

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 11, 2007

The April Executive meeting was held on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Kwabena Nkromo presided over the meeting. Representatives from West End, Just Us Neighbors, Booker T Washington and Westview were present. The primary discussions were around the issues and experiences seen by each constituent neighborhood. There were no votes taken at the meeting.

The next executive meeting will be on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. The location will be determined at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

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The General meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm EST by Chairman Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown

**1) Invocation**

A moment of silence was observed following remarks by the chairman. He formally thanked Kwabena Nkromo, Oluyemi Yikealo and Debbie Zimmerman for leading the March 2007 meeting.

**2) Approval of Agenda –**

- a) A motion was made by Andre Bertrand 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 Jasper Boykin to accept the agenda as corrected. This was seconded by Kwabena Nkromo

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

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

**a) Police:**

- i) **Major M. Perdue, the new commander for Zone 4 spoke. He provided a brief introduction of his background. He left a copy of the crime statistics with the NPU-T Chair.**

(1) His e-mail is [mperdue@atlantaga.gov](mailto:mperdue@atlantaga.gov)

(2) A question was asked as to whether the Citizen’s Advisory Board would continue. Major Perdue indicated that he intended to continue that board.

- ii) **Lt. Glass of Zone 1 spoke. Lt. Glass is the evening watch commander for Zone 1. She highlighted that there was an overall reduction in crime for the past 2 weeks.**

**b) Fire: no report.**

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

**Deviation #1:** Wayne Martin from Council Member Ceasar Mitchell spoke about the SAT prep day on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and the screening of “An Inconvenient Truth” on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. He left flyers on the information table.

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

- a) Gwen Cain from the Morehouse Revitalization Task Force spoke. She highlighted:
  - i) the student interns are working on mapping projects and they anticipate it being completed prior to the end of the school year.
- b) Scott Smith of Westview asked about the status of the West Lake LCI which has not yet been completed. Planner McLaughlin provided a contact person within the department to discussed

**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. Through the support of the Chief Solicitor, Johnny Story, a search warrant was executed on the property which helped to identify a total of 23 code enforcement violations at the subject property. These are being prosecuted through the municipal courts and the property has also been submitted to In Rem for nuisance abatement.

**b) Crime Task Force – Jasper Boykin**

- i) The task force will be making a practice of visiting the individual community meetings to learn about individual community safety concerns so that a holistic plan can be formed to address problems and prevent them from moving from neighborhood to neighborhood.
- ii) The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in founder's hall at 7pm.
- iii) 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 – no report**

**d) Education – Oni Oluremi spoke that next week the 8<sup>th</sup> grade CRCT testing will be taking place.**

**e) Executive Committee – Kwabena spoke about the regular Executive Committee Minutes.** He highlighted that at the past meeting there was participation from several neighborhood. He indicated that at upcoming meetings there will be work performed to begin helping other communities build neighborhood associations, identify issues for individual communities and also attend the meetings at all of the individual neighborhood associations.

**f) Zoning & Land Use (Oni Holly) -** Chairman Brown recognized the contribution that Oluoyemi Yikealo made as chair of the Zoning and Land Use committee. He then introduced the new chair of this committee, Oni Holly.

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

- a) Planner McLaughlin reviewed the proposed Text Amendments and provided fact sheets to explain them further.
- b) Planner McLaughlin also discussed the renaming of the Comprehensive Development Plan. He provided a background sheet to the members of the NPU-T body.

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

- a) No update.

**9) Presentation(s) – none.**

**10) Zoning**

- a) **Board of Zoning Adjustment April 20, 2007 1:00 P.M**

**V-07-68**

**830 Westview Drive S. W.**

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- i) Applicant, Andre' Bertrand, seeks a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the required front yard setback from 50' (required) to 32', and reduce the south side yard setback from 15' (required) to 10' to allow for a parking deck addition to an existing university parking deck.
  - (1) Andre Bertrand spoke. He highlighted that the plan is to extend the existing Morehouse parking deck. Drawings of the proposed deck were not available at the time of the meeting.
    - (a) A motion was made by Jasper Boykin to approve the application as explained. This was seconded by Gwen Cain.
      - (i) The vote: yes: 17; No: 0; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries
  
- b) **Zoning Review Board** April 5 or 12 , 2007 **6:00PM**  
**CDP Amendment – zoning for this case was approved at the February 14<sup>th</sup> NPU meeting. CDP-0712/Z-07-01 1450 Ralph David Abernathy**
  - i) ***Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) land use designation is amended from "Single-family Residential" to "Low Density Commercial"***
    - (1) Planner
    - (2) Comments
    - (3) The vote
  
- c) **Z-06-144/06-O-2697** **Text Amendment** (*requires NPU vote*)
  - i) An Ordinance by Council Member Carla Smith to amend chapter 28 of part 16 of the Atlanta City Land Development code to provide for density increases in exchange for affordable workforce housing; to define certain terms; to provide limitations and requirement; and for other purposes.
    - (1) Planner McLaughlin provided an overview of the amendments.
    - (2) One recommendation was made to make this ordinance mandatory rather than voluntary.
    - (3) A motion was made by Kwabena Nkromo to defer this item to the Zoning and Land Use Committee and re-present at the May, 2007 meeting. This was seconded by Jasper Boykin.
      - (a) The vote: yes: 14; No: 0; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries
  
- d) **Zoning Review Board** May 3 or 10, 2007 **6:00PM**  
**Z-07-25 1280 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd.**
  - i) Applicant, William H. Gunn, seeks to rezone from R-5 (Two-family Residential) to C-1 (Commercial Business).
    - (1) The applicant was not present and the impacted neighborhood has deferred until their May meeting.
    - (2) A motion was made by Kwabena Nkromo to defer action on this item until the May 2007 meeting. This was seconded by Mike Mumper.
      - (a) The vote: yes: 17; No: 0; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries
  
- e) **U-07-02** **1310 White Street**
  - i) Applicant, James Higgs, seeks a special use permit to operate an Urban Monastery that will accommodate 150 overnight residents.
    - (1) Jasper Boykin spoke about the proposed plan. A PowerPoint presentation was distributed which provided an overview of their programs.
    - (2) A question was asked whether this was a homeless shelter. The speaker highlighted that the participants will be pre-screened through the CAU School of Social Work to ensure that there are no substance dependencies or having mental or physical disabilities which would preclude their participation in the program.

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- (3) A motion was made by Scott Smith to defer action on this item to further investigation by the Zoning and Land Use Committee for recommendation at the May 2007 meeting.. This was seconded by Oni Oluremi.
- (4) The vote: yes: 10; No: 1; Abstain: 1 → Motion Carries

**f) Zoning Review Board April 5 or 12, 2007 6:00PM**

**Z-07-30 Text Amendment**

- i) An Ordinance by Zoning Committee authorizing the adoption of a Digital Zoning map for the City of Atlanta, Georgia; and for other purposes.
  - (1) Planner McLaughlin provided an overview of this amendment. There have been created digital GIS maps of the entire city. This will enable online access of city maps.
  - (2) Several comments were made concerning the future value of the ordinance.
  - (3) Kwabena Nkromo moved that the ordinance be approved. This was seconded by Scott Smith. The vote: yes: 20; No: 0; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries

**g) Z-07-33 Text Amendment**

- i) An Ordinance to amend section 16-28.008 (10) of the City of Atlanta Zoning Code so as to eliminate the one (1) year restriction imposed upon private property vendors with respect to a vending site; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.
  - (1) Planner McLaughlin had no background on this ordinance.
  - (2) Comments
  - (3) Kwabena Nkromo moved to defer this amendment pending additional information. This was seconded by Oni Oluremi. The vote: yes: 15; No: 0; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries

**11) License Review Board**

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Irvin C. Gordon	Gas/Convenient Store	1450 Donnelly, LLC dba Metze & Gordon Service Center	1450 Donnelly	Change of Agent

- i) Fernando Gordon presented. He highlighted that Mr. Metze has retired and the license needs to be changed to reflect the change.
- ii) Scott Smith indicated that Westview Community Organization has voted favorably for the application. A question was made to request
  - (1) A motion was made by Andre Bertrand to approve the application. This was seconded by Kwabena Nkromo. The vote: yes: 13; No: 1; Abstain: 0 → Motion Carries

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

Kwabena asked that Debbie Zimmerman be appointed as Assistant Secretary. Chairman Brown has made this appointment with Debbie Zimmerman's consent.

**12) Special Events**

- a) **Malcom X Festival – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual**
  - i) The applicant was not present.

**13) Proposed Street Abandonment**

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- a) James P. Brawley, S.W. between Parson Street and Beckwith Street
  - i) The applicant was not present.

**14) Chairperson's Report**

- a) Chairman Brown reviewed the proper Parliamentary Procedure once a vote has been taken.

**15) Announcements –**

- a) Mike Mumper spoke about the Crime Task Force Community Forum to be held on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Kroger CitiCenter Community Room.
- b) Al Bartel, the volunteer coordinator for the Westside Beltline Study Group spoke. The next event will be on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Atlanta City Hall, City Council Chambers from 6-8pm.
- c) Dr. Bertrand announced the Morehouse College Jazz Festival that will be taking place Thursday – Sunday at MLK Chapel. Additional information may be found on the Morehouse website ([www.morehouse.edu](http://www.morehouse.edu))

**16) Adjournment –** Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm EST

Donations in the amount of \$14 were received.