

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 10, 2010

The General meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm EST by Chairman Knowles. At the time the meeting was convened, a quorum of officers was not present. Chairman Knowles opened the meeting and addressed the items that do not require a vote (Items #4). A quorum was established at 7:15pm EST.

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 Pete Hayley to adopt the agenda as presented with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Gwen Cain.

The Vote: Yes-10; No - 0; → Motion Carries

3. Approval of Minutes – October 2010

- a. Copies of the October 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-10; 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. A copy of the crime statistics was distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting.

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

- 1. Major Bryant spoke about the beat re-alignment and how it would impact NPU-T. This change will result in Zone 4 adding 3 beats.
- 2. Lt. Griffin provided the crime statistics.

b. Fire – Captain Selah (Battalion 4) was present.

- i. Captain Selah spoke about current initiatives going on in the Atlanta Fire & Rescue

c. Department of Watershed Management – Brent Brewer spoke.

- i. Brent spoke about protecting pipes during the cold weather. He did indicate that if there is a burst pipe, presenting an invoice to the DWM will enable your water bill to be adjusted to reflect your regular usage.
- ii. 404.569.8301 is the number to call regarding problems with Water Meter Lids.

d. Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

- i. Ms. Long spoke about the availability of graffiti removal kits from several of the area recreation centers
- ii. Ms. Long advised not to attempt to remove suspected gang graffiti without the presence of a police officer.

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

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f. **Code Enforcement – No representative Present**

5. Presentations

- a. Recycling Project Rewards – Mary Harrington
 - i. Ms. Harrington was not present.

- 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. Planner Crawford spoke about the 2011 CDP updates.

7. Election of 2011 NPU-T Officers

- a. Scott Smith overviewed the individuals who have accepted nomination as candidate for office for 2011.
 - i. Chair – Nia Knowles
 - ii. Vice Chair – Larry Carter
 - iii. Parliamentarian – Jerilyn Lewis
 - iv. Brent Brewer – Sergeant at Arms
 - v. Secretary – Scott Smith
 - vi. Recording Secretary – Steffi Langer-Berry
 - vii. Treasurer – Patrick Berry
- b. There were no additional nominations for office for 2011.
- c. Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown moved to accept the vote as presented. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

The Vote: Yes-11, No-0 → Motion Carries

8. **Zoning and Land Use –**

- a. AN ORDINANCE BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA 2008 COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CDP) SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE BELTLINE MASTER PLAN: SUBAREA **1 – ABERNATHY/CASCADE**; TO ADOPT THE PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
 - i. Mark Malaguerra discussed this ordinance. At the October, NPU-T meeting, the general body voted to support the changes however, a formal vote to adopt the ordinance into the CDP.
 - ii. Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown made a motion to approve this item. This was seconded by Jerilyn Lewis.

The Vote: Yes-11, No-0 → Motion Carries

- b. **CDP-10-11** AN ORDINANCE BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA’S 2008 COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CDP) SO AS TO REDESIGNATE PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE ATLANTA BELTLINE SUBAREA **1 – ABERNATHY/CASCADE** FROM VARIOUS LAND USE DESIGNATIONS TO VARIOUS LAND USE DESIGNATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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- ii. Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown made a motion to approve this item. This was seconded by Pete Hayley.

The Vote: Yes-12, No-0 → Motion Carries

9. License Review Board

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

10. 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.

- i. This item was deferred at the October NPU-T meeting.
- ii. The impacted neighborhood (AUCCNA) has voted to deny.
- iii. This item has already been approved by the Atlanta City Council.
- iv. Bill Cannon, President of Booker T. Washington has drafted a letter of concern to the City Council.
- v. A motion was made by Bill Cannon to deny the support of the application. This was seconded by Clayborn White. The discussion followed:
 1. Wanda Whiteside expressed her community's (AUCCNA) concern regarding the process.
 2. Patricia Oliver spoke about her concerns regarding the changes in the renaming.
 3. John Pavlin asked about the cost of the renaming.
 4. Mark Malaguerra spoke about the process and how frequently issues are brought to the NPU-T late with no time to research or have questions answered before action would need to be taken.
 5. Scott Smith asked about the requirement stated in the City Code of Ordinances that would prevent part of a street from being renamed rather than renaming the entire street.
 6. Several concerns were raised about the ulterior motives concerning the renaming of the street. The thought was that there was some funding that would be sought as a result of the renaming.
 7. Bill Cannon spoke about the lack of notice and ability to gain information with ample time to make an educated decision.
 8. **Council Member Bond spoke. He outlined:**
 - a. ***The affected property owners voted support for the application***
 - b. ***That the "letter of the law" was followed.***
 - c. ***Booker T. Washington's neighborhood and boundaries were not in the impacted area.***
 - d. ***AUCCNA has not filed their application as a neighborhood association via the city which would have recognized it as a official constituent association.***
 - e. ***Several scheduled attendees had made travel plans and would have been inconvenienced had additional time been allocated to provide NPU-T ample time to review the ordinance.***

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- b. A member of the City of Atlanta Bureau of Planning brought ordinance 10-O-1418 / Z-10-20 to the NPU-T Chair. This was not placed on the agenda prior to the meeting and no background about the ordinance was available prior to the NPU-T General Body Meeting.
 - i. No action was taken on this item as it was not placed on the agenda prior to the start of the November meeting.

11. Special Events / Outdoor Festivals

- a. The Veranda Atrium Thanksgiving Luncheon will be on November 18th at 11am.
- b. APAB will be having awards on Saturday, November 20th. The NPU-T nominee is Steve Wilson from the Boys and Girls Club.

12. Neighborhood Association Reports (2 minutes per report)

- a. WENAR – Sister Deborah spoke about her community and announced that there is a farmer's market being scheduled at Space Atlanta.
- b. Beecher Donnelley is having a community yard sale on Saturday, November 13th.

13. Committee Reports

- a. No verbal reports.

14. Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report –

- a. **No report.**

15. Announcements –

- a. Council Member Winslow announced the Zone 4 Mini-Precinct scheduled for Saturday, November 13th.
- b. Council Member Winslow announced Block Captain Training on Saturday, December 4th.
- c. Gwen Davis from Council Member Watson's office spoke about the prescription cards that were recently approved by the City Council.
- d. Gwen Cain spoke about the community resource guide that was created by the Morehouse Community Revitalization Initiative.
- e. Brent Brewer provided copies of the Kindezi School's newsletter.

16. Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm EST.

Donations were not collected due to the absence of Treasurer Patrick Berry

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