

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 2011

The General meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm EST by Chairman Knowles.

1. Invocation

- a. A moment of silence was observed.

2. Approval of Agenda –

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

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

3. Approval of Minutes –

- a. **August 2011 – Hardcopies of the August minutes not available for review by the body at the September meeting and action on this item was deferred at the September meeting.**

- i. **The Action:** A motion was made by Pete Hayley to adopt the minutes as published. This was seconded by John Davis.

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

- b. **September 2011 – Copies of the September minutes were distributed for review by the body via e-mail**

- i. **The Action:** A motion was made by John Davis to adopt the minutes as corrected. This was seconded by Pete Hayley.

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 – Major Quiller**

- 1. Major Quiller provided an overview of the current crime statistics and left a hardcopy with the NPU chair.
- 2. The Major also provided an overview of current actions being undertaken to address criminal behavior.

ii. **Zone 4 – Lt Boglin.**

- 1. Lt. Boglin provided an overview of the current crime statistics and left a hardcopy with the NPU-T chair.
- 2. The beat realignment is targeted to be completed by the end of the year.

- b. **Fire** – Firefighter Sealy spoke about current fire volumes

- c. **Community Prosecutor** – Prosecutor Butler spoke about current cases.

d. **Code Enforcement – Ofc. Smith (404.330.6190)**

- i. Officer Smith spoke about several open cases and was on hand to take concerns from the community
 - 1. 147 Joseph e. Lowery – notice has been served
 - 2. 448 Holderness – sent to research to locate responsible party
 - 3. 77 Joseph e. Lowery – notice has been served
 - 4. 957 Camella – submitted to In Rem

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- e. **Watershed Management (404.546.3341)** – Brent Brewer
 - i. Brent Brewer spoke about revisions to the flood plain maps. Draft maps will be available online at www.georgiadfirm.com
 - ii. He was also on hand to review several talking points for the department.
- f. **Public Works** – Douglas Raikes (404.330.6293 / draikes@atlantaga.gov), director of Public Works
 - i. Mr. Raikes was on hand to hear concerns of the community.

5. Treasurer's report

- a. Patrick Berry spoke on the state of the NPU-T finances and the potential for City of Atlanta funding for 2012.
- b. Mr. Berry also collected donations from the members of the general body present.

6. Presentations

- a. Atlanta Housing Authority
 - i. Trish O'connell of the AHA spoke about upcoming meetings.
- b. University Community Development Corporation
 - i. Pete Hayley asked for a letter of support for an application to the Land Bank to extinguish the back-taxes on properties in the Westview and Booker T. Washington communities. The land in Westview will be donated to the community organization and the properties in Booker T. Washington are houses that will be leased to police officers.
 - ii. The impacted neighborhood associations have both voted to approve.

The Action: A motion was made by Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown to offer a letter of support to UCDC's application to the Land Bank. This was seconded by Steffi Berry.

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

- c. HELP ORG INC – no representative was present

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

- i. Planner Crawford was not present.

→ Deviation #1 – recognition of representatives from elected officials

- **Tammy Shepherd from council member Bond's office was present to answer questions. Mr. Bond's phone # is 404.330.6770.**
- **Gloria Smith from State Rep. Ashe's (404.892.6406) office was present to answer questions. Ms. Smith also spoke about the Susan G. Kommen sponsored events for Breast Cancer Awareness**
- **Gwen Davis from Council Member Watson's office (404.330.6302) was present to answer questions. She also spoke about the upcoming bike ride along the Silver Comet Trail that Mr. Watson is sponsoring.**
- **Kelly Jackson from Council Member Willis' office (404.330.6041) was present. The council member is hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 22nd at Zion Hills Baptist Church on Lynhurst Drive.**

8. Community Development Block Grants / Chair Report

- a. **Ashview Heights –Mini Grant Application (Executive Committee Action update)**

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- i. Chairman Knowles explained that the NPU-T executive committee has submitted a letter of support for the mini-grant application.
- ii. Larry Carter, President of Ashview Hights outlined their application.

b. Friends of Cleopas Park- Mini Grant Applications for community activities

- i. Melanie Wofford spoke about the revitalization plans for the Friends of Cleopas Johnson Park. She is asking for a general letter of support for the master plan so that future grant applications can be submitted.
- ii. A motion was made to offer a letter of support for the revitalization of the Friends of Cleopas Johnson Park by Wanda Whiteside. This was seconded by John Davis.

The Vote: Yes- 13; No-0 → Motion Carries

c. Atwood Community Garden - Dana Jewel Harris (djharris@nextstepyep.org)

- i. A mini grant is being submitted to Park Pride for the Next Step youth entrepreneur program. Ms. Harris is seeking a letter of support for the application to revitalize the triangle park.
- ii. The impacted neighborhood association, WENAR, has offered a letter of support.
- iii. A motion was made by Robert Thompson to offer a letter of support for the mini-grant application. This was seconded by Wanda Whiteside.

The Vote: Yes-15; No-0 → Motion Carries

9. Zoning and Land Use – no items on the agenda

10. License Review Board –

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
	Store	Blessings F.Y.I., LLC d/b/a Red Carpet Liquor	687 Cascade Avenue, Atlanta, GA	Change of Ownership

- a. The applicant was on hand to speak about their plans. Mindy Thompson, attorney for the applicant was also present.
 - i. The impacted neighborhood is Westview. Due to a mix-up in communication, the application was not forwarded the impacted neighborhood association or the zoning and land use chair. The impacted neighborhood association’s executive committee, Westview, has reviewed the application and conducted a site visit. Because
 - ii. A motion was made by Steffi Barry to support the application for change of ownership. This was seconded by John Davis.

The Vote: yes-13; No-0 → Motion Carries

11. Text Amendments, Ordinances & Resolutions

- a. 11-O-1323 is an ordinance to impose a 911 service charge on prepaid cellular phones that are sold within the City of Atlanta. This is an ordinance for review and comment.
- b. A motion to support the ordinance was made by Mark Malaguerra. This was seconded by Patrick Berry.

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

12. Special Events / Outdoor Festivals

- a. None.

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13. Committee Reports

- a. Parks, Recreation, Land Use and Cultural Affairs – Wanda Whiteside provided highlights of her written committee report that was submitted to the NPU-T Chair.
 - i. There will be a Park Advocacy meeting on Thursday, October 13th at 7:30am.
 - ii. The Morris Brown Homecoming will be the weekend of October 15. there will be a parade that will temporarily closure.
 - iii. There will be a Green workshop sponsored by the Morehouse College Revitalization Task Force on Saturday, October 15th.

14. Neighborhood Association Reports (2 minutes per report)

- a. None

15. Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report – Sandra Bush

- a. Ms. Bush is on the Education Committee of APAB. She provided an information sheet published by the APAB Education Committee.

16. Announcements –

- a. Chairman Knowles spoke about the upcoming elections for NPU-T officers. All eligible voting members are also eligible to be nominated for elected office in NPU-T.
- b. Robert Thompson spoke about “Food Day” scheduled for October 27th at 4pm. The location will be Patchwork City Farm which is located at Brown Middle School.
- c. There will be two plantings by Trees Atlanta on Saturday, October 15th and 22nd on Westwood. The planting days will start at 9am on both days.

17. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm EST.

\$42.00 in donations were collected during this meeting.

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