

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2007

There was no Executive Committee Meeting in February.

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 following remarks by the chairman. The first remark by the chairman was a notification that the mother of Dr. Pauline Drake passed away this last week. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in her name. He also mentioned Mrs. Euella Calhoun's recent bypass surgery. She is at home at present.

**2) Approval of Agenda –**

- a) A motion was made by Kwabena Nkromo to approve the agenda as published with 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**

- a) A motion was made by Kwabena Nkromo to accept the agenda as published. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

Vote: Yes- 7; No-0; Abstain- 0 → Motion Carries

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

- a) **Police:** Sgt. Taylor (Zone 4) spoke. He highlighted that crime in the NPU-T is up approximately 10% and crime in the overall Zone 4 area is up by approximately 32%. A copy of the past month's crime statistics were presented to the NPU-T chair.
- i) **Sgt. Taylor highlighted that many of the issues were related to the overall size of the zone.**
- (1) **The Chair suggested that interested parties bring their concerns to the attention of the appropriate elected officials so that positive change may be effected.**
- ii) A concern was expressed by the President of the B.T. Washington community that there was no representative from Zone 1 present at the meeting.

b) **Fire: no report.**

c) **Community Prosecutor –** there is no prosecutor currently assigned to Zone 4.

**5) Neighborhood Associations Reports (3 minutes per report)**

- a) **No reports.**

**6) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)**

**a) Housing Code Enforcement**

- i) Scott Smith highlighted the habitual a habitual code enforcement violator discussed in the prior month's NPU-T meeting has made several appearances in court. The next court date is set for Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am in the courtroom of Judge Harris. A letter from the NPU-T Code Enforcement Committee has been filed with the prosecutor's office.

**b) Crime Task Force – Kwabena Nkromo**

- i) **A printed copy of the report was distributed to the NPU-T meeting attendees.**

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- ii) **Minutes from the Task Force meetings are posted online in the workgroup forum. For access to the forum, e-mail [Kwabena.nkromo@gmail.com](mailto:Kwabena.nkromo@gmail.com).**
- c) **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs**
  - i) **No report.**
- d) **Zoning & Land Use (Oluyemi Yikealo)**
  - i) A copy of the committee report was presented to the Chairman.
    - (1) In the past month, the committee met with the Integral Group regarding their project within the Zone 1 area.
  - ii) The committee chair also attended the Beltline Overlay District meeting and highlighted that the city council deferred a vote so that they can obtain additional input from the communities.

Deviation #1 → Presentation by The Integral Group (College Town). Jason McLin, the development manager, spoke. He highlighted the fact that the first two phases have been completed. This was initially on the agenda under section #11. He also discussed the work on renovating the John O. Chiles high rise and the upcoming Phase 4 project. They currently have a rezoning application (Z-06-141 A & Z-06-141 B) to rezone the existing vacant lots from R-5 to RG-3. This has received a favorable recommendation by the Zoning and Land Use Committee. A letter of support was presented by the impacted neighborhood associations (WEND and John O. Chiles Residents Association).

Because of his personal interest in the project, Chairman Brown turned control of the meeting over to Vice Chair Nkromo who presided over both Deviation #1 and #2.

A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to support both Z-06-141A. This was seconded by Oluyemi Yikealo

Vote : Yes-6; No-0; Abstain- 1 → Motion Carries.

A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to support both Z-06-141A. This was seconded by Henry Ingram

Vote : Yes-8; No-0; Abstain- 1 → Motion Carries.

Deviation #2 → A discussion was added for the application by the Integral Group (College Town) for Low Income Housing Tax Credit for the Phase V and the Phase VI (John O. Chiles Anex) projects. WEND and John O. Chiles have submitted letters to the NPU-T in support of the application.

A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to support the Low Income Housing Tax Credit application. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

Vote : Yes-7; No-0; Abstain- 2 → Motion Carries.

Chairman Brown resumed control of the meeting.

**7) Planner's Report – Chauncer McLaughlin.**

- a) Neighborhood Boundaries Update – Chauncer provided a draft of the neighborhood boundaries.

**8) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report (APAB representative or NPU-T delegate)**

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- a) Kwabena Nkromo provided an overview of the past meeting where a new APAB chairperson was elected.

9) **Presentation(s)**

- a) Atlanta Watershed – Joy Barnes was present to introduce her replacement (Anastasia Sandoval). Ms. Barnes highlighted the status of the sewer separation project. She provided a copy of the status report, including maps of the various projects underway.
  - i) Ms. Barnes indicated that with work on the water systems, there are occasionally alerts to boil water prior to use. To determine whether such an alert has been issued for the NPU-T area, observe the regular news reports or visit the website: [www.atlantawatershed.org](http://www.atlantawatershed.org).
- b) Melanie Farrell of H. Lamar Willis' office spoke about the Youth Tennis Camp being held April 2-April 6, 2007. For more information call 404.330.6041 or email [hlwillis@atlantaga.gov](mailto:hlwillis@atlantaga.gov). She also indicated that on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, there will be the public work session around the Citizen Review Board. This will be in Committee Room 1 at City Hall.
- c) Roberta Horsley from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. She indicated that the ballfield at the West End Park will be reseeded February 20<sup>th</sup>. This will require the field to be closed for a period of 1 year. She also asked for any feedback from the community.
- d) Charlotte Hutchins spoke about the Midnight Basketball program being started in the Washington Park area at Washington High School. Emmanuel Hunt spoke about his experience with the Midnight Basketball Program. They are investigating a name change to "Answers Inc." He provided an overview of the program components.

10) **License Review Board**

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Semon Gebremarian	Convenience Store	M.L. King Jr. Dr. Food Store	844 M. L. King Jr. Dr.	Change of Ownership

Mr. Hilliard, the Attorney of the applicant spoke. The applicant received a favorable vote of support for the application. The president of the Booker T. Washington Community was present to express his organization's support of the application.

A motion was made by Bill Cannon to support the application as submitted. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

Vote: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain- 0 → Motion Carries.

11) **Zoning**

**Zoning Review Board      March 1 or 8 , 2007      6:00PM**

**Z-06-141 A      1027 Baldwin Street and 990 Westview Dr.**

Applicant, Harris Redevelopment LLC (Amon Martin) rezone from R-5 (Two-Family Residential) to RG-3 (Residential General-Sector 3).

This was discussed under Deviation #1 (above).

**Z-06-141 B      1027 Baldwin Street and 990 Westview Dr.**

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**Zoning Review Board      March 1 or 8 , 2007      6:00PM**

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**Z-07-01                    1450 Ralph David Abernathy**

Applicant, Ramon Tookes, seeks to rezone from R-4 (single-Family Residential) to C-1 (Community Business).

Mr. Tookes was not present at the meeting. He has not met with the impacted neighborhood association (WCO). Mark Malaguerra indicated that the community has been in communication with the applicant. The community's concern is that this parcel is within the boundaries of the Westlake LCI Study which has been proposed to change from R4 to MR4. Planner McLaughlin was made aware of this and will meet with the applicant for further discussion.

No vote was taken as the applicant has not yet met with the impacted neighborhood association.

A motion was made by Kwabena Nkromo to extend the meeting by 5 minutes. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

Vote : Yes-9; No-0; Abstain- 0 → Motion Carries.

12) **Chairperson's Report - none.**

13) **Announcements – none**

14) **Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm EST**

Donations in the amount of \$x were received.