

NPU-T Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 3, 2008

The executive committee meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm EST by Chairman Kwabena Nkromo

The January meeting was held at the home of Carl and Liz Nes in the West End neighborhood.

1) Introductions

- a) The host, Carl Nes, welcomed the executive committee and provided words about the history of their home and talked about the value and importance of the history of the West End and it's architecture.

Attendees: Kawbena Nkromo, Melanie Wofford, Evelyn Washington, Aston Thompson, Jonathan Kidwell, John Davis, Nia Knowlles, Kenny Washington, Mike Kirby, Bill Cannon, Debbie Zimmerman, Oni Holley, Graham Jackson, Gwen Porter, Edmund McAfee

2) Adoption of the Agenda

- a) A motion was made by Bill Cannon to adopt the agenda as corrected. This was seconded by Melanie Wofford.

3) Approval of minutes from June 5, 2008 Executive committee Meeting

- a) A motion was made by Bill Cannon to accept the minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Oni Holley

4) Old Business

- a) Scheduling rotation of Executive Committee meetings in neighborhoods for August & September
 - i) Booker T. Washington will host the August meeting
 - ii) Westview is scheduled to host the September meeting.
- b) Selection of verbal committee reports for July 9th meeting
 - i) July reports to be presented by the Transportation, Executive and Public Safety committees.
 - (1) Discussion was held regarding tactics for improving public safety within the NPU-T
 - (2) The Parks & Recreation Committee presentation will focus on the Beltline and "The Friends of West End Park" as well as several other activities
 - (3) A copy of the transportation committee report was distributed
- c) Pending March zoning licensing, and other agenda items for review
 - i) College Town @ West HEZ application
 - (1) Most of the concerns of the Zoning and Land Use Committee chair have been addressed by the applicant. The one concern that has not been addressed is the gas station on the corner of Sells and Joseph Lowrey.
 - (a) A request has been made for an outline of the security policies for the property. This has been committed by the applicant.
 - (2) Recommendation is to approve the application with an addendum committing to addressing specific security concerns.
 - (3) There has been a recommendation for approval by the impacted neighborhood association, the CollegeTown Community Association (Laurisa Claytor, President).
 - ii) Metropolitan Atlanta Community Development Corporation
 - (1) The applicant was not present for the executive committee to gain clarification on their application.
 - iii) Rebuilding Together Atlanta (CDBG Application)
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 - iv) Fat Philly's

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- (1) Chairman Nkromo read the minutes from the June NPU-T meeting pertaining to this application conferring authority of the Executive Committee to vote on the application.
 - (a) The applicant was present for at the executive committee meeting.
 - (b) The impacted neighborhood association has recommended approval.
 - (c) Graham Jackson had a recommendation with amendments which would include a memorandum of understanding. This MOU was read to the assembled executive committee. The MOU states:
 - (i) No panhandling will be allowed inside or inside of the business;
 - (ii) No loitering will be allowed inside or outside at the business;
 - (iii) The business will be kept clean outside and inside throughout operating hours and the outside of the business will be cleaned at the closing of each day so that the outside of the business will be clean with no trash left overnight;
 - (iv) No unpermitted gaming will be allowed at the business;
 - (v) No illegal vending will be allowed at the business;
 - (vi) The business will be well lighted inside and outside;
 - (vii) The business will be kept safe for both customers and employees.

A motion was made by Graham Jackson to recommend acceptance of the application. This was seconded by John Davis.

Bill Cannon expressed his objection that the NPU-T presented a MOU to the applicant when the impacted neighborhood association did not issue a MOU.

The Vote: Yes: 9; No: 2; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries

d) Report on 2008 Policy Agenda Campaign

i) 2008 Community Summit planning

- (1) Chairman Nkromo spoke about this event as a culmination of the NPU-T 2008 Policy Agenda campaign. This summit is being targeted for late August.

e) Expanding regular NPU-T meeting time to 2 hours

5) New Business

a) Appointment of NPU-T treasurer and fiscal agent relationship

- i) This was not discussed in the interest of time.

b) Mid-year committee strengthening strategies

- i) Chairman Nkromo reviewed these strategies.

- (1) Scott Smith expressed his concern that some of the changes have been made in the NPU-T structure and processes without modifying an associated modification the bylaws. The current bylaws indicate that changes can be documented throughout the year but are **not in effect until** the following bylaw year (January of the following year). Gwen Porter expressed her agreement with concern.

- ii) Graham Jackson expressed his concern that allowing votes such as the LRB recommendation by the executive committee only reduces the ability of the entire NPU-T body to have their concerns heard (the LRB vote taken in the July Executive Committee meeting was taken with the advanced approval of the NPU-T body).

c) New NPU-T recognized civic associations

- i) College Town Community Association (CTCA)
- ii) Beecher-Donnelly Community Association (BDCA)

d) Neighborhood updates – none in the interest of time.

6) Announcements – none in the interest of time.

7) Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 9pm