

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 10, 2010

The General meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm EST by Chairman Knowles

**1) Invocation**

a) The invocation was delivered as a moment of silence in the absence of NPU-T Chaplin Cannon.

**2) Approval of Agenda –**

A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to adopt the agenda as amended with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Steffi Langer-Berry .

The Vote: Yes- 5; No - 0; → Motion Carries

**3) Approval of Minutes – *January 2010***

a) Copies of the January minutes were distributed for approval prior to the meeting in softcopy. Hardcopies were available at the meeting for members without e-mail access.

A motion was made by Vonda Henry to adopt the minutes as published. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

The Vote: Yes- 5; No - 0; → Motion Carries

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

**a) Police –**

**i) Zone 4 – Major Yubuku was present.**

- (1) Major Yubuku provided a copy of the crime statistics for the past 30 days. He indicated that overall crime year-to-date was down by 5% although auto thefts are up.
- (2) The Major outlined the robbery / burglary detail and highlighted recent successes in reducing crime and apprehending suspected offenders.
  - (a) Lt. Bennett spoke about the specific details involved with the robbery details

**ii) Zone 1 – Major Dalton was present.**

- (1) Major Dalton spoke about the current crime statistics. A copy of the crime statistics was distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting.

**b) Council Member Winslow spoke.**

- i)** Council Member Winslow talked about the funds that were raised for fire station #7. The funds are being held by the Atlanta Fire Foundation at Capital City Bank and she is meeting with Hands On Atlanta to investigate doing a spring clean-up at the station.
- ii)** Council Member Winslow sponsored a small business seminar at the West Hunter Street Church last week and it had a very strong turnout.
- iii)** There will be a tire clean-up on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- iv)** There will be homebuyers seminar and tour on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- v)** A Zone 4 Mini Precinct will be opening on the corners of RDA and Evans Street in Spring of 2010.

**vi) Fire – Battalion Chief Roberts (Battalion 4) spoke.**

- (1) Chief Roberts highlighted the "safe spots" program which will provide an emergency place of refuge for any victim of domestic violence or sexual exploitation.
- (2) There will training for ACERT on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> on the campus of Morehouse College.
  - (a) **Devon Lambert of the Morehouse Revitalization Taskforce spoke about the specific event.**
- (3) There was a brief summary of the last 2 month's activities (428 in January & February).

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- c) **Community Prosecutor** – Ms. Blackett-Jones (Zone 4) 404.699.5294
  - i) Ms. Blackett-Jones is on maternity leave.

- d) **Department of Watershed Management (Brent Brewer)**
  - i) Brent Brewer spoke about February “Fix a Leak Month.”
  - ii) James Mcewen spoke about street paving coming up in the NPU-T area.

5) Presentations

a) **Resources for Residents and Communities (RRC)/ Foreclosure Prevention**

- i) Ms. Turner spoke the RRC Foreclosure Prevention program.

b) **UCDC- Pete Haley**

- i) Pete asked for support from NPU-T to receive funding for 2010-11 from the city to continue their participation in the Home Program.

A motion was made by Wanda Whiteside to support the UCDC’s application for the Home Program. This was seconded by Steffi Langer-Berry.

The Vote: Y- 15; N- 0 → Motion Carries

c) **KIPP Metro-Atlanta- David Jernigan**

- i) Mr. Jernigan spoke about two plans for the KIPP program in Atlanta.
  - (1) KIPP is in the planning process for opening a high school in the Atlanta area. The impacted neighborhood has voted to support the application.

A motion was made by Vonda Henry to support the KIPP program opening a high school in Atlanta. This was seconded by Ted Warren.

The Vote: Y- 13; N- 0 → Motion Carries

- (2) KIPP is seeking to purchase the J.C. Harris School from Atlanta Public Schools which is the current site of the KIPP Strive academy.

A motion was made by Richard Puls to support the KIPP offer to purchase the J.C. Harris property. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra

The Vote: Y- 13; N- 0 → Motion Carries

→ **Deviation #1: Patrick Berry spoke about the state of the finances for NPU-T.**

d) **Busy Bee Café- Tracy Gates**

e) **Community Aid and Development Corporation (CADC) (Festival March Coordinator- Malcolm-X Fest)**

f) **W.E.N.D. West Fest- Robert Thompson**

- i) Robert spoke about a plan by W.E.N.D. to host a “West Fest” event from May 6-9. More details will be provided as the plans are finalized. This will require a vote after the permits have been applied for.

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

- a) Planner Crawford was not present.

7) **Zoning**

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**8) License Review Board**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Type of Business</b>	<b>Name of Business</b>	<b>Location Address</b>	<b>Request</b>
Kanwar Tucker	Food Store w/Gas	Ashby BP	3 Joseph Lowry Blvd.	Add Wine

The discussion:

The applicant was present. The impacted neighborhood has met but has not yet reached a formal opinion of the application. The application is to add wine to the product mix at the store.

Questions were raised:

- as to the suitability of wine sales for the impacted neighborhood.
- as to whether the applicant would be amenable to limiting the wine sales to 750ml bottles or larger so as to limit the impact on the neighborhood.
  - The applicant responded that while the City of East Point has enacted legislation to restrict the sale of small or single serve bottles of wine and beer, the city of Atlanta has yet to do so.
- the impact on the surrounding community of selling increased alcohol volumes from this location

A motion was made by Bill Cannon to deny the application. This was seconded by Ted Warren.

The Vote: Y- 5; N- 3 → Motion Carries

**9) Text Amendments, Ordinances & Resolutions** *(For Your Information-No NPU Vote Required)*  
None

**10) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)**

- a) AUCCNA – Wanda Whiteside spoke about the upcoming agenda for their February meeting.

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

- a) **Treasurer’s Report** – Patrick Berry
- i) Economic Development – Robert Thompson
    - (1) Mr. Thompson spoke about reviving the economic development committee and asked for volunteers.
- b) **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Wanda Whiteside**
- i) Ms. Whiteside asked for suggestions for ideas to take to the annual Green Space Park Pride conference that she will be attending on March 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii) There will be a planning session for the Cleophas R. Johnson park coming up.
  - iii) The Malcom X Festival will be in the West End

**12) Announcements –**

- a) Cheryl Case spoke about the status of the vacant Publix store on MLK.
- b) Ms. Bowers-Ervin spoke about the City of Atlanta new parking meter payment programs. To send feedback to the program, send to [parkingfeedback@atlantaga.gov](mailto:parkingfeedback@atlantaga.gov).
- c) Gloria Smith from Kathy Ashe’s office spoke about the “District 56 at the Capital” day being held on March 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-2pm.

**13) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report –**

- a) none

**14) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.**

**\$25.00 in donations were collected by NPU-T treasurer, Patrick Berry**

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