

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2009

The General meeting was called to order at 7: 02 pm EST by Chairman Knowles

1) Invocation

a) The invocation was presented by Nadim Ali.

2) Approval of Agenda –

A motion was made by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown to adopt the agenda as corrected with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Pete Hayley.

The Vote: Yes- 10 ; No - 0; → Motion Carries

3) Approval of Minutes – July 2009

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

A motion was made by Pete Hayley to approve the minutes as published. This was seconded by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown.

Vote: Yes- 11 No- 0 → Motion Carries.

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

a) Police –

i) Zone 1 - Lt. Johnson spoke.

- (1) A copies of the Zone 1 statistics has been distributed prior to the NPU-T meeting.
- (2) Lt. Johnson highlighted recent activities that are being taken to address issues of truancy, curfew violations, carjacking and burglaries.

ii) Zone 4 – Sgt. Postell spoke.

- (1) A copy of the police statistics has been presented to the NPU-T chair. He indicated that most of the Part 1 crimes are down year-to-year except for burglary from home.
- (2) During school hours, if there are juveniles seen on the street, a call to the Zone 4 precinct can get a truancy officer dispatched.
- (3) There were several questions about curfew times for youths. There is both a daytime (during school hours) and evening curfew.

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

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

- i) Ms. Blackett-Jones was present to answer questions from the NPU-T body.
 - (1) She reminded the attendees about the electronic registration and court watch programs.

d) Watershed Management – Brent Brewer

- i) Brent presented a handout highlighting the recent activities being undertaken by the department of Watershed Management.
- ii) There will be a public meeting on August 17th to discuss watershed improvement projects. The meeting will be at 1838 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway from 6-8pm.

5) Presentations

a) Proposed Atlanta Sustainable Building Ordinance (Mr. Harrison)

The discussion: Mr. Harrison spoke about the proposed ordinance. He highlighted that this ordinance is primarily focused on new construction and major renovations to

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commercial structures that are three (3) stories or taller in height. There are no land use or zoning changes included in the ordinance.

This ordinance does not yet require a vote by the city's NPU's.

b) Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections / Voter Information

i) No representative present.

c) Fulton County MN/DD/AD – Patricia Jackson

i) Ms. Jackson spoke about some of the challenges with mental health services within the county. There are many services for Mental, Behavioral and Addiction disorders that are available for the residents of Fulton County. Copies of flyers with information were distributed to the attendees of the NPU-T meeting.

ii) There is a mobile crisis unit that can be called for mental health emergency situations. 800.715.4225

6) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) John Hope Villages of Castleberry Hill Community Association – no representative present

b) Beecher-Donnelly Community Association – April Anderson spoke about recent activities that have taken place including a clean-up in July. April also highlighted the upcoming Mayoral Candidate Forum scheduled for Saturday, September 19th from 4-6pm at Kipp Strive Academy

i) July clean-up

c) WEND – Vonda Henry, president of WEND, spoke about their recent National Night Out activities. Saturday, August 15th will be a clean-up and on August 22-23 there will be a community yard sale. There will be 2 Screen on the Green events at the Wren's Nest in the month of September. Tuesday, August 18th will be the meeting of the public safety committee at the West End Library at 7pm.

d) Booker T. Washington - Bill Cannon spoke about upcoming Election Forum. The Mayor's forum will be held on September 10th at Booker T. Washington from 7-8:30pm. Forums for District 3 & 4 and for the City Council President will be held following the September 10th event.

7) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) Treasurer's Report - Nia expressed the importance of managing printing costs. She passed the donations box to defray continued expenses of NPU-T.

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

i) The next APAB meeting is Saturday, August 15th at 55 Trinity Ave in Committee Room 2.

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

a) Planner Crawford spoke about the City's GreenSpace Plan. The next meetings will be on September 10th and 11th.

b) Planner Crawford addressed the items under items 10 of the approved agenda.

10) Zoning

a) **CDP-09-26** AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE PLANNING DOCUMENT ENTITLED *IMAGINE DOWNTOWN ENCORE*; TO AMEND THE 2008 COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT

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PLAN OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO INCORPORATE THE *IMAGINE DOWNTOWN ENCORE PLAN* BY REFERENCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

i) The discussion:

- (1) Jennifer Ball presented an overview of the proposed plan.
- (2) NPU's V, W, and M voted to support the plan. NPU L voted to oppose adoption of the plan.
- (3) The NPU-T executive committee voted (Yes:5 / No:0) to support CDP-09-26
- (4) There are no zoning, land use or other changes included in CDP-09-26.

A motion was made by Vonda Henry to support CDP-09-26. This was seconded by John Davis.

Vote: Yes- 11; No-1 → Motion Carries

b) Zoning Review Board July 9, 2009 6:00 P.M.

Z-09-020 / 09-O-0844 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 1982 ATLANTA ZONING ORDINANCE AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE USE CHART FOR SPI-21 HISTORIC WEST END /ADAIR PARK SPECIAL PUBLIC INTEREST DISTRICT SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES ARE ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USES WITHIN SUB-AREAS 1,2,3,4,8 & 9; SO AS TO REMOVE CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES AS A PERMITTED USE IN SUB-AREA 7; SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN LOT SIZE FOR CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES WITHIN ALL SUB-AREAS; SO AS TO REQUIRE MUSEUMS, ART GALLERIES, LIBRARIES, CHILD CARE CENTERS AND KINDERGARTENS TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN SUB-AREAS 5 & 6; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

- i) Planner Crawford outlined the proposed Zoning & Ordinance. She highlighted that Federal Law does not allow religious places of assembly to receive different treatment from other lawful places of assembly.
- ii)

The discussion: Several community members expressed concerns that this ordinance is being targeted towards individual communities rather than being extended to the entire city. The other impacted NPU voted to support. A motion was made by Jerilyn Lewis to support approval of Z-09-020 / 09-O-0844. This was seconded by April Anderson.

Vote: Yes- 8; No- 4 → Motion Carries.

11) License Review Board

- a) **No items for NPU-T consideration in August 2009.**

12) Ordinances, Resolutions and Text Amendments

- a) There were two items on the agenda for information only and do not require a vote by the body of NPU-T.

b) 09-O-1069

- i) (1) An Ordinance by Councilmember C. T. Martin to amend Section 162-260 (a), (Entitled "Fees Charged by Vehicle Immobilization Service") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to increase the allowable fee charged by Vehicle immobilization Services, to the owner of any immobilized vehicle or personal property, from \$50.00 per day to \$75.00 per day; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.

The discussion: There were no specific questions regarding 09-O-1069.

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- c) **Public Hearing** **September 14, 2009** **6:00 P.M.**
i) **09-O-0944** To adopt the 2010-2014 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) (for review and comment). Send comments by September 14th. The 2010-2014 CIP-STWP is at <http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/planning/cip.aspx>. For questions and comments, contact Mary McCracken at dpcd-mmccracken@atlantaga.gov and Jessica Lavandier at jlavandier@atlantaga.gov.

The discussion: There were no specific questions regarding 09-O-0944.

- d) **09-O-1223** An ordinance by City Utilities Committee authorizing the Mayor to execute a Franchise Agreement between the City of Atlanta and Comcast of Georgia / Virginia, Inc. for the purpose of renewing the Cable Franchise granted for the construction, reconstruction, operation and maintenance of a Cable Communications System within the City; and for other purposes.

The discussion: There were no specific questions regarding 09-O-1223.

13) Chairperson's Report

- a) None.

14) Announcements –

- a) Spelman College

15) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

\$36.00 in donations were collected by Scott Smith and held for NPU-T treasurer, Patrick Berry who was not present at the August 2009 meeting.

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