

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 11, 2009

The General meeting was called to order at 7: 03pm EST by Chairman Kwabena Nkromo

1) Invocation

a) The invocation was presented by Brother Ayyub.

2) Approval of Agenda –

A motion was made by Richard Wade to adopt the agenda as published with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Henry Ingram

The Vote: Yes- 11; No - 0; → Motion Carries

3) Approval of Minutes – *January*

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

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

Vote: Yes- 14; No-0 → Motion Carries

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

a) Police –

(1) Major Purdue from Zone 4 spoke

(a) Major Purdue introduced the new assistant zone commander Lt. Yabuku.

(b) Major Purdue spoke about the South Fulton Crime Task Force which has been established to target Part I crimes. This is a collaborative effort by multiple police jurisdictions in the South Fulton County area.

b) Fire – No speaker present

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

i) Prosecutor Blacket-Jones spoke about Operation Neighborhood Takeback. There will be a training session on February 28th from 10a-noon..

ii) The next Court Watch training will be on Saturday March 7th.

5) Presentations

a) Atlanta Citizen Review Board – Christina Beamud (404.865.8628 cbeamud@atlantaga.gov)

(1) Christina and LaShawn Hussman provided an overview of the program.

(2) The board meets each 2nd Thursday of the month in City Council Chambers.

b) Atlanta Development Authority – Dawn J. Luke

i) Dawn spoke about the Beltline Affordable Housing Program

6) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) First time attendees to the NPU-T were recognized.

b) Vonda Henry of WEND spoke. On February 20th, WEND and the West End Merchant's coalition will be sponsoring an evening event at the West End Performing Arts Center at 8pm. The event will be free to the residents. The West End Tour of Homes is scheduled for May 1st.

c) Stacy Bruce, the community service coordinator from Spelman College was introduced.

7) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) **Executive Committee** – Kwabena Nkromo

i) Recruitment of committee chairs and appointed officers

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- (1) Chairman Nkromo introduced Mark Malaguerra as the new Community Planner for NPU-T.
- (2) The Education and Public Safety Committees are still seeking chairs.

- ii) NPU-T 2009 Executive Committee Retreat – Danielle Carney / Melanie Wofford
 - (1) Chairman introduced the retreat planning committee chairs.

- b) **Public Relations Officer** – Danielle Carney
 - i) Danielle distributed the Schedule for NPU-T general meetings in 2009 and their locations.
 - ii) The Spelman College Bonner Scholars were introduced to the NPU-T body.

- c) **Treasurer's Report** – Patrick Berry
 - i) Patrick presented the proposed budget for 2009. A vote to adopt the budget will be needed following approval by the executive committee.

- d) Zoning and Land Use – Aston Thompson
 - i) Aston spoke about a proposed ordinance (08-0-1264) which addresses supportive housing. There will be a hearing held on February 26th at 6:30pm at City Hall.
 - ii) Aston also provided an overview of his goals regarding the comprehensive development plan project planned for 2009.

 - iii) NSP Application by University Community Development Corporation – Pete Hayley
 - (1) Pete provided an overview of the UCDC proposed participation in the NSP process and asked for a letter of support from NPU-T.

After a Q&A session, a motion was made by Scott Smith to authorize the Zoning and Land Use Committee to draft a letter of support the UCDC participation in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. This was seconded by John Davis.

The Vote: Yes: 17; No: 0 → Motion Carries

- 8) **Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report** – Graham Jackson, NPU-T Community Ambassador
 - a) Graham provided a highlight of the most recent APAB meeting.

- 9) **Planner's Report – Brandy Crawford (404.330.6522 bcrawford@atlantaga.gov)**
 - i) The city planner attends alternating NPU-T meetings and was not present.
 - ii) Mark Malaguerra spoke about his plans to assist the constituent neighborhoods with preparing their comprehensive develop plans (CDP). He recommended that the plan for the Old Fourth Ward be referenced as an example of a successful CDP.

Deviation: Council Member Cleeta Winslow spoke about the changes in the trash and yard trimming schedules and other important meetings. She provided a handout with the topics, dates and times.

10) Zoning –

License Review Board

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Nejaha Abdullah	Convenience Store	West End Shop	1107 R.D. Abernathy	Change of Ownership

The Discussion: Graham Jackson spoke about the application. The application was not present. Because the applicant was not present,

The Action: Graham made a motion to defer action until the March meeting. This was seconded by Edmund McAfee.

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The Vote: Yes: 16; No: 0 → Motion Carries

License Review Board

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Wesley J. Smith	Restaurant	Space Atlanta	1310A White Street	New Business

The Discussion: The attorneys of the applicant were present. They provided an overview of the application and the proposed use. The impacted neighborhood (WEND) has recommended approval. Wesley Smith, the applicant, described the project and their plans to open a restaurant. The Public Safety Committee recommends approval.

The Action: Mark Malaguerra made a motion to approve the application. This was seconded by Oni Holley.

The Vote: Yes: 24 ; No: 0 → Motion Carries

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 RENTALS 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: Vice Chair McAfee spoke about the ordinance.

No community comments were expressed.

The Action: No action was required.

12) Chairperson's Report

- a) Chairman Nkromo emphasized the importance of the Executive Committee retreat.
 - i) The retreat will also develop a 2009 Policy Agenda and Chairman Nkromo invited the members of the body to provide suggestions prior to the retreat.
- b) Chairman Nkromo described a "civil civic engagement" concept that he is working on with the NPU-T chaplain.

13) Announcements

- a) Robert Thompson spoke about the Creating Vibrant Communities. Subscriptions to the urban farm are being accepted.
- b) Ms. Wilson from Georgia Stand-Up spoke about the monthly Alliance Meeting being held on Friday, February 20th, 2009.
- c) Nikki Sara (404.287.6622) spoke about her plans for community clean-ups this spring in the West End community.
- d) Ms. Middlebrook from Council Member Willis' office spoke.
- e) Gloria Smith from State Rep Kathy Ashe's office. The date for "A Day at the Capital" has been rescheduled. She will communicate the new date to the NPU-T chair. Youth between the ages of 12 and 16 are being sought to act as pages.

14) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

\$95.00 in Donations were collected and turned over to the treasurer, Patrick Berry.

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