

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2009

The General meeting was called to order at pm EST by Chairman Knowles

1) Invocation

a) The invocation was presented by Brother I.U.

2) Approval of Agenda –

A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to adopt the agenda as published with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Pete Hayley.

The Vote: Yes- 12; No - 0; → Motion Carries

3) Approval of Minutes – August 2009

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

A motion was made by Jerry ‘Tacuma’ Brown to approve the minutes as published. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

Vote: Yes- 15; No- 0 → Motion Carries

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

a) Police –

i) Zone 1 Sgt. Dodd

- (1) A copy of the crime statistics was provided to the NPU-T chair.
- (2) Questions were asked about the progress on the recent homicide near the AUC campus. The Sgt. was not able to provide an update.

ii) Zone 4 – Lt. Yubuku

- (1) Lt. Yubuku reviewed the crime statistics and a copy was provided to the NPU-T chair.
- (2) Concern was expressed by Mark Malaguerra about the 911 response times. Lt. Yubuku informed the NPU-T body that the 911 Director has been dismissed and a search for a replacement has begun.

b) Fire – Chief Schumacher and fire fighters from Station #17

- i) The fire department has moved into their new HQ location. The number is 404.546.7000.
- ii) 40 firefighters were recently hired and will begin the training/certification program.
- iii) A new class of the Atlanta Citizen’s Fire Academy will begin on October 1st (404.597.3150)
- iv) A question was asked about the homeless persons who have begun sleeping at the now vacant Station #7. This is a known problem that has not yet been resolved.

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

- (1) 1435 Allegheny – reported drug sales. This case has been pushed back for several reasons but the court date has been set for September 22nd and the were 4 suspects arrested.
- (2) NPU-T is under consideration for the Weed & Seed Program. The NPU-T chair is scheduling a meeting with the program director to gain further understanding of the program and the intended location within NPU-T.

d) Watershed Management – Brent Brewer

- i) Brent distributed a flyer regarding a Water Smart training class scheduled for September 26th in Roswell.
- ii) There will be a Tax Free Holiday from October 1-4 which will waive the taxes on any Energy Star or WaterSense appliances.

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5) Presentations

- a) UCDC – Pete Hayley
 - i) Pete spoke about the recent murder of a Spelman College student and the actions taken in response by the schools in the AUC campuses.
 - ii) Pete spoke about the Morehouse / UCDC economic development study that was conducted several years ago. UCDC is partnering with Neighbor Works America to conduct a series of classes and workshops around economic development. The series will be called the Economic Development Training Institute.
 - (1) Pete distributed information about the institute which will be free to residents of NPU-T.
- b) KIPP Strive – Kenneth Mason
 - i) Kenneth provided an update of KIPP Strive Academy.
 - (1) The School is officially open and Kenneth thanked members of the NPU-T community for their past support.
 - (2) There are 95 5th graders that have started the current school year.

6) 2010 Bylaws (NPU Vote Required)

- a) Scott Smith, Bylaws Committee Chair, reviewed the proposed changes to the NPU-T bylaws which were reviewed and voted for recommendation by the NPU-T Executive Committee.

A motion was made by Vonda Henry to accept the bylaws as presented. This was seconded by Emma Davis.

Vote: Yes- 26; No- 0 → Motion Carries

7) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) John Hope Villages of Castleberry Hill Community Association –

- i) **Beecher-Donnelly Community Association** – April Anderson spoke about the upcoming Mayoral Candidate Forum scheduled for Saturday September 19th at the Beecher-Donnelly Boys & Girls Club from 4-6pm.

b) WEND – Vonda Henry (vkhenry@bellsouth.net)

- i) Vonda spoke about recent thefts of palm trees stolen from the beltline path.
- ii) There will be a grand opening celebration on September 16th for the new child care center at Dean Rusk
- iii) WEND elections will be on October 6th.

c) Westview Community Organization –

- i) There will be the annual WCO Fall Festival on Saturday 19th from 9-5 at the corner of South Gordon and Ralph David Abernathy

8) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Wanda Whiteside
 - i) The Department of Parks is rolling out a Master Plan of Parks and they will be presenting at the John Hope Community Center on September 10th between 6:30-8pm with visuals available on the morning of Friday, September 11th.
- b) Urban Agriculture Committee – Stephanie Radbill
 - i) The 2nd Annual Fall Summit for Community Gardens will be held in November at the Good Shepherd Community Church.

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c) Treasurer's Report - Patrick collected donations from those present at the NPU-T meeting.

9) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report – Graham Jackson, NPU-T Community Ambassador

i) The next APAB meeting is September 19th at 10am at 55 Trinity Avenue

10) Planner's Report – Brandy Crawford (404.330.6522 bcrawford@atlantaga.gov)

a) Planner Crawford was not present.

11) Zoning

a) **Z-09-24 / 09-O-0837** An Ordinance by Zoning Committee to amend section 16-28A.013(a)(x) of the City of Atlanta sign ordinance for the purpose of clarifying the effect of modification or replacement of structures supporting on the non-conformity of general advertising signs; and for other purposes.

This ordinance is for Information only and does not require a NPU Vote

b) **Z-09-030/09-O-1402** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 29 of part 16 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Atlanta to define Bed and Breakfast Inns; to add Bed and Breakfast Inns as a permitted principal use and structure in the SPI-11 Vine City & Ashby Station Special Public Interest Zoning District, Subarea 4, 5, 6 and 7; to add Bed and Breakfast Inns as a permitted principal use and structure in the SPI-17 Piedmont Avenue Special Public Interest District, Subarea 4; to provide limitations and requirements for such use; and for other purposes.

This ordinance is for Information only and does not require a NPU Vote.

Concerns were raised that this ordinance does not specifically address existing uses and does not require a special use permit to enable a commercial business to be established in existing residential neighborhoods.

12) License Review Board

a) **No items for NPU-T consideration in September 2009.**

13) Ordinances, Resolutions and Text Amendments

a) There were no items on the agenda.

14) Chairperson's Report

a) Chairman Knowles provided Braves tickets to distribute to neighborhood associations.

15) Announcements –

a) Brent Brewer talked about a panel discussion about the Housing and Mortgage Crisis scheduled for September 16th from 6:30-7:30pm

b) Marshall Thomas from Councilperson Winslow's office spoke about a block watch training session scheduled for October 10th from 9-1pm. To register, call 404.330.6047.

i) There will be a developer's day on September 16th.

c) Eric Robinson (Just Us Neighbors) – there will be a Mayoral candidate forum from 7-9 held at the Morehouse College Leadership Center on Thursday, September 9th.

d) Kim Boggart spoke about a Georgia Stand-up Alliance meeting on September 25th from 12-2 at the IBEW building.

i) There will be a Mayoral forum on Saturday, October 6th at the IBEW Auditorium.

16) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

\$48.91 in donations were collected by NPU-T treasurer, Patrick Berry

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