

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2008

The General meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm EST by Vice Chairman Oni Holley

1) Invocation

A moment of silence was observed.

2) Approval of Agenda –

A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to adopt the agenda as published. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

The Vote: Yes- 8; No - 0; → Motion Carries

3) Approval of Minutes – *October*

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

A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to approve the minutes as corrected. There was one misspelled name in the draft. This was seconded by Debbie Zimmerman.

Vote: Yes- 8; No-0 → Motion Carries

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

a) Police –

i) Major Perdue from Zone 4 spoke.

(1) Highlighted crime stats and provide a copy to the NPU-T chair

(2) Provide holiday safety tips

(3) Advised about "Project Take Back" which is designed to get the word out on crime prevention in Atlanta.

ii) Lt. Johnson from Zone 1 spoke.

(1) Highlighted crime stats and provided a copy to the NPU-T chair.

(2) Highlighted a recent drug bust on Camella street

(3) Indicated that they are focusing on the reduction of prostitution within Zone 1 and have made several successful sting operations.

(4) Distributed a copy of a redacted police report as an example of how community members can effect change under "Project Take Back"

b) **Fire –** Batallion Chief Collier spoke.

i) Highlighted fire department response concerns

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

i) A court watch event for Jacori Johnson is planned for November 21, 2008 at 9:30am.

5) Presentations

(1) Liz Coyle of the Beltline Network spoke.

6) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) Vonda Henry of WEND spoke:

i) West End tour of homes is scheduled for May 2-3 of 2009

ii) West End Christmas Party is December 6

iii) They are continuing their neighborhood patrol for public safety.

7) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) **Executive Committee**

i) Update on NPU-T Community Summit

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- (1) This event is being postponed due to scheduling difficulties.
- b) Urban Agriculture Committee** – Stephanie Radbill, Chair
- i) Stephanie spoke about urban agriculture projects.
 - ii) Horticultural Education Subcommittee Report – Debbie Zimmerman
 - (1) Debbie highlighted the education event scheduled for November 15 and distributed brochures with specific details.
- c) Zoning and Land Use Committee** – Aston Thompson Chair
- i) Community Land Trust Subcommittee Report – Brent Brewer
 - (1) Brent provided an overview of a recent meeting with the community land trust and outlined what a community land trust is.
 - ii) The application by Wesley Owens, President of the “Eagle Eye Community Development Corporation” was reviewed.
 - (1) The proposal includes a re-use of Mr. Owens’ property on Sells Avenue. The project is to convert his existing apartment complex into a program targeting homeless and drug addicted families.
 - (a) Mr. Owens needs the support of the community in order to secure funding. Funding for this project would come from the Homeless Opportunity Fund, administered by the Atlanta Housing Authority.
 - (b) The impacted neighborhood association is CollegeTown and they made a recommendation to approve.
 - (c) Many members of the NPU-T body expressed concerns about the suitability of this project for the planned location. One key concern is that Mr. Owens has owned and operated the property for nine (9) years without showing any improvements in the property or its usage.
 - (d) Some members of the NPU-T body expressed concerns that a denial would be limiting support for homeless individuals and families in the NPU-T community.
 - (e) The Zoning and Land Use Committee has made a recommendation for denial.

A motion was made by Vonda Henry to deny support of this application. This was seconded by Edmund McAfee.

Vote: Yes-11; No-2 → Motion Carries

- d) Code Enforcement Committee** – Scott Smith, Chair
- i) Scott asked for volunteers to work on suggestions to the department of Code Compliance to change or modify the process for code enforcement
 - ii) Scott highlighted a plan that he is discussing with members of the department of Code Compliance that will help resolve repeat code violators
- 8) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report** = Edmund McAfee
- a) LaShawn Hoffman, NPU-V Chair, spoke. He outlined the purpose of APAB and also talked about the upcoming elections for APAB officers
- 9) Community Planner Report** – Edmund McAfee
- a) NPU-T Comprehensive Development Plan update

10) Zoning

Zoning:

Zoning Review Board December 4 or 11, 2008 6:00 p.m.
Z-08-72 / 08-O-1795

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 1982 ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 16-29.001 (67) TO BE ENTITLED SECURED STORAGE FACILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR A DEFINITION OF SECURED STORAGE FACILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Edmund McAfee outlined the proposed text amendment. The Zoning and Land Use Committee recommends approving the amendment.

The Discussion: Many members of NPU-T body expressed concerns about the way the amendment was written and there were many questions that were not able to be answered.

LaShawn Hoffman indicated that NPUs V, M and N also voted to defer.

The Action: A motion was made to defer action on this text amendment pending further clarification from the city. This was seconded by Oni Holley.

Vote: Yes- 16; No-0 → Motion Carries

Z-08-74 / 08-O-1794

TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 16-34.005(30) TO IDENTIFY SECURED STORAGE FACILITIES AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE MRC DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 16-34.006 TO EXPRESSLY ALLOW AS PART OF AND WITHIN A SECURED STORAGE FACILITY LIMITED RETAIL PREMISES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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The Action: A motion was made to defer action on this text amendment pending further clarification from the city. This was seconded by Oni Holley.

Vote: Yes- 16; No-0 → Motion Carries

Z-08-78 / 08-O-2071

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART 16, ZONING , OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A NEW PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT, ENTITLED "PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION (PD-CS)" AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

This was a proposed text amendment that was presented for information only. Christian Olteanu from the Bureau of Planning provided a overview of the proposed changes. No action was required at this time.

11) License Review Board

- a) None

12) Election of Officers

- a) **The election for NPU-T officers for 2009 was held. Detailed are at the end of these minutes.**
 - i) **2009 NPU-T Officers**
 - (1) **Chairman – Kwabena Nkromo**
 - (2) **Vice-Chairman – Edmund McAfee**
 - (3) **Secretary – Scott Smith**
 - (4) **Recording Secretary – Nia Knowles**
 - (5) **Treasurer – Patrick Berry**
 - (6) **Parliamentarian – Vonda Henry**
 - (7) **Sergeant-At-Arms – John Pavlin**
 - (8) **Chaplain – Nadim Ali**

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13) Chairperson's Report

- a) none

14) Announcements

- a) Bill Cannon announced that Booker T. Washington was holding a yard sale on Saturday, November 15th at 8am at BTW High School
- b) Lamont Cobb of Morehouse College spoke about the Mortgage Fraud Screening being held at 6pm on Thursday, November 13th.
- c) Jalisa Carter spoke about the Let's Raise a Million program was highlighted which is a program designed to provide replacement Compact Fluorescent lightbulbs free of charge to residents within NPU-T
- d) Samantha Terry spoke about issues relating to Parks and Recreation
 - i) Highlighted the ordinance regarding pets in public parks
 - ii) Youth Football Tournament will be held on November 23rd in Anderson Park
 - iii) Youth Basketball season starts in December
 - iv) Patrick Berry spoke about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program
 - v) Bill Cannon reminded about the runoff elections on December 2nd
 - vi) Shawn Brown, city of Atlanta planner, spoke about a planning session for the Vine City / Washington Park LCI scheduled for Wednesday November 19th
 - vii) Marlena Middlebrook from Council Member Willis' office introduced herself
 - viii) Melanie Wofford invited members to the Non-Profit Council meeting being held on November 21st.

15) Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

No Donations were collected.

Individuals were recorded on the NPU-T sign-in sheets.

Position	Person	# of Votes
Chairman	Kwabena Nkromo	21
Chairman (write in)	Melanie Woffard	1
Chairman (write in)	Bill Cannon	1
Vice Chairman	Aston Thompson	5
Vice Chairman	Edmund McAfee	19
Secretary	Scott Smith	22
Recording Secretary	Nia Knowles	23
Treasurer	Patrick Berry	23
Parliamentarian	Vonda Henry	20
Parliamentarian (write in)	Edmund McAfee	1
Sergeant-At-Arms	John Pavlin	21
Chaplin	Nadim Ali	1