

NPU-T Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 8, 2009

The executive committee meeting was called to order at 7:11pm EST by Chairman Nkromo

The January meeting was held at the John Hope Community Center.

**1) Introductions**

a) The host, Melanie Wofford, welcomed the executive committee.

Attendees: Kwabena Nkromo, Patrick Berry, Melanie Wofford, Graham Jackson, April Anderson, Nia Knowles, Vonda Henry, Scott Smith, Jonathan Kidwell, Bill Cannon, Aston Thompson

**2) Adoption of the Agenda**

a) A motion was made by Vonda Henry to adopt the agenda as amended. This was seconded by Patrick Berry.

The Vote: Yes - 6; No - 0; ➔ Motion Carries

**3) Approval of minutes from December 2008 Executive committee Meeting**

a) A motion was made by Melanie Wofford to accept the minutes as corrected. This was seconded by April Anderson.

The Vote: Yes - 5; No - 0; ➔ Motion Carries

**4) Guest Speakers:**

a) Jonathan Kidwell, **Atlanta Community ToolBank**

i) Jonathan spoke about the House Proud program and an upcoming event titled "House Party." This is an event to recognize project successes from the prior year. He is also seeking recommendations on five (5) houses that could utilize the services of the program.

b) **Namso Akpan**, Lantawood Incorporated –

i) Dennis Walton spoke. He offered his organization's services to record NPU-T meetings and to also provide a live webcast of the general meetings. This is a non-profit organization that is focused on building the film industry in the Atlanta area.

A motion was made by Scott Smith to appoint a task group headed by the communications team (Nu Space Media) to investigate the suitability of NPU-T working with Lantawood Incorporated. This was seconded by Patrick Berry.

The Vote: Yes - 6; No - 0; ➔ Motion Carries

**5) Old Business**

a. Scheduling rotation of general body meetings in neighborhoods for 2009

a. Proposed calendar:

- i. January, February, March - **Founders Hall (West End)**
- ii. April, May, June - **John Hope Community Center (Villages at Castleberry Hill)**
- iii. July, August, September - **Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club (Beecher-Donnelly)**
- iv. October, November, December - **Booker T. Washington High School (Ashview Heights)**

**Bill Cannon made a vote to approve the schedule of meetings as published. This was seconded by Melanie Wofford.**

➔ The vote: yes-7; no-0 Motion Carries.

b. Selection of verbal committee reports for January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting

a. The reports for the January 2009 NPU-T meetings were selected:

i. Parks and Recreation

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- ii. Urban Agriculture
  - iii. Treasurer
  - iv. Non-Profit Council
- c. Pending zoning, licensing, & other agenda items for review
- a. LRB applicant Nejaha Abdullah (1107 R.D. Abernathy Blvd)
    - i. This application will not be presented for consideration by NPU-T at the January, 2009 NPU-T meeting.
- d. Committee chairs and appointed office recruitment for 2009
- 6) New Business**
- a. NPU-T website, communications visioning, & retreat planning
    - a. The following members have agreed to remain in their capacity of committee chair:
      - i. Aston Thompson – Zoning and Land Use
      - ii. Melanie Wofford – Non-Profit Council
      - iii. Tyler Tarwater – Economic Development
      - iv. Stephanie Radbill – Urban Agriculture
      - v. Graham Jackson – Community Ambassador
      - vi. Patrick Berry – Finance
    - b. The open committee chair positions are:
      - i. Public Safety
      - ii. Education
      - iii. Bylaws
      - iv. Parks and Recreation
    - c. The open appointed officers are:
      - i. Community Planner
      - ii. Public Relations
  - b. NPU-T website, communications visioning, & retreat planning
    - a. This is a work in progress that is being lead by Patrick Berry and Stefi Langer-Berry.
    - b. The retreat will be February 27<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Spelman College.
  - c. Neighborhood leadership and contact info updates
    - a. Chairman Nkromo has asked Nia Knowles to supervise the process of ensuring that all of the constituent neighborhoods within NPU-T have communicated their leadership and contact information.
  - d. West End Community Concern
    - a. Vonda Henry expressed a concern that the NPU-T chair has been speaking on behalf of the West End Neighborhood in a manner that exceeds his authority. She has asked to continue the conversation at a future NPU-T executive committee meeting.
- 7) Announcements –**
- a) Scott asked for individuals who are available on Monday mornings to attend court on Code Compliance issues. He will send an e-mail to the Executive Committee with further details.
- 8) Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.