

NPU-T Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 13, 2008

The General meeting was called to order at 7:46 pm EST by Chairperson Kwabena Nkromu

**1) Invocation**

The invocation was presented by Leonard Tate.

**2) Approval of Agenda –**

A motion was made by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown to accept the agenda as modified (added the Bylaws committee report). This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

Vote: Yes- 15; No - 0; Abstain-0 → Motion Carries

**3) Approval of Minutes – July**

a) Copies of the July Minutes were distributed for approval.

A motion was made by Jim Robinson to approve the minutes as corrected published. This was seconded by Richard Puls.

Vote: Yes- 17; No- 1; Abstain- 1 → Motion Carries

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

a) **Police** – Sgt. Spillane (Zone 4) spoke.

- i) Sgt. Spillane indicated that robberies are down 54% and agg assaults are up 22%. There have been no homicides or rapes in 2008.
- ii) Sgt. Dodd from Zone 1 spoke.

b) **Fire** – no speaker

c) **Community Prosecutor** – Ms. Blackett-Jones (Zone 4) spoke. 404.699.5294

- (1) Ms. Blackett-Jones was available to speak with individuals about their concerns.
- (2) There may be an upcoming court watch need which will be communicated following the initial hearing.

d) **Watershed Management** – Ms. McMichael spoke.

- i) Ms. McMichael talked about the locked automatic meter readers. She indicated that the meters should be locked and that homeowners should install a secondary shutoff valve elsewhere on the premise.

e) **Department of Parks and Recreation** – Mr. Robinson spoke.

- i) Mr. Robinson spoke about the recent department cuts that have been made which will impact members of the community. Cuts include reduced hours of operation and permanent closing of some recreation centers. A copy of the cuts has been left with the NPU-T Chair.

**5) Presentations**

a) **CollegeTown @ West End HEZ Application – Jason McLin**

**The Discussion:** The Applicant spoke about his plans. The impacted neighborhood (CollegeTown) has recommended approval. The Zoning & Land Use Committee has recommended approval. A question regarding LEED certification was raised. This property will not comply with LEED regulation. Another question was asked about the length of affordable housing. Mr. McLin indicated that the land use will be affordable for at least 53 years.

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**The Action:** A motion has been made by Aston Thompson to approve the application. This was seconded by Jim Robinson.

Vote: Yes 26; No-0; Abstain-1 → Motion Carries

**6) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)**

- a) Vonda Henry (WEND) spoke. She highlighted a few items:
  - i) 2009 Tour of Homes will be May 1-3 2009.
  - ii) WEND Flags will be for sale.
  - iii) There are also West End bumper stickers available.
- b) Sister Deborah Williams (Mother Clyde Community Garden) spoke.
  - i) Sister Deborah expressed her thanks for the support of their National Night Out event. She recognized Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown for his 10 years of support of the community garden.
- c) Robert Thompson (Creating Vibrant Communities) spoke.
  - i) Mr. Thompson spoke about the neighborhood farm and the available programs.

**7) Committee Reports**

- a) Executive Committee – Kwabena Nkromo
  - i) Chairman Nkromo spoke about the Policy Agenda status and outlined the Community Summit which will be held in September 2008.
  - ii) Mr. Nkromo indicated that due to reasons of residency, there will be a new a Chaplian Imam Ali as well as new chairs for
    - (1) Economic Development: Tyler Tywater, and
    - (2) Non-Profit Council: Robert Thompson.
- b) Public Safety Committee – Graham Jackson
  - i) Mr. Jackson indicated that the surveys will be delayed until Councilperson Winslow's Block Captain training which is scheduled for early September. Block Captains are the community volunteer coordinators for neighborhood watch programs.
    - (1) Crime Task Force Subcommittee – Kwabena Nkromo
    - (2) Save #7 Coalition update
      - (a) Chairman Nkromo spoke about the Fire Station closing and the "Save #7 Coalition."
- c) Zoning and Land Use Committee – Aston Thompson
  - i) Mr. Thompson emphasized the importance of attending the Beltline meetings.
    - (1) NPU-T Comprehensive Development Plan Subcommittee – Marc Washington / Vonda Henry
      - (a) Marc spoke about the CDP training that was hosted by the Georgia Conservancy.
    - (2) Urban Agriculture Committee – Kim Bogard was introduced as the new chair for this committee.
- d) Bylaws Committee – Scott Smith
  - i) Copies of the draft bylaws were distributed. Mr. Smith indicated that there will be another bylaws committee meeting before the September meeting. Changes or recommendations can be submitted to the Bylaws committee chair, Oni Holley, the NPU-T chair or to Scott Smith. He highlighted that any proposed changes that are not agreed upon at the September NPU-T meeting will not be able to be incorporated in the 2009 Bylaws.

A motion was made by Jim Robinson to extend the meeting by 10 Minutes. This was seconded by Ted Warren.

The vote: Yes: 18; No: 2; Abstain: 1 → Motion Carries.

**8) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report**

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a) No report.

**9) Community Planner Report – Edmund McAfee**

a) Shawn Brown from the department of planning spoke. He was assigned to assist with the NPU process.

**10) Zoning**

**Zoning Review Board August 7 or 14, 2008 6:00 P.M.**

**Z-08-43                      593 Culberson**

Applicant, Janice M. White, seeks to rezone from R-4A (Single-family Residential) to R-LC (Residential Limited Commercial).

**The Discussion: The applicant was not present.** WEND and NPU-T's Zoning & Land Use committee both recommend denial.

**The Action:** A motion was made by Aston Thompson to deny the application. This was seconded by Edmund McAfee.

Vote: Yes- 22 ; No-0; Abstain- 0- ➔ Motion Carries

**11) Chairperson's Report –**

a) Council member Ceasar Mitchell spoke about the Save #7 initiative. He indicated that the legislation to restore the fire station will be presented at the full council session to be held next Monday.

**12) Announcements**

a) Mr. Danze of the Department of the Census spoke. He reminded that April 1, 2010 is the official census day. [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

**13) Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.**

**Prior to adjournment, Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown attempted to make a motion. This was denied and the meeting was adjourned.**

**Donations in the amount of \$6.00 was collected.**

**71 individuals were recorded on the NPU-T sign-in sheets.**

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FROM: Marc Washington, Transportation Subcommittee Chair  
NPU-T ED/CA Committee  
TO: Robert Thompson, ED/CA Committee Chair  
RE: July Report  
DATE: 11 August 2008

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Official members: Marc Washington, Robert Thompson

### NARRATIVE

The Transportation Subcommittee has identified one immediate focus area related to transportation:

1. NPU-T's official, and continued engagement with the Connect Atlanta process

Our short-term goals include:

- Review and revision of the Connect Atlanta draft transportation plan [in August]
- Participation in the August/September series of Connect Atlanta public meetings
- Review and revision, if necessary, of the final Connect Atlanta transportation plan [available in September]
- Participation in the MARTA [M.O.V.E.] study

Our mid-range or long-term goals have not yet been identified:

### ACTIVITIES

- Planned MARTA MOVE [Louis Grisoglio] presentation for July meeting
- Advertized Connect Atlanta Plan June series of meetings
- [Kwabena] announced July 16 Subcommittee meeting on Save #7 meeting notice
- Participated in the June 30 of Connect Atlanta Plan public meeting
- Updated Connect Atlanta Plan suggestions with community input
- Discussed ways to increase community participation at Transportation meeting

### MEETINGS

A **Subcommittee Meeting** was held at The Grounds Coffee House on July 16 at 7:00 PM. Three people participated. Short-term goals were well received by attendees. [Debbie] suggested a series of “short conversations” emails explaining Subcommittee goals and their relation to the 2008 Policy Agenda [as explained during the meeting]. Beecher-Donnelly Community Association Chair [Menjiwe] requested a presentation of the goals at her next meeting. Follow-up is pending on both items. MARTA did not attend. Subcommittee will email reminders and confirm speaker availability the Friday before meetings going forward. No additional information available on MARTA MOVE. No members were recruited. The next subcommittee meeting will be held on Aug 20, 2008. The June 30 **Connect Atlanta Plan Meeting** was not well received by participants. Eight attended. The presentation did not involve NPU-T specific projects. Participants requested West End project idea details. Connect Atlanta Plan project managers offered to schedule a meeting and provide access to plans. The Transportation subcommittee would like to organize community involvement to accomplish the following:

- Understand and give input on Connect Atlanta Plan project ideas and evaluation criteria
- Advocate NPU-T Connect Atlanta Plan suggestions and the NPU-T agenda
- Recruit members for the NPU-T ED/CA Transportation subcommittee