

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 14, 2010

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

**1) Invocation**

- a) In the absence of the NPU-T Chaplain, Bill Cannon, a moment of silence was observed.

**2) Approval of Agenda –**

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

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

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

- a) Copies of the June 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 Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown to adopt the minutes as corrected. 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 – Lt. Charles spoke.**

- (1) Copies of the crime statistics were provided via e-mail prior to the NPU-T General Body Meeting.
- (2) Several members of the community expressed concerns about ongoing issues in the area.

**ii) Zone 4 – Lt Bennett spoke.**

- (1) Lt. Bennett talked about several areas where crime had increased in the Zone 4 area, especially copper and air conditioning thefts.
- (2) A copy of the crime statistics was provided to the NPU-T chair.

**b) Fire – Captain Dove spoke**

- i) Captain Dove spoke about the current speaking points regarding the department.

**b) Community Prosecutor – Ms. Blackett-Jones (Zone 4) 404.699.5294 was not present.**

- i) → Patrick Berry presented an overview of the finances and was present to accept donations for the operation of NPU-T.**

**5) Presentations**

- a) Beltline – James Alexander
- ii) Mr. Alexander gave an overview of the upcoming planning sessions.

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

- a) Planner Crawford was not present.

**7) Zoning and Land Use**

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- a) U-10-023 – Applicant, Karim Shahid, seeks a Special use Permit (SUP) to operate a church at 105 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd.
  - iii) Mr. Shahid was present to provide an overview of the plans to add parking lots for the church.
  - iv) The Discussion:
    - (1) The subject properties are located in both the Ashview Heights (AH) and Booker T. Washington (BTW) neighborhood associations. There was no representative present from the Booker T. Washington. The applicant has not met with either association as of the July NPU-T meeting. Larry Carter from AH was present and expressed that the AH belief is that this will be a positive impact on the community but a formal recommendation has not been made.
    - (2) Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown made a motion to defer until the impacted neighborhood associations were able to meet and to delegate the NPU-T Executive Committee to vote on behalf of the NPU-T. This was seconded by Vonda Henry.

➔ The vote Yes: 14; No: 0 **Motion Carries**

- a) Street Abandonments
  - i) James P. Brawley Dr., SW and Raymond Street, S.W. between Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Beckwith Street.
  - ii) Mitchell Street, S.W. between Pascal Boulevard and James P. Brawley Drive.
    - (1) Deferred from the June meeting as the final legislation had not been drafted as of the May NPU-T general body meeting and there was no final proposal to act upon.
  - iii) The Discussion: the applicant has indicated that the other property owners on the streets in question have also signed up to support the street abandonment.

The Action: A motion was made by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown to support the application for street abandonment. This was seconded by Wanda Whiteside.

iv) The Vote ➔ Yes: 17; No: 0 **Motion Carries**

**8) License Review Board**

- a) An application for Yohannes Zenea was on the July Agenda of NPU-T.

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Yohannes T. Zenea	Convenience Store	Cascade Food Mart	799 Cascade Avenue	New Business

- i) Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown spoke about his research into the property. He has confirmed that the property is closer to another business with a current license to sell beer and wine than the 1500 foot distance currently required by the City of Atlanta LRB ordinances. Based on the research and confirmation of the distance, the application will be withdrawn.
- ii) Mr. Hilliard, the attorney for the applicant, was present to discuss the activities that have taken place. Mr. Hilliard indicated that the applicant is planning on retaining the improperly issued license through the end of 2010 as they have paid the associated fees through the end of the year.
- b) No vote was taken as the license was not properly issued and should be withdrawn.

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

- a) **10-O-0900** AN ORDINANCE BY THE FINANCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AMEND CHAPER 10, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION I, SECTION 10-60, ENTITLED ANNUAL

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LICENSE FEE; REFUNDS, TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES FOR CERTAIN CLASSIFICATION OF ALCOHOL LICENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (No NPU Vote Required)

i) Mark provided a brief overview of this ordinance

**10) Special Events / Outdoor Festivals**

a) none

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

a) WEND –Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

b) Beecher-Donnelly – April Anderson

ii) Beecher Donnelly has been approved for speed bumps.

c) Ashview Heights (Jeremy Young) reported that their neighborhood watch has helped apprehend murder suspects

**12) Committee Reports**

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

a) No report.

**14) Announcements –**

a) Vonda Henry spoke about an upcoming movie night being sponsored by WEND as part of National Night Out.

b) Tacuma Brown spoke about the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual African Community Festival will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

c) Beecher-Donnelly will be hosting a National Night Out event on Allegheny Street.

**15) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.**

**\$ 26.00 in Donations were collected by NPU-T treasurer, Patrick Berry**

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