

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 11, 2011

The General meeting was called to order at 7: 08pm EST by Chairman Knowles.

**1. Invocation**

- a. A moment of silence was observed.

**2. Approval of Agenda –**

- a. A motion was made by Steffi Langer-Berry to adopt the agenda as presented with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Claiborne White

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

**3. Approval of Minutes –**

**a. April 2010**

- i. A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to approve the minutes as corrected . This was seconded by John Davis

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

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

**a. Police**

- i. Zone 4 – Lt. Bogolin spoke about recent crime statistics.
  - 1. The APEX unit is the replacement to the Red Dog unit. This unit will be targeting violent crimes and is expected to begin staffing by the start of the Summer.
- ii. Zone 1 – Lt. Charles Spoke about recent crime trends. A copy of the crime statistics was left with the NPU-T chair.

**b. Fire – No representative present.**

**c. Community Prosecutor – LaDawn Blackett-Jones**

- i. Prosecutor Jones spoke about the use of force in protecting your home.
- ii. The city Solicitor is creating a program to help get communities involved with the code enforcement process. Erica Smith is the solicitor and can be contacted at [edsmith@atlantaga.gov](mailto:edsmith@atlantaga.gov) 404.658.7947.
- iii. A new program called "Positive Loitering" is being established wherein neighbors can go out and loiter in areas where there is suspected drug or gang activity to effect a positive change in the issues
- iv. Prosecutor Blackett-Jones is leaving the department and will be establishing her own law practice in SW Atlanta.

**d. Code Enforcement – Ms. Smith**

- i. Officer Smith spoke about several open cases within NPU-T.
  - 1. 1922 S. Gordon – reset to June 14th, the owner will demolish
  - 2. Properties on Camilla Street – citations have been prepared
  - 3. 750 Cascade Place – still in in rem
  - 4. 1616 Derry – sent to in rem
  - 5. 492 Muse Street – still researching the owner
  - 6. Properties on Ashby Rd – citations have been distributed
  - 7.

**e. House District 56 – Kathy Ashe**

- i. Representative Ashe spoke about the recent legislation session.

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**f. Watershed Management – Brent Brewer**

- i. Mr. Brewer was on hand to address any concerns or questions regarding DWM.

Deviation #1 → Patrick Berry provided an overview of the state of the NPU-T finances and collected donations.

**5. Presentations**

**a. Patchwork City Farms – Jamila Norman**

- i. Ms. Norman spoke about the Farm and the local initiatives they are working on. Part of these initiatives involves petitioning the contract at Brown Middle School that was previously held by CVC over to Patchwork City Farms. As part of the process, the applicant needs a letter of support from the NPU.
- ii. The impacted neighborhood associations, WEND and WENAR have both voted to approve the application.
  - 1. A concern was raised by one member of the community concerning the use of the school property for a commercial “for profit” enterprise.

The Action: A motion was made by Patrick Berry to support the application. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

The Vote: Yes 12; No-1 → Motion Carries.

**b. Morehouse Revitalization Task Force**

- i. Brandon Farrar distributed materials from the recent Census seminar that was held at Morehouse College.
- ii. Brandon Farrar spoke about the NPU-T heroes that were recognized.
- iii. Devon Lambert spoke about the “Green Manual” that the MRTF has prepared.

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

- a. Planner Crawford had no report.

**7. Zoning and Land Use – Mark Malaguerra provided an overview of the ZRB items on the agenda.**

**8. License Review Board –**

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Tizaz Woldo	Convenience Store	Chevron Food Mart	983 Lee Street	Change of Ownership

The Discussion: The NPU-T Zoning and Land Use Chair has not heard any feedback from the impacted neighborhood associations. At the NPU-T Executive Committee Meeting, the chairs of WEND and WENAR both indicated that they applicant had missed the window to attend their May meetings. The WEND President indicated that she would speak with the applicant prior to the NPU-T meeting. That meeting did not occur.

The one question that was not addressed was whether the property was in the Beltline Overlay District. The applicant indicated that he had approved plans by Zoning and was not advised that there was any Beltline Overlay zoning requirement.

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The applicant has agreed to attend the next WEND meeting. The LRB date will likely be moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in June.

The Action: A motion was made by Jeremy Nealey to provisionally approve the application pending approval by the impacted neighborhood (WEND). This was seconded by Vonda Henry.

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

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

- a. none

**10. Special Events / Outdoor Festivals**

- a. none

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

- a. Westview announced the Summer Solstice Cook-out that will include a Grill-Off.

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

- a. **The regular APAB meeting was held be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.**
  - i. Kim Bogard spoke about a recent APAB meeting and provided an overview of the newly elected officers for APAB.
  - ii. The APAB meetings are open to the public and the May meeting will be discussing the 2012 budget.

**13. Announcements –**

- a. The Malcolm X Festival will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>
- b. The Willie Watkins Festival will be on Memorial Day
- c. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a free movie at Howell Park starting at 7:30pm
- d. The OWN newsletter was distributed.

→ A motion was made by Claiborne White to extend the meeting by 2 minutes. This was seconded by Patrick Berry.

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

**14. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm EST.**

**\$25.06 in Donations was collected by NPU-T Treasurer Patrick Berry.**

58 individuals were recorded as present by Steffi Langer-Berry, NPU-T recording secretary.