

NPU-V Meeting
May 13th, 2019
Pittsburgh
Pittman Park Recreation Center
950 Garibaldi St. SW
Atlanta, GA 30310

INVOCATION

Columbus Ward convened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

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

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - Adair Park Today met last Tuesday at Connections at Metropolitan UMC. 645 Shelton Ave provided an update on the storage units. The neighborhood approved the digital sign ordinance. The new entrant to The Met on Murphy Ave. will be open soon. La Bodega is moving into The Met. The MEt hosted a porch party on 6/22.

Mechanicsville - Tom, Dick, and Hank attended the Mechanicsville Civic Association meeting and the community approved their license request. Mr. Roberts presented on Construction Ready. Stadium Neighborhoods Community Trust Fund approved several programs including: BBlack Women's Wellness, Loki Center, Eco-Action, Community Care, WestCare, 555 Club, and the reunions in each stadium neighborhood.

Peoplestown - Councilperson Carla Smith sponsored the DJ at SpringFest. The weather was poor, but attendance was still good. Thank you for the Barack and Michelle Obama Academy Georgia Milestones donations. There will be Beltline redevelopment meetings on 5/30 and 6/6 at the Rick McDevitt Center at 6 PM. Come to the workday at the Four COrners community garden on 5/22 from 6 PM through sunset.

Pittsburgh - PNA: The Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association met on 5/4 with a new board. Pittman Park has new playground equipment and a new program will elevate neighborhood history. The Kite Festival has been rescheduled for a future date.

PHU: The no-dumping campaign is continuing along with the Safe Living Streets initiative. Litter control will take place on Saturday at 9 AM and will start at Ira St. and University Ave. The Fulton arts class will last 4 weeks at the Kroc Center. Visit our website at www.pittsburghatl.com

Summerhill - SNDC: The Reunion theme this year is "Past, Present, and Future". The community breakfast will be at the Ramada Inn. The reunion festival will be 6/15 and feature food, vendors, a mobile zoo, and family activities.

ONS: Momentum is building along Georgia Ave. The neighborhood supported Junior's Pizza new business liquor license. Freewheel Farms has a new farm stand every Saturday from 5-8 PM next to Cheney Stadium. A newsletter will be released soon.

Roll Call

Adair Park - 2

Capitol Gateway - 0

Mechanicsville - 11

Peoplestown - 12

Pittsburgh - 18

Summerhill - 9

Public Safety

APD Zone 3 (Captain Senzer)- Public safety issues are symptomatic of bigger issues. Residents and APD must engage with license and permits and code enforcement. The new Zone 3 Captain is Captain PEak. There have been 9 aggravated assaults in the past 3 weeks in Mechanicsville. Four shootings occurred within a ¼ mile of the Dunbar Center. 5 beat officers will now be based in Dunbar along with foot patrols and new resources. Windsor Plaza has 3 open code violations, and a drug bust at the hair salon resulted in 2 arrests. The 303 beat is not restricted - the same beat officers will be assigned to every shift.

Concern: Shots fired is an issue in the 304 beat at Vanira apartments.

Answer: APD met with apartment managers and the Planning Department to work on solving issues.

Question: Is Gun Shot Spotter in NPU-V neighborhoods?

Answer: Most of Mechanicsville has "shot spotter".

Question: Is there information on the young woman stabbed on Welch St.?

Answer: The assailant is known and a warrant will be issued.

Code Enforcement - For the months of February - April, there were 168 cases. 135 were property maintenance, 33 were highly hazardous. Of these cases, 33 owners complied and 25 tickets were issued.

These properties are pending court dates:

- 1089 Garibaldi St. 5/14
- 1163 Windsor St 5/14
- 1176 Booker St. 5/14
- 828 Welch St. 5/14
- 926 Martin St. 5/14
- 672 Smith St. 5/21
- 686 Brookline St. 5/21

Question: Can a list be sent to Joyce Shepard's office?

Answer: A list will be emailed.

Question: How do you find out violations for a specific property?

Answer: You can call 311 or enter the address into Ocela.

Question: Is there any information on the old laundry at 12 Atlanta Ave being used as a residence?

Answer: No direct knowledge.

Elected Officials

Park Cannon - Session is over. Now the Governor has 40 days to sign or veto bills. Sunday was "bail out mothers for Mothers' Day". This coming week, Park Cannon will be advocating for a city fund to end the HIV epidemic in Fiscal Year 2020. Park Cannon will host a Town Hall in Inman Park on Wednesday. Governor Kemp has signed several bills so far, including: legalizing medical marijuana cultivation, adding lactation rooms to the Capitol, a Confederate monuments protection bill, reproductive healthcare restrictions. He vetoed a mandatory recess bill and Senate bill 15 which would help prevent the school-to-prison pipeline. Contact Park Cannon at (404)-246-3790 or park.cannon@housega.gov.

Question: The bill that passed to set aside minority percentage - are veterans considered a minority?

Answer: Yes, diluting participation from minority groups.

Joyce Shepard - A new city services and code enforcement book was provided. All city council offices have copies. There will be 3 code enforcement academy sessions next year.

Presentations

Purpose Built Schools - Four schools in South Atlanta are under Purpose Built - Slater, Thomasville, Price, and Carver. The first class graduating from Carver had more than 100 students. Purpose Built has a partnership

with APS that started in 2016. The model is based on Drew Charter and is project-based. There is also a longer academic calendar and after-school programs. There is no application process or lottery as barriers to participation.

Planner's Report/Voting Matters

The NPU system has moved from Zoning and Development to the Commissioner's office.

Junior's Pizza- Applicant is present. A letter of support was provided by ONS. Beer and wine will be sold as cans and bottles and are expected to be less than 10% of sales. It was moved and seconded to support the applicant: 30-yes, 2-no, 2-abstain.

V-19-76 - There was a motion and second to defer as the applicant did not attend the redevelopment meeting and is pending PNA approval: 28-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

V-19-96/Z-19-23 - Review and comment only. Lee and White is zoned Industrial but wants to add residences as I-Mix. NPU-T and West End support the variance and rezoning. Affordable housing will be present with either 15% at 80% AMI or 20% at 60% AMI.

SD-19-8 - Review and comment only. Applicant is present. Applicant will present a site plan and pictures at the next PNA meeting.

Z-19-17 - Joyce Sheperd requested a deferral to present updated to Adair Park and Pittsburgh. There was a motion and second to approve the ordinance: 22-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Z-19-15 - West End Studios and a sign to advertise current projects. The sit is not near residential areas and will be seen from I-20 and MARTA. There was a motion and second to approve: 20-yes, 1-no, 2-abstain.

Z-19-18 - Will be deferred to allow for presentation in Pittsburgh.

City Departments

Public Works - Starting 4/1, bulk pickup will change. You will have to schedule pickup. Put the bulk trash out 7 PM the day before the scheduled pickup.

Presentations

Smart Street Youth Project - The project served Pittsburgh and Mechanicsville youth, but it was started in 2008 in English Avenue. There is a drop-in center at the At-Promise Youth Center. Curriculum is evidence-based and focuses on:

1. STD/HIV prevention
2. Substance abuse
3. 1st time juvenile offenders
4. Social-emotional programs

There is also a youth counseling and internship program. Currently the project is recruiting board members.

GSU - Andrew Young School of Policy - The school will be conducting an independent review of APD illegal gunfire issues and will be surveying residents and APD officers.

Question: How will the data be used?

Answer: To evaluate the efficiency of "shot spotter" and evaluate resident awareness

Construction Ready - The organization has staffed Pittsburgh Yards and the Mercedes-Benz stadium. They are recruiting from NPU-V. The program is free and last 20 days. Eight credentials are provided and job placement is guaranteed. Sign up at www.constructionready.us.

Announcements

Emmaus House - They are hiring 6 canvassers and 1 program coordinator. Pay is \$15/hour for 20 hours of work per month.

Nan Orrock - The legislative session has ended. A bill to protect tenants rights was signed. A community schools study committee was established. The state budget this year is \$27.5 billion. Governor Kemp vetoed a mandatory recess bill and signed a restrictive abortion rights bill. Contact Nan Orrock at (404)-463-8054.