

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 8, 2010

The General meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 Larry Carter to adopt the agenda as presented with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown.

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

**3. Approval of Minutes – November 2010**

- a. Copies of the November minutes were distributed for approval prior to the meeting in softcopy. Hardcopies were not available at the meeting for members without e-mail access.
- b. A motion was made by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown to defer action on the minutes until hardcopies are available to the general body. This was seconded by Larry Carter.

The Vote: Yes-; 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 – no representative present -**

**b. Fire –** Captain Dove Station #17 was present.

- i. The captain spoke about the new fire station at Atlantic Station opening.

**c. Department of Watershed Management –** Brent Brewer spoke.

- i. Brent was on hand to address any questions from the community.
- ii. Brent advised on the proper process for protecting pipes from freezing.

**d. Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs**

**i.**

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

- i. Prosecutor Jones was not present.

**f. Code Enforcement – Ms. Smith was present**

**i. Ms. Smith spoke about recent activities**

- 1. 750 Cascade – due in court on 1/4/11
- 2. 1438 allegheny – requesting payment so that the citation can be mailed to the owner
- 3. 77 Joseph E. Lowrey – citation has been prepared for mailing to the owner
- 4. 73 Joseph E. Lowrey – researching the ownership

- ii. A question was asked regarding in Rem and the status of several dilapidated properties in the city. For information on properties that need to be condemned or demolished, Ms. Jocelyn Lyles is the contact person for this issue.

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1. Ms. Smith highlighted that even in cases where a property is obviously eligible for condemnation; the normal process of notifying the owner of record should be done.
- iii. A suggestion was made by Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown to work with council to amend the code of ordinances to allow faster demolition for certain cases.

5. Presentations

- a. Recycling Project Rewards – Mary Harrington
  - i. Ms. Harrington will be present at the January NPU-T meeting
- b. College Town - Ammon Martin
  - i. Mr. Martin was present to talk about the status of the project.

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

- a. Planner Crawford was not present.

➔ **Deviation #1: Patrick Berry gave an update of the financial status of the account. He also collected donations.**

7. Zoning and Land Use –

- a. **Z-10-031 was placed on the agenda after the NPU-T Executive Committee Meeting and will be deferred to the January 2011 NPU-T meeting.**

8. License Review Board

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Mussie Tesfamichae	Convenience Store	Simonana, LC	1562 Ralph D. Abernathy	Change of Ownership

- a. *Mr. Tesfamichae was present and spoke about his plans.*
- b. *The impacted neighborhood association (WCO) has voted to support the application. A copy of a letter was provided to the NPU-T Chair.*

**The Action: A motion was made by Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown to approve the application. This was seconded by Steffi Langer-Berry.**

**The Vote: Yes- 11; No-0 ➔ Motion Carries**

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Vaskar Chanda	Grocery	Southern Grocery	1083 Westview Dr.	Change of Ownership

- a. Mr. Chandra and his attorney were present.
- b. The impacted neighborhood associations (Ashview and Booker T. Washington) voted to deny.
- c. The NPU-T Executive Committee recommended a Community Benefits Agreement be entered into by the property owner. The owner has agreed to terms within a CBA document which was provided to his attorney.

**The Action: A motion was made by Eric Robinson to approve the application. This was seconded by Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown.**

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**The Vote: Yes- 7; No-4 → Motion Carries**

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

- a. None.

Deviation #2 → Khaatiim S. El, (404.438.3141 – cell) Chairman of the Atlanta School Board, spoke about upcoming changes within APS.

**10. Special Events / Outdoor Festivals**

- a. The Westview Community Association will be hosting their annual Christmas Dinner at Fire Station #17 from 2-4pm on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- b. WEND will be hosting their annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1132 Oglethorpe.
  - i. A party focused on children will be from 5:30-6pm while the adult portion will run from 7-11pm.

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

- a. WEND – Vonda Henry
  - i. WEND has received a grant for \$32,000 to help renovate Gordon White, Rose Circle and West End parks.
- b. College Town – Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown (404.406.3934) advised that he has been elected as Chair of the College Town Neighborhood Association. He also provided an overview of the officers.
- c. WENAR – Sister Deborah
  - i. The Mother Clyde Community Garden was recognized as the top National Night Out community.
  - ii. WENAR is making progress in reducing the illegal rooming and liquor houses in their community.
- d. AUCCNA – Wanda Whiteside
  - i. AUCCNA has distributed 25 food baskets to needed neighbors.

**12. Committee Reports**

- a. None.

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

- a. No report.

**14. Announcements –**

- a. Tammy Shepherd from Michael Julian Bond was present to express his concern about the absence of SP11 on the NPU-T agenda. Ms. Shepherd was made aware that this item was requested to be placed on the agenda and it was not added by the City of Atlanta Department of Planning.
  - i. A recommendation was made that Council Member Bond express his disappointment in Atlanta City Council so that it could be addressed by the council rather than at the NPU level.

**15. Swearing in of 2011 Officers**

- a. Khaatim S. El swore in the NPU-T officers for 2011.

**16. Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm EST.**

**\$34.61 in Donations were collected by Treasurer Patrick Berry**

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