

NPU-V Meeting
June 11th, 2018
Pittsburgh
Pittman Park Recreation Center
950 Garibaldi St SW
Atlanta, GA 30310

INVOCATION

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Neighborhood Reports

Mechanicsville - The Promise Grant is a \$30 million dollar federal grant for cradle-to-college/career programs. Mechanicsville, Pittsburgh, and Peoplestown are collaborating and Georgia State University is heading the program. The communities must choose an advisory board, and the PTAs will also pick members. Red Bull Clash returns in August. There were 4,000 attendees last year. Chris Lemons will be starting a garden on Whitehall street with the neighborhood's support.

Question: Will the advisory board write the Promise Grant application?

Answer: The board will oversee the grant once it is attained.

Question: Who are the board members from the other neighborhoods?

Answer: Study Hall staff are involved, as well as Rev. Holt. GSU will host community meetings.

Peoplestown - The next Peoplestown Neighborhood Association meeting will be 6/20 at Barack and Michelle Obama Academy at 7:00 PM. The community meeting will be on the 2nd Saturday, 10 AM at the Rick McDevitt Center. PNA held elections last month. Chris Lemons is president, Avery Jackson is vice-president, and Gwen Burson is treasurer. Chris Lemons has been working with the Turner Field Community Benefits Coalition to develop a community benefits plan and codify the agreement with developers. An Atlanta Grows-a-Lot program will provide for easement gardens on Georgia Power-owned land.

Pittsburgh -

PNA: Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association meets the 1st Saturday at 10 AM at Pittman Park Recreation Center. Code Enforcement is a major issue. The swimming pool has a \$5 admission fee on weekends, preventing use by some neighborhood residents and results in an empty, unused pool. Absentee landlords are predatory. NPU-V was asked to revisit the boarded-up homes issue.

Pittsburgh Homeowners United: PHU is the first homeowners association and has been together 1 year. PHU is working with APD on code enforcement issues and hosting meetings at City Hall to continue the conversation.

Summerhill - Z-18-48 and V-18-159/160 were voted on to support at the Organized Neighbors of Summerhill meeting. SMP money was used to create a profile of Summerhill to create a snapshot of the neighborhood. This was a months long study utilizing LCI and Census tract data to create a baseline and examine trends. Study results can be viewed at <http://onsummerhill.org/>. MARTA provided an update on bus rapid transit originating in Summerhill. Phoenix Park II playground reveal was possible from a \$20,000 Park Pride grant.

Question: How does the SMP fund get drawn down and how much was the research portion of the study?

Answer: Last year, ONS applied for and received \$10,000. The grant was competitive, and \$2,000 was used for the profile.

Summerhill's 31st Annual Reunion will be 6/16 with MARTA, Radio One, and Chik-fil-a partnering with ONS and SNDC. There will be local and high school bands, youth performances, and a parade.

Question: What is SNDC doing to accommodate ADA event attendance?

Answer: There will be vans for transport and a golf cart will be available.

SUKOR launched with the Annie E. Casey Foundation. GSU provided free tickets to home games. SUKOR trains digital service personnel and is looking for transportation partners.

Roll Call

Adair Park - 0

Capitol Gateway - 1

Mechanicsville - 11

Peoplestown - 10

Pittsburgh - 10

Summerhill - 8

Public Safety

Police Department - For May, there were 8 robberies, 15 aggravated assaults, and 10 burglaries. Car larcenies were had the highest numbers.

Question: A police chase ended at Rockwell St. and McDaniel St. Are there updates ?

Answer: Info will be provided at the next NPU-V meeting.

Question: What are the Adair Park and Pittsburgh beats?

Answer: Beat 302 is Pittsburgh/McDaniel St. and 303 is Mechanicsville. Peoplestown and Summerhill are in beat 304.

Comment: Kids and teens are on corners near the highways selling water. This is dangerous and illegal.

Question: Who is replacing Captain Durant?

Answer: Unknown.

Comment: A car on Formwalt/Dodd St - gray Ford - has no tags and has broken windows.

Code Enforcement (Ofc. Turner) - For the period of 5/1-5/31st, the following cases were sent to the sheriff:

- 972 Ira St.
- 1016 Ira St.
- 871 McDaniel St.
- 501 Rockwell St.
- 721 Windsor St.
- 1018 McDaniel St.
- 1184 Metropolitan Pkwy.
- 105 Richmond St.

The following properties are pending court:

- 891 Smith St. on 6/10
- 990 Linam Ave. on 6/26
- 945 Fern St. on 6/26
- 1050 Linam Ave. on 6/26

Comment: 704 Connally St. is overgrown. The owner has been notified.

Question: Is there anything in the books regarding boarded homes?

Answer: Section 29 states properties should not be boarded for more than 6 months.

Concern: 66 Atlanta Ave SE has a toilet sitting on the sidewalk.

City Departments

Census 2010 (Director Angela) - Please fill out the citizenship question to be counted in the census. Atlanta is a regional census hub - many jobs are available. Email census2020@atlantaga.gov.

Public Works (Deputy Commissioner) - The fees collected are used to maintain vacant lots and provide services. The department needs \$13-\$14 million dollars a year from general funds. Equipment purchased must last and be reliable to prevent service interruptions to repair equipment. The recycling fee will be \$88 and the residential fee will be \$366 with no frontage fees.

Question: What is the vacant lot solid waste fee usage?

Answer: This fee is not enough to cover shortfalls.

Question: Where does the recycling fee go?

Answer: This fee is nearly negligible and doesn't cover transportation costs.

Concern: Yard waste bags cost \$150 a year and rain causes the bags to fail, creating pickup issues.

Answer: Crews are being trained to clean up after themselves.

Question: What is the managerial approach to getting quality equipment?

Answer: The department is working on a fleet replacement plan. 6 new units are in service with 20 more ordered.

Question: What is the process for budget approval?

Answer: The budget goes to city council and will be voted on in the next 3 weeks.

Question: Is glass being recycled?

Answer: Glass is stored while the department seeks a recycling site.

Film and Entertainment - There was a town hall on 6/3. A representative will attend NPU-V meetings and is seeking film liaisons from the neighborhoods.

Concern: Driveways are blocked with the last shooting in Peoplestown. A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed for benefits from the film shooting.

Answer: A liaison will help with communication and benefits for each production.

Concern: There have been parties at the small warehouse at 787 Windsor.

Answer: Permits are only provided for public property.

Concern: John Colabelli wants minutes from the town hall.

Answer: A release must be approved by the Communications Committee. A video recap is available.

Concern: Lane closure signs block sidewalks.

Answer: The signs should not block the sidewalk. Contact atlfilm@atlantaga.gov with issues.

Parks and Recreation - The pool at Pittman Park is \$5 Saturday and Sunday. Monday through Friday from 12:30 - 4:30 PM, the pool is free. After 4:30 PM, entry is \$5. Citywide, outdoor pools are contracted out to American Pools.

Question: Can the recreation center apply for a Casey Foundation grant short-term to cover entry fees?

Answer: The fee is a policy issue. The first step is to send a letter to the mayor to request a fee waiver.

There was a motion and second to send a letter to the mayor's office to request a fee waiver: 35-yes, 1-no, 1-abstain.

Watershed Management - The department is still manually processing water hook-ups. You can pay bills online, at the dropbox, your bank, or Walmart. There is a \$100 toilet rebate program, where the rebate is applied to your bill. The rebate program only applies to owner-occupied homes.

Question: Is the Care and Conserve program active?

Answer: Email jnwhite@atlantaga.gov for a follow-up

Question: Some of the streets around city hall are closed. How can I pay my bill?

Answer: You can still use the dropbox or pay at 72 Marietta St.

Elected Officials

NPU-V will request information from Joyce Shepard regarding the University and Pryor lot activity

Chair's Report

Jason Dozier - Cards are available with the NPU-V website (npuv.org) and important phone numbers on the back. Beltline Rail Now is seeking the original vision of connecting neighborhoods for work and school via a transportation corridor. MARTA did not approve any NPU-V projects with current funding and only 7 miles of the Beltline will have rail. Beltline Rail Now is seeking NPU-V support. There was a motion and second to support the Beltline Rail Now petition: 35-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

Trees Atlanta - You can get a free tree for your front yard, but it must be a shade tree. Trees Atlanta will plant the tree.

Question: Why are no trees planted on Washington Street?

Answer: Usually a minimum of 2 ft is required. A Trees Atlanta volunteer will revisit the street.

Question: Are available jobs posted anywhere?

Answer: Visit treesatlanta.org/careers.

City Planner

Zoning Update Phase II is upcoming. Phase I was adopted in May. There will be a Council District 12 blueprint meeting on 7/11 at 6 PM at Atlanta Technical College.

Voting Matters

Summerhill Reunion - This was previously approved

Night Nation Run - This event is a fun run with a music theme and is a Stand Up to Cancer fundraiser. The organizer wishes to follow community rules. Curfew will be 10:45 PM. The run will start in the Green Lot and circle the other lots. Event organizer did not attend the Summerhill community meeting. Summerhill wants assurances noise will not “blast out” the neighborhood and wants written conditions addressing noise mitigation and a site plan. There was a motion and second to approve with Summerhill’s conditions: 23-yes, 2-no, 2-abstain.

V-18-159/160 - Applicant is requesting setback reductions required for new construction. Summerhill supports the request. There was a motion and second to approve: 24-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain

Z-18-48 - This text amendment would allow for a microbrewery to automatically be approved for the Turner Field zone condition.

Question: Who currently owns the property?

Answer: GSU/Carter and AFCRA

Question: The 2016 rezoning request covered the LCI area. Is this request for the entire LCI area or the smaller stadium sub-area?

Answer: This request is for the entire LCI area.

Question: Would approval allow for multiple microbreweries?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Is any part of the zoned area residential?

Answer: No. The zoning is MRC-3.

Comment: The vote should be postponed and used as leverage for community benefits and equity.

At the time fo the 2016 rezoning, microbreweries were not part of permitted use in the city. Now the city allows for microbreweries in zoning. Summerhill supports the request as it does not directly affect other neighborhoods. There was a motion and second to honor Summerhill’s support:

1st vote: 10-yes, 10-no, 0-abstain

2nd vote: 16-yes, 10-no, 0-abstain

