SECTION 16-29.001(12)(a)(3) CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF TWO-FAMILY AND DUPLEX DWELLINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-29.001(13) TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW DEFINITION OF FLOOR AREA; TO AMEND SECTION 16-29.001(27) TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW DEFINITION OF BUILDING HEIGHT; TO AMEND SECTION 16-29.001(37) TO PROVIDE FOR AN AMENDED DEFINITION OF FLOOR AREA RATIO; CREATE NEW SECTION 16-29.001(67) DEFINING ATTICS; CREATE NEW SECTION 16-29.001(68) DEFINING BASEMENTS; CREATE NEW SECTION 16-29.001(69) DEFINING MAIN FLOOR LEVEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Discussion: The overall intent of the proposed ordinance is to limit the size of new constructions to a standard which is consistent with the existing fabric of the community. There were several questions from the NPU-T body which clarified the proposed amendment.

The Action: A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to approve the proposed text amendment. This was seconded by Kwabena Nkromo

The Vote: Yes: 13 No: 0; Abstain: 0; → Motion Carries

-07-58/ 07-O-0978 **Text Amendment**

An Ordinance by Councilmember Kwanza Hall to amend the 1982 Zoning Ordinance of the City to amend chapter 20N Castleberry Hill Landmark District regulations, and for other purposes.

The Discussion: A copy of the text amendment was distributed to the NPU-T body. Questions clarifying the proposed text amendment were asked by the NPU-T body and answered by Planner McLaughlin.

The Action: A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to support the proposed text amendment. This was seconded by Oni Oluremi.

The Vote: Yes: 13 No:0; Abstain:0 ; → Motion Carries

Z-07-53/07-O-0602 **Text Amendment**

An Ordinance to amend sections 16.28A.004, 16-28A.007(h), 16-28A.007(p) and section 16-28A.013(a) and (b) of The City of Atlanta Sign Ordinance and to add a new section 16-28A.007(x) so as to update the definition of a changing sign and sign copy, to include electronically changed signs; to remove confliction language; to more effectively regulate signs which constitute a traffic hazard; to add certain regulations on changing signs by incorporating certain of the limitations and conditions imposed by state law on these types of signs; to amend the requirements of building signature signs; to amend the permit requirements and procedures for signs and for other purposes.

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The Discussion: A summary of the text amendment was distributed to the NPU-T body. A concern was raised because the proposed amendment does not specify the threshold of intensity that would be considered a nuisance or public hazard.

The Action: A motion was made by Kwabena Nkromo to approve the proposed text amendment. This was seconded by Oni Oluremi

The Vote: Yes: 8 No: 2 ; Abstain:3; → Motion Carries

Zoning Review Board **August 2 or 9 , 2007** **6:00PM**
Z-07-61 Text Amendment

An Ordinance to amend the 1982 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Atlanta, as amended, so as to create A new section 16-29.001(67) to provide for a definition of Rail Transportation Communications Facilities; and to create a new section 16-28.024 to provide for the permitting of Rail Transportation Communications Facilities; and for other purposes.

The Discussion: A copy of the proposed ordinance, including a fact sheet, was distributed to the NPU-T body. The one question that was not able to be answered by Planner McLaughlin was the impact of this proposed amendment on the Beltline Right-of-Way.

The Action: A motion was made by Kwabena Nkromo to defer action on this text amendment until the August 2007 NPU-T meeting to provide for further review by the Zoning and Land Use Committee. This was seconded by Jasper Boykin.

The Vote: Yes:11 No:0 ; Abstain:2 ; → Motion Carries

11) Proposed Street Abandonment (requires NPU vote)
James P. Brawley, S. W. between Parson Street and Beckwith Street

The Discussion: this application has been withdrawn.

13) Chairperson's Report

- a) The Chairman asked for members to volunteer for the Bylaws Committee and to contact the Vice Chair or Secretary.
- b) The Chairman asked for members to volunteers for the 2008 Nominations Committee and to Contact the Chair or Parliamentarian (770.434.3414 or 678.575.4680)

14) Announcements

- a) Kotina Caruthers, a representative of the department of Public Works provided fact sheets and feedback sheets on solid waste and transportation concerns.
- b) Melanie Wooford spoke about the June 26th Beltline Discussion that will be held (678.698.7565).
- c) Ms. Akudo Ejelonu O spoke about the United States Social Forum scheduled for June 27-July 1 at the Civic Center. 404.581.0061. The forum will be held at

15) Public Review and Comments:

- a) **Ordinance – 07-O-0682**
 - i) An Ordinance by Councilmember Clair Muller to create a new section 15.07.006 of the part of the City of Atlanta Land Development code to address lots of record; to delete subparagraph J or code section 15.07.005; and for other purposes.

The Discussion: A copy of this ordinance was distributed to the NPU-T body.

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The Action: A motion was made by Jasper Boykin to defer action on this ordinance until the August, 2007 NPU-T meeting. This was seconded by Kwabena Nkromo

The Vote: Yes: 13 No:0; Abstain:0 ; ➔ Motion Carries

At 9:00pm, a motion was made by Scott Smith to extend the end of the meeting by 10 additional meetings. This was seconded by Jasper Boykin.

The Vote: Yes: 13; No: 0; Abstain: 0 ➔ Motion Carries

16) **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm EST

Donations in the amount of \$9.00 were received.