

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 12, 2007

The General meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm EST by Chairman Kwabena Nkromo

1) Invocation

The invocation was presented by the NPU-T Chaplin, Dr. Gwen Porter.

2) Approval of Agenda –

A motion was made by Oni Holly to accept the agenda as published with this was seconded by Henry Ingram.

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

3) Approval of Minutes – November

a) Copies of the November Minutes were distributed for approval.

A motion was made by Oni Holly to approve the minutes as published. This was seconded by Richard Puls.

Vote: Yes- 11; No-0; Abstain- 1 → Motion Carries

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

a) Police

- i) Lt. Leighty (Zone 4) 404.561.2943 spoke. Lt. Leighty is in charge of the Zone 4 Crime Suppression Unit. He highlighted the current crime trends for Zone 4 and left a copy of the statistics with the NPU-t Public Safety chair.
- ii) Lt. Johnson (Zone 1) spoke. Lt. Johnson highlighted the current crime trends for Zone 4 and left a copy of the statistics with the NPU-T Public Safety Chair.
(1) He also highlighted that there was a home invasion on Perry Drive and there was a resulting arrest based on action by a neighbor calling 911.

b) **Fire** – no report.

c) **Community Prosecutor** – Ms. Blackett-Jones (Zone 4) spoke.

- i) Her direct phone # is 404.699.5294.
- ii) Ms. Jones highlighted that they are revitalizing the court watch program and invited members to participate.
- iii) Ms. Jones highlighted that this past Monday there was a trial where participants in the court watch program attended a trial where a repeat offender was jailed and other positive actions were taken as a direct result of the court watch activities.

5) Neighborhood Associations Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) No neighborhood reports.

6) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) Bylaws Committee – Oni Holly

b) Housing Code Enforcement – Scott Smith

- i) A copy of the open NPU-T complaints was provided for each neighborhood association.
- ii) Scott outlined a "Code Enforcement Court Watch" program that he will be starting in March 2008. Volunteers are being sought for participation.

c) Crime Task Force – Jasper Boykin

- i) No report

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- d) **Community Ambassador (UCDC) – Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown spoke.**
 - i) Mr. Brown overviewed the UCDC mission and programs. A printed copy of the report has been left with the NPU-T Chair. The contact # for the UCDC is 404.572.3644.
 - e) **Economic Development & Consumer Affairs Committee – Robert Thompson**
 - f) **Education – no chair appointed**
 - i) No report
 - g) **Executive Committee – Kwabena Nkromo**
 - i) No report
 - h) **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Evelyn Washington**
 - i) There will be a Beltline Workgroup Session on January 29th at the Metropolitan Community College.
 - i) **Public Safety – Graham Jackson**
 - i) no report
 - j) **Zoning and Land Use – no chair appointed**
 - i) No report
- 7) **Planner’s Report –**
 - a) Planner McLaughlin spoke about the ordinances outlined under section 10.
 - i)
- 8) **Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report (APAB representative or NPU-T delegate)**
 - a) No report
- 9) **Presentation(s)**
- 10) **Zoning**

Zoning Review Board January 3 or 10, 2008 **6:00 P.M.**

U-07-37 **1438 South Gordon St. S. W.**

Applicant, Terry Porter, seeks a special use permit to operate a personal care home.

The discussion: Mr. Porter presented his application.

Scott Smith, the Vice President of the Westview Community Organization, indicated that Westview voted to defer a vote on this application until such a time as residents on South Gordon could be contacted to solicit their direct input as there were no residents on South Gordon present at that last meeting. A letter of Deferral has been submitted to the NPU-T Chair.

Mr. Brown and Rita Treadwell expressed concerns that this would set a dangerous precedence for allowing multi-family usage in a single family community.

Mr. Brown made a motion to defer action pending input from the impacted community. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

The vote: Yes: 12; No: 0; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries

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ORDINANCE - 07-0-1525 (requires NPU vote) (case deferred at the Nov. NPU meeting)

AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER JOYCE SHEPERD TO AMEND SECTION 122-172 UNDER CHAPTER 122, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 2, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A REVIEW BY THE AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT(S) WHENEVER AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE A SECONDARY METAL RECYCLER IS SUBMITTED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Discussion: *Planner McLaughlin presented a fact sheet for this ordinance. He did highlight that the ordinance in it's current form is in conflict with existing state law.*

A question was asked as to how this program related to a similar process that was mentioned by police officers presenting to NPU-T at a prior meeting.
Another question was asked as to where the application fees are applied. The concern was whether there was a way to apply these fees to the impacted community.

A comment was made that a registration similar to that of a pawn shop might show a model that would enable proper registration of the individuals turning in scrap metal and enabling the metal dealers to record and track the individuals who are turning in metal.

A brief poll of the chair revealed thirteen (13) attendees at the NPU-T meeting have either been affected by or know someone who has been affected by stolen copper.

A motion was made by Scott Smith to reject the proposed ordinance based on the lack of answers to the questions and concerns voiced by the community. This was seconded by Oni Holly.

Vote: Yes- 12; No-1 Abstain- 0 → Motion Carries

ORDINANCE - 07-0-1526 (requires NPU vote) (case deferred at the Nov. NPU meeting)

AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER JOYCE SHEPERD TO AMEND SECTION 30-1503(a) UNDER CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE XXV, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A REVIEW BY THE AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT(S)WHENEVER AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE A SELF-SERVICE CAR WASH IS SUBMITTED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Discussion: *Planner McLaughlin presented a fact sheet for the proposed ordinance. He advised that the ordinance was currently being re-worked due to the fact that there are several items that have not been addressed.*

A motion was made by Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown to reject the ordinance because of insufficient information at the present time. This was seconded by Oni Holly.

Vote: Yes- 12; No-0; Abstain- 0 → Motion Carries

11) License Review Board

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Kanwar Tucker	Convenience Store	Lee Street B P	535 Lee Street	Change of Ownership

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The Discussion: Graham Jackson spoke. He highlighted that the applicant was advised to contact the impact neighborhood association. Mr. Jackson's recommendation was to defer action pending input from the impacted neighborhood associations. The applicant was not present.

A motion was made by Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown to defer pending a report from the impacted neighborhood associations. This was seconded by Oni Holly.

Vote: Yes- 12; No-0; Abstain- 0 → Motion Carries

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A motion was made by Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown to defer pending a report from the impacted neighborhood associations. This was seconded by Oni Holly.

Vote: Yes- 12; No-0; Abstain- 0 → Motion Carries

12) Chairperson's Report

- a) Chairman Nkromo shared that the themes and plans for the NPU-T for 2008 and beyond.
- b) The Crime Task Force will continue to be expanded in 2008.
- c) He highlighted that NPU-T will continue to build upon the strengths of the community.
- d) He also introduced all of the committee chairs and officers.
- e) The next executive committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 3rd at 7pm at the Washington Park Natatorium.

13) Announcements

- a) Christina shared the 2008 Chinese New Year Spectacular that will be held on January 4-5, 2008 at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center. Flyers were left with detailed information.
- b) Past NPU-T Chair, Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown received a commendation from Morehouse College for his contribution to the community.

14) Public Review and Comments

15) Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm EDT