

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2009

The General meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm EST by Chairman Kwabena Nkromo

1) Invocation

- a) The invocation was presented by Chaplain Nadim Ali.

2) Approval of Agenda –

Parliamentarian Henry asked that the Supportive Housing and Letter of Support to UCDC be added to the agenda.

Graham Jackson corrected the address of one of the LRB items has the incorrect address. The correct address is 1450 Donnelly.

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

The Vote: Yes- 15; No - 0; → Motion Carries

3) Approval of Minutes – February 2009

- a) Copies of the February Minutes were distributed for approval.

A motion was made by John Pavlin to approve the minutes as corrected. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

Vote: Yes- 15; No-0 → Motion Carries

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

a) Police –

- (a) Sgt. Postell (Zone 4) spoke.
 - (i) Sgt. Postell spoke about a recent infant death on Peebles street. He indicated that the coroner has ruled the death as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
 - (ii) Vonda Henry voiced her appreciation of the recent improvement in the responsiveness and support from the Zone 4 staff.
 - (iii) A copy of the statistics was presented to the NPU-T chair.

(b) Zone 1 – no representative

b) Fire – no representative present

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

- i) Ms. Blackett-Jones spoke about a recent arrest at a suspected drug house located at 1565 Olympian Way. The defendant, Eugene Jones, has prior convictions and will receive additional sentencing should he be charged under the recidivist case.
- ii) John Pavlin was recently recognized with an outstanding Court Watcher award.
- iii) Ms. Blackett-Jones spoke about an electronics monitoring registration that has been started in Zone 3.
- iv) Operation Neighborhood Take Back is in the process of registering communities for the program.

5) Presentations

- a) AGL '09 Construction Briefing – Mickey Wade (404.584.3039)

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- i) Ms. Wade spoke about upcoming infrastructure work being planned for the community.
- b) Department of Watershed Management (Miltresa McMichael 404.330.6773) spoke about the allowance of drip irrigation and soaker hoses in the North Georgia region.
 - i) Cameo Garnett 404.569.2682 can be reached regarding the shutoff location project.
- c) Office of Councilmember H. Lamar Willis, Post 3 At Large – Marlana Middlebrook (404.330.6041)
 - i) Councilman Willis will be hosting a public safety workshop and she left flyers to outline the event.
 - ii) Councilman Willis will be hosting his annual “Swing into Spring” event at the McGee Tennis Center from April 6-10.
- d) Legislative Update – State Representative Rashad Taylor, 55th District
 - i) No representative present.
- e) State Senator Kasim Reed spoke about Senate Bill #77. This legislation is designed to create a public safety fund to allow a referendum to be introduced to the November 2009 election. The bill will generate between \$21-25M which would enable additional police officers to be hired for the City of Atlanta. This bill was brought primarily because the economic stimulus funds require the local municipalities to provide matching funds.
 - i) The homestead exemption has been increased for senior citizens and all Atlanta residents.
- f) Samantha Terry from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.
 - i) Ms. Terry spoke about several summer camp opportunities that will be offered during the Summer months of June. Open registration started March 9th. For a list of camps, information will be available at www.atlantaga.gov

Deviation #1 → First time attendees to NPU-T were recognized at this time.

6) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) WEND – Vonda Henry
 - i) The first tour of homes planning session will be held on March 28th at 10am.
 - ii) On March 21st at 9am, there will be a West End clean-up that will start at the Shrine of the Black Madonna.
 - iii) The West End Night Out was a success.
- b) Westview – Scott Smith
 - i) There will be a Trees Atlanta Planting on Saturday, March 14th. Interested
- c) Beecher Donnelly – April Anderson
 - i) Last month Fire Station #17 distributed smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors for the residents of the Beecher Donnelly community.

7) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) **Community Planner** – Mark Malaguerra
 - i) Mark spoke about several of the 2009 plans that were discussed at the recent NPU-T Executive Committee Retreat. He has plans on visiting all of the neighborhood associations within the NPU-T boundaries for the purpose of discussing building the NPU-T wide comprehensive development plans.
- b) **Executive Committee** – Kwabena Nkromo
 - i) NPU-T 2009 Executive Committee Retreat & Policy Agenda review
 - (1) Chairman spoke about the recent leadership retreat.
 - ii) Chairman Nkromo spoke about the vacancy of NPU-T Vice Chair & Call for a special election.
- c) **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs** – Wanda Whiteside

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- i) Wanda spoke about the recent committee meeting. She also spoke about her vision to increase the use of the community's park.
- d) **Public Relations Officer** – Danielle Carney
 - i) Chairman Nkromo spoke about the meeting rotation. The March 2009 meeting will be the last meeting in 2009 that will be held at the Shrine. The next three meetings will be held at the John Hope Community Center, located at 560 Larkin. Maps to the location were provided.
 - ii) Chairman Nkromo spoke about the upcoming NPU-T eNewsletter debut
- e) **Zoning and Land Use** – Aston Thompson
 - i) Aston Thompson highlighted that the next committee meeting will be on March 23rd at 7pm at the John Hope Community Center.
 - (1) Key highlights of the meeting will be the ordinance for supportive housing.

The Discussion: there was discussion about the supportive housing legislation which the City Planner has indicated will present

- (a) **The Action:** Vonda Henry made a motion to authorize the Zoning and Land Use committee to review the ordinance and submit a response (either approval or denial) on behalf of NPU-T prior to the legislation being presented to the ZRB. This was seconded by John Pavlin. A member

The Vote: Yes: 17; No:1 → Motion Carries

8) Treasurer's Report – Patrick Berry

- i) Patrick thanked the community for their donations at the February meeting.

Deviations #2 → State Representative Rashad Taylor spoke about the committees that he is serving on (Education, MARTA Oversight and Ways and Means) within the state legislature.

Rep. Taylor highlighted the Georgia Power rate increase. He also talked about the plan to levy a 1 cent sales tax to fund state transportation projects. MARTA has come to the legislature for additional funds.

9) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report – Graham Jackson, NPU-T Community Ambassador

- a) Graham provided a highlight of the most recent APAB meeting.
 - i) Graham highlighted that APAB discussed PD-CS that is on the agenda and also the new recreation fees that are being considered by the department of parks and recreation.
 - ii) The Atlanta Strategic Action Plan (ASAP) will be renamed to the Community Development Plan (CDP)

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

- a) Brandy facilitated the Zoning legislation discussions under item #11.

11) Zoning –

Zoning Review Board April, 2009 6:00 PM Z-08-78 – Substitute (Requires Vote) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART 16, ZONING, OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A NEW PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT, ENTITLED "PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION (PD-CS)" AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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The Discussion: Planner Crawford distributed summaries of the ordinance. The Zoning and Land Use committee supports approval of the ordinance.

The Action: A motion was made by Aston Thompson to approve Z-08-78. This was seconded by Patrick Berry.

The Vote: Yes:13 ; No: 2➔ Motion Carries.

Z-09-03 – Zoning Map Text Amendment AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-02.005 AND 16-02-006 OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REINFORCING THE PROCESS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Discussion: Planner Crawford provided an overview of the planned legislation.

The Action: A motion was made by Aston Thompson to approve the proposed Zoning Map Text Amendment.

The Vote: 10 Yes: 1; No: ➔ Motion Carries

12) 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: The applicant was present. Graham Jackson facilitated the discussion. The impacted neighborhood association has voted to approve the application (11/3). The applicant spoke about the business that he purchased approximately 4 months ago. The public safety committee recommends approval.

The Action: A motion was made by John Pavlin to approve the application. This was seconded by Vonda Henry.

The Vote: 15 Yes:0 ; No: ➔ Motion Carries

License Review Board

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Salim Abdul Aziz	Food Store	Cascade BP Shop (for information only)	1450 Donnelly Ave	Change of Ownership

The Discussion: The applicant was present. The impacted neighborhood association recommended approval. This item was placed on the agenda as “for information only” however the business is located within the boundaries of NPU-T and is covered by the Beecher-Donnelly Neighborhood Association. The public safety committee recommends approval.

The Action: A motion was made by John Pavlin. This was seconded by Aston Thompson.

The Vote: Yes:16 ; No: 0➔ Motion Carries.

A motion was made by John Pavlin to extend the meeting by 8 minutes. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

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The vote: Yes: 10; No: 1 → Motion Carries.

13) Text Amendments & Ordinances

- a) No items for discussion.

14) Chairperson's Report

- a) Addressed under committee reports.

15) Announcements

- a) None.

16) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

\$75.00 in Donations were collected and turned over to the treasurer, Patrick Berry.

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