

NPU-V Meeting  
February 11th, 2018  
Mechanicsville  
Dunbar Recreation Center  
477 Windsor St SW  
Atlanta, GA 30312

## **INVOCATION**

Ms. Butler led invocation and Columbus Ward presided over the meeting.

## **Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion and second to approve: o-no, o-abstain

## **Neighborhood Reports**

*Adair Park* - None

*Pittsburgh* - Two residents have passed recently: Mr. Thomas Redding and Mr. Bridgers

*Mechanicsville* - Citizens Review Board came to Mechanicsville to recruit along with Court Watch. Mothers Against Violence gave a report. Residents are seeking a stop light or stop sign at Ralph David Abernathy and Formwalt streets at the Dollar Store and are setting up a meeting with the city. Atlanta Bike Coalition is searching for spots for bike stations. Southside Catalyst Fund and neighborhood presidents have been meeting. Marvin Arrington's office presented a newsletter.

*Peoplestown* - The next PNA meeting is 2/21 at 7:00 PM at Barack and Michelle Obama Academy. A meeting last week regarding redistricting was tabled for more community discussions. Watershed met last Thursday to discuss equity and infrastructure planning. Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday at 12:30 PM at Emmaus House Chapel. There will be a feeding on 2/17 from 4-5:30 PM at Four Corners Park. Housing Justice League meets on 2/20 at 7 PM at Rick McDevitt Center. Citizens Review Board will meet in Peoplestown on 3/8 from 6:30-8:30 PM at Rick McDevitt Center.

*Summerhill* - Approval is requested from NPU-V for all reunions. There have been zoning issues with development. ONS has a grant to help develop the parks. Senior grocery rides and healthy living classes continue. Senior activities are focused at the two senior high rise buildings.

*Capitol Gateway* - Maceo has been working on the Memorial Drive Gateway Committee and also on police oversight and how children react to police officers.

## **Roll Call**

Adair Park - 0

Pittsburgh - 9

Mechanicsville - 10

Summerhill - 6

Peoplestown - 5

Capitol Gateway - 1

## **Public Safety**

*Police Department* - Overall, crime is down 9% from last year and down 19% in January in NPU-V. Robberies were the main reduction and are concentrated in Buckhead. Chief Shields put together a task force to hit hot spots. The department is hiring a new public safety coordinator. Court Watch is important for prosecution to see the impact on a community and is mainly for repeat offenders. Contact Lt. Durant at: [jdurant@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jdurant@atlantaga.gov).

Question: There was a homicide on Doan Ave two days ago. Is there any information?

Answer: There are no details.

*Code Enforcement* - Officers cite individuals but the process is slow. Owners must be served then go to court. The department's focus is on compliance not revenue. After four violations, the owner will be sentenced to 30-60 days. Pro-active measures include monthly symposiums on blight and violations.

Question: Can in rem be sped up?

Answer: Timelines are specific and the procedure is technical. The departments works with the federal government. A task force is being put together with dedicated solicitors.

### **Public Works**

Contact the department if pickups languish.

Comment: Make sure bins aren't left in the street by workers after emptying

Question: Is the Keep Atlanta Beautiful event still the 3rd Saturday?

Answer: Yes, but it is being rescheduled for February.

Question: When is bulk pickup?

Answer: The first Wednesday in the first full week of the month for SW and the first Tuesday of the first full week of the month for SE.

### **Presentations**

*Trees Atlanta* - They are doing outreach to discuss the state of the city's tree canopy. The city has 48% canopy coverage - the most of any major city. Redevelopment threatens the canopy, so resident advocates are needed as well as a stronger tree ordinance. Trees Atlanta is looking for planting locations including private yards. Keep an eye out for illegal tree removal.

Question: Can the tree spreading of the crepe myrtles in Peoplestown be checked?

Answer: Yes, they will be added to the pruning schedule

Question: Can trees be planted along Washington St.?

Answer: Contact Alex Beasley to check on the width allowance.

Question: Is the home fruit tree program active?

Answer: Yes, but contact Alex for a follow-up since this is the middle of planting season.

Question: Will Trees Atlanta prune trees?

Answer: Classes on pruning techniques are offered for non-Trees Atlanta trees.

Question: A resident asked for a tree last year. The spot was marked, but the wrong tree was brought and the correct tree was not brought back.

Answer: Will talk to Alex to see about getting the correct tree planted.

### **Chair's Report**

The Citizens Review Board meeting will be in Peoplestown. There is a calendar of meetings on the back table.

*Annie E. Casey Foundation* - The groundbreaking for 352 University Ave will be 3/12 from 12-3 PM. There will be seating for 400 and family activities.

If you need to register your organization with NPU-V, fill out the form in the back. There is an open position for Court Watch Neighborhood Coordinator. Adair Park was requested to find a better NPU-V meeting location.

**Planner's Report**

The Urban Design Commission design awards are due in March and are nominated by neighborhoods. Council District 12's blueprint plan includes Adair Park.

**Voting Matters**

*V-17-368* - Three trunk sewers cross the lot, so a setback reduction is sought to position the house towards the front of the lot. Peoplestown approved unanimously. There was a motion and second to approve: 25-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain

*V-18-004* → *006* - These lots are 25 ft wide and the homes need to be at least 21 ft wide. No applicants attended the Summerhill meeting. There was a motion and second to defer until the applicants meet with Summerhill: 24-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain

*Z-17-93* - There was a request for a special call meeting. There was a motion and second to schedule the meeting: 23-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain. The meeting will take place on 2/22 at 6:30 PM at the Rick McDevitt Center.