

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2009

The General meeting was called to order at 7:11m EST by Chairman Nkromo

1) Invocation

- a) The invocation was presented by Mr. Warren.

Approval of Agenda –

A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to adopt the agenda as modified with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Eric Robinson.

The Vote: Yes- 14 ; No - 0; → Motion Carries

3) Approval of Minutes – April 2009

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

A motion was made by Stefi Berry to approve the minutes as published. 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 –

i) Zone 1 – Major Dalton was present to speak about Zone 1 issues.

- (1) Zone 1 is leading the City in crime reduction in both 2008 and year-to-date of 2009.
- (2) Major Dalton highlighted the "Don't Buy Crime" initiative. This is an awareness campaign that emphasizes the negative impact of buying stolen goods.

ii) Zone 4 – Sgt. Postell spoke.

- (1) Sgt. Postell outlined the recent crime statistics.

- b) **Fire** – no representative present.

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

- i) Prosecutor Blackett-Jones spoke about the court watch program and recent cases that have been prosecuted.

→ Deviation #1: Representatives from elected officials were invited to speak.

- o Council member Willis' assistance announced a public safety workshop scheduled for May 20th at Zoo Atlanta. A constituent survey regarding public safety was also distributed.
- o State Senator Fort (cell phone – 404.287.7116) spoke briefly about the recent legislative session, highlighting recent successful legislation and several which failed including funding for the trauma network and MARTA.
- o State Rep. Taylor spoke about copper theft and legislation being undertaken to crack down on thefts and the businesses that purchase stolen copper.

5) Presentations

- a) Ms. Samantha from the Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs. She outlined the following activities:

- i) 2009 Atlanta Jazz Festival (www.atlantafestivals.com)
- ii) 2009 Camp Best Friends program for children 5-15 and for senior citizens 50+. The program runs from 7:30am – 6pm

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6) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) WEND – Vonda Henry
 - i) Vonda Henry spoke about the recent Tour of Homes and Concert.
 - ii) West End is working on a program to help Brown Middle School and M. Agnes Jones. She is working on projects to identify how the community can assist.
- b) Beecher-Donnelly – April Anderson
 - i) April highlighted that there will be a neighborhood clean-up on Allegheny on Saturday May 16th. Council Member Winslow's office and Hands On Atlanta will be assisting.
- c) Booker T. Washington – Bill Cannon
 - i) Bill spoke about a candidates forum being planned for Summer 2009 for the Mayor's Race and for the District 3 and 4 City Council Seats.

→ Deviation #2 First time attendees of NPU-T meetings were recognized.

7) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) **Community Planner – Mark Malaguerra**

- i) Mark spoke about his plans for planning & development workshops as part of the Comprehensive Development Plan process.

b) **Executive Committee – Kwabena Nkromo**

- i) NPU-T 2009 Executive Committee Retreat & Policy Agenda Review
 - (1) Chairman Nkromo spoke about the Policy Agenda review.

The Discussion: Chairman Nkromo outlined the Policy Agenda and asked for community feedback about the proposed 2009 Policy Agenda.

Vonda Henry expressed her concern that Economic Development was not part of the 2009 Policy Agenda. Chairman Nkromo highlighted that Economic Development activities will continue to be addressed by the Economic Development Committee.

The Action: A motion was made by Bill Cannon to approve the adoption of the 2009 Policy Agenda as published. This was seconded by Debbie Zimmerman.

The Vote: Yes: 21; No-1 → Motion Carries.

ii) NPU-T Vice Chair Special Election – *deferred until June 2009 NPU-T meeting.*

c) **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Wanda Whiteside**

- i) Wanda invited members of NPU-T to get active with the committee.
- ii) Wanda spoke about upcoming activities, including:
 - (1) Neighborhood Jazz Series being held on Saturday, May 16 in Cleophas R. Johnson Park. For more information call 678.698.7565
 - (2) Monday May 25th will be the annual Willie Watkins Picnic.
 - (3) May 30th will be the 20th Annual Malcom X Festival.
 - (4) The Beltline 101 session will be on June 13th at the West Hunter Street Baptist Church

d) **Zoning and Land Use – Vonda Henry**

- i) In the absence of the committee chair, Vonda Henry spoke. She commented about the Supportive Housing Ordinance and the fact that the ordinance has been tabled for the present time until the Zoning Committee has had the opportunity to review and potentially revise it.

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- 8) **Treasurer's Report** – Patrick Berry
- i) Patrick Berry spoke about the success of the recent donations that have been made to support the activities of NPU-T.
- 9) **Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report** – Graham Jackson, NPU-T Community Ambassador
- i) There was no May APAB meeting.
- 10) **Planner's Report – Brandy Crawford (404.330.6522 bcrawford@atlantaga.gov)**
- a) See items #11 & 13.

11) **Zoning**

CDP-09-21 BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VINE CITY / WASHINGTON PARK LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE (LCI) STUDY PLAN BY REFERENCE INTO THE 2008 ATLANTA STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Discussion: Garnett Brown from the department of planning was present and provided a highlight of the LCI Plan. The impacted neighborhood association has voted to approve.

The Action: A motion was made by Bill Cannon to adopt CDP-09-21. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

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

CDP-09-22 BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2008 ATLANTA STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN (ASAP) SO AS TO REDESIGNATE PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE VINE CITY / WASHINGTON PARK LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE (LCI) STUDY AREA FROM VARIOUS LAND USE DESIGNATIONS TO VARIOUS LAND USE DESIGNATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Discussion: Garnett Brown from the department of planning was present and provided a highlight of the LCI Plan. The impacted neighborhood association has voted to approve.

The Action: A motion was made by Bill Cannon to adopt CDP-09-22. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

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

12) **License Review Board**

- a) **No applications were on the May 2009 NPU-T agenda**

13) **Text Amendments & Ordinances –**

Public Hearing Tuesday, May 12, 2009 9:30 a.m. **Committee Room 2**
09-O-0797 An Ordinance by City Utilities Committee amending Chapter 130, Article II, Division 4, Section 130-83 (a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, to create a Minimum Collections Fee for Solid Waste Service Charges; amending Section 130-84 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta to create a new subsection to authorize a fee for the use of specialized equipment during Solid Waste Collection; and for other purposes.

The Discussion: Planner Crawford did not feel able to address this ordinance as it is not related to the department of planning.

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The Action: No vote is required

Public Hearing Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:00 p.m. Committee Room 2
09-O-0799 An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee authorizing the Mayor or her designee to assess a Hazardous Materials Fee for responses which require services and resources from the Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department as a result of a negligent act of commercial contractors or privately owned companies, on behalf of the Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department; and for other purposes.

The Discussion: Planner Crawford did not feel able to address this ordinance as it is not related to the department of planning.

The Action: No vote is required

09-O-0800 An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee authorizing the Mayor or her designee to assess a User Fee to non-city residents responsible for the Deployment of Fire and Rescue resources caused by a motor vehicle crash or fire which creates a hazardous condition to the community and/or when Emergency Medical Services are required, on behalf of the Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department; and for other purposes. (To be advertised for a Public Hearing and referred to NPU's)

The Discussion: Planner Crawford did not feel able to address this ordinance as it is not related to the department of planning.

The Action: No vote is required

09-O-0801 An Ordinance by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee authorizing the Mayor or her designee to assess a Response Fee for providing to Private Emergency Medical Service (EMS) companies, assistance loading, unloading or moving patients on non-emergency alarms on behalf of the Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department; and for other purposes.

The Discussion: Planner Crawford did not feel able to address this ordinance as it is not related to the department of planning.

The Action: No vote is required

Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 12:30 p.m. Committee Room 2
09-O-0802 (1) An Ordinance by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to amend Section 6-1007 of the Code of Ordinances of the Land Development Code which contains the fees charged by the Department of Planning and Community Development for the purposes of adding more recently adopted Zoning Districts to the Fee Schedule for applications for rezoning, site plan amendments and special administrative permits and modifying the Fee Schedule for review of special administrative permits and creating a fee for sidewalk café permits; to amend Section 6-4028 for the purpose of adding a re-advertisement and re-mailing fee in Board of Zoning Adjustment cases requested for deferral and a requirement that transcript costs of the Board's hearings be paid by the party requesting judicial review; and deleting certain sections; and for other purposes.

The Discussion: Planner Crawford highlighted the amendment.

The Action: No vote is required

09-O-0805 (2) An Ordinance by Community Development/Human Resources Committee modifying Atlanta Code of Ordinances Chapter 142, the Outdoor Events Ordinance; to implement certain administrative fees, to require that certain outdoor event applications be filed thirty days

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prior to the event, and to require a Parking Meter Fee be paid for Outdoor Events that make meters inaccessible for greater than one day; and modifying Atlanta Code of Ordinances section 110-3 to increase certain pavilion and ball field fees; and for other purposes.

The Discussion: Planner Crawford did not feel able to address this ordinance as it is not related to the department of planning.

The Action: No vote is required.

14) Special Events

- a) Willie Watkins Festival – Ms. Jefferson was present to speak.

The Discussion: Ms. Relencia Jefferson (404.484.2723) highlighted the plans for the festival. For more information, contact Ms. Sunshine Lewis at 678.508.0201. The impacted neighborhood association (WEND) has made a recommendation to approve.

The Action: A motion was made by Bill Cannon to approve the application. This was seconded by Richard Puls.

The Vote: Yes- 21, No-0 → Motion Carries

- b) Malcom X Festival

The Discussion: No representative was present. The impacted neighborhood association has voted to approve. Wanda Whiteside spoke about this event as chair of the Parks, Recreation & Community Affairs committee. The event is planned for May 30th and will be held in the West End Park from noon – 8pm.

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

The Vote: Yes- 19, No-0 → Motion Carries

15) Chairperson's Report

- a) Chairman Nkromo spoke about his change in residency which now makes him unable to continue as Chair of NPU-T. This means that we will need to hold a special election at the June NPU-T meeting for both the Chair and Vice-Chair position.

16) Announcements – none

17) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

\$36.00 in donations were collected and turned over to the treasurer, Patrick Berry.

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