

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 10, 2009

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

1) Invocation

- a) The invocation was presented by Imam Nadim Ali

2) Approval of Agenda –

A motion was made by Richard Puls to adopt the agenda as 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 – May 2009

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

A motion was made by Richard Puls to approve the minutes as published. This was seconded by Henry Ingram .

Vote: Yes- 9 No-0 → Motion Carries

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

a) Police –

i) Zone 1 – Sgt. Traylor was present

- (1) Sgt. Traylor provided an overview of the crime statistics for the past 30 days. A copy of the crime statistics was left with the NPU-T chair.

ii) Zone 4 – Sgt. Postell spoke.

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

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

- i) Not present.

5) Presentations

- a) George Dusenbury, Executive Director Park Pride RE: Act to Save Atlanta's Parks (ASAP)

- i) Mr. Dusenbury spoke about the ASAP program. He distributed an overview of the program.

The discussion: After several questions for clarification were asked and answered, Wanda Whiteside made a motion to support the Park Pride ASAP program. This was seconded by Henry Ingram

Vote: Yes-20; No-1 → Motion Carries

- b) Toni Thornton, Community Outreach Planner MARTA, Office of Communications and External Affairs

- i) Ms. Thornton spoke about the upcoming cost containment initiatives being considered by MARTA and distributed an information sheet.

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6) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) **WEND** – Vonda Henry, president of WEND, spoke.
 - i) Vonda outlined that Space Atlanta, a new restaurant, has opened in the West End neighborhood.
 - ii) “Friends of West End Library” is being started under the leadership of Yomara Valdez.
 - iii) Screen on the Green will be held in September
 - iv) There will be a Community Yard Sale in August
- b) **Westview** – John Davis, president of Westview Community Organization spoke
 - i) John talked about the upcoming cook-out scheduled for June 27th at the Ontario Park
- c) **Beecher-Donnelly** – April Anderson, president of the Beecher-Donnelly Neighborhood Association, spoke about the planned Mayoral Forum (September 12th from 2-4pm)
- d) **Booker T. Washington** – Bill Cannon, president of Booker T. Washington Community spoke about a planned forum for the November City Elections (Mayor & City Council). The date will be announced at the July NPU-T meeting.

➔ **Deviation #1: First Time visitors to NPU-T were recognized.**

7) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) **Community Planner – Mark Malaguerra**
 - i) No report for June.
- b) **Executive Committee – Kwabena Nkromo**
 - i) Policy Agenda Update
 - (1) Chairman Nkromo spoke about the 2009 Policy Agenda
 - ii) New neighborhood association request for NPU-T recognition
 - (1) Atlanta University Center Community Organization (AUCCO)
 - (a) Chairman Nkromo advised that the AUCCO review is still being considered by the NPU-T Executive Committee and will be brought to the general body at a subsequent meeting.
- c) **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Wanda Whiteside**
 - i) Wanda highlighted recent events (Willie Watkins Festival, Malcolm X Festival and the Neighborhood Jazz Festival)
 - ii) The Cleophas R. Johnson park has received 2 grants
 - iii) The location for the Beltline 101 Workshops has been changed to 525 Means Street on the first Tuesday of the meeting.
 - iv) Wanda invited members of NPU-T to volunteer for the PRCA committee.
- d) **Public Relations Officer – Danielle Carney**
 - i) Meeting rotation updates – Chairman Nkromo and Danielle Carney reminded the body that the NPU-T meetings continue to rotate and for the next three (3) meetings, the NPU-T meetings will be held at the Beecher-Donnelly Boys & Girls Club

8) Treasurer’s Report – Patrick Berry

- i) No report. Patrick Berry not present.

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

- i) No report.

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

- a) Planner Crawford had no items to cover.

11) Zoning

No items on the June Agenda

12) Text Amendments & Ordinances –

09-O-0673 (1) An Ordinance by Community Development/ Human Resources Committee amending the Atlanta Code of Ordinances Section 110-3 to increase certain Tennis and Aquatics Fees; and to direct that the revenue from the fees be deposited into the accounts set forth herein; and for other purposes.

The Discussion: There was no representative from the department of Parks & Recreation Department present to overview the ordinance. Several questions were asked for clarification about the ordinance and members of NPU-T were dismayed that an overview of this ordinance was not provided to the membership of NPU-T so that they could be well informed and make appropriate comments.

The Action: No vote is required

13) Special Election of Officers

- a) The NPU-T Chairman no longer meets the residency requirements to hold that office and nominations and an election for a new Chair of NPU-T took place.
 - i) The following individuals were nominated for the position of NPU-T Chair
 - (1) Bill Cannon made a nominated Nia Knowles. This was seconded by Vonda Henry.
 - (2) After three (3) calls for additional nominees were met with no additional nominees, Bill Cannon made a motion to close the nominations. This was seconded by Vonda Henry.

The Vote: Yes: 20; No-2 → Nia Knowles elected Chair of NPU-T for the remainder of the 2009 term.

- b) The NPU-T Vice-Chairman no longer meets the residency requirements to hold that office and nominations and an election for a new Chair of NPU-T took place.
 - i) The following individuals were nominated for the position of NPU-T Vice Chair
 - (1) Vonda Henry nominated Mark Malaguerra for Vice Chair. This was seconded by Debbie Zimmerman.
 - (2) After three (3) calls for additional nominees were met with no additional nominees, Bill Cannon made a motion to close the nominations. This was seconded by John Davis

The Vote: Yes: 24; No-1 → Mark Malaguerra elected Vice-Chair of NPU-T for the remainder of the 2009 term

14) Chairperson's Report

- a) The outgoing NPU-T Chair spoke about the newly elected NPU-T officers.

15) Announcements –

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- a) **Gwen Cain outlined the Vista Volunteer Program that the Morehouse Revitalization Task Force is participating in. Members of the program were introduced.**
- b) **Bill Cannon spoke about his appreciation for the contributions of Chairman Nkromo.**
- c) **Marcus Penny (404.963.1017) from “Let’s Raise a Million” spoke about their recent activities to provide low-flow water kits and compact fluorescent bulbs.
(www.letsraiseamillion.org)**

16) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

\$52.05 in donations were collected and turned over to the Secretary, Scott Smith for delivery to the treasurer, Patrick Berry.

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