

NPU-T Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 8, 2008

The executive committee meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm EST by Chairman Kwabena Nkromo

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

**1) Introductions**

- a) The host, Melanie Wofford, welcomed the executive committee and provided information on the “Villages at Castleberry Hill” civic organizations

Attendees: Kwabena Nkromo, Melanie Wofford, Jasper Boykin, Evelyn Washington, John Pavlin, Scott Smith, Hugh Landrum, Gwen Porter, Nia Knowles, Eston Hood, Bill Cannon, Robert Harris, and Oni Holley

**2) Adoption of the Agenda**

**3) Approval of minutes from April 3, 2008 Executive committee Meeting**

- a) A motion was made by Jasper Boykin to accept the minutes as corrected. This was seconded by Melanie Wofford

**4) Presentation Preview: Dean Rusk YMCA Project**

- a) Msrs. Landrum and Eston Hood spoke about their plans for the development of a childcare academy dedicated for “Head Start” child programs.
  - i) The project is planned to start in fall of 2009.
  - ii) Questions around programming were asked...suggestions were made to incorporate local cultural resources.
  - iii) Comments were made to ensure that the project is not purely geared towards the “West End” but rather to focus on the varied communities that comprise the planning unit.
  - iv) Chairman Nkromo provided a list of questions that should be included in the presentation that will take place at the regular NPU-T meeting.
  - v) Eston Hood’s contact information is 404.402.9724 ([estonh@ymcaatlanta.org](mailto:estonh@ymcaatlanta.org))

**5) Old Business**

- a) Scheduling rotation of Executive committee Meetings in neighborhoods for June and July
  - i) The June NPU-T executive meeting will be hosted by WEND.
- b) Pending March Zoning and Licensing agenda items for review
  - i) Review of charter school applications
    - (1) Concern was voiced by Chairman Nkromo that V-08-31 has been mis-handled by the department of planning. The application is being reviewed by the Zoning Committee and has been presented to the impacted neighborhood.
- c) Selection of verbal committee reports for May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - i) Public Safety comment: For ZRB / LRB review meetings, the committee chairman requests that representatives from each impacted community be present alongside the NPU-T representative.
  - ii) Parks & Recreation, Education and Public Relations will present at the next meeting.
- d) Report on 2008 Policy Agenda campaign – chairman Nkromo reported on his meeting with John Eaves’ staff.

**6) New Business**

- a) Mid-year committee reorganization and chair reassignments

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- i) Code Enforcement committee has been moved to a subcommittee of the Zoning Committee. There will also be an additional Code Enforcement subcommittee added to the public safety committee.
- ii) CTF has been moved to a subcommittee of the Public Safety
- iii) An Urban Agriculture subcommittee has been added to the Education Committee
- b) New Urban Research's "Intro to GIS" workshop
- c) Discussion of city government budget shortfall
  - i) Several suggestions were made that will require more extensive discussion prior to formulating the NPU-T position and response.
    - (1) Individuals will provide Chairman Nkromo with drafts of statements and language for petitions to be leveraged for a response to the City of Atlanta officials.
- d) Neighborhood updates.

**7) Announcements**

**8) Adjourn**

- a) The meeting adjourned at 9pm.