

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 9, 2009

The General meeting was called to order at 7:03pm EDT by Chairman Knowles

**1) Invocation**

a) The meeting began with a moment of silent reflection.

**2) Approval of Agenda –**

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

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

**3) Approval of Minutes –**

a) **October 2009** - Copies of the October Minutes were distributed for approval prior to the meeting in softcopy only. In light of those present who were new to NPU-T or do not have e-mail, action on this item will be moved to the December 2009 meeting.

i) A motion was made by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown to approve the minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

The Vote: Yes-8 ; No - 0; → Motion Carries

b) **November 2009** – Copies of the November minutes were distributed for approval in electronic copy and in printed form.

i) A motion was made by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown to approve the minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

The Vote: Yes- 9; No - 0 ; → Motion Carries

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

**a) Police –**

i) **Zone 1 – No representative present.**

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ii) **Zone 4 – Sgt. Flinders was present.**

(1) Copies of the crime stats were presented to those present.

b) **Fire** – Battalion Chief Kevin Roberts spoke (Station #17)

i) Station #17 responded to approximately 3300 calls in 2009.

ii) The Atlanta Fire and Rescue has recently become reaccredited.

iii) A new fire station will be opening in Atlantic Station

iv) ACERT is a free course available to the public to learn more about fire safety

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

i) Prosecutor Jones spoke about successes from the past year and the transition while she will be away on maternity leave.

d) **Fulton County Sherrif – Sergeants Davis (404.612.3113) and McGee (404.612.6624)**

i) Sgt. McGee spoke about a renewed emphasis on community outreach.

e) **Atlanta Watershed Management (Brent Brewer)**

i) Mr. Brewer presented tips on preventing pipes from freezing in the cold weather.

ii) Mr. Brewer provided an update on recent complaints.

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5) Presentations

- a) 779 Atwood St. – Terrance Raye (Pan African Orthodox Christian Church)
  - i) The applicant was present to discuss the intended repurposing of an existing residential structure for the purpose of opening a day care in support of the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church. A special Use Permit will be required to make such use lawful.
    - (1) The impacted neighborhood (Beecher-Donnelley) has not yet met to discuss the application.
      - (a) A motion was made by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown to approve the special use permit with a stipulation that the permit shall dissolve in the event that the current owner sells or reverts the use of the property to another use. This was seconded by Richard Puls

The Vote: Yes- 12; No - 0 ; ➔ Motion Carries

Deviation #1 ➔ City Council President Elect swore the new officers into office.

- 1. Chair – Nia Knowles
- 2. Vice-Chair – Mark Malaguerra
- 3. Secretary – Scott Smith
- 4. Recording Secretary – Gretchen Scholfield
- 5. Treasurer – Patrick Berry
- 6. Parliamentarian – Vonda Henry
- 7. Sergeant at Arms – John Pavlin
- 8. Chaplain – Bill Cannon

- b) Shirley Langley, CPA
  - i) Mr. Kelley spoke on behalf of Ms. Langley’s application.
  - ii) Ms. Langley has applied for a building permit in order to facilitate repairs to a commercial property that she owns on Ralph David Abernathy Blvd. Community review is required due to beltline overlay district.
    - (1) The impacted neighborhood (WEND) has voted to support this application.

Jerilyn Lewis made a motion to support the application. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

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

- c) Mr. Goodrum, McDonalds Corporation
  - i) Mr. Goodrum spoke about his plans.
  - ii) Mr. Goodrum has plans to replace the existing McDonald’s restaurant located on Ralph David Abernathy and he is required to speak to the NPU because of the Beltline Overlay district and for other purposes.
  - iii) The impacted neighborhood (WEND) has voted to support this application.

Jerry Tacuma Brown made a motion to support the application. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

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

- d) R.E.E.D.E.M. – Sis. Deborah Williams
  - i) Sis. Deborah has requested to defer this item until the February 2010 NPU-T meeting.
- e) A.U.C.N.A. – Wanda Whiteside (404.789.9586)

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- i) Ms. Whiteside was present to discuss the Atlanta University Center Neighborhood Association. This association has applied for and met the requirements for recognition as a constituent neighborhood within NPU-T. The Executive Committee has voted (Y-5 / N-1) to support the application.
  - (1) AUCNA meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 6-7:30pm.

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

- a) Planner Crawford was not present.

**7) Zoning**

- a) **U-09-024** **779 Atwood Street**
  - i) Applicant, Terrence Raye, seeks a Special Use Permit to operate a day care center.
    - (1) This item was addressed under presentations.
- b) **Z-09-35/09-O-1806**
  - i) An ordinance to amend the Castleberry hill landmark district regulations (chapter 20n) of the 1982 zoning ordinance of the city of Atlanta as amended, so as to create a definition of off-leash dog park and allow such a use in subarea 1 of the Castleberry hill landmark district; and for other purposes.
    - (1) This was deferred from a prior NPU-T meeting pending feedback from the impacted NPU.
    - (2) There has been no response from the impacted NPU. The nearest impacted neighborhood (Booker T. Washington) has made no action on this item.

A motion was made by Vonda Henry to approve the motion. This was seconded by Jerilyn Lewis.

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

**8) License Review Board**

Kuldeel Raikhy	Food Store w/ Gas	Ashby Street Chevron	343 Joseph E. Lowery	Change of Licensee
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- a) The applicant's representative was present to discuss.
- b) The applicant has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the impacted neighborhood association. All of the items of the MOU were reported by the applicant to have been addressed.
- c) The impacted neighborhood association (CollegeTown) has not made a recommendation on this.

A motion was made by Vonda Henry to deny the application. This was seconded by Bill Cannon.

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

**9) Text Amendments, Ordinances & Resolutions**

- a) None

**10) Neighborhood Association Reports (2 minutes per report)**

- a) Vonda Henry and Patrick Berry spoke about the joint holiday events on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> being sponsored by West End and Westview.
- b) April Anderson spoke about the recent elections of officers.
  - i) Damien Smith (770.605.7425) spoke about an upcoming workshop being sponsored by the West End 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist.
- c) Laurissa Claytor (CollegeTown) spoke in thanks for Tacuma Brown for the Atrium Thanksgiving Dinner.

**11) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)**

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- a) Treasurer – Patrick Berry
  - i) Patrick took donations in support of the NPU-T expenses.

**12) 2010 NPU-T Officer Swear-in** – addressed earlier in the meeting.

**13) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report**

- a) Graham Jackson APAB Award
  - i) Nia announced that Graham received an award from APAB.

**14) Announcements**

- a) Clela Winslow will be sponsoring a party from 6-9pm at Space on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Nia thanked Suna Om for donating holiday lights.

**15) Adjournment**

**\$41.00 in donations were collected by NPU-T treasurer, Patrick Berry**

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