

NPU-V Meeting
July 8th, 2019
Adair Park
The Metropolitan
675 Metropolitan Parkway SW
Atlanta, GA 30312

INVOCATION

Columbus Ward convened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to amend the agenda as follows:

- Defer votes on V-19-76 and V-19-124

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

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - Adair Park Today meets the first Tuesday of every month. The sign for Connections Church was approved. The Murphy Triangle development was discussed in partnership with Oakland City and Capitol View.

Mechanicsville - The neighborhood appears under siege - there was a drive-by at Dunbar with kids on site. Seven people were shot at Bass St. and Ira St. Patrols have been increased and APD cameras have been installed. Thanks was given to Alfred with Healing Circles and Watrina for being watchful with the kids. Black Women's Wellness presented. The mayor held a block party on 6/15 at Dunbar to kick off the 2020 Census. PEDS is identify safe route for children to walk to school.

Peopletown - There have been shootings in the neighborhood. Residents and leadership are working with the Zone 3 commander. The Community Meeting is this Saturday and PNA meeting is the following Wednesday.

Pittsburgh - The reunion will be 8/31. Joyce Shepard is hosting a block party at Rockwell and McDaniel St. on 7/13. Historical markers for the neighborhood will be presented at the next PNA meeting, which is the 1st Sat. of every month.

Summerhill - The reunion was a big success. Carter Development sponsored the Community Breakfast. Walter Pembroe was the keynote speaker. Park Pride is matching up to \$100,000 for grants to improve parks. Rick Laupus and Marni Davis presented the Georgia Avenue history project in partnership with Georgia State. Summerhill had large property tax assessment increases.

Roll Call

Adair Park - 3

Capitol Gateway - 0

Mechanicsville - 12

Peopletown - 4

Pittsburgh - 11

Summerhill - 10

Public Safety

Zone 3 APD (Major Senzer)- There have been violent incidents in Mechanicsville. Tremendous resources have been provided to Dunbar. APD is paying attention to connections between incidents - which appear to be gang related. APD has also reached out to the city and Georgia Power for lighting assistance. Additional cameras have been installed.

Question: Is the lighting assessment for existing or new lighting?

Answer: The assessment is for both types of lighting.

Concern: The I-20 underpass is poorly lit.

Question: Is there a reason for Dunbar upticks spilling over from the plaza?

Answer: Much of the activity originally came from Windsor Plaza but that has decreased.

Question: Does the grocery store at the plaza have a liquor license?

Answer: No.

Fire Department Station 5 - The department has been able to replace 5 fire trucks. The department is also hiring people 18 years old or older with GEDs. There was a fire-related death in Adamsville. Close bedroom doors at night to prevent the spread of fire and improve escape time. Smoke detectors are available for free along with installation.

Code Enforcement (Officer Turner)- These properties are pending court dates:

- 1163 Windsor St.
- 881 Crew St.
- 332 Fletcher St.
- 967 Smith St.
- 66 Atlanta Ave SE
- 955 Smith St.

Public Works SWEET Team - You need to call 311 to schedule bulk pick up. There will be citations after this month.

Question: If bulk waste has already been placed out before scheduling, will there be a citation?

Answer: Will take into consideration on a case-by-case basis.

Question: Has information been provided outside of internet and social media? There needs to be more outreach.

Concern: The issue may be lack of money. Regular pick up of yard waste is missed. Absentee land owners compound the situation.

Question: 12 bulk days are assigned a year. Since enforcement begins after July, will there still be 12 days available this year?

Answer: Yes

Citizen Review Board - CRB fosters a better relationship between police and citizens. The office is located in City Hall on the 9th floor. CRB investigates police misconduct for citizens and offers mediation.

Elected Officials

Park Cannon (Georgia State House District 58) - Session is over but meetings are still being hosted at the Capitol. There will be a meeting to expand the Healing Circles program to a regional program with public and private funding and follows the "Cure Violence" model. Wednesday there will be a meeting from 11 AM - 12 PM related to the Green New Deal highlighting agricultural stakes.

Question: What is the State's role in the 2020 census?

Answer: Agencies are individually tasked with outreach. Any public service recipients should see information. The mayor's office has created an Atlanta initiative.

Marvin Arrington (Mitsah Henry) - There is a back-to-school event on 7/19 at YMCA at Carver and 8/2 at Wolf Creek Library. Four Town Halls will address the recent tax assessments.

Joyce Shepard - Code Enforcement Training Academy's 1st graduation will be 6/25 with the next session starting 8/24 with applications due 8/2.

Chair's Report

Stadium Neighborhoods Community Trust Fund (Jane Ridley) - The City Council committee report will be provided tomorrow. House Proud's original proposal was amended to serve all neighborhood's equally. \$38,000 is left after the original grant. No money has been provided by AFCRA yet.

Planner's Report/Voting Matters

On Saturday, there will be an update on the West End LCI and Beltline Subarea 1 master plan at 504 Fair St. from 9 AM - 1 PM.

Like Glue Fest - Applicant is present. Applicant presented to Mechanicsville. The festival is a celebration of the Caribbean and African diaspora. There will be alcohol and amplified music.

Question: Will there be waste management?

Answer: On Site was hired for cleanup

Question: Will there be security?

Answer: There will be six officers inside and 2 at each closure point.

Concern: Last year, parking permits were stolen and resold.

Answer: This year, permit will be handed to residents directly. 40 VIP passes will also be provided to the neighborhood. There was a motion and second to approve with the conditions of 1) parking permits being handed to residents and 2) providing the neighborhood with 40 VIP passes: 18-yes, 3-no, 7-abstain.

Pittsburgh Reunion - Applicant is present. This annual event will highlight local talent including cheerleaders from Kindezi School and young rappers. There was a motion and second to approve: 27-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Cosmo Lounge - Applicant is present. Mechanicsville approved the alcohol license request. There was a motion and second to approve: 27-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain

Z-19-17 - The Ordinance is for the location of Metropolitan Parkway and University Ave. This is a proactive attempt to encourage better and more compatible uses in the area. The neighborhood provided their desires and prohibited uses along with SUP requirements. Improvements would include wider sidewalks and businesses that front the street.

Question: Will existing businesses be grandfathered in?

Answer: Only future businesses must conform.

There was a motion and second to approve: 24-yes, 0-no, 4-abstain.

Z-19-48 - The Salvation Army property wants to add an electron sign to advertise programs.

Question: Will there be any other effects from the zoning change?

Answer: No- just the sign.

Question: Can this be done without rezoning?

Answer: No - de to the sign ordinance.

Concern: A special sign district was created Downtown without affecting zoning.

There was a motion and second to defer: 17-yes, 1-no, 2-abstain.

City Departments

Public Works - Samantha Terry is the community affairs coordinator and can be contacted at: snterry@atlantaga.gov or (470) 717-6318. Flyers for bulk pickup changes will be provided at the neighborhood meetings.

Concern: 311 marked work as complete that was not completed.

Answer: Call 311 again.

Presentations

311 Community Affairs Coordinator - 311 is the non-emergency call center for the city. Feedback is needed to continue improving the service. 40 agents answer approximately 3,000 calls per day. 311 can also handle code enforcement and has a responsive social media team.

Center for Civic Innovation - There is a new initiative to educate residents on the NPU system and seek feedback on how to improve the system. There will be a meeting on 7/27 and 115 MLK Jr Dr. from 12-2 PM.

Question: Is parking free?

Answer: No but they will validate. Please use MARTA and bikes.

Question: Are you a Think Tank?

Answer: No - a 501(c)3 non-profit and independent from the city.

Question: Have you been to APAB?

Answer: Currently visiting the NPUs. They visited APAB for insight but APAB has not been able to hold a quorum to vote on resolution.

Concern: Joyce Shepard - Why not ask Council for a resolution and funding for independence as opposed to the Center for Civic Innovation? Be sure to retain documentation on your process.

Announcements

National Night Out - Please contact Stephanie Flowers to help plant the event which will be on 8/6.

McDaniel Street Bowl - This will be the 5th year and will take place at Pittman Park on 8/3 from 10 AM - 4 PM.

Chris 180 Healing Circles - The Circles focus on assuring and affirming youth. THE last healing circle in July will be 7/24 at the Metropolitan Library.

Pittsburgh Yards - Bricks are available for purchase: \$35 for residents and \$50 for NPU-V residents

Stadium Neighborhoods Community Trust Fund - The next meeting will be this Wednesday at Dunbar from 6-7:30 PM and is open to the public.

Sohna Harzees - Forklift training will be 10 AM - 12 PM at the Northside Library on 7/12. Call (404) 613-4363 to sign up.

Cleta Winslow's Office - A Zaxby's is opening at MLK Jr Dr. and Lowery St.