

NPU-T Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 7, 2008

The executive committee meeting was called to order at 7:12pm EST by Chairman Kwabena Nkromo.

The August meeting was held at Fat Philly's Wings and Things.

1) Introductions

- a. The host, Bill Cannon, welcome the exec. Committee and provide words about the place we were eating. The food the body ate was a donation from the eatery.

Attendees: Kwabena Nkromo, Melanie Wofford, Evelyn Washington, Aston Thompson, Jonathan Kidwell, John Davis, Nia Knowles, Kenny Washington, Mike Kirby, Bill Cannon, Evelyn Carter, Graham Jackson, Gwen Porter, Edmund McAfee, Gwen Cain, Eric Robinson, Laurissa Claytor

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 July 3, 2008 Executive committee Meeting

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

4) Old Business

- a) Next Executive meeting will be held:
 - i) College Town- September
 - ii) Westview -October
 - b) Selection of verbal committee reports for August 13th meeting
 - i) Graham stated he wanted to share his meeting with Pete Haley, UCDC President, with the body.
 - ii) Gwen will make a report on Morehouse coming back to school
 - iii) Aston stated that he had not heard from the applicant regarding case Z-08-43
- 5) Pending March zoning licensing, and other agenda items for review**
- a) The College Town Neighborhood Association voted to approve the West HEZ Application.
 - i) Kwabena requested the approval from the neighborhood association in written format via a letter or email.
 - b) Kwabena stated the workshop with Karl Barnes was very important and that it would be conducted again soon.
 - c) Aston read letter from WEND denying Z-08-43, based on the non engagement of the applicant with the neighborhood association.
 - i) Eric Robinson asked about her purpose for the application and Aston responded that it would serve as an office for her construction business.
 - ii) Tacuma suggested that we research this type of use and maybe assist her in getting through the process.
 - iii) Kwabena discussed the Policy Agenda Campaign. He stated that it creates an accountability structure where NPU-T would create an agenda to partner with others to advance our goals.

6) New Business

- a) Evelyn Washington gave a brief report on "Saving #7 Coalition". A brief run down of history of the coalition. She stated that it was shut down by the mayor.
 - i) Bill Cannon stated that the AUC school presidents were working on reopening the station as well.

- ii) Gwen Cain asked if there was a report being done on why it was chosen to be closed.
 - (1) Bill Cannon explained that there was no report, but the chief stated that the calls could be divided among the remaining stations. Cannon found fault with this solely because there is such a large call volume to the other stations and dividing such a large amount (4500) could be problematic.
 - iii) Kwabena Nkromo talked about the loose structure of the coalition and how there were people well outside of the area assisting in the effort.
- b) Kwabena Nkromo talked about the bylaws process. He stated that they are in the final stages. Changes should be submitted in writing or attendance of the meeting is key.
 - i) Bill Cannon raised concern about the process and changes.
 - ii) Kwabena Nkromo iterated the process.
 - iii) Tacuma Brown stated that elected people should not be on committee because it hinders input from the community.
 - (1) Kwabena Nkromo responded that he was purposefully absent from some of the meetings for just this purpose.
- c) Gwen Porter was in attendance to defend herself from being removed from the chaplain position. An email thread was passed out by Gwen between her and Kwabena.
 - i) Wendy Scruggs Murray told Gwen to attend the meeting and to discuss the issue.
 - (1) Tacuma added that Gwen moved outside of the NPU boundaries.
 - ii) Kwabena stated that the body would vote on these matters.
 - iii) Kwabena closed by stating that the NPU is controlled by legislation and its purpose is to guide the community and allow for input.