

NPU-V Meeting
September 14th, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Hosted by City of Atlanta

INVOCATION

Columbus Ward convened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

There was a motion and second to approve the August minutes with the change of attendance to 98: 0-no, 0-abstain.

City Departments

APD Zone 3 (Major Peek) - Most issues have been larcenies and auto thefts, especially from leaving keys and key fobs in cars while getting gas or stepping away. There were arrests in the shooting at 12 Atlanta Ave. The drive-by at 600 Martin St was gang related but police are unsure which gang was involved. 828 Martin St. was a targeting shooting but the reason is unclear. Contact Major Peek at 404-062-0674 and cpeek@atlanta.gov.

Code Enforcement (SWEET Team) - Illegal dumping has increased and the department is still addressing staffing issues.

Question: How do you report squatters in vacant homes?

Answer: APD handles trespassing.

Contact Alphonso McClendon at (404) 273-0685 or amccclendon@atlantaga.gov.

Atlanta District Attorney (Terrell Thompson) - Traffic tickets are best handled by PTIT. Court is still closed. The last "Bridge the Gap" will be 9/23 at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church.

Question: Are pre-trial intervention programs active?

Answer: Not sure - will report back.

Watershed Department - Wipes in the sewer system have spiked - do not flush any wipes. Most employees are working from home. Your bills may be higher from being home more frequently.

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - Atlanta United provided groceries to neighbors. A housing fund drive is collecting money to ensure long-term neighbors are not evicted.

Capitol Gateway - None

Mechanicsville - Mechanicsville Civic Association met on 9/10. Park Atlanta work on the Dunbar Center playground was discussed as well as how to utilize the Stadium Neighborhoods Community Trust Fund money for utility, mortgage, and rent assistance.

Peoplestown - There has been an uptick in crime this summer. Barack and Michelle Obama Academy is currently 100% virtual learning will meal deliveries also available for families. Peoplestown Neighborhood Association will meet next Wednesday. The Community Meeting was last Saturday.

Pittsburgh - None

Summerhill - Organized Neighbors of Summerhill met on 9/10 due to the Labor Day holiday. ONS discussed the park project and the 1st payment from SNCTF. Violent crimes are up compared to last year.

Elected Officials

Cleta Winslow - She met with Georgia Power for enhanced lighting at Rosa Burney Park along Windsor St. and also along McDaniel and Humphries St. She has been encouraging the Municipal Court to reopen to handle the traffic case backlog. Be sure to complete your 2020 Census form.

Park Cannon - The Billboard Project was delayed and will be up 6 weeks instead of 4 and has changed from the original ad - you can see the new design at npuv.org and it still addresses police brutality. CDC has issues a moratorium on COVID-19 evictions - sign the CDC form and submit to your landlord.

Matters for Voting

License Review Board Requests

Exxon Mobil - There was a motion and second to report: 27-yes, 0-no, 4-abstain.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Applications

V-20-87 - Applicant is not present. Applications was approved at the Peoplestown Community Meeting. Lot slope limits toolshed location. There was a motion and second to approve: 23-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

Text Amendments

Z-20-07 - Land-locked lots would need a Special Use Permit before development.

Question: What part of the lot is front-facing?

Answer: The front-facing side is determined in the SUP application.

Question: Does the city have eminent domain interest for lot access?

Answer: Personal experience says no - the city does not want to own more right-of-way land.

Question: Would an easement-in-perpetuity need to be revealed to the next buyer?

Answer: A deed with the easement would have to be transferred to the next owner. The buyer should research on their own or via real estate agent or lawyer.

Question: Does the legislation cover lots with a dedicated right-of-way which was never improved or paved?

Answer: A "paper street" right-of-way is owned by the city. If an alley is platted, the lot owner would need permission from adjacent property owners.

There was a motion and second to approve the text amendment: 16-yes, 3-no, 0-abstain.

Presentations

Thriving Community Grants Fund - Grants are available in \$5,000-\$10,000 for projects involving racial justice, youth and young adults, and COVID-19. Visit npuv.org website or call 678-615-5826. Applications and questions can be requested or emailed to trivingcommunitygrants@gmail.com or picked up and dropped of at SNDC or the Rick McDevitt Center. Reporting of program activities would be due in May 2021.

Murphy Crossing - A neighborhood-based coalition along with the Beltline have created a survey to guide the RFP for redevelopment. This would be a development worth \$100s of millions. More details can be found on npuv.org.

Announcements

Extreme REalty Partners West End - This group manages leading and property management at Pittsburgh Yards. The project is complete with tenants entering spaces this month.

Karen Rogers (Atlanta Police Foundation) - The new At-Promise Youth Center is 85% complete. There will be an NPU-V tribute wall in the community room featuring community heroes.

Atlanta Land Trust - 3 new homes have been purchased and newly occupied in Pittsburgh with 2 more homes upcoming.

NPU-V by-laws need reviewing. Contact Stephanie Flowers or Lawrence Miller to join the review committee.