

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2011

The General meeting was called to order at 7:10pm 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 Mark Malaguerra .

The Vote: Yes -9, No - 0 → Motion carries

3. Approval of Minutes –

- a. **October 2011 – Copies of the October minutes were distributed for review by the body via e-mail and in hardcopy at the meeting.**

- i. **The Action:** A motion was made by Pete Hayley to adopt the minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra

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 – Sgt. Lyon**

- 1. Sgt. Lyon provided an overview of the current crime trends and left a copy of the crime statistics with the NPU-T chair.
 - a. A copy of the crime statistics was distributed via e-mail prior to the NPU-T meeting.

ii. **Zone 4 – Lt Boglin.**

- 1. Lt. Boglin provided an overview of the current crime trends and left a copy of the crime statistics with the NPU-T chair.
 - a. A copy of the crime statistics was distributed via e-mail prior to the NPU-T meeting.

b. **Fire – Firefighter**

- i. **No representative present.**

c. **Community Prosecutor –**

i. **Prosecutor Jones (Zone 1 – 404.752.5748) spoke about current cases**

- 1. January 3rd there will be Court Watch training

d. **Mayor's Office – Stephanie Ramage**

- i. Stephanie Ramage from the Mayor's office spoke about the proposed changes in :

1. **Alcohol Licensing**

- a. There are changes to the licensing that have been proposed. Ms. Ramage provided an overview of the proposed changes.

2. **Code Enforcement** – this department is being moved to report to the Atlanta Police Department

e. **Code Enforcement – Officer Evans (404.330.6190)**

i. **Officer Evans spoke about several code enforcement cases**

- 1. 147 Joseph E. Lowery – citation mailed
- 2. 77 Joseph E. Lowery – Owners will be in court on Nov 22nd.

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3. 1616 Derry has a hearing in front of the in Rem board on November 30th.
4. 894 Mitchell St. – citation mailed
5. 1008 Ashby Grove – owner was in court on Nov 8 and has indicated their intention to demolish the property
6. 487 Dargan Place – will be in court Nov 15
7. 946 Fair St. – will be in court Nov 22nd
8. 495 W. Ontario is still in process and they are teaming with the Fulton County Department of Health.

f. Watershed Management (404.546.3341) – Brent Brewer

- i. Brent Brewer talked about current initiatives and awareness items and explained about the challenges and problems created by disposing of grease and oil in the drains.
 1. **FOG (Fats, Oil and Grease) program**
 2. **Low Flow fixture Rebates**

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 Metro Food & Farm Network LLC. (Kwabena Nkromo)**
 - i. Mr. Nkromo spoke about the proposed plans and has indicated that the application will be deferred until 2012 at which point the applicant will re-submit the grant and request support by NPU-T.
 - ii. The project is to establish a system of local food production in order to increase the "food sovereignty" of the neighborhoods.
 - iii.
- b. Trish O'Connell spoke about the Atlanta Housing Authority community meeting to be held at the Atrium on November 17th at 6pm.
- c. Annual Review of Bylaws → 2012 Elections of Officers
 - i. Recording Secretary Langer-Berry provided a list of the NPU-T members who are eligible to serve as elected officers in 2012.
 - ii. Nominations for office were:
 1. Chair – Nia Knowles,
 2. Vice-Chair – Larry Carter,
 3. Secretary – Scott Smith,
 4. Recording Secretary –Steffi Langer-Berry
 5. Treasurer – Vonda Henry
 6. Parliamentarian – Catherine Witt
 7. Sergeant-at-Arms – John Pavlin

The Action: The slate of officers has been presented for consideration. All nominees accepted nomination to office for 2012. A vote was taken to elect the presented slate of officers.

The Vote: Yes-16; No-0 → Motion Carries

d. Morehouse Revitalization Task Force – Devon Lambert

- i. Mr. Lambert spoke about a plan to distribute food baskets for Thanksgiving and he asked for donations. A sign-up sheet was distributed.
- ii.

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

- i. Planner Crawford was present and talked about the results of the recent Census report.

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1. The city is challenging the census results because they believe that the population may have been under-counted in the 2010 census.

→ Deviation #1 – recognition of representatives from elected officials

- **Tammy Shepherd from council member Bond’s (404.330.6770) office was present to answer questions. Mr. Bond’s phone # is 404.330.6770.**
- **Barbara Washington from Council Member Winslow’s office (404.330.6047) was present to talk about the changes in code enforcement, other upcoming events and to also answer general questions.**
 - **Ms. Washington provided handouts outlining the events and programs.**

8. Community Development Block Grants / Chair Report
 - a. None.

9. **Zoning and Land Use –**

- a. **Mark Malaguerra, Committee Chair -** Mark talked about the vacant property registry that has been drafted by the City of Atlanta.
- b. Mark provided an overview of the LRB item.

10. **License Review Board –**

| Applicant | Type of Business | Name of Business | Location Address | Request |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Sankar Chandra Shome | Food Store | Fair Street Supermarket | 1021 Fair Street | Sankar Chandra Shome |

- a. The applicant was on hand to speak about their plans.
 - i. The impacted neighborhood is Ashview Heights. Mark Malaguerra spoke about the concerns regarding the location of the property (across the street from M. Agnes Jones Elementary School).
 1. The new store owner, Mr. Shome, is related to the owner of the store that is behind M. Agnes Jones that also has a license to sell beer and wine. The property is regarded as “grandfathered” by the City of Atlanta.
 2. The impacted neighborhood association has not met individually with the applicant as a translator was not available to help the applicant discuss their plans at the community meeting.
 3. The applicant has expressed willingness to enter into a MOU with the neighborhood association.
 - ii. A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to deny the application for change of ownership. This was seconded by Larry Carter.

The Vote: yes-12; No-0 → Motion Carries

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

- a. An ordinance to re-organize the Department of Planning into the Atlanta Police Department was explained by Stephanie Ramage. There is no vote required and this item was discussed under item #4.
 - i. The specific comments:
 1. Community members felt that this represents an improvement over the current process.

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2. There are houses that have been in violation of the housing code for over 12 years without being brought into compliance. Neighbors felt that this change will improve the speed to which properties will be brought into compliance.

12. Special Events / Outdoor Festivals

- a. None.

13. Committee Reports

- a. No reports

14. Neighborhood Association Reports (2 minutes per report)

- a. No report

15. Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report –

- a. No report

16. Announcements –

- a. There is an APAB meeting every 3rd Saturday
- b. The December meeting will be shortened and there will be a holiday party at the end of the meeting and the officers will be sworn in.
- c. Mr. Andrew Park's sister passed away and the services will be on November 10th.
- d. Ms. Crumpies restaurant will be open from 11am-1pm on Thanksgiving day and the owner will be providing food for free to members of the community. Ms. Crumpies is located on the corner of East Ontario and Ralph David Abernathy.

17. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm EST.

\$55.00 in donations were collected during this meeting.

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