

NPU-V Meeting
August 12th, 2019
Capitol Gateway
Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority Resource Center
341 Kelly St. SE Atlanta, GA 30312

INVOCATION

Columbus Ward convened the meeting. Ms. Smith led prayer.

Approval of Minutes

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

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - Adair Park Today meets the first Tuesday of every month 7 PM at Connections Church. Atlanta Streets Alive will occupy Cascade Rd on 9/29. Watershed presented and the neighborhood approved the BOnnie Brae Park green infrastructure proposal. A new Safety Chair was voted in. A survey has been distributed regarding Murphy Triangle visioning with a meeting next Saturday at Atlanta Technical College.

Mechanicsville - Mechanicsville hosted National Night Out with special thanks to Columbus, Watrina, and Stephanie. Rosa Burney Apartments presented and the neighborhood approved their proposal. GSU presented on Community Night.

Peoplestown - The next PNA meeting will be 8/21 at 7 PM at the Rick McDevitt Center. The first Peoplestown Farmer's Market will be 8/17 from 10AM - 1PM at 1046 Hank Aaron Dr.

Pittsburgh - PNA: The reunion will be 8/31 10AM at Pittman Park. The Prayer Breakfast will be 8/24 at 9 AM at the Kroc Center. Councilmember Sheperd sponsored the Block Party on 8/17 from 2-8 PM.

PHU: Safe Living Streets is continuing the no dumping campaign. Visit pittsburghatl.com for details. The SWEET Team is collaborating well and has identified intersections for improvements from GDOT. 1003 McDaniel St. was denied an alcohol license and is also unsafe to patronize due to drug issues. Look for details on a clean up of University Ave coming soon.

Summerhill - ONS: Thanks to NPU-V for the Fulton property tax assessment workshops - there was high attendance. Residents not on social media were targeted with flyers and legal aid assisted as well. House signs are available. There is a new mural on Georgia Ave that faces North and West. Junior's Pizza is open and is more affordable than the other restaurant offerings. ONS has a new Vice President - Michael Lievers. Filming along Georgia Ave last week caused street closures.

SNDC: Summerhill is pleased with the officers stationed at the new GSU dorms. GSU will be providing tutorial programs in the neighborhood.

Roll Call

Adair Park - 2

Capitol Gateway - 0

Mechanicsville - 11

Peoplestown - 8

Pittsburgh - 113

Summerhill - 8

Public Safety

Fire Department Station 5 - The department is pushing awareness of the “close your door” campaign to close bedroom doors at night. Closing doors slows the spread of fire and smoke, extending your time to escape. Hollow core doors have a 20-30 minute fire rating while solid doors are 90 minutes. Fire education in daycares and preschools enable children to pass on knowledge to parents. 80% of fire deaths occur in homes - our sense of smell decreases while sleeping. Change smoke detector batteries when you change your clocks.

Camp Ignite is a program for 9-12th graders with a 3-day apprenticeship Oct. 12-14. The program is sponsored by the Fire Rescue Foundation. Visit www.atlfd.com/campignite.

Question: Are kids in school on the 14th?

Answer: The 14th is a school holiday.

Question: What is the minimum age?

Answer: There is no minimum age but the child must be at least 9th grade level.

Public Works SWEET Team - Call in bulk pickup for yard debris and bulk piles. Put out the debris 1 day before pickup. Dump site patrols have been increased.

Question: What is the notice for citations?

Answer: NPU-V will be alerted before enabling citation fines. Call 404-273-6234.

Police Foundation - The Police Foundation is working with Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association for an At-Promise Youth Center at 836 Metropolitan Parkway. The Center will divert youth from arrest. Intervention services will be offered for 12-24 year old youth. Community members have been involved in the last 5 months. Groundbreaking will be on 10/3. For a walk and visit go to Pittman Park on 8/24 at 10AM. Chris 180 has partnered to address behavioral health. Email krogers@atlantapolicefoundation.org or call 404-586-0180.

Question: Are programs only for intervention?

Answer: There are also intervention and prevention programs.

Elected Officials

Joyce Sheperd's Office (City Council District 12) - Health Pets Event will be 9/21 from 10AM-1PM at Perkerson Park. Pet vaccines will be free. Atlanta Streets Alive will be on 9/29.

Eshé Collins (APS District 6) - APD has just had its first day of school. A flyer and newsletter was provided to NPU-V. Gideon's Elementary is being renovated. 2020 through 2025 is the next Strategic Plan period. Carver Cluster will meet 6 PM next Thursday at Carver High School. A workforce and college program is breaking ground at Parks Middle School.

Nan Orrock (State Senator District 37) - The state legislature is not in session but the Senate is launching study groups. Nan Orrock is serving on the Community Schools Study Committee which will educate the legislature on the community schools concept as an alternative to privatization. The Families Forever Program is for kids with incarcerated parents. There will be a fundraiser 5K run on 8/24. Expect another Atlanta airport takeover attempt in January. Georgia denied the Medicaid expansion waiver.

Question: Are you addressing gun violence or women's rights?

Answer: I tried to pass the Equal Rights Amendment and founded the Women's Caucus. Democrats introduced bills for gun safety measures but the bills were not called up or voted on. Lucy McBath is a strong gun safety voice.

Atlanta Police Department

There were 20 aggravated assaults in June, 9 in July, and 1 so far in August. Mechanicsville has had no violent incidents the last 2-3 weeks. More assets have been allocated Friday and Saturday nights. Beat officers identify

zero-tolerance areas to be responsible for during the 8 hour shift. The Field Investigation Team has new leadership and is identifying and targeting areas for the team to investigate.

Planner's Report/Voting Matters

Revolt Hip Hop Summit - The event will be 3 days of seminars and workshops for hip hop media. There will be 1-2 hours of amplified sound. Parking will be at the GSU lots and attendees will be shuttled. 10 officers will be onsite. Parking passes will be provided to the neighborhood. Mechanicsville approved with conditions. There was a motion and second to approve the special event permit with the conditions that 1) the event pays community members to pass out flyers and 2) 15 passes are provided to the community: 27-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain.

Milk and Cookies - Applicant is not present.

AfroPunk Festival - The event is a music festival and 'carnival of consciousness'. It is a safe space for the alternative arts for youth. The event will take place 10/12 and 10/13 with music from 12-11:30 PM. Coordinators are working on parking passes for the neighborhood.

Concern: Last year there was lots of trash and litter.

Answer: The venue will handle clean-up and may incentivize volunteers with free tickets.

Question: Is the program promoting recycling and trash pickup?

Answer: Yes, but it took 2 years to ingrain in the New York festival.

There was a motion to approve the special events permit with the conditions that 1) tickets are provided to the community, 2) the site is cleaned up, 3) parking passes are provided in advance, and 4) the event stops at 11:30 PM Saturday and 12:30 AM Sunday: 23-yes, 0-no, 6-abtain.

Elevate Cultural Capital - 7 days of programming will take place 14th-20th of October in Pittsburgh. There will be short film screenings, voter registration, and a French musician. A gallery exhibit and music event will end the event. There will also be an artist market. Pittsburgh has not voted on the event.

Question: Are you engaging with churches?

Answer: The curator is connecting with churches.

Pittsburgh has not voted on the event. There was a motion and second to approve conditional on Pittsburgh voting to approve: 33-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain.

Porches and Pies - This annual neighborhood event will take place 10/19 from 12-5PM and feature a bake-off for amateur and professional bakers. APT is working on getting food trucks and an artist performance. There was a motion and second to approve the special event: 28-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

V-19-164 -

Question: Why is this a variance and not a rezoning?

Answer: The use is permitted on the property so rezoning is not required.

Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association supported the variance. There will be 6 townhomes where previously there were 2 single family homes. All properties will be income restricted to below 80% AMI. There was a motion and second to approve: 16-yes, 0-no, 7-abstain.

V-19-170 - The variance was presented to Pittsburgh and was supported by Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association. There was a motion and second to approve: 33-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

Z-19-48 - The ordinance would enable an electronic sign to be erected at the Kroc Center. The current owners must continue to occupy the property and the zoning will stay with the land, not the owner. There was a motion and second to approve with the condition that previous zoning will revert if the Salvation Army sells the property: 7-yes, 0-no, 11-abstain.

Z-19-62 - A guest house will be built. The property fronts both Hank Aaron Dr. and Dunning St. so a variance will be required after rezoning. Peoplestown approved the rezoning. There was a motion and second to approve: 21-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain.

Z-19-56 - Rooming homes were listed twice in C-3 and not at all in C-4. This is a language fix to existing zoning. There was a motion and second to approve: 22-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

19-0-1354 - This ordinance update would enable 'right-of-way' dining on portions of sidewalks not on public property.

Question: How will this impact pedestrians?

Answer: Effects will vary per street, but dining additions must conform to ADA.

Question: What is in place to ensure trash does not accumulate?

Answer: Not sure- Department of Public Works has authority.

City of Atlanta

Community Affairs Coordinator for Public Works - A Mobility and Safety Townhall will take place 8/26 from 6-8PM in Council Chambers. Comment cards will be provided.

Presentations

Georgia Advancing Communities - Pre-registration for the State Bar Exam is on 10/15 available - call 404-586-0480

Stadium Community Trust Fund Committee - A retreat is planned for 8/10 from 9AM-3PM. Proposals will go before city council. Current proposals would benefit all NPU-V neighborhoods and are not neighborhood specific. Please attend the listening session on 9/11 at FanPlex.

Atlanta Land Trust - Atlanta Land Trust is committed to housing affordability and homes are available in Pittsburgh - email kbabineaux@atlantalandrust.org.

Announcement

Thrive Youth Program - The program aims to end youth homelessness. Host homes are sought for youth 8-24 for LGBTQ foster care. Wrap-around case management services are also available. The Rush Center is having an open house 8/20.

Jason Dozier - Department of Watershed Management's Roadshow will talk to residents on flooding issues and boil water advisories. ATL311 and other departments will be present. Atlanta Streets Alive is returning to Cascade Road on 9/29 from 2-6PM.

Prostate Awareness Association - The Association is located at 384 Arthur St. in Pittsburgh. 5 testing dates start this Saturday. Prostate cancer is the 3rd ranked killer of men in Georgia. The testing dates are 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, and 9/28. The testing is a blood test and free of charge.