

NPU-V Meeting
October 14th, 2019
Peoplestown
Rick McDevitt Center
1040 Crew St SW, Atlanta GA 30315

INVOCATION

Columbus Ward convened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

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

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - A letter of support for the Bike Shop variance was provided. Capitol View Apartments update was provided last Thursday. Columbia Residential is waiting for project-based rental assistance to help current residents. Porches and Pies will be 10/19 at Adair Park I.

Capitol Gateway - none

Mechanicsville - Mechanicsville is recovering from AfroPunk. Jane Ridley enjoyed the event which was well-attended. Parking was still an issue. MCA is asking Cleta and Carla for parking permit assistance for neighborhood residents. Milk and Cookies is upcoming. Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided at the next MCA meeting. MCA is partnering with Pittsburgh to provide a haunted house for Halloween.

Peoplestown - PNA: A Farmer's Market will take place 10/19 from 10AM - 1 PM at Milton Ave/Hank Aaron Dr. PNA will meet on 10/17. Reach out to peoplestownneighbors@gmail.com if you are interested in joining Friends of Peoplestown Park. FallFest will be 10/25 from 3-6 PM.

PRC: The change of ownership for the Chevron will be discussed at the next community meeting. Publix won the Hooping for Youth basketball tournament this year.

Pittsburgh - PHU: Check out Elevate Atlanta today through 10/19 and enjoy community art. PHU is continuing to tackle blight and help clean up the community through the Safe Living Streets initiative. PHU is also working on resident parking permits.

PNA: Bring memorabilia for Elevate Atlanta to 1029 McDaniel St. The Pink Store laundromat will be displayed 10/17. Bricks are for sale for Pittsburgh Yards - call 404-245-6053.

Summerhill - ONS: Yoga classes take place in Phoenix II Park. A work session will address new developments in the neighborhood. Three new mural projects will be completed by the end of the year and are sponsored by Carter Development. The Community Mural will be unveiled on 10/26 from 12-3 PM.

Roll Call

Adair Park - 5
Capitol Gateway - 0
Mechanicsville - 10
Peoplestown - 17
Pittsburgh - 5
Summerhill - 5

Public Safety

Atlanta Police Department (Major Senzer Zone 3) - A field investigation team is working with the Washington Street apartment owners regarding recent shootings. A suspect is in custody from the shooting on Pope St. in September. Georgia Ave has had its first auto larceny. APD knows the intended target in the Bass and Formwalt Sts. shooting. Mobile cameras were installed on Crew and Haygood Sts. with a more permanent solutions in progress. Capitol View Apartments are being renovated with displacement of current residents.

Question: Street lights in Mechanicsville are not being addressed - what can be done to speed things up?

Answer: A recent Georgia Power assessment has identified lights for LED light upgrades. An arborist will also work on trees.

PIVOT (Officer Walker) - PIVOT is a Grady program to reduce gun violence through law enforcement alternatives. Mechanicsville, Pittsburgh, and Thomasville are neighborhoods of focus. Dunbar Center will have a library card drive 10/22 at 2:30 PM and will also provide passes to the Zoo, Center for Puppetry Arts, job training, 3-D printer demonstrations, online service information, etc. Dunbar Elementary is having a food drive.

Question: Are there programs to provide senior citizens laptops?

Answer: Yes- there is a limited amount per library but laptops can be checked out for 21 days.

Code Enforcement -

These properties are cited and awaiting notice: These properties have court dates:

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| ● 816 Hank Aaron Dr. | 1102 Hubbard St. 10/24 |
| ● 376 Eugena St. | 1100 Coleman St. 10/15 |
| ● 727 Windsor St. | 1160 Smith St. 10/15 |
| ● 1022 Hubbard St. | 234 Ormond St. 10/15 |
| ● 947 Metropolitan Ave. | |
| ● 476 Rockwell St. | |
| ● 1048 Allene Ave. | |
| ● 187 Farrington Ave. | |

Elected Officials

Cleta Winslow's Office- A scrap tire drive will take place 11/3 at 3 locations free of charge. Kroger is hiring veterans. Delta is looking for 6,000 employees such as airport mechanics. Work Source at 818 Pollard is hosting a job fair this Wednesday. APD is continuing to address shootings. The Parks Department is considering midnight basketball for youth up to age 20. Contact Cleta's office at: 404-330-6047.

Joyce Shepard's Office - Please enjoy Elevate Atlanta and Porches and Pies. Tyler Perry Studios will be having a car show. Let Joyce's office know about community events for her newsletter.

Presentations

NHANES - CDC selects 15 counties yearly for their Health Census survey. Fulton county was selected this year. The census will generate statistics to help generate health standards. CDC will be in the area through December 1st surveying randomly selected households - about 5,000 people will participate.

Partnership for Southern Equity - The Partnership is an Atlanta-based group for equity in housing and jobs for African-Americans. Homeowners are under attack with rising property taxes. AGL and Georgia Power fees are increasing. Fixed-income seniors generally have the least usage but have the largest percentage increase. The Public Service Commission can approve or reject fee increases. The next hearing is 11/4 at 9 AM. Come speak and present to offer support to the Partnership for Southern Equity. There will also be a demonstration outside from 2-4 PM.

Eco-Action - A presentation provided information on air pollution risk assessment. Outdoor and indoor air pollution are concerns. Georgia is ranked 25th for worst ozone and Atlanta is worst for year-round pollution. The American Lung Association gave Fulton and Dekalb counties an F grade. The presentation will be posted on the NPU-V website.

Our Time 21st Century Seniors - The organization was founded 5 years ago and offers workshops in computers, memoir writing, brain training, improv, cooking, and provides health assessments. Services are provided for people age 50 or older.

Re-imagine AC/DC - Atlanta city jails are closing. There is a community-led process to decide the future of the building and would be a \$33 million projects. Community input must be considered - a survey was passed out. The next task force meeting will be 10/29 and is open to the public.

Chair's Report

Stephanie Flowers is heading the Nominations Committee. The By-laws committee reported no changes are recommended. There was a motion and second to accept the recommendation: 25-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Marta Transportation Survey - The More Marta Initiative began in 2016. Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit route will be decided by residents. Complete the Connect the Core Survey by 10/25.

Planner's Report/Voting Matters

Elevate Atlanta - There will be a Ways of Seeing and Soundscape event along with a gallery opening in the Pink Store laundromat. DJ Walk will perform 6-9PM outside. There will be trash cans and restrooms provided. There was a motion and second to support the event application: 30-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Milk and Cookies - This will be a small music event for one night from 8PM-12AM. Mechanicsville supports the event application. There was a motion and second to support: 29-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

MDH Courtyard Market - Applicant is not present. NPU-T supported but applicant did not present to Adair Park Today. There was a motion and second to note the lack of attendance by an NPU-T resident: 23-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

V-19-191 - Applicant is present. Blueprint 58 is a non-profit that provides mentoring and a young mothers program. The property was bought 1 year ago to expand the program for community space and family living space upstairs. Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association supported the variance. There was a motion and second to support the variance request: 29-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

V-19-213 - Applicant is present. The variance is for a multi-use development. Current zoning is for a more "suburban-style" development and the variance would let the development conform to existing streetscape. Summerhill supports the application. There was a motion and second to support the variance application: 27-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

V-19-232 - Applicant is present. There is a retaining wall and large tree on the east side of the property. The variance would shift the house away from the tree and wall to allow for a driveway as required by Adair Park historic zoning. Adair Park approved the request. There was a motion and second to approve the variance request: 23-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

V-19-22 - The SUP is for a community center. Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association supports the variance request. There was a motion and second to support the variance request: 26-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

Z-19-85 - Legislation by Joyce Shepherd would add signage regulation for the MET. Community input requested wayfaring and signage since the property can be confusing to navigate. All changes to signage must be presented by NPU-V. Currently free-standing signage is prohibited.

Z-19-96 - Legislation would create a small discount variety store definition and distance requirement. Currently, small store proliferation competes with grocery stores and contributes to fresh produce availability issues. Legislation will not affect existing stores unless they are vacant for more than 1 year.

Question: Why a 1500 feet distance requirement?

Answer: The 1500 feet distance conforms with current regulations for gas stations.

There was a motion and second to support the legislation: 22-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

City of Atlanta Departments

Department of Public Works - Atlanta Recycle Day is 10/19 from 9AM-12PM. Tires and electronics will be accepted. Remember to use 311 to schedule bulk pickup to avoid a fine. Peach Portal website lists current right-of-way projects.

Question: Are there any traffic studies for Georgia Avenue regarding illegally parked cars?

Answer: The Department will follow up.

Announcements

Urban League of Greater Atlanta - Funds and grants are available for job search and career pathways. Community input is requested regarding job training.

MCA Youth Center - The Youth Advocate Program will be 6:30-9PM 10/31 at 787 Windsor St.

Chris 180 - Healing Circles and the Trauma Response Network are offered. Healing Circles meet at Barack and Michelle Obama Academy 9-10AM every Tuesday. Fatherhood Empowerment Breakfast will meet 10/17 from 8-10 AM. Yoga will take place in Phoenix II Park 10/24 at 7 PM.

Morehouse School of Medicine - This Saturday free women's health screenings are available at Big Bear Community Church.

Sohna Harzeez - Sohna will host a series of financial classes in December or the beginning of January for 1-2 weekends per month.

Fulton Fresh Mobile Market - The market takes place every Thursday at 1 PM at Martin Street Church of God.

NPU-V Community Forum will be 10/26 at Pittman Park.

An Eviction Defense Manual is available. Contact Housing Justice League which will meet tomorrow at 6:30 PM at the Rick McDevitt Center.

WestCare - There will be an orientation 10/19 at 827 Pryor St. for Youth Community Builders.