

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2006

The General meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm EST by Chairman Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown

1. Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.
2. Approval of the Agenda – The agenda was approved with a motion Oluyemi Yikealo to accept deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

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

3. Approval of Minutes – the minutes from the September meeting were distributed.

A motion was made by Oluyemi Yikealo to accept the minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Henry Ingram

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

4. Police, Fire and Community Prosecutor's Updates

- a. Police – Zone 4 Major Walker Presented

1. *He highlighted the importance of securing valuables in vehicles. There have been many instances of thefts from vehicles in the past month.*
2. *Major Walker also highlighted the thefts of autos which are left running while the driver goes into the store to shop.*
3. *Sgt. Quintana presented the crime statistics.*
 - *A copy of the crime statistics was left with the NPU-T chair.*

- b. Fire & Rescue – Bill Cannon spoke.

1. October is Fire Safety / Prevention month. This coming Saturday in Scott Park there will be a fire safety / prevention symposium starting at 9:30am
2. On Saturday, operation ASAP will be installing smoke detectors in Ashview Heights between 9:30 and 1:30.

- c. Community Prosecutor – on maternity leave

- d. Code Compliance – none.

- e. Department of Watershed Management – Mike Turner (404.753.1646)
(404.456.2054 is his mobile #)

1. Mr. Turner spoke about the new water bill formats. He left copies of the new format and explanations on the information table.
2. For questions or billing concerns, call customer service at 404.658.6500

→ Deviation: Gwen Porter and Gwen Cain spoke about the John O. Chiles Luncheon. This event will be on Tuesday, November 21st from 11:30-1:30pm.

5. **Planner's Report**

- i. No items to cover.

6. Neighborhood Associations Reports: -

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- a. Westview Community Organization – members of the WCO are participating in the Westlake LCI Study. The first draft presentation will be on Monday, October 16th from 6:30-8:30pm at the Job Corps Center (239 West Lake Ave).
- b. Booker T. Washington – Bill Cannon spoke. He expressed issues with street gangs and frustration with the responsiveness of Zone 1 Police department. He also indicated that Dr. Joseph Lowery has agreed to support the Booker T. Washington Community with their issues on law enforcement and increasing gang activities.

7. Committee Reports –

- a. Education – School Board Member Khaatim S. El spoke about the Atlanta Board of Education.
 - i. The Board of Education has formed a Parental Involvement Task Force.
 - ii. He has announced the Brown Middle School's "Lights On" campaign which will be kicked-off on Thursday 12th from 5-8pm.
 - iii. Brown Middle School has now passed all sections of the No Child Left Behind initiative.
 - iv. He stressed the importance of participating in the regular school board meetings.
- b. Crime & Public Safety – no report
- c. Zoning – no report
- d. Code Enforcement – Scott Smith
 - i. Report attached

8. Presentation(s) – none

9. Special Events – Historic West End Festival (Charles Johnson)

- a. The West End Merchants coalition will be sponsoring a festival on Saturday, October 28, 2006 in Howell Park. This is a family-oriented event and there will be food, entertainment and health screenings. WEND has presented a letter in support of this event. Chairman Brown provided additional background on the event.

A motion was made by Oluyemi Yikealo to approve the application for a permit for this event. This was seconded by Henry Ingram

Vote: Yes-10; No-0; Abstain- 0 ➔ Motion Carries

10. Chairperson's Report –

- a. Chairman Brown outlined the nominating process for the 2007 NPU-T Officers. He opened the floor for nominations. There were no nominations from the floor at the time of the meeting. Chairman Brown indicated that in the November NPU-T meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor and a vote taken at that time. There will be an executive committee conference call to further discuss the approach for the officer election process.

11. Announcements –

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- a. Melanee Farrah (404.330.6041) from Council Member Willis' office spoke about the "Plant a Tree" program. Friday, October 13 is the deadline to register.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm EST

Donations in the amount of \$5.00 were received.

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September 2006 Code Enforcement Committee Report

1. The NPU-T Code Enforcement Officer is Dakarta Richardson.
2. In October, Ms. Richardson participated in a tour of the West End Community and has recorded additional code violations. These are in process and a status report will be provided to the impacted community as it becomes available.
3. Ms. Richardson prepared in excess of 110 violations, of which over 80 were returned as having an invalid property owner on record.
4. The property at Muse street has been taken to court and they are working through the issue of their attempt to operate a halfway house without the proper permits.

Please continue to provide feedback on suspected code enforcement issues so that we can get the complaints loaded into the system.

- a. We will still be using the code enforcement reporting sheets. The sheets should be filled out for any suspected housing code violation. If you deliver them or call the committee chairperson (404.752.6423), they will be reported to the appropriate agency.

5. Additional committee members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott C. Smith
Committee Chairperson