

NPU-V Meeting  
January 14th, 2019  
Adair Park  
The Metropolitan  
675 Metropolitan Parkway SW, Suite 4000  
Atlanta, GA 30310

## **INVOCATION**

Columbus Ward convened the meeting. Ms. Butler led invocation.

## **Swearing in of Officers**

There was a motion and second to amend the agenda to add an update from Carter Development after the Approval of Minutes and replace New Business with Announcements: o-no, o-abstain.

Felicia Moore swore in the 2019 NPU-V board.

## **Updates from Felicia Moore**

Felicia Moore thanked attendees for participating in their civic duty. She is the City Council president. This year, City Council has instituted a Parliamentarian. Procurement processes will have a 3rd party review due to legislation passes last year. This year, she is working on legislation for an independent Compliance Officer for code/policy violations.

## **Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion and second to approve the December minutes: o-no, o-abstain.

## **Neighborhood Reports**

*Adair Park* - New officers were elected in December. A portion of the Porches and Pies proceeds was donated to The Giving Tree. Adair Park voted to support the Adair Park II games and activities request.

*Capitol Gateway* - None

*Mechanicsville* - 787 Windsor St. had their event on 12/31. The Sunday before, organizers called Ms. Ridley to pass out 10 tickets, parking passes, and flyers. Mechanicsville Civic Association will form a Special Events committee to petition City Hall for an NPU-V attendance requirement.

*Peopletown* - PNA raised more than \$500 for their Christmas gift fundraiser. Every child at Barack and Michelle Obama Academy received a Christmas gift. 12 Atlanta Ave is now on the APD do-not-work list for off-duty officers. Their alcohol license has still not been revoked and fines have not been imposed. SpringFest will be in April. PNA will meet this Wednesday at BaMO Academy at 7 PM. The Community Meeting was held last Saturday and had updates from APD, Joyce Shepard, and the Catalyst Fund.

*Pittsburgh* - None

*Summerhill* - Mary Gay is the new president of Organized Neighbors of Summerhill. FanPlex was proposed to be a resource shelter for homeless people but was voted down by the neighborhood. Residents will discuss possible future used. Flying High Burgers and Martin Street Church of God provided gifts for the neighborhood. The Summerhill Reunion Planning Committee meets 1/17 at 5 PM at SNDC.

## **Roll Call**

Adair Park - 2

Capitol Gateway - 0  
Mechanicsville - 11  
Peoplestown - 13  
Pittsburgh - 5  
Summerhill - 8

### **Public Safety**

*Code Enforcement* - Solid waste fees will increase about \$9 for residents per year. Yard trimmings collection issues will be addressed.

Question: When trimmings sit and it rains, bags break and trimmings scatter. Who is responsible to collect them?

Answer: The resident has to re-bag the trimmings.

Concern: Pick-up is supposed to be weekly with trash and recycling. 311 calls do not speed up the process.

Answer: Department of Public Works is having challenges but will still cite residents for collections that are on the curb too long.

Concern: There are discrepancies between service in northern and southern Atlanta.

Question: What purpose does a 311 service number serve?

Answer: The number is proof of reporting an issue.

Question: Should oil barrel fires be reported?

Answer: Report barrel fires to APD.

Question: Can trimming bags be placed in a trash can?

Answer: You can use labeled plastic bins or containers.

*Atlanta Police Department* - Captain Murphy wished everyone a happy new year. The truancy and quality of life units have been doubled. Club Ivory at 555 Whitehall St. has been shut down for fire compliance.

Question: Who oversees Code Enforcement?

Answer: APD has oversight.

Question: How can citations for leaf pickup be fought?

Answer: Use your 311 case number.

Question: A white car was involved in an accident on Hubbard Street. Is there any information?

Answer: An email with information will be sent.

### **Elected Officials**

*Nan Orrock (District 36 Senator)* - Today is the 1st day of the legislative session. The 2019 state budget is \$25 million. Criminal justice reform and teachers' salaries will be a focus. Nan Orrock will form a rare disease council with assistance from the CDC and Emory University. Medicaid Expansion may happen this year with help from Republicans. There have been no committee assignments, yet. The legislative session will end in March.

Question: Is money from the super speeders bill going toward rural hospitals?

Answer: Special legislative funds go to the general fund where commitments may not be honored.

Question: Is there state level help to address rural sheriff arrests?

Answer: This is an entrenched problem in Georgia and the rest of the nation.

*Joyce Sheperd (Council District 12)* - 2019 calendars are available. There is also a handout with the 2019 Beltline meeting schedule. Meetings for subarea 2 will be on 2/4 and 3/25. Contact Joyce Sheperd at [jmsheperd@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jmsheperd@atlantaga.gov).

*Pat Gardner (House District 57)* - Contact Pat Gardner at: 404) 656-0265 and [pat@patgardner.gov](mailto:pat@patgardner.gov).

### **Carter Development Update**

The Murphy Ave. entrance to The Metropolitan will be open this Spring. Land of a Thousand Hills has signed a lease. The new mural on Ralph David Abernathy involves neighborhood children and residents leaving handprints. The next handprint session will be 1/19 at 1 PM.

### **Planner's Report/Voting Matters**

*Windsor Supermarket* - Applicant is present. Sameer has been a manager at this location the last 2 years and will become owner. He met with Mechanicsville Civic Association and will address loitering and trash concerns. MCA voted to reject the application and wants to see a pattern of improvement to build trust. It was moved and seconded to deny the change of ownership: 16-yes, 0-no, 4-abstain

*Ramada Plaza* - Applicant is present. Gene will be onsite 50 hours a week. Organized Neighbors of Summerhill approved the change of agent request. It was moved and seconded to approve the change of agent: 18-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain

*V-18-385* - Applicant is present. The new home will conform to existing homes and will be an owner-occupied single family dwelling. The application wasn't complete for this NPU-V meeting. There was a motion and second to defer to the February NPU-V meeting: 19-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

*V-18-387* - Applicant is present. The accessory dwelling portion has been rescinded and only the setback request is considered. ONS approved the setback request without the accessory dwelling. There was a motion and second to approve with the ONS conditions: 19-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

*Z-18-728* - This ordinance would allow adult daycare facilities in residential zoning. There would be 6 or fewer people on site from 6 AM - 7 PM, clients must be 60 years old or older, and they must also be infirm or handicapped. There must be a distance of at least 2,000 ft from a similar facility. A special use permit would be required and the applicant must attend NPU meeting for a vote. There was a motion and second to approve the ordinance: 15-yes, 1-no, 2-abstain.

*18-O-1673* - This is a notice of information for changes from HB751 regarding 911 taxes.

### **Presentations**

*Atlanta Civic Site* - A 2018 progress report for the Annie E. Casey Foundation was distributed. 53 foreclosed homes were purchased and now only 12 are left to develop. The average price was \$160,000 and target for people below 80% AMI. Casey Foundation supports the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Association and is working with House Proud to offer home repairs. A letter of support was requested for the Cure Violence program, which is a public health model to interrupt gun violence as an epidemic. There was a motion to provide a support letter for the Cure Violence program: 22-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain.

*Atlanta Public Library* - The library offers free STEAM programs such as 3-D printing, Cricket cutter, etc. 7 days a week. There is also story time and puppet shows for children. New online services include movie streaming, language learning resources, the New York Times newspaper for free, and test preparation aids.

Question: Are there senior programs?

Answer: Yes, and the library can go to senior locations to provide demonstrations such as 3-D pens.

Question: Is there an electronics check-out program?

Answer: Laptop computers and hot-spots can be checked out.

*Soccer in the Street* - This programs trains kids to be leaders and is offered at the Dunbar Center and Barack and Michelle Obama Academy. There is also station soccer at the MARTA stations. Older kids can participate at West End and younger kids can play at Adair Park II.

**Announcements**

*Georgia Advancing Communities Together* - There will be a housing information day on 2/27 at 8 AM in the old City Hall auditorium. Call (404) 586-0740 or visit [www.georgiaact.org](http://www.georgiaact.org).

*Georgia WAND* - Please attend the open house on 1/31 from 6-8PM on the 3rd floor of the Georgia-Hill Center.

*Healing Circles* - Training will take place on 1/18 and a healing circle will take place 1/19 from 11:30 AM - 1PM at the Salvation Army. Mechanicsville will have a police walk on 1/26 from 1:30-2:30 PM. Meet at the Dunbar Center.

*Office of Cultural Affairs* - Sculptures from Pittsburgh Yards were donated to Pittman Park

*Sohna* - Sohn Harzeez will host quarterly financial literacy classes.