

NPU-V Meeting
February 10th, 2020
Capitol Gateway
Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority Resource Center
341 Kelly St SE, Atlanta, GA 30312

INVOCATION

Columbus Ward convened the meeting. Dr. Yomi led invocation.

Approval of Minutes

There was a motion and second to accept changes to the agenda: 0-no, 0-abstain. There was a motion to approve the minutes from December 2019: 0-no, 1-abstain

Roll Call

Adair Park - 3
Capitol Gateway - 2
Mechanicsville -4
Peoplestown -6
Pittsburgh - 4
Summerhill - 5

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - The neighborhood is continuing historic preservation.

Capitol Gateway - Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority is proud to be a host. FACAA serves NPU-V and all of Fulton County. The board needs representatives from every community. There is a need in every part of the county.

Mechanicsville - Mechanicsville had a Fair at Dunbar Elementary School last Saturday. There were clothes, food, and lunch giveaways. Peachcare and Medicare provided information, smoke detectors were available, and senior class options with signups were provided. The Stadium TAD has started up again. Jane Ridley will be meeting with the Vice Chair of the Futon County Commission regarding seniors.

Peoplestown - PNA: Peoplestown Neighborhood Association will meet 7-9 PM at the Rick McDevitt Center. Take pictures of flooding and post to the Facebook page. Stairs have been installed to the Beltline at D.H. Stanton Park.

PRC: The community meeting was last Saturday. Stadium Neighborhoods Community Trust Fund, Chris 180, and Community Care reported.

Pittsburgh - PHU: Pittsburgh Homeowners United is continuing a dumping assessment street-by-street. There was a community meeting regarding a contentious store and residents will be kept apprised. Safety talks with Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association have been constructive. Safe Living Streets is aligning with the Beltline.

Summerhill - SNDC: The community meeting was last Saturday. Two events are upcoming: Summerhill Reunion on 6/20 and a new development is beginning construction on Fulton St. Healthy living classes have resumed and grocery store rides for seniors are continuing. Picnic in the Park on 4/26 in Phoenix Park II will host wholesome food demonstrations.

There was a motion and second to approve all neighborhood reunions including Summerhill: 18-yes, 1-no, 0-abstain.

Public Safety

APD Zone 3 - No homicides occurred last month. PeoplesTown was hit hard with car break-ins centered on Farrington Ave. A shooting in Grant Park later that night was related. Zone 6 has four suspects in custody while Zone 3 has two suspects in custody. Auto thefts are high - do not leave keys in the vehicle. "Slider crimes" are prominent in the southern part of Zone 3.

Question: Is there an update on the cameras disconnected on Garibaldi St.?

Answer: There was a shootout with damage but no video except from Ring cameras. VIC cameras come and go with daily audits to try and keep them online. There are only 4 portable cameras in the city.

Code Enforcement (Ofc. Turner) -

Tickets were presented to the following properties:

Court dates are set for the following:

721 Reed St.

1180 Metropolitan Pkwy. - 2/25

450 Capitol Ave.

451 Ira St. - 2/25

873 Coleman St.

258 Hendrix Ave. - 2/18

809 Windsor St.

773 Grant Terrace - 2/18

1015 Sims St.

1048 Linam St. - 2/18

293 Love St. - 2/18

Two cases are in rem this month: 131 Haygood Ave and 767 Tift Ave.

Question: Where is the court?

Answer: 150 Garnett St., Courtroom 3

Concern: The court system doesn't allow for resident voices.

Answer: Talk to the Solicitor and speak with city attorneys to give a victim's statement.

Question: Does Code Enforcement have a mitigation program?

Answer: Matt Westmoreland is working on council legislation

Code Enforcement SWEET Team - 20 or more lawn bags require scheduling bulk pickup. If 19 or fewer bags are not picked up on your regular collection day, call 311.

Community Affairs for 311 - Atl311 is the non-emergency call center with 60 agents fielding 3,000 calls per day. You can visit the website, mobile app, or use Facebook direct messages. Call in flooding even on weekends.

Question: When you report to 311 and are assigned a number, what do you do if the system marks the issue as resolved but the issue still exists?

Answer: Please call back and escalate.

Question: Does 311 process traffic studies?

Answer: Yes - the request will be forwarded to the Transportation Department.

Zone 3 Community Prosecutor - Attorney Tirrell is from College Park and NPU-Y. His primary focus is gang prevention and abatement.

Elected Officials

Park Cannon - She emailed her updates

Joyce Shepard's Office - Code Enforcement Training Academy will open enrollment until 3/6.

Public Safety

Fire Department (Battalion 5) - Station 2 on Jonesboro Rd. is under construction for the next 90 days. Other trucks will cover the gap. Car seats and smoke alarm programs are available. More than 100 trainees are graduating from the current class.

Question: A house on Pope St. burned down more than a year ago - how can the debris be removed?

Answer: Call 404-548-7000 and ask for the Inspection Division.

Planner's Report/Voting Matters

The Department of City Planning Awards of Excellence nominations are open and due in March.

Picnic in the Park - Applicant is present. Wholesome Wave is a Georgia non-profit and doubles SNAP at Farmers Markets. They are having an awareness event 4/26 with family events. The event is free but beer and wine will be sold. Summerhill approved the event. There was a motion and second to approve: 25-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Z-19-113 - Applicant is present. MR4-A had no commercial present. The developer want sto build 100% affordable housing with units at 30%, 60%, and 80% AMI and partnering to house homeless veterans. Peoplestown supports the zoning request. There was a motion and second to approve the zoning: 27-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Z-19-121 - Applicant is not present but requested a 60 day extension. There was a motion and second to defer: 24-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

CDP-20-003 - There was a motion and second to defer: 28-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

CDP-20-004 - There was a motion and second to defer: 28-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

The Community Impact Grant must be voted on in February. Stephanie Flowers is chairing the committee.

Question: Will funds go to National Night Out or be divided?

Answer: Funding requests must be submitted as a grant

.There was a motion and second to apply: 30-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain

20-0-1003 - This ordinance would amend the NPU system and is submitted for review and comment by City Council. Council will use feedback to create recommendations. You can call Council members directly to leave feedback outside of committee meetings.

Question: What does the public notice serve?

Answer: Bring comments to City Council.

Question: Is there a timeline?

Answer: No timeline is set.

There was a motion and second for NPU-V to request Council to not take action until they attend NPU-V: 26-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain.

Presentations

Office of Zoning and Development - This city office works with the Atlanta Regional Commission on Livable Centers Initiatives. The office is applying for funding for the Westside LCI update and Beltline Subarea I update. The draft is posted to westendlic.com and the City of Atlanta website. REcommendations include improving MARTA connectivity and improving density. Comments and input is wanted before the vote next month.

Question: What is the best way to give comments?

Answer: Email jlavendier@atlantaga.gov

Eco-Action - This organization is seeking a letter of support for a grant. Areas of air pollution would be identified and plans would address reducing the pollution. GSU is partnering on the grant. Neighborhoods would be provided processors to monitor pollution cost effectively.

Question: How soon is the letter needed?

Answer: By 2/20

Question: What outcome is expected for the neighborhoods?

Answer: Communities will be able to purchase the sensors provided by the grant at low cost.

There was a motion and second to support the grant application: 31-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain

Chris 180 - Chris 180 provides training for a trauma response network and can train individuals or groups. Healing Circles also provide intervention. Residents facilitate the circles and are provided a stipend and optional co-facilitator. Yoga and meditation occurs on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Rick McDevitt Center. The Cure Violence grant was awarded and Chris 180 is now seeking an office location and site director for www.chris180.org. Contact at 470-218-7037 or alfred.garner@chris180.org.

Atlanta Land Trust - The Atlanta Land Trust meets monthly on the second Saturday. There will be an info session on 2/22. Two new Westside properties are EarthCraft certified.

Jason Dozier - Atlanta Bicycle Coalition is expanding its mission to safe streets, including pedestrians and transit. The city should re-emphasize Whitehall Street to be more bikeable and pedestrian safe. There is a new bike club at Dunbar Elementary. Jason is seeking a letter of support to bring to City Hall. There was a motion and second to support the letter to emphasize Whitehall Street safety including a repaving quick fix: 26-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Crossfit Murphy Ave - Crossfit is preparing to roll out affordable healthcare options including discounted chiropractic care and a food pantry with fresh produce.

Samantha Terry - NPU University is launching with resident education courses. Parliamentary Procedures course will be 2/22 from 9AM-2PM in the Lee and White community room. Visit www.npuatlanta.org/npuvcatalog or email snterry@atlantaga.gov.

Announcements

Human Impact Projects is providing printing services for the community with a focus on profit merging for economic development and jobs. Services include screen printing.