

NPU-V Meeting  
December 9th, 2019  
Summerhill  
Georgia Hill Neighborhood Center  
250 Georgia Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30312

**INVOCATION**

Columbus Ward convened the meeting. Geoff Heard led prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion to approve the minutes from October and November: 0-no, 1-abstain

**Neighborhood Reports**

*Adair Park* - Adair Park Today met on 12/3. Matt Adams from the Department of City Planning helped revise the neighborhood historic codes. Plaques were given to board members in appreciation of their service. Lawrence Ruffin-Miller is president and Matt Garbett is Vice President.

*Mechanicsville* - Mechanicsville Civic Association met on 12/2. There was a Christmas party and two presenters: Summech and Kalil from Columbia Residential. Renovations of City View Apartments were approved by the community. Summech wanted a letter of support for the Stadium Neighborhoods Community Trust Fund (SNCTF) grant and they were approved. Major Peek is the new Zone 3 APD commander. Residents requested new lighting to address dark streets. Gift cards were given to residents with the most community contributions and included the football team. Carla Smith helped support the Christmas dinner.

*Peoplestown* - Information will be emailed

*Pittsburgh* - Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association met last Saturday. The tree lighting will be 12/14 at 5:30 PM at 825 McDaniel St. The next meeting will be 1/4 at 10 AM at Pittman Park. The new At-Promise Youth Center is currently under construction.

*Summerhill* - ONS: Organized Neighbors of Summerhill is helping to manage development changes including new traffic studies addressing Ralph David Abernathy Blvd in front of the new student housing. Bus Rapid Transit representatives presented including next steps. Carter Development has tentatively approved a grocery store but it won't be open until 2024.

SNDC: The senior citizen Christmas Party will be 12/18 at the highrises at 1 PM for residents over 55.

**Roll Call**

Adair Park - 3

Capitol Gateway - 0

Mechanicsville - 10

Peoplestown - 8

Pittsburgh - 4

Summerhill - 14

**Public Safety**

*Atlanta Police Department (Zone 3)* - Major Senzer is now in Zone 2. Major Peek is the new Zone 3 commander. Currently, thieves are targeting cars while people shop - hide bags in your trunk or take them with you. Arrests have been made in the homicide at 505 Fulton St. The homicide at 765 McDaniel St. is related to the roommate and her boyfriend. APD is looking for leads in the Smith St. homicide.

Question: How will GSU finals for track affect traffic?

Answer: APD will discuss with GSUPD to minimize effects.

Concern: Request for traffic alert for stadium neighborhoods

Question: What is the timeline for updating lighting in Mechanicsville?

Answer: Georgia Power addressed their lighting. The city has signed off on installing new lighting, but it may not be LED.

*Fire Department (Station 10)* - Lots of vagrants occupy vacant homes to try and stay warm- please call APD to help avoid fires. Change batteries in your smoke detectors with the time change. Be mindful of the effect of street parking on emergency vehicle access.

Concern: In Pittsburgh, Garibaldi and Delevan Sts. are small with parking on both sides - help is requested to strategize on solutions.

Answer: In Pittsburgh, north/south streets have parking on both sides while east/west streets tend to be clear.

Concern: Summerhill also requests assistance with street parking issues.

### **Elected Officials**

*Pat Gardner's Office (State House District 57)* - Pat Gardner is not seeking re-election.

*Cleta Winslow's Office (Council District 4)* - Kroger is looking to hire veterans. The scrap tire event was a success. APD is investigating the recent shootings. A schedule for Christmas trash pickup will be sent out.

*Park Cannon (State House District 59)* - The legislative session begins the second Monday in January. Please watch the film screening "Suppressed" at the Adams Park Recreation Center 6:30-8:00 PM. The film is also available for free on Youtube. You can also try out the new voting machines at the screening. The Page Program is open - participants will be marked "present" at school, food is provided, and there is a stipend.

### **City Departments**

*Code Enforcement (APD)* -

Tickets were presented to the following properties:

258 Hendricks St.

1000 Washington St.

1015 Crew St.

293 Love St.

868 Metropolitan Ave.

1180 Metropolitan Ave.

920 McDaniel St.

1155 Ira St.

Court dates are set for the following:

908 Crew St. - 12/11

995 Smith St. - 12/11

232 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd. - 12/10

234 Ormond St. SE - 12/31

504 Windsor St. - 12/17

1102 Hubbard St. - 12/10

Contact Officer Turner at: 404-617-3832 or [koturmer@atlantaga.gov](mailto:koturmer@atlantaga.gov).

*Code Enforcement (SWEET Team)* - Don't put leaves in plastic bags. More than 20 bags requires scheduling bulk pickup.

Question: Are the 12 pickups per year monthly during leaf season?

Answer: The pickups are not monthly, but if you leave less than 20 bags it's not considered bulk pickup.

Question: Can you schedule multiple pickups per month?

Answer: Yes.

Question: What happens when lawn bags aren't picked up and the bags deteriorate?

Answer: Call 311.

### **Elections**

Nathan Brown presided over elections. Qualifications for officer positions and voting were read from the by-laws. A list of qualified voters was read and provided in hard copy. Voting placards were provided to those eligible. A list of those eligible for officer positions was also read and provided in hard copy. Nominees for officer positions were moved and closed as follows:

President: Columbus Ward, Jason Dozier - did not accept

Vice President: Stephanie Flowers

Recording Secretary: Clemy Jenkins

Corresponding Secretary: James Collins

Parliamentarian: Geoff Heard

Treasurer: Chris Lemons, Jane Ridley

Chaplain: Mary Gay - did not accept, Christine Frazier - did not accept, May Helen - did not accept, May Johnson

A vote was held for the contested Treasurer position. Chris Lemons - 8 yes. Jane Ridley 10-yes.

It was moved and seconded to close on the nominations: 23-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

The pending officers are:

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### **Presentations**

*Annie E. Casey Foundation* - The end of the year progress report was provided with highlights including:

- Phase I of Pittsburgh Yards is 90% complete
- There have been 34 community engagement sessions
- 44 of the 53 foreclosed homes are developed or in-process
- House Proud is repairing 25 homes
- The Youth Empowerment Academy had its inaugural year
- Chris 180 partnered to address gun violence through healing circles and the Trauma Response Network
- CIF awarded 15 grants
- The Cure Violence national program will be piloted

*Watershed Department* - Janae will be assisting in the billing department. This is her last NPU meeting. Cover spigots during freezing weather to prevent damage. Bills can be adjusted for burst pipes and hot water tank issues. Keep leaves out of drains - report to 311.

*Urban League of Greater Atlanta* - The Urban League is now partnered with Workforce to build wealth and bring jobs. Workforce Atlanta is on Pollard St.

*Land Trust* - NPU-V members are invited to tour Pittsburgh Homes this Saturday 1-5 PM. Meet at the Pryor Rd. Library.

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

*Whitehall Exxon* - Applicant is present. There will be 24/7 security cameras. Adair Park supports the applicant. There was a motion and second to approve the change of license: 21-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

*V-19-245* - Applicant is present. Applicant wants to build a garage in the same location as a historic garage while avoiding killing an oak tree. Adair Park supports the variance. There was a motion and second to approve the variance: 2--yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

*Z-19-97/CDP-19-52* - Pittsburgh supports the zoning change and land use change. There was a motion and second to approve: 24-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

*Z-19-105* - Pittsburgh supports the zoning change. There was a motion and second to approve: 25-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

*Z-19-115* - Summerhill requests deferral for presentation to the neighborhood. There was a motion and second to defer: 25-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

### **Announcements**

*NPU-V Community Forum* - January 2020 will be the first planning meeting. See Stephanie Flowers or Lindsay Hopper to participate.

*Census Bureau*- The Census is hiring for \$22/hour with preference to veterans. Training is provided and there is a waiver for government benefits. Applications are accepted at Workforce every Wednesday.

*Ethel Floyd*- Flooding issues are compounded by dumping of yard waste which blocks street drains. This also increases the city sewer tax. Eco-Action provides environmental training and Watershed Department offers adopt-a-drain.

*Chris 180* - The Trauma Response Network was deployed for the recent shootings. New trainings for healing circles are available.