

NPU-V Meeting
September 10th, 2018
Adair Park
The Metropolitan, Suite 4000
745 Metropolitan Parkway SW
Atlanta, GA 30310

INVOCATION

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July NPU-V meeting will be read aloud and Nathan Brown will clarify recording of the meeting. NPU-V bylaws state that any recording of the meeting must be provided by request to any NPU-V member or posted publicly unedited, such as on the NPU-V website.

There was a motion to approve the July minutes and July minutes with the correction: o-no, o-abstain.

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - Adair Park met last Tuesday and meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. Porches and Pies will be the weekend of 10/27 with a committee meeting 8/20.

Peopletown - Peopletown Neighborhood Association (PNA) will meet on 9/19 at Barack and Michelle Obama Academy. On 9/22 at 8 AM, there will be a neighborhood cleanup starting at the Rick McDevitt Center. Attend the License Review Board meeting on Tuesday to revoke the alcohol license for 12 Atlanta Ave. Hoopin' For Youth will be 10/20 at Four Corners Park. Team entry fees are \$150 and can be sponsored. Send letters to Mayor Bottoms and City Council to prevent future alcohol sales at gas stations pending for University Dr. and Pryor St. Support Walk the Road 9/16 from 3-6 PM. The focus this year is reducing gun violence. A rally and cook-out will follow the walk.

Pittsburgh -

Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association: Doug Dean thanked Columbus Ward for attending the Pittsburgh Reunion. A kiting program will occur 10/13 at Pittman Park. Gideon School and Housing Task Force are hosting a meeting to address issues regarding the potential new school.

Pittsburgh Homeowners United: PHU is continuing to move toward safe living streets. University Avenue exit 244 was cleaned up. More litter control will take place 9/22 from 9AM - 12PM along University Ave.

Mechanicsville - Red Bull Culture Clash was a better event this year. GSU, along with Atlanta government and AARP will host a 55+ event on 10/3 from 10AM - 3PM. Brooklyn Brewery will be presenting on 10/14. The Six Flags trips for local youth will be 10/21. Afro Punk did not attend the most recent Mechanicsville Civic Association (MCA) meeting. A Walk/Run will take place on 9/22 at 7:30 AM. Entry is \$30.

Summerhill - Organized Neighbors of Summerhill (ONS) met on 9/6 to avoid Labor Day holiday issues. A film event was discussed, but there is no legislation yet. Impact from the event was minimized. Georgia State University (GSU) football game impact has been minimal. The vice-president for ONS presented the Park Pride grant from the visioning plan. The Olympic torch will be lit the next GSU home football game.

Roll Call

Adair Park - 3
Capitol Gateway - 0
Mechanicsville - 11
Peoplestown - 10
Pittsburgh - 12
Summerhill - 6

Public Safety

Fire Department - Station 7 has re-opened as a first responder station. The EMS captain for Station 7 is around every other shift. The 'Close Your Door' campaign advocates closing bedroom doors at night when sleeping to prevent the spread of smoke during fires.

Question: What do the red and green signs on abandoned homes mean?

Answer: The signs indicate the house is private. Red signs mean 'do not enter'. Green signs mean 'extreme caution'.

Question: Is there a report available on a recent house fire death?

Answer: No, but it will be available when the investigation completes.

Question: Is the smoke house for kids available?

Answer: Yes. Contact the education department: (404) 546-7000

Question: Are all NPU-V hydrants checked?

Answer: Yes - semi-annually

Question: Are free smoke detectors available?

Answer: Fire engines and trucks have them, or call (404) 546-7000.

Question: Is the department hiring?

Answer: Yes, consistently, with some hires through Workforce Development.

CERT (Ms. Morgan) - CERT is the Community Emergency Response Team program. Classes are Tuesdays from 6-8 PM with food and lasts for 6 weeks. The classes teach disaster psychology, CPR, and search and rescue techniques. 1 more class is available this year with 7 seats left. Previous graduates have participated in the Super Bowl and Peachtree Road Race. CPR certification is good for 2 years. Classes are taught by firefighters at Lakewood Amphitheater.

Question: Is ACERT still valid?

Answer: If taken before 2012, please attend the new CERT class.

Question: Are mobile classes offered for large clubs like 555 Club?

Answer: Yes, call (404) 210-3577 or email tmorgan@atlantaga.gov to arrange a class

Code Enforcement -

Question: Are there any deterrents to posting bills?

Answer: No. Code Enforcement removes the ones that they find.

Elected Officials

Park Cannon (via Sohna Harzeez) - See the flyer for information on two ballot issues this November.

Nan Orrock (via Clemy Jenkins) - Sign up for Nan Orrock's email list for more updates.

Chair's Report

Geoff Heard will chair an ad-hoc committee to edit the bylaws. 2 members are requested from each neighborhood.

Stephanie Flowers - A public safety dinner with officials is upcoming and will highlight 311, GSU PD, and APD. 311 will walk through the process. Bring addresses with issues. GSU PD and APD will discuss jurisdiction overlap. The next Community Forum planning meeting will be Wednesday 6 PM at Dunbar Recreation Center.

Matters for Voting

Brooklyn Brewery/All American Package Store/v-18-194 - All three applicants are presented as a consent agenda since they have all been approved in their respective neighborhoods. There was a motion and second to approve: 21-yes, 2-no, 4-abstain.

AfroPunk - The applicant was not in attendance. Ms. Ridley requested a motion to defer back to the community. There was a motion and second to defer back to Mechanicsville: 25-yes, 0-no, 4-abstain.

Celebrate Atlanta: Block Party - The Applicant was not in attendance. There was a motion and second to defer: 21-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain.

Members Only VIP - Applicant was not in attendance and did not attend the community meeting. There was a motion and second to defer: 18-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

V-18-209 - Applicant is present. The property was originally a duplex and will be converted to a single family home for the owner. Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association approved the request. There was a motion and second to approve: 25-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

V-18-214 - Applicant is not present and did not meet with Adair Park. There was a motion and second to defer: 22-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

V-18-238 - Applicant is not present. Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association approved the request. There was a motion and second to approve: 18-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

V-18-252 - Applicant is not present. ONS voted to defer for new plans that push the house towards the street. There was a motion and second to defer: 25-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

V-18-258 - Applicant is not present and did not meet with the Preservation Committee. There was a motion and second to defer applicant to the Adair Park approval process: 21-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Z-18-100 - Will vote on next month.

Z-18-83 - This legislation would add I-Mix to the zoning chapter and would be a mix of Industrial and Commercial and/or Residential. Individual property owners in the zone would still need to go through the SAP process. All non-industrial use must be ready at the same time as industrial use.

Question: Will neighborhood plans be incorporated?

Answer: Not sure, but I-Mix zones must use existing commercial and industrial properties.

Question: Is this rezoning or a new definition?

Answer: This is a new definition. Rezoning must still go through the NPU process.

Question: There is a lot of house remodeling in Pittsburgh but no permit boxes. Who inspects the boxes?

Answer: Call the zoning inspectors and the work will be reviewed. However, sometimes permits are stolen from the boxes.

Question: Is the intent of the legislation for more affordable housing or towards business interests?

Answer: Beltline Overlay and Westside TAD must still incorporate inclusionary housing.

There was a motion and second to approve the proposed legislation: 17-yes, 3-no, 4-abstain.

CDP-18-46 - This is the neighborhood blueprint for Adair Park and addresses redevelopment of commercial nodes along Metropolitan and University Avenues. There were surveys and stakeholder interviews and meetings with Pittsburgh and Adair Park. There was a motion and second to approve: 17-yes, 0-no, 4-abstain.

Presentations

Carter Development - Carter is the new owner of the Metropolitan and will keep the property as is with just some clean-up. Food trucks will start showing up, and potholes and roof leaks will be fixed. Tenants leases have been renewed another year.

Question: Will an entrance be added on Murphy Ave?

Answer: Yes and this will become the main entrance.

Question: Was the Mercerson lease renewed?

Answer: Yes

Question: Will there be dedicated parking for NPU meetings?

Answer: An event venue will be used near the open parking lot.

Question: Will lease prices increase?

Answer: New tenants will see larger increases. Current tenants will keep existing increases.

Liberty Commons - Liberty Commons works with Atlanta youth, who are a catalyst for branding of music and protest in the city. There is \$10 million in the Atlanta Youth Fund which provides funding for 6,000 youth jobs in the summer along with 2,500 of 6,000 affordable housing units for youth younger than 30.

Property Law Center - The Center helps Atlanta seniors increase generational wealth and families with heirs property and estate planning. There are workshops at churches and community centers. The Home Defense Unit addresses consumer finance law regarding mortgage and home scams. Services are free for people older than 65.

Question: What is the turnaround time for initial clients?

Answer: The senior hotline is based on volunteers.

Georgia Wand - The Public Service Commissioner election is important, as they regulate Georgia Power. See the flyer for detailed information on the commission.

Announcements

Partnership for Southern Equity - On 10/21 and 10/22 Morehouse College is hosting a 'Just Energy' summit to prevent displacement from green infrastructure. There are also opportunities for solar power help.

Georgia Advancing Communities Together - The mayor must follow through on her \$1 million pledge for affordable housing. Please visit [www. Georgia act.org](http://www.Georgiaact.org) and their offices at the Georgia Hill Center.

Joyce Shepard - The annual pet education event will be on the last Saturday in September at Perkerson Park from 10AM - 2PM. There will be free rabies shots for dogs and cats as well as microchipping. The Atlanta Humane Society will also have information. Joyce Shepard is also seeking to rezone University Ave and PRyor Rd.