

NPU-V Meeting
April 9th, 2018
Capitol Gateway
Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority Resource Center
341 Kelly St SE
Atlanta, GA 30312

INVOCATION

Columbus Ward convened the meeting. Ms. Butler led invocation.

Approval of Minutes

There was a motion and second to approve with noted corrections: o-no, o-abstain

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - The repaving project of Metropolitan Parkway was discussed. This project is part of Renew Atlanta and Pat Gardner, Nan Orrock, and Park Cannon all presented information. Residents raised concerns for more safety - including school children safety - and a 'complete street' approach.

Mechanicsville - There are permitting notice issues for events at 787 Windsor. NPU-V Chair was requested to attend City Hall to help achieve a resolution. The NPU-V community was requested to attend the FanPlex meeting Wednesday at 6 PM. Questions regarding community hiring were sidestepped at the last NPU meeting and the ball was dropped on addressing education and environmental concerns. Jane Ridley was appointed by Commissioner Rob Pitts to the homestead exemption board to focus on seniors.

Peopletown - David Dreyer is hosting a Town Hall at FanPlex Tuesday 6 PM. Carter is hosting a meeting at FanPlex Wednesday at 6 PM. The Community Meeting is this Saturday at 10 AM and will include updates from elected officials. Peopletown Neighborhood Association meets 4/18 at 6 PM at Barack and Michelle Obama Academy. The community garden expansion is almost complete. Spring Fest will be 4/21 at 12 PM at D.H. Stanton Park. 4/19 is Community Health Day with a 555 Club project event at 10:30 AM and a youth and family event at 5:00 PM. Hoopin' for Youth will be 4/21 at 8:00 AM and is a fundraiser for the McDevitt Center. Team entry is \$150.

Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh community meeting was last Saturday. The polling location at Gideon is moving to Pittman Park. Community members discussed capturing Pittsburgh's history with art.

Summerhill - The monthly meeting was on 4/2. Georgia State University reported and were notified of concerns regarding the concert on 4/28 for Foo Fighters. Neighborhood signs that say parking is for baseball events were set by city council legislation and Summerhill is working with the council to change the signs. Summerhill has approved a board to solicit local consultants for a parking and traffic flow study. Carter will provide updates on Wednesday at FanPlex. The 31st reunion and parade will be 6/16/.

Question: With 30,000 attendees at the concert, Mechanicsville will see much of the traffic. How included will other neighborhoods be regarding traffic studies?

Answer: Columbus Ward mentioned using the Constituents Office for better planning and a task force to help coordinate the neighborhoods.

Fulton County Community Action Resource Center

Heating and energy bill assistance is available. Wages are stagnant so making ends meet is difficult. Please help spread program information. The Center also helps with addiction and hunger issues. Slots will be available for a member of each MPU to sit on the board.

Roll Call

Adair Park - 2
Capitol Gateway - 1
Mechanicsville - 9
Peoplestown - 5
Pittsburgh - 7
Summerhill - 4

Public Safety

Police Department (Lt. Finch) - Computer issues prevented compilation of crime stats for this meeting.

Question: ATVs are returning. Are there plans to address the problem?

Answer: There are no new plans. APD monitors social media to predict events to try and stop the ATVs.

Question: Are there plans to address motorcycle groups which are street legal?

Answer: Traffic units can monitor hot spots.

Question: Can APD comment on paintball gun shootings?

Answer: This is a nationwide issue and there have been a surge of calls. Major Glazier issued a zero tolerance approach.

Question: Is there a process to address a belligerent panhandler in the middle of the street?

Answer: Email specifics to APD

Community Prosecutor (Serena Beazley) - Serena prosecuted the Anthony Davis case. He pled guilty for stealing a vehicle and not having a license and will seek treatment. A National Crime Victims Rights Week event will be 4/13 at 1PM at 160 Pryor St. There will be a walk around the courthouse and a balloon release. National Night Out is 8/7.

Question: Did the Victims Rights legislation pass?

Answer: Not sure - will check on that.

Question: Are the balloons biodegradable?

Answer: Contact Ms. Ochee at 404-862-8910.

Code Enforcement (Ofc. Turner) - Stats could not be pulled but these are the properties awaiting a sheriff's citation:

- 980 Coleman St.
- 879 Coleman St.
- 728 Garibaldi St.
- 501 Rockwell St.
- 1137 Ira St.
- 1139 Hubbard St.
- 994 Hank Aaron Dr.
- 67 Ormond st.
- 945 Fern St.
- 990 Linam St.

Concern: Add 1020 Ira St. - it's burned out.

Question: Why were these addresses read?

Answer: The properties were sent noticed or are vacant and the owners were notified.

Concern: 1001 Metropolitan Parkway property works for the city but has not been served. It has been more than five years. The system is not working.

Question: There is a vacant property next door with mattresses. Is this code enforcement?

Answer: Yes. Call 404-546-3800 with the address.

Concern: Developers are not ordering dumpsters when fixing homes. A resolution is needed urging the city to deal with the dumpster issue.

City Departments

Public Works (Samantha Terry)- NPU ride-alongs are ongoing and used to help residents identify problems for the department. 7 responses were received for NPU-V. Findings will be sent to NPU-V officers. The bulk pickup schedule has been updated. 5/21 is the start of National Public Works week. Keep Atlanta Beautiful will have tire roundups of 4/21 at West End Mall and Zone 3 precinct at 12 PM and 1 PM respectively.

Question: Will the schedule have a map?

Answer: Will ask for a map.

Constituent Affairs (Andrea Bishop) - Contact Andrea at 404-546-2220 or aabishop@atlantaga.gov. Information on the cyber attack is available at atlantaga.gov. Primary elections are 5/22 - register to vote by 4/24.

Presentations

Please visit the NPU-V website at npuv.org.

MARTA - Service modifications are examined 3 times a year. Modifications have been proposed for August with 3 public hearings in May. Route 832 is a new addition from West End to Grant Park/Moreland Ave along Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard. There are no changes to Route 55. Route 49 will cut short of Woodland Hills. MARTA is trying to get all routes to run with less than 30 minute frequency.

Question: Are the smaller bused energy efficient?

Answer: They are quiet and use alternative fuel.

Question: There are senior facilities along Route 832, including a Dollar Store. Can a half fare card be used on this route?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Is there an update on the Tiger Grant Bus Rapid Transit?

Answer: There will be a route along Capitol Ave from Turner Field up to Arts Center in a dedicated lane.

Elected Officials

Pat Gardner - This has been one of the toughest sessions. Pat's focus was on rural communities. Discriminatory bills were largely fought off. Quality Basic Education was fully funded. Atlanta has limited property tax increased to 2.6% per year and increased the Homestead Exemption from \$30,000 to \$50,000. The Metro area has its first regional transit structure now.

Question: What is the relationship between MARTA and The ATL?

Answer: MARTA will eventually change its name but will have a strong negotiating position with the transit authority

Concern: Mental health clinics are closing in the city and mental health is being scapegoated. Three clinics are not enough and entry is difficult.

Answer: Education has a budget for early intervention as a safety net. Pat is trying to get Fulton County to join State programs but Fulton County refused.

Question: How can we help?

Answer: Pressure your Fulton County commissioners and work to pass the Medicaid expansion.

Question: Where can we find the author of failed bills?

Answer: Visit legis.ga.gov.

Joyce Shepard - There will be a cleanup on 4/28. There will be a contest for most bags collected and/or volunteers with a trash receptacle giveaway.

Park Cannon - Vote yes on Nov. 6th to raise the homestead exemption. A bill passed to cap Atlanta's property tax increase at 2.6%. Park voted no due to restrictions on taxes from wealthier neighborhoods. Public Education is fully funded this year.

City Planner

Phase II of the zoning rewrite is beginning. There will be open houses in each quadrant.

Voting Matters

Walk to End Lupus - The venue is moving this year from Piedmont Park to GSU Stadium. This event raises 3/4 of the organization's annual revenue. There was a motion and second to approve: 0-no, 1-abstain

V-18-004, 005, 006, 029 - The applicant was not present. ONS voted and does not support, hoping to encourage smaller home development. There was a motion and second to support ONS's position and not support the applicant: 21-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

V-18-013 - Applicant is not present. Peoplestown supports the applicant. There was a motion and second to approve: 19-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain

V-18-006 - This request is for review and comment.

Question: Will there be any traffic control on Hill St.? There is no signage.

Answer: Signage is usually the last to go up.

Z-18-28 - This amends the shelter definition for needing a Special Use Permit. A shelter must be 2000 ft. from another shelter and 150 ft. from a traffic stop. A shelter can expand if non-conforming. Ivory Young introduced the legislation.

Z-18-17 - This amendment will allow a homeless shelter to expand on an existing Special Use Permit without needing a new permit. There was a motion and second to not approve: 15-yes, 1-no, 0-abstain.

Announcements

Annie E. Casey Foundation - There were 34 applicants for the Community Investment Fund. A decision will be made next month. Event applications are available for up to \$400. You can apply twice. The Capacity Building Grant is for staff in non-profits in NPU-V to help find funding sources outside of Turner Field parking fund.