

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2009

The General meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm EST by Chairman Knowles

1) Invocation

a) The invocation was presented by Chaplain Nadim Ali

2) Approval of Agenda –

A motion was made by Patrick Berry to adopt the agenda as published with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Vonda Henry.

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

3) Approval of Minutes – September 2009

a) Copies of the September Minutes were distributed for approval both in softcopy and printed form.

A motion was made by Vonda Henry to approve the minutes as published. This was seconded by Richard Puls.

Vote: Yes- 11; No- 0 → Motion Carries

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

a) Police –

i) Zone 1 Sgt. Trainer

(1) Sgt. Trainer spoke about current crime and was on hand for questions.

ii) Zone 4 – Sgt. Postell

(1) Sgt. Postell spoke about the recent crime statistics. A copy of the statistics was left with the NPU-T chair.

b) Fire – Captain Jones from Batallion 4 was present.

i) Captain Jones spoke about recent flooding in the area due to rains.

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

i) Ms. Blackett-Jones spoke about a successful prosecution of a buglary suspect.

ii) A hearing will be held in Courtroom 8C at 9:30am on November 2nd.for the suspect arrested for drug sales on Allegheny.

iii) A bust was held at 1620 Westwood today for drug sales.

iv) Operation Neighborhood Takeback will be holding a walk in Beat 102 in the Westview Community on Saturday, December 5th.

5) Presentations

a) Staci Bruce – Bonner Office of Community Service and Student Development

i) Ms. Bruce spoke about several upcoming events relating to the 2010 celebration of MLK day on Monday, January 18th. Stacy left information for the members of NPU-T.

b) (Sister) DeBorah Williams – Application for Lucile / Holderness Park Pride Grant

i) Wanda Whiteside spoke about the application. Because of the timing of the grant and the fact that this grant does not require NPU-T action or vote, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs committee sent a letter of support for the application.

ii) The impacted neighborhood, WEND, voted to support the application as well.

6) Neighborhood Association Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) Westview Community Organization –

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- i) Ayana Gabriel spoke about an upcoming clean-up scheduled for Saturday, November 7th in partnership with KIPP Strive. The starting place for the clean-up will be at the KIPP Strive academy location on Lucile.
- ii) This past weekend, members of the Westview Community Organization picked up and returned 24 shopping carts to Kroger.

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

- i) Vonda spoke about their Screen on the Green event held at the Wren's Nest.
- ii) On Saturday, October 17th, there will be a Mural Painting event along White Street from 9-noon. From 1-4pm there will be food and music.
- iii) On October 24th, there will be a Beltline Tree Planting event being sponsored by Trees Atlanta.

7) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

a) Nominating Committee – Scott Smith

- i) Scott outlined the current nominations for 2010 officers. The nominees are:
 - (1) Chair – Nia Knowles
 - (2) Vice-Chair – Mark Malaguerra
 - (3) Secretary – Scott Smith
 - (4) Recording Secretary – Gretchen Scholfield
 - (5) Parliamentarian – Vonda Henry
 - (6) Sergeant at Arms – John Pavlin
 - (7) Chaplain – Bill Cannon
- ii) If there are no additional nominees by the close of the October meeting, the slate will be closed and this will be the slate presented for action at the November 2009 NPU-T meeting.

b) Treasurer's Report – Patrick Berry

- i) Patrick provided an overview of the current state of the finances.

c) Education – Dr. Puls

- i) Dr. Puls spoke about the current activities of the Education Committee.

8) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report – the next APAB meeting will be Saturday, October 17th from 10-11am.

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

- a) Greenspace: Mary McCracken, Greenspace Coordinator**
 - i) Planner Raquell Jackson spoke about Atlanta's project greenspace.

10) 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.

The Discussion: Planner Jackson spoke about the ordinance. After the overview, Scott Smith made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. This was seconded by Steffi Berry.

The Vote Y:11 N: 1 → Motion Carries

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- 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.

The Discussion: Planner Jackson spoke about this ordinance. Questions were asked about the processes to ensure that usage as a bed and breakfast would be guaranteed rather than some other usage. Planner Jackson talked about the protections that are inherent in the ordinance. Graham Jackson spoke about the impacted concerns of the impacted community (Booker T. Washington). The impacted neighborhood has not yet met to discuss this officially.

Graham Jackson made a motion to defer action on this until the November NPU-T meeting to allow the impacted neighborhood to discuss and make a recommendation.

The Vote Y:15 N: 0 → Motion Carries

11) License Review Board

a)

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Location Address	Request
Satwinder Singh Tucker	Convenience Store	Danny's Super Saver	1562 RDA Blvd	Change of Ownership

The Discussion: The impacted neighborhood (Westview) voted to support the application. The applicant was present to discuss the application.

A motion was made by Steffi Berry to approve the application for change of ownership. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

The Vote Y:14 N:0 → Motion Carries.

12) Chairperson's Report

- a) The slate of officers was re-stated by Scott Smith and a final call for nominees was made. No additional nominees were made.

13) Announcements –

- i) Marlena Middlebrook (404.330.6041) from Council Member Willis' office will be hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31st at the Camp Creek Marketplace location.
- ii) John Pavlin spoke about the importance of the November Atlanta elections.
- iii) Bill Cannon spoke about the restorative justice board. Funding had been cut for the majority of 2009 but it has recently been restored and the boards will begin convening again.
- iv) On Friday, October 16th, there will be a non-violence training session at the King Center in the Freedom Center Auditorium.
- v) Wanda Whiteside spoke about the upcoming Beltline community session on October 26th from 6:30-8:30 at the food bank.
- vi) Saturday, October 17th there will be a "no excuses" event hosted by Morehouse College to build community awareness. The event will start at 9am.

14) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

\$39.00 in donations were collected by NPU-T treasurer, Patrick Berry

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