NPU-T Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 6, 2008

The executive committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm EST by Chairman Kwabena Nkromo

The January meeting was held at Khe-Khe's Cafe, located in the Westview Neighborhood.

1) Greetings from the Host / Introductions

a) Attendees: Kwabena Nkromo, Carl Nes, Melanie Wofford, Jasper Boykin, Robert Thompson, Scott Smith, John Davis, Evelyn Washington, Nia Knowles, Oni Holly, Bakeeba Ayinde, Gwen Cain, Gwen Porter, Aston Thompson, Eric Robinson

2) Adoption of the Agenda

3) Approval of minutes from February 9, 2008

a) The minutes were reviewed and accepted into the record as correct.

4) Old Business

a) Scheduling rotation of Executive Committee Meetings in neighborhoods for 2008

i) 2nd Quarter 2008 Host Neighborhoods:

(1) April 2008: Just Us Neighbors

(2) May 2008: Atlanta University Center

(3) June 2008: West End

b) Pending March zoning and licensing agenda items for review

i) Carl Ness reviewed the recent vote by WEND on the Special Use permit application for 535 Lowery Street. WEND voted to deny the application.

ii) Additional discussion was held concerning the Beltline trail.

5) New Business

a) General meeting committee reports preview

i) Evelyn Washington – *Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs*

(1) Evelyn indicated that Beltline Inc. has postponed the regularly scheduled study group meetings for the next 30-60 days pending.

(2) There is a grant being submitted in the area of urban agriculture.

(3) Park Pride is hosting a conference, including a walk-through of specific parks to highlight what works and what doesn't.

(4) A "Fun Run" is being planned.

(5) A presentation by the local 4-H Club will be made at the next NPU-T meeting.

ii) Graham Jackson – *Public Safety*

iii) Jasper Boykin – *Crime Task Force*

(1) A 1st Quarter Forum is being planned.

(2) A grant is being prepared for the purpose of funding public safety initiatives.

(3) The ACERT initiative has been delayed due to city resource constraints. As a result, members of NPU-T will participate in the Georgia Tech ACERT training starting at the end of March.

iv) Robert Thompson – *Economic Development & Consumer Affairs*
(1) The committee is working on two (2) key initiatives
(a) Community Food Project
(i) Currently seeking potential locations
(ii) Have developed a survey to solicit input from both consumers and commercial organizations in order to devleop a structure / framework for the project.
(b) Pan African Trail

v) Nia Knowles – *Public Relations Officer*
(1) Focusing on recruitment and developing communications plans.
(2) Revising the sign-in sheets to make them more friendly and easily collated.
(3) Door-to-door recruitment plans are under-way.

vi) Bakeeba Ayinde – Education Committee
(1) Have begun mapping the youth services organizations that are currently in operation within the boundaries of NPU-T.
(a) There are three (3) positions to provide assistance with performing this mapping and there is a stipend for this work effort.

b) 2008 Policy Agenda campaign

i) Kwabena provided a high level overview of this campaign and will be discussing this at the March meeting.

6) Announcements

7) Adjourn

a) The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.