

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 10, 2010

The General meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm EST by Chairman Knowles

1) Invocation

a) The invocation was delivered by Dr. Gwendolyn Porter in the absence of NPU-T Chaplin Cannon.

2) Approval of Agenda –

A motion was made by Patrick Berry to adopt the agenda as amended with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Wanda Whiteside.

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

3) Approval of Minutes – February 2010

a) Copies of the February 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 Pete Hayley to adopt the minutes as published. This was seconded by Jerilyn Lewis.

The Vote: Yes-7; No - 0; → Motion Carries

4) Special Presentation: Mayor Kasim Reed – Atlanta Counts 2010

a) Ms. Boone from the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services (404.330.6023) was on hand to talk about the services that the office provides to the citizens of the city. (aboone@atlantaga.gov)

b) There will be a Day of Service being sponsored by the Mayor's office on April 17th. To register, call the office to indicate your community's intent to participate.

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

a) Police –

i) **Zone 4 – Major Yubuku was not present.**

ii) **Zone 1 – Sgt. Culberson was present.**

(1) Sgt. Culberson discussed that burglaries are still the main problem in Zone 1. Most of the burglaries are from vacant homes and there are challenges with identify the owners of the homes.

iii) **Fire – Fire Chief Peel (Battalion #17) spoke about several community service initiatives.**

(1) **Spots program** – all fire stations are designated as safe zones for anyone reporting domestic violence or child abuse. Anyone needing assistance can go to any station and that station will be locked down until appropriate actions have been taken.

(2) There may be budget cuts for FY 2010-11 that impact the Department of Fire and Rescue.

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

i) Ms. Blackett-Jones is on maternity leave.

c) Department of Watershed Management (Brent Brewer)

i) Mr. Brewer had several shower timers to distribute. He also indicated that the fire stations have entire water conservation kits for residents that request them.

d) Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Shandra Long

i) Ms. Long was present to hear any individual citizen's concerns.

6) Presentations

a) House Proud – Jonathan Kidwell

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- i) Jonathan spoke about several upcoming projects being undertaken in NPU-T neighborhoods.

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

- a) Planner Crawford was present.

8) Zoning

- a) Applicant Columbia Residential, LLC, proposes to develop Columbia Plaza Apartments as a new multi-family community located at 1017 Westview Drive.
 - i) The applicant's representative (Jim Brawley) spoke about the planned redevelopment of this property.
 - (1) The intent is to demolish and re-build the apartment to current market standard.
 - (2) The impacted neighborhoods (Just Us Neighbors & Ashview Heights) has voted to support the applicant.

The discussion:

Questions were raised regarding affordable housing, the overall plan and price of the development.

A motion was made by Vonda Henry to support the application. This was seconded by April Anderson.

The Vote: Y- 15; N- 1 ➔ Motion Carries

b) Zoning Review Board April 1, or 8, 2010 6:00 P.M.

Z-10-002 1017 Westview Drive, S.W.

Applicant, Rex Bray, seeks to rezone property from RG-2 to MR-3.

The applicant was present. Many questions regarding the affordable housing designation and impact to the community were asked. The impacted neighborhoods (Just Us Neighbors & Ashview Heights) voted to support the application.

The discussion:

Questions were raised regarding affordable housing, the overall plan and price of the development.

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

The Vote: Y- 15; N-1 ➔ Motion Carries

c) V-10-027 1017 Westview Drive, S.W.

Applicant, Jim Grauley, seeks a variance from zoning regulations to 1) reduce the required front yard setback from 40 ft. to 20 ft. (Agnes Jones Street frontage) 2) reduce the required front yard setback from 40 ft. to 10 ft. (Abbott Street frontage) and 3) to reduce the required half-depth front yard setback from 20 ft. to 10 ft. to allow for a multi-family development.

The discussion: The applicant has changed their zoning request to MR-3 which removes the requirement for the variance. The impacted neighborhood (Just Us Neighbors & Ashview Heights) has voted to support the application.

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The applicant was present. No vote is needed.

d) Z-10-001 / 10-O-0314

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 1982 ATLANTA ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE USE CHART FOR SPI-11 VINE CITY & ASHBY STATION SPECIAL PUBLIC INTEREST DISTRICT REGULATIONS SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PAWN SHOPS ARE NOT PERMITTED USES WITHIN SUB-AREAS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12; TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR SUCH USE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The discussion: Planner Crawford explained the ordinance.

Questions were raised:

- Whether the change would have precluded Northside Pawn from relocating to the community.
 - Planner Crawford indicated that it would have prevented Northside Pawn from opening.
 - The Ordinance would also have the effect of preventing any other pawn shops from opening in this area.
- Whether any other community in NPU-T would be impacted.
 - No other area in NPU-T would be impacted.

A motion was made by Robert Thompson to deny the application. This was seconded by Steffi Berry.

The Vote: Y- 2; - N - 10 → Motion Defeated.

A motion was made by Vonda Henry to defer action until additional information has been provided. This was seconded by Kurt Reinhardt

The Vote: Y- 12; - N - 2 → Motion Carries.

e) Board of Zoning Adjustment April 8, 2010 12:00 P.M.

V-10-031 1166 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd. (Information purposes only- will not attend NPU)

Applicant, Deidre Joiner for the McDonald's Corp., seeks to Appeal Decision of Administrative Officer.

**9) License Review Board
No items on the March Agenda**

10) Text Amendments, Ordinances & Resolutions

0-O-0408 –

AN ORDINANCE BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AMENDING THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 110-3, SUBSECTION (a)(5), TO ADD A SALARY SURCHARGE TO EVENTS HELD DURING NON-OPERATING HOURS AT THE ATLANTA CYCLORAMA MUSEUM TO COVER PERSONNEL COSTS OF CITY EMPLOYEES STAFFING SUCH EVENTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 110-3 SUBSECTION (C) TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE TO OFFER DISCOUNTED ADMISSION FEES FOR CYCLORAMA IN PREDETERMINED TIMES OR CIRCUMSTANCES, WHERE

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SAID DISCOUNT DOES NOT EXCEED TWO DOLLARS (\$2.00);AND TO CHANGE THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR ADMISSION TO THE CYCLORAMA MUSEUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Because this is not indicated as “for information only,” a vote was taken. There were no questions.

A motion was made by Vonda Henry to approve 0-O-0408. This was seconded by April Anderson.

The Vote: Y- 13; - N - 1 → Motion Carries.

→ Vonda Henry moved to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. This was seconded by April Anderson.

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

→ Mayor Reed joined the meeting at 9pm and addressed the members regarding the upcoming Census.

11) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) WEND – Vonda Henry spoke about West Fest.

12) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) **Treasurer’s Report** – Patrick Berry

i) Patrick provided an update on the finances.

b) Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Wanda Whiteside provided a written report.

c) Beltline Greenspace meeting on March 25th.

13) Announcements –

a) Clela Winslow announced the home buyers seminar on Saturday March 27th.

14) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report –

a) **No report.**

15) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

\$ 32.61 donations were collected by NPU-T treasurer, Patrick Berry

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