

NPU-V Meeting  
March 12th, 2018  
Adair Park  
Stewart Avenue Baptist Church  
867 Metropolitan Parkway SW  
Atlanta, GA 30310

## **INVOCATION**

Columbus Ward convened the meeting. Ms. Bowers welcomed attendees and Pastor Bobby led with prayer.

## **Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion and second to approve with noted corrections: 0-no, 0-abstain

## **Roll Call**

Adair Park - 4  
Capitol Gateway - 0  
Mechanicsville - 4  
Peoplestown - 7  
Pittsburgh - 7  
Summerhill - 3

## **Public Safety**

*Fire Department* - When you change your clock, change your smoke detector batteries. 3 out of 5 fire deaths were in homes with no working smoke detectors. If you need a detector or batteries, contact:

- Atlanta Smoke Alarm Program - (404) 546-2733
- Fire Safety and Education - (404) 546-7088
- Fire Headquarters - (404) 546-7000
- City website -> Fire Department page -> Community Information

Question: Are 10-year batteries OK to use?

Answer: Still check the batteries regularly but they should be replaced with regular batteries when they die

*Attendance was rechecked and a quorum was reached*

*Police Department* - Crime is down 33% this month. 'Other Larcenies' are up. Thefts and car larcenies are still a city-wide issue, including guns being stolen from cars. Shotspotter is now available for Department use and is used to trace gunshot reports to pinpoint the origin based on cell phone reports. Video will be integrated in the future. Contact Lt. Durant at: [jdurant@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jdurant@atlantaga.gov)

Question: What is ATL Plus?

Answer: The new city parking enforcement agency. ATL Plus is not part of the police department.

Question: There is no parking across from the apartments next to Turner Field media lot, but cars are being towed from in front of the apartments.

Answer: The issue will be looked into.

## **City Departments**

*Watershed* - Call center hours have been extended to 8 PM. Senior discounts must be renewed by next week for the discount to continue. Applications and workshop information flyers are in the back. Next week is 'fix a leak' week. Recently, an \$862 water bill resulted from a leaking toilet, and bills from toilet leaks are not adjusted. Use toilet tablets to check for leaks. There is a toilet rebate program for \$100 for a new toilet. Contact Janicia White at: [jnwhite@atlanta.gov](mailto:jnwhite@atlanta.gov), (404) 546-3641

*Public Works* - NPU ride-alongs are ongoing and used to help residents identify problems for the department. Fill out a survey in the back so a ride-along can be scheduled. Solid Waste should be caught up with pickups as of last Saturday. Seniors can get a 38% exemption, and there is also an \$88 hardship exemption for all qualifying. Bulk pickup is the week of April 8th for SE quadrant and the week of April 15th for NW quadrant.

Question: How are seniors given information?

Answer: Department workers go to senior groups to hand out information. Landline calls and mail are available.

### **Courtland Street Bridge Replacement**

The bridge between Gilmer St. and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive will be replaced starting 5/8. The bridge is 111 years old has never been replaced. The closure has a 180 day timeline. There are digital versions of the flyer on the project website.

Question: Will green materials be used?

Answer: The bridge will use concrete and steel but the project will be designed to handle wastewater runoff.

Question: Has a traffic study for the detours been done?

Answer: Yes and there will be more community meetings to provide updates.

### **Carter USA Update**

Quarterly meetings will resume beginning this month. Carter owns/controls 35 acres surrounding Turner Field. The buildings along Georgia Ave is in the 1st phase of development. Interiors have been gutted and new bracing has been added. Tenants will build out and begin to move in this Fall. So far, a coffee shop, brewery, and ice cream/bakery have been confirmed. Student housing will break ground in April.

Question: Are hiring packets available for minority hiring?

Answer: Yes, they are available in the back.

Question: Are hires from the neighborhood instead of outlying areas?

Answer: There will be a report next month, including a copy of the AFCRA quarterly report.

Question: What is the reporting agency?

Answer: Reporting is through AFCRA.

Question: Is rapport being built with the neighborhoods through vendors and subcontractors?

Answer: Carter will need to look at multiple levels

Question: Can Carter speak to donations to the neighborhoods for the circus?

Answer: As part of the location agreement, 1 day of revenue from 2/14 was donated to the stadium neighborhoods totaling \$15,000.

### **Georgia Housing Corps**

Heirs property is land passed from generation to generation without legal documentation, often willed from a deceased owner. Georgia Housing Corps is a non-profit law firm to help with legal issues including settlement agreements, FEMA/loss mitigation, and homestead exemption issues. They also help with setting up limited liability trusts, and heir consolidation. There are workshops on estate planning. Free and discounted services are available based on income. Heirs are tenants-in-common and have equal legal rights. Predatory investors can offer to buy out an heir and seek to auction the house. Buying a tax lien does not remove heir property status.

### **Neighborhood Reports**

*Adair Park* - There is a senior luncheon tomorrow from 12:30 - 1PM at the Kroc Center. On 3/21, attend an update on Metropolitan Parkway resurfacing at Metropolitan Atlanta College.

*Mechanicsville* - Atlanta Fair is back. Grady High School hosted a meeting where Park Cannon, Pat Gardner, and Nan Orrock talked about housing and taxes. Southside Catalyst Fund reviews pros and cons. The 1st Stadium Neighborhoods Funds meeting has taken place and the next meeting is tomorrow night. The Promise Grant was given to cluster neighborhoods and covers a child cradle to career. Pat Gardner explained various bills and how they will affect quality of life.

*Peopletown* - Next PNA meeting is 3/21 from 7-9 PM at BAMO Academy. 2nd Annual Spring Fest will be 4/21 at 3 PM. There will be food and games. Atlanta Bike Coalition had a scavenger hunt. Some bikes are available at DH Stanton Park. A Community Dinner will be 3/17 4:30-6 PM. The community garden expansion and community cleanup will be 3/31 at 9 AM. Youth in Peopletown protested gun violence at Haygood and Hank Aaron Dr. There will be a community caucus this afternoon regarding community benefits. Park Cannon reported on the homestead exemption. Emmaus House Freedom School is currently enrolling.

*Pittsburgh* - Andrew P. Young Student Center held a Black History Month program. Last Saturday was Pittsburgh Yard's groundbreaking. A community survey regarding resident concerns and vacant lots is wrapping up.

*Summerhill* - ONS met on 3/5. Lt. Finch reported crime was down 40% year-to-year. The neighborhood voted on the R4B 20 ft. wide zoning minimum. Residents want to relax the requirement to 15 ft. to allow for smaller homes. The playground expansion groundbreaking is soon. Signs and door hangers are printed with meeting information. ONS is wrapping up the neighborhood profile to start recording benchmarks. ONS has established an Education Committee which next meets 3/20 at Parkside Elementary at 6 PM. Two Summerhill residents applied to the Neighborhood Resident Leadership Program. Universoul Circus had ended. Hosea Feed the Homeless will be 4/1 from 10 AM - 3 PM at the Orange Lot. CHARM's recycling event is on 4/21.

Question: What is the current zoning process?

Answer: ONS has proposed legislation which now goes to city council and then back to NPU-V.

Question: Are there any statistics on resident retention?

Answer: Not currently.

### **Elected Officials**

*Pat Gardner* - The last day of session is 3/31. A stop sign at the Family Dollar on Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard will be investigated and will require state and city level cooperation. Contact Pat Gardner at: [www.patgardner.org](http://www.patgardner.org), (404) 873-6208.

*Commissioner Arrington* - A calendar of events is available at [www.fultoncommission5.com](http://www.fultoncommission5.com). A town hall will take place 4/19 at 11 AM. Marvin Arrington will attend next month's NPU-V meeting. Family Fun Day will be 5/5 at Oak Hill Center. There was a request for Marvin Arrington to attend more meetings and provide more flyers.

### **NPU-V Website**

Jason Dozier is in charge of the new website - [www.npuv.org](http://www.npuv.org) - and social media. There will be a monthly newsletter and calendar of neighborhood meetings. Send information, questions, and comments to [info@npuv.org](mailto:info@npuv.org).

### **Voting Matters**

Zoning quick fixes special call meeting has taken place. Next is Phase II.

*V-18-004, 005, 006, 029* - These lots are in Summerhill and have not been presented to the neighborhood. IT was moved and seconded to defer all four variances: 0-no, 0-abstain

*V-18-013* - Will defer to meet with the neighborhood.

*V-18-006* - This request is at the Beacon in Grant Park for a permanent food truck permit. Grant Park's position is unknown.

*Z-17-93* - The quick fixes were passed at the special call meeting with conditions.

*Z-18-17* - This amendment will allow a homeless shelter to expand on an existing Special Use Permit without needing a new permit. There was a motion and second to not approve: 15-yes, 1-no, 0-abstain.

### **Announcements**

*Annie E. Casey Foundation* - Their grant is closing 3/19. There was a request to extend the deadline.

*Partnership for Southern Equity* - There is a Public Service Commissioner election this year and one member represents Fulton County. The Partnership helps with utility bills and weatherization.

*Turner Field Coalition for Community Benefits* - The next meeting is 3/22 at 6:30 PM at Martin Street Church of God. The Coalition works to strengthen the neighborhoods' ability to get community benefits.

*Housing Justice League* - HJL will be producing recommendations around the Beltline and housing affordability. HJL is seeking resident position on the Beltline board for better advocacy. 2 seats have been granted.

Adair Park will host a community breakfast on 3/24 at 10 AM.

Porch Parties in Pittsburgh are returning with 4-5 hosts already selected. There will also be a flower bombing event upcoming.