

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 11, 2009

The General meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm EST by Chairman Knowles

1) Invocation

a) The invocation was presented by Rev. Adams from Shiloh M.B. Church

2) Approval of Agenda –

Chairman Knowles advised of several agenda changes which removed the education committee reports, added Rebuilding Together Atlanta and added the Treasurer's report to the committee report. A motion was made by Vonda Henry to adopt the agenda as amended with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Henry Ingram.

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

3) Approval of Minutes – October 2009

a) Copies of the October Minutes were distributed for approval prior to the meeting in softcopy only. In light of those present who were new to NPU-T or do not have e-mail, action on this item will be moved to the December 2009 meeting.

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

a) Police –

i) Zone 1 – No representative present.

(1) A copy of the crime statistics was distributed via e-mail prior to the NPU-T meeting.

ii) Zone 4 – Sgt. Postell

(1) A copy of the crime statistics were provided to the NPU chair.

(2) Sgt. Postell provided an update of a recent homicide and indicated that there was an arrest.

(3) One member asked as to standard police policy to follow-up when suspects are identified for a crime that had been created. In this specific case, a home burglary was committed and eye witnesses provided the responding officers with the name and address of the suspected offenders. The responding officers indicated that since the suspects were juveniles, they would not do any follow-up.

(a) Sgt. Postell indicated that the officers had the option of responding if they had time but the actual investigation was for the detectives to follow-up on.

(b) Sgt. Postell did not have time to stay and accept any other citizen's complaints as he indicated that he was the only supervisor on duty.

b) **Fire** – Lt. Wadell (Station #17) was present and introduced Battalion Chief Shoemaker.

i) Chief Shoemaker reported that Atlanta Fire and Rescue has received a renewal of their accreditation.

ii) A new station #11, is being constructed at Atlantic Station

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

i) Not present.

5) Presentations

a) Jan Jordan – Rebuilding Together

i) Ms. Jordan spoke about a project that her organization will be pursuing within the boundaries of NPU-T. The initial property will be at 510 Muse Street.

ii) Brent Brewer – Atlanta Watershed Management

(1) Brent was present to answer questions about Watershed Management.

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

a) Planner Crawford was not present.

7) Zoning

a) **Atlanta Greenspace Plan**

i) This item was on the prior two NPU-T meeting agenda and is intended to support the identification and creation of greenspace within the city.

The Discussion: Mark Malaguerra spoke about the meeting on this topic that he attended and helped provide additional insight into the proposed program. The coordinator of the program is Mary McClerken (404.271.4440).

John Pavlin made a motion to deny the Atlanta Greenspace Plan. This was seconded by Vonda Henry.

The Vote Y: 2 N: 9 → Motion Defeated

Bill Cannon made a motion to support the Atlanta Greenspace Plan. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

The Vote Y: 8 N 2 → Motion Carries

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: The impacted neighborhood (Booker T. Washington) voted to deny this request. Vonda Henry voted to deny Z-09-030/09-O-1402. This was seconded by John Davis.

The Vote Y:10 N: 2 → Motion Carries

c) **Z-09-35/09-O-1806** An ordinance to amend the Castleberry hill landmark district regulations (chapter 20n) of the 1982 zoning ordinance of the city of Atlanta as amended, so as to create a definition of off-leash dog park and allow such a use in subarea 1 of the Castleberry hill landmark district; and for other purposes.

The Discussion: This has been moved to the December NPU-T meeting so that the impacted community could provide feedback as to the purpose and goal of this ordinance.

8) License Review Board

Kuldeel Raikhy	Food Store w/ Gas	Ashby Street Chevron	343 Joseph E. Lowery	Change of Licensee
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This application has been rescheduled to the December NPU-T meeting.

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License Review Board (contd.)

Noor Ali Hakani	Convenience Store	JH Enterprise DBA West End Stop/Shop	785 Lee Street	Change of Ownership
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The applicant has requested to withdraw their application at the present time. The impacted neighborhood association has recommended denial based on the condition of the property, loitering on the property (at adjacent businesses) and the crime on the property, including multiple drug sales and a homicide.

Patrick Berry made a motion to deny the application. This was seconded by Vonda Henry.

The Vote Y:11 N: 0 → Motion Carries

8) **Text Amendments, Ordinances & Resolutions** *(For Your Information-No NPU Vote Required)*
09-O-0803 A Substitute Ordinance amending Atlanta Code of Ordinances Chapter 46, entitled Civic and Cultural Affairs, by adding a new article IV that shall be entitled Entertainment Filming Fees; and for other purposes. *(For Your Information-No Vote Required)*

Mark Malaguerra provided an overview of this proposed ordinance.

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

a. Westview Community Organization – Scott Smith

- i. Scott reminded the NPU-T body about the court watch scheduled for November 12th and the Operation Neighborhood Take Back scheduled for Saturday Dec 5th.
- ii. Steffi Berry highlighted the success of a recent community clean-up that was conducted in conjunction with Kipp Strive Academy and had 95 students from the school participate.
- iii. Westview Community Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 12th at Fire Station #17.

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

- i. **WEND** recently held elections and there are new officers. WEND will communicate the new officer information to the NPU-T chair via e-mail.
- ii. There will be a clean-up at Fire Station #7 on Saturday, December 14th.
- iii. The White Street Mural will be dedicated on Saturday, December 14th.

c. Booker T. Washington

- i. Bill Cannon provided a reminder of the upcoming Zone 1 Citizen's advisory board being held on December 30th.

10) **Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)**

a. Treasurer's Report – Patrick Berry

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

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11) **Election of 2010 NPU-T Officers**

- i. Scott Smith outlined the current slate of 2010 officer candidates for 2010 that was accepted by the NPU-T body at the October 2009 meeting. Given that there was only a single candidate nominated for each position, the slate will be voted upon as a whole. The slate as presented is:

1. Chair – Nia Knowles
2. Vice-Chair – Mark Malaguerra
3. Secretary – Scott Smith
4. Recording Secretary – Gretchen Scholfield
5. Treasurer – Patrick Berry
6. Parliamentarian – Vonda Henry
7. Sergeant at Arms – John Pavlin
8. Chaplain – Bill Cannon

Jerilyn Lewis made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. This was seconded by Steffi Berry.

The Vote Y:12 N: 0 → Motion Carries

12) **Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report –**

a. **New Bylaws, Officer Elections, Awards**

- i. Chairman Knowles provided an overview of the upcoming elections and bylaws adoption for APAB.

13) **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.

14) **Announcements –**

- a. 1st Veranda Atrium Senior Luncheon
 - i. Jerry 'Tacuma' Brown accepting donations for the event being held on November 24th.
- b. Chaplain Oliver spoke on behalf of the Shiloh M.B. Church's Thanksgiving ministry.
- c. There will be a meeting of the Southwest Beltline Study Group on Tuesday November, 17th at the West Hunter Baptist Church from 6:30-8:30pm.

15) **Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.**

\$22.80 in donations were collected by NPU-T treasurer, Patrick Berry

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