

NPU-V Meeting
March 11th, 2019
Mechanicsville
Dunbar Recreation Center
477 Windsor SE
Atlanta, GA 30312

INVOCATION

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - Adair Park Today met last Tuesday. Porches and Pies will be 10/19. Groundbreaking for Bonnie Brae Park will be soon - only final signatures are needed.

Capitol Gateway - None

Mechanicsville - Care and Conserve attended to explain the plumbing rebate program. \$1,000 is available for interior repairs and \$2,000 is available for exterior plumbing repairs. To apply for the program, you will need to visit the Georgia Department of Labor for income verification. Lt. Baldini presented from APD. Atlanta Fair is in town in Mechanicsville.

Peoplestown - Peoplestown Neighborhood Association: The Beltline Forum was last Saturday. PNA will meet 3/20 at 7 PM at Barack and Michelle Obama Academy. The Community Cleanup will be 3/23 at Four Corners Park. SpringFest will be 4/20 at 11 AM at D.H. Stanton Park.

Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh Homeowners United: PHU is adopting more streets for Adopt-a-Spot and ties into the Safe Living Streets Program. Atl311 seems to work well and can report dumping more easily.

Summerhill - SNDC: There will be a fish fry this Friday. 5 or more orders at once are eligible for delivery. ONS: A Cheer Party will meet on 3/17 at 7 AM for the Publix marathon runners.

Roll Call

Adair Park - 2

Capitol Gateway - 0

Mechanicsville - 12

Peoplestown - 5

Pittsburgh - 7

Summerhill - 7

Public Safety

APD Zone 3 - There were some incidents over the weekend: a shooting at Dunbar and 900 Murphy Ave. Both incidents will be handled by the gun assault unit.

Question: Any update on the person shot at Cooper and Bass St.?

Answer: The suspect broke into a house on Arthur St. and was shot by the homeowner.

Question: Where can you go for hate crime resources?

Answer: A Liaison Unit works with the victim but the investigation is handled by individual departments.

Code Enforcement - 8 citations were served by the sheriff. 10 properties will be in court on 3/26. Come to court or call 311 for abandoned properties.

Fire Battalion - The Superbowl was a success. 7-8 apparatuses are being replaced. Close your bedroom doors at night to interrupt oxygen flow during a fire and give you more time to escape. Each Daylight Savings Time change replace your smoke alarm batteries. Keep an extinguisher in the kitchen and garage. Move to the right to allow emergency vehicle to respond.

Public Works - A new bulk collection system will be in place starting April 1st. You will have to schedule bulk collection are are allotted 12 schedulings a calendar year. You will be fined for not scheduling or for more than 12 schedulings. There will be a 90 day transition period with warnings.

Question: Will collection need to be scheduled for next week?

Answer: No - starting after 4/1

Question: What is allowed for bulk pickup?

Answer: Rooms of furniture, stove, fridge, more than 12 bags of yard trimmings.

Question: How do you schedule a pickup?

Answer: Call 311

Question: What about dumping at an abandoned house?

Answer: That is illegal dumping.

Question: Can someone else call in vacant house dumping?

Answer: Anyone can report to 311.

Question: Who takes care of small debris left behind from a pickup?

Answer: The owner is responsible.

Question: Can a labeled container be used for yard trimmings?

Answer: Yes - label it 'yard trimmings'.

City Departments

Watershed - Next week is 'fix-a-leak' week. Tablets are available in the back to check for leaking toilets. Water bills will not be adjusted for leaks. Composting and water barrel workshops will take place every month beginning in April. SouthFace managed the Care and Conserve program and currently has excess grant money every month.

Question: Can seniors avoid travelling to the Department of Labor?

Answer: No - requirements were set by the federal government for the program grants.

Question: Will any workshops take place on a weekend?

Answer: Not sure - currently all workshops take place on Wednesdays.

Question: Is there a toilet rebate for homeowners?

Answer: Yes, but guidelines have changed. A landlord can submit on behalf of a tenant paying a water bill.

Parks and Recreation - The Elevate program is expanding to Cascade Heights along with NPU-V. Curators are wanted to make connections with the neighborhoods. There will be free art programming 10/14-10/20. Camp Best Friends registration has started for children ages 5-18. Track and baseball are starting. The court at Dunbar was recently resurfaced and repainted.

Question: What is the number for senior programs?

Answer: 404-658-7118 or email chepeterson@atlantaga.gov.

Elected Officials

Park Cannon - District 58 Day will be 3/14 at the Capitol. You can chat and tour the Capitol and offices. Arrive anytime at the Coverdale Office Building and aides will guide you. House Bill 577, which would have empowered the Department of Labor to investigate reasonable accommodations for workers - missed Crossover Day. House Bill 316 would replace voting machines for ones with greater controls and would cost \$200 million. House Bill 426 would add hate crime sentencing guidelines.

Question: Is there an update on the state takeover of the airport?

Answer: The airport is City of Atlanta but located in Clayton County which has separate dealings with the state. Atlanta has majority operations. The mismanagement and procurement concerns are legitimate, but the bill would tank the credit rating of the airport and break land leases. The bill sponsor's father failed to get an airport contract.

Question: How did Park Cannon vote on House Bill 426?

Answer: Rep. Cannon supports hate crime sentencing

Question: What is the possibility on a future Town Hall?

Answer: One will be planned and set up.

Fulton County District 5 - A calendar of events is available. Family Fund Day will be 5/4 at Oak Hill Family Center from 10 AM - 2 PM. Mayor Bottoms will have a Town Hall 3/28 at FanPlex at 6:30 PM.

Planner's Report/Voting Matters

The Walk to End Lupus was approved at last month's meeting.

Picnic in the Park - Applicant is present. Wholesome Wave Georgia is a non-profit and connects Georgians on SNAP with fresh produce. Picnic baskets for two cost \$35 and baskets for four cost \$70. There will be live music and activities.

Question: What is the non-profit doing for the community?

Answer: They partner with local farms.

Concern: Look at some of the local neighborhood gardens and farms.

Answer: They will reach out to the neighborhood farms.

Question: What outreach has taken place?

Answer: Flyers were provided to local centers, shops, and restaurants and posts were created on social media platforms.

Concern: The service area should be larger than Adair Park and include other NPU-V communities.

Answer: Outreach will be expanded to the larger NPU-V area.

It was moved and seconded to support the special event application: 20-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain.

Joyce Shepherd requests Z-19-17 and Z-19-15 be deferred. There will be meetings to discuss the zoning changes at the Kroc Center 3/18 and 3/21 from 6:30-7:30 PM. A vote will take place at the April NPU-V meeting.

18-O-1299 - Business license fees will increase from \$75 to \$125. There was a motion and second to not support the fee increase: 29-yes, 0-no, 3-abstain.

Z-19-04 - The hearing date for legislation has been deferred. It would allow for data centers in Industrial zoning but would require a special use permit in the Beltline overlay and must be spaced more than 500 ft. apart.

Announcements

Stadium Neighborhoods Trust Fund Committee - AFCRA supplied \$5 million from the sale of Turner Field. The committee voted to release \$100,000 to each stadium neighborhood. A grant process will be provided at next month's meeting. The committee is also seeking a program manager..

Lockheed Energy Assistance - Bring income information with you to sessions on 3/29 and 4/5 at Pittman Park. You can apply only once per year.

Georgia ACT - There will be a meeting on 3/14 in the Old City Hall Chambers regarding possible NPU system changes including removal of the system. Please attend and advocate for the NPU system. APAB would also be impacted. The meeting is free but a ticket is needed - see Eventbrite or the NPU-V newsletter.

Georgia Heirs Program - Heirs property is passed between generations without a legal title. The Center works with low-moderate income families to clear the title for legal ownership

Clemy Jenkins - A petition to address affordable housing on the Beltline was passed around.

Pittsburgh Yards - Owners are working with NPU-V for historical naming of streets and buildings. 3/13 is the deadline for name suggestions. Drop suggestions in the voting box at Pittman Park.

Jason Dozier - Visit the NPU-V website for information and announcements at npuv.org. There is also a bi-monthly newsletter. Cards are available with important information and contacts.

APS - The At-Large Carver Cluster meeting will be 3/12 from 6:30-8:30 PM at Pittman Park.