

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 14, 2009

The General meeting was called to order at 7: 08pm EST by Chairman Nkromo.

1) Invocation

a) The invocation was presented by Checa Reddy.

2) Approval of Agenda –

A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to adopt the agenda as published with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Edmund McAfee.

The Vote: Yes- 9; No - 0; → Motion Carries

3) Approval of Minutes – *December*

a) Copies of the December Minutes were distributed for approval.

A motion was made by to Steffi Berry approve the minutes as corrected. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

Vote: Yes- 13; No-0 → Motion Carries

4) Police, Fire, and Community Prosecutor's Updates (5 minutes per report)

a) Police –

(1) Sgt. Dodd (Zone 1) spoke about current issues and left a copy of the crime statistics with the NPU-T chair.

(a) Major Valerie Dalton is the new Zone 1 commander.

(b) Zone 1 will be receiving 13-14 additional officers.

(2) Sgt. Martin (Zone 4 CID) spoke about current issues and left a copy of the crime statistics with the NPU-T chair.

b) Fire – Chief Collier (Battalion 4) spoke.

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c) Community Prosecutor – Ms. Blackett-Jones (Zone 4) 404.699.5294 -

i) Mrs. Blackett-Jones spoke. She highlighted that Beecher-Donnelly community was successful in getting two crack houses closed.

ii) Tacuma Brown announced that the mother of former community prosecutor, Wanda Dallas, has passed away.

Deviation #1 → Chairman Nkromo recognized first time visitors to the NPU-T meeting and he presented a high level overview of the NPU.

5) Presentations

a) Arborist Division Update – Michael Franklin

i) Mr. Franklin spoke about the arborist division and the city's tree ordinance.

b) Watershed Management – Miltresa McMichael (404.330.6773)

i) Ms. McMichael spoke about the rate increase and when it was applied.

c) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Samantha

i) The representative spoke about upcoming events being sponsored by her department.

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6) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) WEND – Vonda Henry
 - i) Vonda asked the members to call the Zone for any beggars that are seen on the I-20 ramps
 - ii) Hammonds House has a grant to highlight areas of interest in the West End
 - iii) WEND turns 31 February 17th.
- b) Booker T. Washington – Bill Cannon
 - i) Bill invited members of NPU-T to join their meeting on January 26th at 6:30pm because there will be a representative from the Fulton County Tax Assessor

7) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) **Executive Committee** – Kwabena Nkromo
 - i) **Council Member at Large H.** Lamar Willis was present to swear in the officers for 2009.
 - ii) Schedule for NPU-T general meetings in 2009

(1) The proposed schedule for 2009 meetings was presented to the body for their approval.

The Discussion: A request was made to provide maps and addresses for the proposed meeting locations. Another question was asked as to whether the other locations are handicap accessible and available parking. The NPU-T chair committed to providing the maps and addresses by the February NPU-T meeting. All locations are accessible with onsite parking.

The Action: A motion was made by Debbie Zimmerman to adopt the calendar as it appears on the agenda. This was seconded by Patrick Berry.

Vote: Yes- 21; No- 4 → Motion Carries

- iii) Recruitment of committee chairs and appointed officers
 - (1) Chairman Nkromo spoke about the need for committee chairs for 2009.

- b) **Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs** – Wanda Whiteside (wanwhiteside@yahoo.com)
 - i) Ms. Whiteside spoke about her background and experiences to inform members of NPU-T about her qualifications for committee chair.
 - ii) **Friends of West End Park** – Yomara Valez
 - (1) Ms. Valez spoke about the Friends of the West End Park efforts.

- c) **Treasurer Report** – Patrick Berry
 - i) Patrick outlined his plans for the Finance Committee for 2009.

- d) **Urban Agriculture** – Stephanie Radbill (770.401.2992 stephanie.radbill@gmail.com)
 - i) Stephanie spoke a USDA grant that the committee is going to be applying for. The grant is focused on food security. The next committee meeting will be Saturday, January 31st at

- ii) **Horticulture Education Subcommittee** – Debbie Zimmerman

(1) Debbie spoke about the subcommittee and their initiative for organic kudzu removal.

8) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report – Chairman Nkromo

- a) Chairman Nkromo spoke about APAB for 2009. In 2009, Chairman Nkromo will be acting as Vice Chair of APAB..

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9) Planner's Report – Brandy Crawford (404.330.6522 bcrawford@atlantaga.gov)

- i) Ms. Crawford introduced herself to the NPU-T body.

10) Zoning – No applications for review

11) Text Amendments & Ordinances

- a) Recreation Center Rentals-Staff Fees (For Public Review & Comment)

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 110-3, SUBSECTION (A)(4), TO ADD A RECREATION CENTER RENTAL SURCHARGE, TO BE APPLIED TO RENTAS DURING NON-REGULAR FACILITY HOURS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF COVERING PERSONNEL COSTS OF CITY STAFF OPENING AND STAFFING THE CENTER DURING THE RENTAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Discussion: The Samantha, the park's representative outlined the proposed fee changes.

The Action: no vote was needed for this item.

12) Chairperson's Report

- a) Chairman Nkromo spoke about his vision for 2009 and achievements realized in 2008..

13) Announcements

- a) **Proposed Schedule Rotation for 2009 NPU-T Meetings**
 - i) **January, February, March** - Founders Hall, Shrine of Black Madonna (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)

The Discussion: This was voted on under item #7 above.

- b) Scott Smith spoke about an upcoming trial for Mortgage Fraud being prosecuted in Fulton County Superior Court on February 2 at 9am in Judge Arrington's code.
- c) Robert Thompson spoke about a new farm site (1 acre) being opened at Brown Middle School
- d) Nikki Sara spoke about the Resurrection of West End movement.
- e) Melanie Woffard spoke about Super Tuesday Tax Day on February 7th at the John Hope Community Center.
- f) Natasha Nedd of Georgia Citizens Coalition on Hunger spoke about upcoming initiatives. She left information on the table.
- g) Marlena Middlebrook from Council Member Willis' office introduced herself (404.330.6041).

14) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

\$7.00 in Donations were collected and turned over to the treasurer, Patrick Berry.

77 # individuals were recorded on the NPU-T sign-in sheets.