NPU-T Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 03, 2008

The executive committee meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm EST by Chairman Kwabena Nkromo

The January meeting was held at The Clark House, located in the Just Us Neighbors community.

1) Introductions

a) The host, Eric Robinson, welcomed the executive committee and provided information on the "Just Us Neighbors" civic organization

Attendees: Kawbena Nkromo, Evelyn Washington, Nia Knowles, Robert Harris, Scott Smith, Graham Jackson, Bakeeba Ayinde, Melanie Woffard, Bill Cannon, Oni Holley, Eric Robinson, Gwen Porter, Gwen Cain, Aston Thompson

2) Adopton of the Agenda

3) Approval of minutes from March 6, 2008 Executive committee Meeting

a) A motion was made by Oni Holley to accept the minutes as corrected. This was seconded by Robert Harris

4) Presentation Preview: "When a House is Not a Home" documentary

a) Chairman Nkromo informed members of the committee about the documentary.

i) Discussion was held as to whether the formal NPU-T meeting should adjourn prior to the screening of the video. It was decided that it would be in the best interest of the meeting flow to adjourn the regular business portion of the prior to starting the screening.

5) Old Business

a) Scheduling rotation of Exec Comm mtgs in neighborhoods for May, June

i) The May meeting will be hosted by the Atlanta University Center

ii) WEND is tentatively scheduled for June.

iii) Booker T. Washington will host the July meeting.

b) Pending March zoning & licensing agenda items for review

i) Application V-08-69 BTW will speak with the applicant and will work with the Zoning Committee Chairman in advance of the April NPU-T meeting so that a recommendation can be made to the body.

ii) Support Letter request for Kindezi Charter School @ West Hunter

(1) This will not require a vote by the NPU-T body but Chairman Nkromo feels that it will be beneficial to the community. It has received a favorable recommendation from the education committee.

(2) The Atlanta Public Schools policy is to require charter applications to receive input from the impacted NPU in order to be processed.

iii) Chairman Nkromo asked the Parks and Recreation committee to meet with the coordinator of the Malcolm X Festival.

iv) Graham Jackson indicated that the LRB applicant for 1107 RDA has requested a withdrawal of their application.

v) The other LRB applications were still in review by the impacted neighborhood association.

c) Report on 2008 Policy Agenda campaign

i) All of the NPU-T neighborhoods, except for WEND, have met with Chairman Nkromo and have presented favorable recommendations for adoption of the 2008 Policy Agenda. He also met with At Large Council Members Mitchell and Norwood who also provided favorable comments to support this approach.

6) New Business

a) Committees self assessment of status
   i) Scott Smith asked whether it was necessary to maintain a standing code enforcement committee rather than a "liaison" given that resolving code enforcement issues are generally managed by the City of Atlanta rather than being under the control of the individual committee members.
   ii) Bill Cannon suggested that code enforcement is a local community issue and should maintain access to the NPU-T Committee
   iii) Scott Smith suggested that consideration be made to roll code enforcement under the Zoning and Land Use Committee as many of the issues are related and similar knowledge would enable the Zoning and Land Use committee to be more effective.

b) Evaluation of committee reporting at NPU-T general meetings
   i) Chairman Nkromo is concerned that the meeting has been getting bogged down by the current process of presenting committee reports.
   ii) Discussion around how to net out the individual committee reports.
   iii) Other discussions were held that suggested having 3-4 individual committees report rather than having all committees present verbal reports, especially since written reports are provided to the NPU-T body.

c) Neighborhood updates
   i) Westview indicated that there are still home break-ins occuring frequently. Usual descriptions of the offenders are 2-3 young men (mid to late teens) that are committing the crimes between the hours of noon and 5pm.

7) Announcements – none

8) Adjournment – 8:30pm