

**NPU-T Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 11, 2006**

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Vice Chair Oni Holley.

1) **Invocation**

The invocation was presented by Chaplain Gwendolyn Porter, NPU-T.

2) **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown to accept modification of the agenda as needed and seconded by Edmond McAfee.

*Vote:* Yes-15 No-0 Abstain-0 Motion Carries

3) **Approval of Minutes – May 2008**

Copies of the May 2008 Minutes were distributed for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published.

*Vote:* Yes-15 No-0 Abstain-0 Motion Carries

4) **Police, Fire, and Community Prosecutor's Updates**

A) **Police**

Major Dallas – Zone 1 reported:

- . Zone 1 crime significantly decreased compared to same time last year
- . Foot Beat Patrols have been assigned to Lowery and M L King Drive
- . Narcotic Unit raided several drug houses
- . Vice Unit has made several arrests for prostitution
- . Zone 1 budget cuts has not compromised public service
- . Zone 1 will receive 7 new officers from the last graduating class

Lt. Chris Leighty – Zone 4 reported:

- . Crime rate reduced by 25% in last 30 days
- . Violent crimes have decreased in Zone 4, property crimes on the increase
- . Foot Beat assignments will end in 2 weeks, officers will then receive new assignments that will be permanent
- . Police will keep Zone 4 Parks safe during holiday weekend – Father's Day (No alcohol or loud music will be allowed in Oakland & Adamsville Parks)

B) **Fire Department**

Captain Towley – Station 17 reported:

- . Major improvements performed to Station 17 by Zarnasky Enterprises at *no cost*. The Fire Station held Open House for the community last weekend.
- . Fires have increased in NPU-T as a result of a number of vacant houses. (Some fires appear mysterious in nature)
- . Station 17 has not been impacted by City Budget cuts. The Station continues to be fully staffed.

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Mayor Franklin made surprise appearance and addressed the question of Station 7 closing. She stated that the City's focus would continue to be on staffing and on-the-job safety. Mayor Franklin further added that the City of Atlanta had significantly increased the salaries of Fire and Police.

C) **Community Prosecutor - LaDawn Blackett-Jones** reported:

Ms. Blackett-Jones expressed her gratitude for the 5 Court Watchers that were in attendance at recent court case. Their presence impacted the judge's decision to issue *no bond* to the offender. More Court Watchers are needed at the same offender's next court date set for 6/24/08.

Judge Arrington is seeking more assistance from the public to work with him on 'Project Turnaround,' a pilot diversion program for young offenders.

The recent robbery attempt email-scare at Camp Creek Market Place was found to be bogus. College Park and East Point Police reported that they received no victim's report for the attempted robbery. This email-scare was later admitted as being fraudulent by the individual that initiated the email.

5. **Presentations:**

**Fulton County Emergency Medical Services - Aaron Johnson** (404-612-8251)

reported from the Office of John Eaves, Fulton County Chair. Mr. Johnson encouraged the community to participate in the Voter's Registration Drive. With the large increase in people registering to vote, the Voter's Registration Drive was looking for poll workers, age 16 and older that would be compensated for their time.

Mr. Johnson generated much discussion about Fulton County's inability to continue to subsidize EMS response time for all cities in Fulton County. Effective July 1, 2008, Fulton County would no longer be 'buying down' time for EMS response time. Mayor Franklin addressed the body on this matter by stating that meetings had been held between the City of Atlanta, Grady EMS and the Fire Department in order to marry their services since the City was now responsible for EMS response time. Mayor Franklin further informed the body that there are "no" federal, state, county, or city laws in place to identify the responsibility for EMS response time.

**Watershed Management – Ms. McMichael** reported that the 27.5 rate increase has been proposed to repay the past debt incurred by the agency; however, control costs are now in place within the bureau. A handout introducing future proposed rates was given out to the body. Ms. McMichael further reported that Watershed Management has improved customer service hold time to less than 1 minute and the bureau is currently repairing approximately 800 water leaks each month.

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6. **Neighborhood Associations Reports**

There were no neighborhood association reports.

7. **Committee Reports:**

**Economic Development and Consumer Affairs - Robert Thompson**

Robert Thompson introduced Marc Washington, Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee, who reported on the Connect Atlanta process. The next Connect Atlanta meeting for the Southside is June 25. The next meeting for Intown South is scheduled for June 30, 6:00 p.m. at the West End Library. The Transportation Subcommittee is also studying the Beltline and participated in MARTA's recent Making Operations Very Efficient (MOVE) study. The next Transportation Subcommittee meeting will be held on June 18.

**Non-Profit Council - Melanie Wofford**

Melanie Wofford introduced Jonathan Kidwell of the Atlanta Community ToolBank who discussed the NPU-T HouseProud Program. The ToolBank loans tools to nonprofits and the HouseProud Program recently received a grant to expand into NPU-T. The funding will help with home repairs for senior citizens (those 60 years or older) or disabled residents who own the homes they live in. The goal is to make homes "warm, safe and dry," and all work is done by licensed contractors or skilled volunteers. The program is seeking referrals of individuals who might be interested in such assistance.

**Zoning & Land Use - Aston Thomas**

Aston Thomas reported that the Donnelly Manor Apartments will be coming up for review soon. This development is a Beltline-related project for lower income residents and highlights why it is important for citizens to know what is going on in the community. The next committee meeting will be held at the end of June. A sign-up sheet was provided for anyone interested in knowing more about the proposed zoning changes in NPU-T.

**Public Relations Officer - Nia Knowles**

Nia Knowles reported that she is working in partnership with Georgia StandUp to help start up new organizations or resurrect inactive neighborhood associations such as the Beecher Donnelly Association, Collegetown (formerly Harris Chiles), and Atlanta University Center.

8. **Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report**

NPU-T Community Ambassador Jerry "Tacuma" Brown suggested the NPU-T work very closely with the City Planning Department since our former planner, Chauncer McLaughlin, has resigned. As a result, it was announced Chair Kwabena Nkromo has appointed Edmund McAfee to serve as our Community Planner ex officio.

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9. **APD Citizens Review Board**  
LaShawn Hoffman, APAB appointee, no report.

**Deviation from Agenda:**

***Philly's Wings 'n Things – License Review Board Application***

Vice Chair Oni Holley recognized Graham Jackson of the Booker T. Washington (BTW) Association to report on a License Review Board application for *Philly's Wings 'n Things* that impacted the BTW neighborhood. Mr. Jackson called upon Bill Cannon, President of the BTW Association, to assist in the presentation. *Philly's Wings 'n Things* is a new business scheduled for a License Review hearing on July 8. Since NPU-T did not meet again until July 9, it was proposed that the NPU-T Executive Committee accept the recommendation of the BTW Association without a full vote by the NPU-T body in order for the applicant to avoid a 30-day delay.

The BTW Association had visited the new business and was scheduled to meet on Monday, June 16 to vote on a recommendation of the application. Graham Jackson clarified the recommendation by stating the bylaws required a full NPU-T body vote on this matter. Jerry "Tacuma" Brown confirmed Graham Jackson's procedural interpretation and added that the NPU-T body could empower the Executive Committee to act on their behalf and no further discussion would take place at the next month's meeting. A motion was made for the Executive Board to accept the recommendation of the BTW Association.

*Vote:* Yes-18 No-0 Abtain-0 Motion Carries

10. **Planner's Report**  
Vice Chair Oni Holley introduced Edmund McAfee as an appointee by Chair Kwabena Nkromo to serve as our Community Planner ex officio. Edmund McAfee has worked with city council and is abreast of city council issues, the mayor's budget, and related matters. Mr. McAfee introduced himself and then read through the City Council Community Development/Human Resources Committee public hearing notice for June 12 and briefly explained each item and answered questions. He further stated that he would be available to answer any specific questions that anyone may have about these and other related planning items.
11. **Chairperson's Report**  
In lieu of making a chairperson's report, Vice Chair Oni Holley ceded the floor to Mary Norwood, Citywide Council Representative. Councilperson Norwood promised to do everything possible to minimize or negate increased property taxes. She said that her goal is to streamline city services. Councilperson Norwood further stated that she has asked for an audit of water and sewer services before the new fee structure is put in place.

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12. **Announcements:**

- A) Bill Cannon reminded all neighborhood associations to ask their neighbors whether they are registered to vote. According to Bill Cannon, anyone can call 1-888-265-1115 or look on the Secretary of State's website for specific information about their voting precinct.
- B) Nia Knowles announced that the West End Coalition would be holding a community yard sale in Westview on June 14.
- C) Cliff Albright of Georgia StandUp announced the monthly alliance meeting scheduled for Friday, June 27, 12:00 p.m.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.  
76 people signed the attendance logs  
Donations in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ were collected.\