

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 12, 2007

The General meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm EST by Vice Chairman Kwabena Nkromo

1) Invocation

A moment of silence was observed following remarks by the Vice Chairman.

2) Approval of Agenda –

- a) A motion was made by Mr. Bright to approve the agenda as published with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

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

3) Approval of Minutes – August

- a) Copies of the August Minutes were distributed for approval.
i) A motion was made Scott Smith to approve the Minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

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

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

a) Police

- i) Sgt. Bell of Zone 1 spoke. He highlighted the key crimes in the NPU-T portion of Zone 1. A copy of the crime report was left with the NPU Vice Chair.
ii) Sgt. Watson of Zone 4 spoke. He highlighted the key crimes in the NPU-T portion of Zone 4. A copy of the crime report was left with the NPU Vice Chair.
(1) He highlighted a new "Copper Task Force" that has been proposed to address the recent theft of copper from homes.

b) Fire

- i) Captain Sealy of Fire Station #7 spoke.
(1) He highlighted that all of the engines in AFD have been updated to be Paramedic Engines.
(2) Captain Sealy also reminded members of the car seat and smoke detector programs and also discussed the blood pressure monitoring and home fire safety inspection services.
(3) In the month of September, there will be fire hydrant inspection taking place.
(4) AFD will also be conducting inspections of the MARTA stations.
(5) Tours of the fire stations are available. Call 404.853.7000 to schedule.
(a) John Pavalin spoke about his concerns of the condition of the fire stations. He has visited Station #7 and has recognized that there are needs for repairs and updated within the station.

- c) Community Prosecutor –** Suzanna Wright, the community prosecutor for Zone 3 spoke to introduce Sonia Brown, the interim Zone 4 Community Prosecutor. Ms. Brown will be located at the Community Prosecutor office which is located at 3050 Martin Luther King Blvd. Phone # 404.699.5294. A permanent assignment is expected by October.

- i) She spoke about the current state of Juvenile Crime and they will be distributing surveys to collect experiences and opinions of the current system so that remedies of the problem can be identified.
ii) Ms. Wright also reminded the NPU-T body of the Court Watch Program.

Deviation #1: Vice Chair Nkromo spent time to introduce the members of the Board to the members of NPU-T body who may not have been known by newer attendees to the NPU-T meetings.

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5) Neighborhood Associations Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) John Pavalin of WEND spoke about their re-working of the West End website. He also talked about information on outstanding criminal warrants was learned at National Night Out. The website for more information is www.crimestoppers.org.
- b) Scott Smith advised that the Westview Community Organization will be holding their Annual Flea Market & Fish Fry on Saturday, September 29th from 9-5pm. The event will be held at the corner of South Gordon and Ralph David Abernathy Avenues.
- c) Oluyemi Yikealo spoke about the West End Merchants Coalition. They meet the last Thursday of each month from 7:30a-8:30a. For more information, e-mail info@ourcreg.com.

6) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) **Housing Code Enforcement – Scott Smith**
 - i) No report
- b) **Crime Task Force – Jasper Boykin**
 - i) No report
- c) **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Kwabena Nkromo**
 - i) No Report
- d) **Education – Oni Oluremi:**
 - i) Oni Oluremi talked about the increasing number of schools that are closing.
- e) **Executive Committee – Kwabena Nkromo.**
 - i) No Report
- f) **Zoning & Land Use (Oni Holly) -**
 - i) No Report

7) Planner's Report –

- a) Reminder NPU 2008 Bylaws are due September 30, 2007
 - i) No changes were recommended in the existing bylaws.

The Discussion: There was significant discussion concerning whether the bylaws could be voted on without having a copy of them present. The conclusion was that either taking a vote or extending the decision would be valid actions.

The Action: A motion was made by Oluyemi Yikealo to adopt the 2007 bylaws for 2008. This was seconded by Edmond McAfee.

The Vote: Yes – 20; No- 0; Abstain – 2 → Motion Carries.

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

- a) No report

9) Presentation(s)

- a) 11th Annual Great Atlanta Youth Walk – October 6, 2007 – Cheryl Odeleye spoke about the upcoming walk.

A motion was made by Scott Smith to support the Greater Atlanta Youth Walk. This was seconded by Edmond McAfee.

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The Vote: Yes – 11; No- 0; Abstain – 0 → Motion Carries.

11) Zoning

Zoning Review Board September 6 or 13 , 2007 6:00PM

U-07-19 1152 Eggleston St. (case deferred at the August NPU meeting)
Applicant, Afuape Olufemi, seeks a special use permit to operate a day care center.

The Discussion: Planner McLaughlin indicated that the application has been withdrawn.

The Action: No action required.

Zoning Review Board September 6 or 13 , 2007 6:00PM

Z-07-52/ 07-O-0611 – Ordinance Text Amendment (case deferred at the August NPU meeting)

AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLERTO AMEND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, SECTION 16.28.008(5) TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT OF RETAINING WALLS IN FRONT, HALF DEPTH FRONT, SIDE AND REAR SETBACKS, OR YARDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Discussion: Planner McLaughlin indicated that the ordinance has not yet been finalized and is not ready to be acted upon by the NPU System or the City Council.

The Action: No action required.

12) Chairperson's Report

13) Announcements

- a) Trees Atlanta – Susan Pierce spoke about the Beltline Clean-Up Activity planned for Saturday, October 20, 2007. This will be the first mile path of the Beltline that will be developed. The event will run from 9a – noon. For more information, visit www.treesatlanta.org or call 404.522.4097.
- b) Rev. Bright spoke about the Beltline Study Group.
 - i) The next meeting is October 2nd at 6:30pm in room A210 of the Academic Building of Atlanta Metropolitan College.
 - ii) He expressed concern that the ARC funding for the Southwest portion of the transportation component has been withdrawn. He also expressed that there was concern that the current study group format forces a view on only the regional segment of the beltline rather than the totality of the beltline.
 - (1) Study Groups are segmented by Southeast, Southwest, Westside, Northeast and Northwest designations. Without a holistic view, the concern is that there will be too much segmentation between components of the beltline.
- c) Wayne Martin from Cesar Mitchell's office spoke.
 - i) The Clean & Green program is still in force. For information contact Mark Quick 404.330.6052.
 - ii) They are also looking at methods to curb Juvenile Crime
 - iii) SAT Prep session will be held at Benjamin E Mays high school on Saturday, September 29th at 8am.

A motion was made by Scott Smith to extend the end of the meeting by 5 minutes. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

The vote: Yes - 12; No-0; Abstain – 0 → Motion Carries

- d) Council Member Winslow spoke about the Atlanta Development Authority workshop which will be held on the subject of Affordable Housing on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 2pm at the ADA Office located at 86 Pryor Street. She also spoke about the Public Safety Town Hall Meeting that took place over the summer.

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- She highlighted that there will be training for current and new block watch captains. Finally, she spoke about an upcoming job fair. Information was distributed to the NPU-T body.
- e) Gail Mozley of Commissioner Boxil's Office spoke. She highlighted that a letter will be forthcoming from Commissioner Boxil to all NPU's regarding Grady Hospital Funding.

14) Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm EST

Donations in the amount of \$17.00 were received.