

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 13, 2010

The General meeting was called to order at 7:06 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. A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to adopt the agenda as presented with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Steffi Berry

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

3. Approval of Minutes – October 2010

- a. Copies of the September minutes were distributed for approval prior to the meeting in softcopy. Hardcopies were available at the meeting for members without e-mail access.
- b. A motion was made by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown to adopt the minutes as published. This was seconded by Larry Carter

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

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

a. Police –

i. Zone 1 – Lt. Charles was present.

- 1. A copy of the crime statistics was distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting.

ii. Zone 4 – Major Bryant & Sgt. Reis were present. A copy of the crime statistics was left with the NPU-T Chair.

b. Fire – Battalion Chief Schumaker (Battalion 4) was present.

- i. October is Fire Prevention Month.
- ii. 404.546.7000 is the number to call to get a free smoke detector
- iii. October is also Domestic Awareness Month and Chief Schumaker reminded the NPU-T body that each fire station is designated as a safe house.
- iv. Community members can register for training for ACERT. For information, call 404.546.7060

c. Department of Watershed Management – Brent Brewer spoke.

- i. Brent advised that the Department now has a Facebook page.
- ii. To report issues with water meter lids, call 404.569.8301.

d. Community Prosecutor – Ms. Blackett-Jones (Zone 4) 404.699.5294 was present.

- i. Prosecutor Blackett-Jones gave a high level overview of the Community Prosecutor program
 - 1. Court Watch – a program for members of the community to attend court cases to observe the proceedings in a way that lets the Judges and Defense Attorneys know understand that community is involved and interested.
 - 2. Drug Houses – the community prosecutor program can help with getting drug houses out of the communities.
 - 3. Repeat Offenders – the program focuses on the worst repeat offenders so that they can be targeted appropriately as they progress through the criminal justice system

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ii. The Zone 1 Community Prosecutor, Steven Jones, was introduced.

e. **Code Enforcement – Officer Evans was present**

i. Officer Evans spoke about code enforcement in the city and outlined how to report violations.

5. Presentations

a. Beltline Subarea 1 (requires a NPU-T vote) – James Alexander

i. The presentation addressed the Phase 1 Beltline plans that will be on the October 2010 NPU-T agenda for a vote.

ii. Mark Malaguerra outlined that while the normal NPU-T bylaws require a vote by the impacted communities, the Beltline has held many public forums to solicit input from the neighbors for the plan. Since the plans being presented are the result of community input, the applicant was not asked to attend each of the constituent neighborhood associations in NPU-T.

iii. There will need to be 2 votes for the application.

1. General Action on the proposal

a. A motion was made by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown to approve the application. This was seconded by Jerilyn Lewis

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

2. Action on the proposed land use changes

a. A motion was made by Pete Hayley to approve the proposed land use changes. This was seconded by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown.

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

Deviation #1 → Council Member Bond (404.330.6770) was present to talk about the Text Amendment referenced under Item #9 on the agenda. Council member Bond outlined the purpose of the proposed change in street name.

A concern was raised that this application has not yet been presented to any impacted association and that it has only been placed on the NPU-T agenda in the past 2 weeks.

A motion was made by Wanda Whiteside to defer action on Text Amendment until the impacted neighborhood association has had an opportunity to meet and discuss the ordinances. This was seconded by Kurt Reinhardt.

The Vote: Yes- 9; No-2 → Motion Carries

b. Neighborhood Stabilization Program Update – Office of Housing Jay Perlmutter

i. Jay Perlmutter spoke about the progress of the neighborhood stabilization program.

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

a. No announcements or land use items on the agenda for September 2010 NPU-T meeting.

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7. Zoning and Land Use – No items for review

8. License Review Board

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

9. Text Amendments, Ordinances & Resolutions

- a. **10-O-1693** AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBERS MICHAEL J. BOND, IVORY L. YOUNG, JR., AARON WATSON, C.T. MARTIN, H. LAMAR WILLIS, KWANZA HALL, ALEX WAN, KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS, CLETA WINSLOW, JOYCE SHEPERD AND CARLA SMITH TO “RENAME” THE PORTION OF FAIR STREET, SW FROM NORTHSIDE DRIVE, SW TO JOSEPH LOWERY BOULEVARD, SW TO ATLANTA STUDENT MOVEMENT WAY, SW TO WAIVE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

10. Special Events / Outdoor Festivals

- a. Trees Atlanta will be doing planting in November. An informational sheet was distributed.
- b. There will be a Children’s Festival / Fair the weekend before Halloween at the West End Park (October 23rd). 11am-11pm.

11. Neighborhood Association Reports (2 minutes per report)

- a. Ashview Heights – There will be a focus on fire safety in Ashview Heights in the month of October. Beecher Donnelly-

12. Committee Reports

- a. Scott Smith spoke about the Nominating Process for NPU-T officers for 2011.

13. Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report –

- a. **No report.**

14. Announcements –

- a. School Board President Kaatim S. El was present to speak about several issues facing the Atlanta Public Schools.
- b. Marshall Thomas from Council Member Winslow’s office spoke about upcoming block watch training in December. There will be a Mini-Precinct opening in November. There will be a clean-up at Fire Station #7 on October 19th-20th from 9am – 5pm.

15. Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

\$23 .00 in Donations were collected and held for NPU-T treasurer, Patrick Berry

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