

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 11, 2010

The General meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm EST by Vice-Chairman Malaguerra. In the absence of a quorum, those agenda items that do not require a vote by the NPU-T body were covered (Items 4 & 5 on the agenda)

➔ A quorum was established at 7:10 with eight (8) members of the executive committee present.

**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 Steffi Berry to adopt the agenda as presented with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Henry Ingram

The Vote: Yes-6; No - 0; ➔ Motion Carries

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

a) Copies of the July 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 Bill Cannon to adopt the minutes as published. This was seconded by Patrick Berry.

The Vote: Yes-6; No - 0; ➔ Motion Carries

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

**a) Police –**

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

- (1) Copies of the crime statistics were provided via e-mail prior to the NPU-T General Body Meeting.
- (2) The Major reminded those present that school is back in session and highlighted that students should be in school and if children are observed during school hours, neighbors should call 911.
- (3) There are three (3) foot patrol officers that have been assigned to Zone 1.
- (4) One crime that is increasing is that of copper theft from vacant houses and churches.
- (5) Major Dallas reminded the attendees of the “clean car” practice in order to keep potential thefts from vehicles down.
- (6) On October 30<sup>th</sup> from 11-4pm there will be an open house at the Zone 1 Precinct (2315 Donald Lee Hollowell)

**ii) Zone 4 – Major Bryant spoke (rbryant@atlantaga.gov)**

- (1) The assistant commander is Captain Cavender
- (2) Zone 4 is the only zone in the city where crime is being reduced however, property crimes (burglaries, thefts) are still a significant issue.
- (3) A copy of the crime statistics was left with the NPU-T Vice Chair
- (4) There is a new Community Service Division within the Atlanta Police has been created to help provide services for youth and to work towards prevention.

**b) Fire – Interim Fire Chief Joel Baker spoke.**

- i)** The chief introduced several new Lieutenants and Sergeants who have been recently promoted.
- ii)** The chief spoke about the recent recruitment classes that have been through training.

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- c) **Community Prosecutor** – Ms. Blackett-Jones (Zone 4) 404.699.5294 provided a few updates:
  - i) Prosecutor Blackett-Jones spoke about the recent changes in how burglary cases are adjudicated.
  - ii) There continues to be a multi-jurisdictional task force that is working to help improve public safety, especially with burglary crimes [www.hadenoughalready.com](http://www.hadenoughalready.com)
- d) **Department of Watershed Management** - Brent Brew spoke about proposed fee increased
  - i) The fees being proposed are for reconnection fees, meter installation, fire hydrant service fees and other related fees that impact developers and food service businesses.
- e) Department of Parks, Recreation Cultural Affairs (404.546.6788) - Shawndra Long spoke
  - i) A recent council budget was passed that will enable several recreation centers that are being planned for reopening.
  - ii) The swimming season is drawing to a close and a schedule for pool closing was outlined.
- f) H. Lamar Willis' representative , Kelly Jackson was on hand to address any neighbor's questions. Her contact information is 404.330.6041 [kdjackson@atlantaga.gov](mailto:kdjackson@atlantaga.gov)
- g) Michael Julian Bond (404.330.6770 [mbond@atlantaga.gov](mailto:mbond@atlantaga.gov)) – Tammy Shepherd was on hand to address neighbor's questions. A newsletter was distributed to the members that were present.
- h) Ivory Young's representative (404.330.6046), Leslie Battle-Williams was on hand to address any neighbor's questions.

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

4) Presentations

- a) Faye Howard spoke regarding the association for the prevention of home improvement fraud. There are a series of workshops that will help educate consumers on ways to avoid fraudulent home improvement activities. [www.Ncphif.org](http://www.Ncphif.org) is the website for the organization.

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

- a) Planner Crawford was not present due to a medical emergency.

6) **Zoning and Land Use**

- a) U-10-023 – Applicant, Karim Shahid, seeks a Special use Permit (SUP) to operate a church at 105 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd.
  - i) Mr. Shahid was not present to provide an overview of the plans to add parking lots for the church.
  - ii) The Discussion:
    - (1) Both the Ashview Heights and the Booker T. Washington (BTW) communities have voted to support the application.
    - (2) Bill Cannon outlined the plans and the feedback from the BTW community.

Bill Cannon made a motion to approve U-10-023. This was seconded by Larry Carter.

The vote: Yes: 13 ; No: 0 ➔ **Motion Carries**

- b) **Z-10-19 / 10-O-1341 AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER CLETA WINSLOW , AMENDING THE 1982 ATLANTA ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE USE CHART**

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FOR SPI-21 HISTORIC WEST END / ADAIR PARK SPECIAL PUBLIC INTEREST DISTRICT REGULATIONS TO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PAWN SHOPS ARE NOT PERMITTED USES WITHIN SUB-AREAS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

- i) Vice-Chairman Malaguerra outlined the purpose of this ordinance and that it would have the impact of restricting new pawn shops from being opened in SPI-21.

The discussion: There were no questions regarding this ordinance.

A motion was made by Bill Cannon to approve Z-10-19 / 10-O-1341. This was seconded by Larry Carter.

The vote: Yes: 10; No: 0 → Carries

- b) **Z-10-15 / 10-O-1238** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-29.001(71)(A)(1) AND 16-29.001(73)(A)(2) OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THAT THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENT BETWEEN SHELTER FACILITIES OR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FACILITIES APPLIES EQUALLY TO CITY-OWNED OR OPERATED SHELTER OR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FACILITIES AS IT DOES TO PRIVATELY OWNED OR OPERATED SHELTER OR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Discussion: Vice Chairman Malaguerra outlined that this ordinance has the effect of providing equal treatment with respect to the distance requirements for supportive housing facilities that are privately owned and those that are owned or funded by the City of Atlanta.

A motion was made by Bill Cannon to approve Z-10-15 / 10-O-1238. This was seconded by Steffi Langer-Berry

The vote Yes:11 ; No: 0 → **Motion Carries**

**8) License Review Board**

- a) There are no LRB applications on the August 2010 agenda.

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

- a) **None scheduled for the August NPU-T agenda**

**10) Special Events / Outdoor Festivals**

- a) Ashview Heights will be working on their community garden on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am - noon (Corner of Holderness and Elder Streets).
- b) There will be a Farmers Market held on every Saturday through the end of November at 640 Evans Street. The hours of the market are 8am – noon.
- c) Bill Cannon spoke about the initiative to “Clean, Green and Honor Rev. Joseph Lowery Blvd.” The kickoff work day will be Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

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

- a) WEND – no report
- b) Westview Community Organization – There will be a clean-up on October 5<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with KIPP Strive Academy.
- c) Ashview Heights

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**12) Committee Reports**

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

- a) **No report.**

**14) Announcements –**

- a) Revisions to the NPU-T bylaws are due at the September NPU-T meeting. Any recommendations for changes must be submitted to the executive committee prior to September 1, 2010.
- b) Nominations for the 2010 officers will be held at the November 2010 NPU-T meeting.
- c) The new Kindezi School newsletter was distributed
- d) The West End Newsletter was distributed.
- e) September 20<sup>th</sup> will be a electronics recycling day at Atlanta Station
- f) Bill Cannon asked whether there was interest in reviving the Saving Fire Station #7 committee.

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

**\$ 20.00 in Donations were collected by NPU-T treasurer, Patrick Berry**

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