

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 13, 2011

The General meeting was called to order at 7: 03pm EST by Chairman Knowles.

**1. Invocation**

- a. A moment of silence was observed.

**2. Approval of Agenda –**

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

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

**3. Approval of Minutes –**

- a. **May 2011** A printed copy of the May minutes was not available at the time of the June meeting. Copies of the minutes were distributed for review by the body.
  - i. **The Action:** A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to approve the minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Jeremy Nealey
    - 1. **the vote yes- 5; no- 0 → motion Carries**

- b. **June 2011 – Printed copies of the June minutes were distributed for review by the body.**

- i. **The Action:** A motion was made by Claiborne White to accept the minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.
    - 1. **the vote yes- 5; no- 0 → motion Carries**

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

- a. **Fire – no representative present.**

- b. **Police**

- i. Zone 1 – Major Quiller presented a verbal report of the past month's crime statistics. A copy of the statistics were presented to the NPU-T chair prior to the start of the meeting.
    - 1. Major Quiller spoke about a spike in auto thefts recently in the area.
    - 2. The curfew detail is still in force.
    - 3. There is a metal detail that is focusing on copper and other metal thefts in the area.
  - ii. Zone 4 – Lt. Boglin spoke about the current crime statistics. A copy of the statistics was left with the NPU-T chair.

- c. **Community Prosecutor – no representative present**

- d. **Watershed Management – Brent Brewer**

- i. Brent was on hand to address any concerns.

- e. **Code Enforcement – Ms. Smith was present to speak about open cases.**

- i. 1922 S. Gordon has been demolished
  - ii. 492 Muse St. – still locating owner
  - iii. There will be a sweep conducted on July 14<sup>th</sup> in NPU-T.

Deviation #1 → NPU-T Treasurer Patrick Berry, collected donations.

**5. Presentations**

- i. none

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6. **Planner's Report – Brandy Crawford (404.330.6522 bcrawford@atlantaga.gov)**
  - a. Planner Crawford was present.
  - b. Planner Crawford spoke about the 2011 CDP and there is still a comment period that will be open until August 26<sup>th</sup>. Planner Crawford provided Chairman Knowles with a copy of the Character Maps.
  
7. Community Development Block Grants
  - a. **Atlanta Tool Bank**
    - i. Jonathan Kidwell spoke about the House Proud program and the CDBG funding request that they have submitted to the City of Atlanta.
      1. **The Action: A motion was made by Claiborne White to support the CDBG application. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra**
      2. **The vote yes- 13; no- 0 → motion carries**

**Deviation #1 → Patrick Berry provided a summary of the finances of NPU-**

- b. **Camellia Street Revitalization Phase 1**
    - i. Rita Gibson spoke on behalf of the University Community Development Corporation (UCDC).
    - ii. Ms. Parker from Asheview Heights spoke about the community concerns regarding the history of the projects in the area. Ms. Gibson has spoken about corrective actions that the UCDC has taken to address the property issues.
    - iii. Ms. Bush from Booker T. Washington Neighborhood Association spoke in support of the application.
    - iv. Ms. Arrington from WEND spoke about her concerns regarding the property on Peeples Street and the lack of follow-through on behalf of UCDC.
    - v. Vonda Henry from WEND asked about the timing of the other projects that have been started but not completed by UCDC in the NPU-T communities.
    - vi. John Pavlin of WEND spoke about his concerns on the Peeples Street property owned by UCDC.
    - vii. Eric Robinson from Just Us Neighbors expressed his concern about the communications process to ensure that the community is kept aware of the progress of projects being undertaken by the UCDC.
    - viii. **The Action:** A motion was made by John Pavlin to defer action until August meeting so that the community can view the submitted application and the applicant can meet with the impacted neighborhood associations. This was seconded by Barbara Williams.
      1. **the vote yes- 13 ; no- 0 → motion carries**
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8. **Zoning and Land Use –**
  - a. **Integral Group**
    - i. Amon Martin spoke about the application for a zoning variance that they have submitted to the City of Atlanta.
    - ii. Mark Malaguerra, Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair, spoke about the application and has indicated the committee's recommendation for support of the plan.
    - iii. **The Action: A motion was made by Vonda Henry to approve the application for variance. This was seconded by Wanda Whiteside**
      1. **the vote yes- 13 ; no- 1 → motion carries**

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**b. Zoning Review Board July 7 or 14, 2011 6:00 P.M.**

- i. **Z-11-017 / 11-O-0778** AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER CLETA WINSLOW TO AMEND THE 1982 ATLANTA ZONING ORDINANCE, AS ASMENDED, SO AS TO REVISE THE WEST END HISTORIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS (CHAPTER 20G OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE) ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 7, 1991; SO AS TO REVIISE THE GENERAL REGULATIONS; SO AS TO REVISE THE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**The Discussion:** Vonda Henry spoke about the purpose of the ordinance and that it intends to streamline certain processes for review of construction activities within the historic district. The impacted neighborhood has voted to approve. The Zoning and Land Use Committee recommends approval.

**The Action:** A motion was made by Wanda Whiteside to approve Z-11-017 / 11-0-0778. This was seconded by Steffi Langer-Berry. The vote: Yes – 15; N-0 → Motion carries

**9. 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

This item was acted upon at the June NPU-T meeting. No further action is needed.

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Thao N. Tran	Food Mart	Tran Food Mart	836 Ralph D. Abernathy	New Business

The application has not communicated with either the impacted neighborhood association or the Zoning and Land Use Chair. No action will be taken at the current time.

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

- a. none

**11. Special Events / Outdoor Festivals**

- a. none

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

- a. Wanda Whiteside – PRCA Report
  - i. the upcoming National Night Out events being planned by the neighborhood associations within NPU-T.
  - ii. There are several community outreach initiatives being undertaken by the High Museum of Art.
  - iii. The Atlanta Police Foundation will be sponsoring a 5k race on August 6<sup>th</sup> at Pemberton Place. For more information, go to [www.atlantapolicefoundation.org](http://www.atlantapolicefoundation.org)
- b. DeBorah Williams – WENAR Report
  - i. DeBorah Williams provided a printed copy of the WENAR annual report.
  - ii. There will be a Back-to-School Block Party held on Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> as part of the National Night Out event.
- c.

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

- a. The regular APAB meeting was held be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.**

**14. Announcements –**

- a. The Morehouse Revitalization Task Force announced a Code Enforcement and Zoning Workshop being held on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 1pm
- b. Ms. Edwards from Wal Mart spoke about the planned Wal Mart being placed on MLK and was on hand to answer questions.
- c. Beltline Running Series 5k scheduled for Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am
- d. Barbara Washington from Cleta Winslow's office spoke about the "Love Your Block" mini-grants being sponsored by the City of Atlanta, Job Fairs and several neighborhood concerns that have been addressed.
- e. Robert Thompson announced that Patchwork City Farms has been approved and will begin production prior to the end of the summer.
- f. Gwen Davis from Council Member Watson's office spoke about Mr. Watson's Living Smarter initiative being promoted on Channel 26.
- g. Mrs. Green-Hightower spoke about her community garden at 1285 Ralph David Abernathy and her plans to start a youth-centered educational program to teach young people about growing organically.

**15. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm EST.**

**\$44.26 in Donations was collected by NPU-T Treasurer Patrick Berry.**

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