

NPU-V Meeting
April 8th, 2019
Peoplestown
Rick MCDevitt Center
1040 Crew St SE
Atlanta, GA 30315

INVOCATION

Columbus Ward convened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

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

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - A support letter was provided by Adair Park Today for the new sign at the proposed movie studio. Bonnie Brae park cleanup will be on 4/20. T-shirt sponsorships for cheer leaders is \$250. The neighborhood supported the variance request for 372 Long St.

Mechanicsville - Mechanicsville Civic Association met last Monday. Ms. Ridley and Jason Dozier visited a Federal Opportunity Zone. David Holder attended the Mayor's Town Hall and expressed neighborhood concerns. Pollution from the parking lots near Georgia State Stadium cause high asthma rates among children. \$100,000 was allocated by the Stadium Neighborhoods Community Trust Fund, which Mechanicsville gave to House Proud.

Peoplestown - The community cleanup was last month. The Community Meeting will be 4/13 and focus on neighborhood development. Peoplestown Neighborhood Association will meet 4/17. SpringFest will be 4/20 at D.H. Stanton Park from 11 AM - 3 PM. Vendors will have free table space and can contact (404)-316-9771 or peoplestown.neighbors@gmail.com.

PRC - The Redevelopment Board will meet 9 AM on 4/13 to discuss three pending developments. The first Parent Empowerment Fail will be 4/23 at Barack and Michelle Obama Academy from 6-7 PM. Housing Justice LEague meets 4/16 at 6:30 PM.

Pittsburgh - New officers were elected for a new organization.

Summerhill - SNDC: Planning for the reunion breakfast on 6/8 has begun. The focus will be on the history of Summerhill and how it related to NPU-V. The reunion will be 6/15 with noted entertainers.

ONS: There will be a new Mexican restaurant and ice cream parlor on Georgia Avenue. Wood Chapel BBQ has a placeholder grant for a bike rack and scooter parking. ONS will be launching a newsletter soon.

Roll Call

Adair Park - 3
Capitol Gateway - 0
Mechanicsville - 8
Peoplestown - 17
Pittsburgh - 3
Summerhill - 9

Public Safety

APD Zone 3 (Captain Sendzor)- The alcohol license for 1003 McDaniel St. has been revoked. Aggravated assaults are up, especially by the Dunbar Center/Windsor St. APD is bringing in more resources to address the issue. The assaults are largely domestic or drug/gang related. APD is partnering with GSU to augment resources.

Question: Is there a process for notifications of unpermitted video shoots?

Answer: Events without permits are an issue. Sometimes the events are caught by APD through social media. Call 911.

Question: Is there an update on the 455 Fulton St SW shooting?

Answer: Will follow up - not sure if the shooter has been apprehended..

Zone 3 District Attorney (Abby Potter) - These are the dates for current Zone 3 court cases:

- 4/29 - final plea for a burglary and home invasion
- 4/18 - murder case for a shooting
- 5/29 - final plea for assailant who attacked Terri Bradley
- 4/9 - murder case for a retaliatory shooting from gang violence

Contact Abby at (678) 237-3094.

Code Enforcement - These properties are awaiting citations from the sheriff:

- 967 Smith St.
- 1150 Mayland Circle
- 881 Crew St.
- 113 Little St.
- 740 Windsor St.
- 559 Whitehall St.
- 758 Cooper St.
- 909 Garibaldi St.
- 602 Rockwell St.
- 224 Bass St.
- 955 Smith St.

Fire Battalion Station 10 - Fire hydrants will be flushed in the next few weeks. Atlanta Citizens Response Team helps support the department. Camp At Night is a program for mentoring 11-12 year old girls and foster interest in becoming a firefighter. Car seats are available along with smoke detectors. Close your bedroom doors at night to slow the spread of fire and provide more time to escape.

Question: Does the department have ladders that can reach smoke detectors?

Answer: Yes - will provide that information so the detector can be fixed.

Make sure address numbers are visible to help with emergency response. Be mindful of parking on small streets to provide emergency vehicle access. The department is seeking applicants to increase staffing.

Question: Are Carbon Monoxide detectors available?

Answer: Sometimes, but not consistently.

Question: Are fire extinguishers available?

Answer: No.

City Departments

Citizens Review Board - You can attend monthly board meetings. The next meeting will be 5/9 at 6:30 PM at the Dunbar Center - room 207. Meeting are the second Thursday of every month. The CRB website has a quiz regarding police interaction and knowledge of your rights. You get a swag bag for passing the quiz. Contact the CRB at (404) 865-8622.

License Review Board - The LRB is responsible for alcohol licenses.

Concern: 787 Windsor St. is not coming to neighborhood or NPU-V meetings.

Answer: Events are vetted like business licenses, but an event only last a few days.

Question: 787 Windsor St. is close to residences and affects the neighborhood without consideration. Why don't they need to attend NPU-V?

Answer: No ordinance requires special events attend NPU-V. Larger events do need to go through the mayor's office. City Council can create an ordinance to require NPU-V attendance. The mayor can also accept or deny LRB recommendations.

Question: Which legislators are responsible?

Answer: Start with your city councilmember.

Question: Is there a time frame for the mayor to approve recommendations?

Answer: The legal department reviews a recommendation to counsel the mayor.

Question: Can you comment on the frequency of change of ownership requests?

Answer: Owners frequently change a lease if the the leasee can't afford payments, creating a "revolving door".

Question: If a Special Use Permit event advertises 5,000 attendees but 10,000 show up, what is the process?

Answer: Large events are handled via a city contact. SUP can only be applied for twice a year by the same applicant.

Elected Officials

Joyce Sheperd (City Council District 12) - Let Joyce Sheperd's office know if you need supplies for a neighborhood cleanup. There will be a cleanup 4/27 at Perkerson Park. District newsletters are available every Friday.

Planner's Report/Voting Matters

Talat Market - Applicant is present. A letter of support was provided by ONS. Talat Market will be a Thai restaurant, using local Georgia produce with traditional Thai cooking techniques. It was moved and seconded to support the applicant: 27-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Tom, Dick and Hank - Applicant is present but did not attend MCA meeting. There was a motion and second to defer: 19-yes, 2-no, 0-abstain.

Wood's Chapel BBQ - Applicant is present. There was no official vote on the request at the ONS meeting. There will be no big events at the location. The restaurant will start hiring tomorrow beginning with seeking applicants in NPU-V. It was moved and seconded to approve applicant on condition of ONS support at the next ONS meeting: 27-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

At this point, there was a motion and second to rescind the previous Tom, Dick, and Hank vote: 22-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain. It was then moved and seconded to approve the Tom, Dick, and Hank application pending support at the next MCA meeting: 24-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

V-19-70 - Applicant is not present, but Adair Park Today has a letter of support. It was moved and seconded to approve the variance: 17-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Z-19-17 - The vote is postponed.

Z-19-04 - This city ordinance would create new Beltline overlay requirements for data centers. Centers greater than 150,000 square feet and within 500 feet of the Beltline will require a Special Use Permit and must be spaced 2,000 feet or more from another data center. There was a motion and second to approve the ordinance: 22-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

Z-19-29 - The ordinance would simplify from two zoning types to one zoning time at the Columbia Residential site and would be developed into 100% affordable housing units. There was a motion and second to approve: 20-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

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Public Works - Starting 4/1, bulk pickup will change. You will have to schedule pickup. There are scrap tire drives on 4/13 and 4/20. Call (404)-530-6240 to report scrap tires. If tires are in the city right-of-way, property owners can be fined.

Question: Where will the funds for scheduling bulk pickup come from?

Answer: There is a culture of trash pile-ups on corners. Solutions in other cities were studied. Scheduling pickup will save the department money.

Question: Evictions dump trash without regard to neighbors. Can you call a pickup for someone else?

Answer: No. If the lot is vacant, the owner can be fined.

Presentations

West End LCI - The previous master plan was approved in 2001. The LCI study area will focus on West End. Kick-off will be in early May with approval anticipated at the end of summer. Beltline Subarea 1 master plan will be updated concurrently.

Georgia Power - There is a new Energy Assistance Program for seniors. You can also request an energy audit. There is now an energy assistance web portal for organizations to help make payments on accounts for customers.

Question: Do you need to sign up for the assistance program before you are behind in payments?

Answer: Organizations can pull up account information via the portal to either pay or pledge. Call 1-888-660-5890 or visit www.georgia.power.com/energyassistance.

Question: How does an organization access the portal?

Answer: An organization can sign-up and will have access after approval.

Construction Ready - The organization has staffed Pittsburgh Yards and the Mercedes-Benz stadium. They are recruiting from NPU-V. The program is free and last 4 weeks. Eight credentials are provided and job placement is guaranteed. Felonies are not disqualifying.

Invest Atlanta - Small business grants up to \$10,000 are available, but applications are due by 5/3.

2019 Community Design Awards - The public provides nominees. The Georgia Ave redevelopment in Summerhill has been nominated. It was moved and seconded to accept the nomination: 18-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain.