

NPU-T General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2012
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Empire Board of Realtists
686 Joseph E. Lowery, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30310

After determining the presence of a quorum, the NPU-T Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by NPU-T Vice Chair, Larry Carter.

1. **Invocation:** A moment of silence was held.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** A motion was made by Pete Hayley to adopt the Agenda as written, motion seconded by Gwen Cain;
The Vote: 7 Approvals; 0 Objections ⇒ Motion Carried
3. **Approval of Minutes:** September Meeting Minutes were not available; Approval of Minutes was deferred until the October Meeting.
4. **City Departmental Reports:**
 - **Atlanta Police Department**
Zone 1: Major Quiler at (404) 799-2488 reported that there is concern that AUC students are going into neighborhoods where they do not belong; they are putting themselves in harm's way and he urged everyone to stay close to campus, especially late at night. In the AUC area, prostitution is down.

Zone 4: Sgt. Oliver reported on panhandling; One recurring offender was sentenced to 90 days, the longest sentence seen for panhandling; Due to the JAG Grant, the number of policemen has been increased for the short term of 60 days only. Major Rodney Bryant, Zone 4 Commander, spoke briefly, reiterating the remarks by other officers; His phone number is: (404) 803-7615.
 - **Atlanta Fire Department** – not present
 - **Community Prosecutor**
Steven Jones, Sr. Assistant District Attorney, Zone 1 Community Prosecutor at (404) 752-5748, reminded everyone again how important it is to be involved and to attend court hearings; The next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2012, at 5:30P.M.
 - **Code Enforcement** – not present
 - **Watershed Management**
Brent Brewer, DWM Ambassador, at (404) 546-3341, announced ways to save money:
 - ★ The first weekend in October is a sales tax holiday.
 - ★ When shopping for appliances, get Energy Star for tax exemption.
 - ★ Rebates are still in effect for low-flow toilets; Must be *Water Sense* certified; Rebates are applied to water/sewer bill.See hand-out for more information, call or visit website.

5. **Planner's Report:** Brandy Crawford, NPU Planner at (404) 330-6522, reported on the Connect **Atlanta** Plan. A *Technical Correction Submittal Form* was available as a hand-out. This form serves the purpose for residents to submit a recommended project from an adopted plan or study, or to submit a change to an existing project within the plan. The deadline for submittals is October 10, 2012.

6. **Presentations:**

- A. **Rhett Jackson, Sr., Board of Trustees Chairman, Calvary United Methodist Church**
Presented architectural drawings for the addition of an exterior ramp and the addition of an ADA Accessible restroom. Motion of support was made by Pete Hayley and seconded by Kwabena Nkromo. **Vote: 13 Approvals; 0 Objections ⇒ Motion carried**
- B. **Irwin Wheeler of the Afrocentric Omenala-Griot Teaching Museum, located at 337 Dargan Place since 1992, (404) 505-1962, announced two Projects:**
1. **Community Clean-Up:** On October 28th and 29th, there will be a dumpster in front of the museum; another site is yet to be determined.
 2. **Urban Agriculture Project:** involves community gardens and landscaping; have a grant through the Atlanta Foundation Assessment process. Call for more information.
- C. **Kwabena Nkromo of the Food Assessment Program:** Assessment complete; Formal presentation will be made in October, once report is finalized.
- D. **Greg Allen, representative of Health Institute for Preventive Care, Access Research & Education (HIPCARE)** introduced information regarding classes and web links/contacts on the prevention of childhood obesity.
- E. **Jerrel Baker, sophomore and political science major:** representing AU Center, and working in web & graphic design; contact him at (404) 449-9528 or at jerrel.baker@gmail.com
- F. **Dee Henry of Life Foundation, Inc.:** working with Fulton County Drug Court as a partner in support of women; Looking for multi- family properties and/or blighted properties to use as transitional housing for mothers and their children; also needs volunteers. (404) 437-2593 or www.mynewlifefoundation.org
- G. **Tiffany Smith of the consulting firm, Millennium Exchange,** located in the Sky Lofts Business-Retail Section, is in the business of helping young people go into entrepreneurship. Contact: (404) 671-5851
- H. **Scarlett Canon, of the Fifth Third Bank,** introduced the bank and colleagues; handed out cards and brochures with contact and program information.

7. **Matters for Voting**

- A. **V-12-142 147 Lawshe Street** Applicant appeared before the NPU-T Executive Board; Needs to present more detailed information, and will meet with the affected neighborhood; A motion was made by Dr. Sherry Turner to defer; this was seconded by Claiborne White.
Vote: 13 Approvals, 0 Objections ⇒ Motion Carried

B. Z-12-16 & Z-12-17 Multiple Properties

Because no city representative was present to answer questions, a motion was made by Kristina Nadreau to defer voting until the October meeting; motion was seconded by Cathy Witt; Discussion initiated by Mark Malaguerra, who reminded everyone that these plans were the result of many months of research and work, not only by city officials but also by residents. Suggestions and concerns will be addressed. Please contact Councilperson Cleta Winslow and/or NPU-T Chair Nia Knowles and/or Enrique Bascuñana at (404) 330-6145 or ebascunana@atlantaga.gov

Vote: 9 Approvals; 0 Objections ⇒ Motion carried.

8. New Business – none

9. Old Business – none

10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Minutes by Cathy Witt
23. September 2012
Parliamentarian, NPU-T