

NPU-V Meeting
January 13th, 2020
Adair Park
Connections At Metropolitan UMC
867 Metropolitan Pkwy SW, Atlanta, GA 30310

INVOCATION

Columbus Ward convened the meeting. May Helen Johnson led prayer.

Swearing-in of Officers

Council President Felicia Moore swore in the newly elected NPU-V officers and then provided updates.

The new Council session started last week and is focusing on budget issues along with ethics transparency and accountability. There are also still housing affordability issues including homelessness.

Approval of Minutes

There was a motion and second to accept changes to the agenda: 0-no, 0-abstain. There was a motion to approve the minutes from December 2019: 0-no, 1-abstain

City Departments

Code Enforcement (Ofc. Turner) -

Tickets were presented to the following properties:

Court dates are set for the following:

721 Reed St.

908 Crew St. - 1/15

1109 Windsor St.

995 Smith St. - 1/15

502 Pryor St.

504 Windsor St. - 1/21

924 McDaniel St.

177 Haygood Ave. - 1/21

781 Metropolitan Pkwy.

566 University Ave. - 1/28

1065 Dolan St.

802 Humphries St. - 1/28

Question: Are there updates on 640 Lee St. and 646 Lee St.?

Answer: 640 Lee St. is scheduled for demolition and 646 Lee St. is awaiting a response from the property owner.

Code Enforcement SWEET Team - 131 Haygood Ave SE right-of-way has been cleaned and is pending demolition.

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - Lawrence Miller is the new president of Adair Park Today.

Mechanicsville - The Atlanta City Fair will begin 3/3 and go through April. Jane Ridley attended the Fulton County budget meeting and brought up the lack of a senior citizens center in Mechanicsville. Commissioner Arrington requested 100 signatures from seniors and received more than 250 signatures. The camera at Garibaldi and Formwalt Sts. was not working and did not capture the shootings and shattered car windows.

*Peopletown -*The Community Meeting met last Saturday. The victim of the recent shooting was memorialized. The new District Attorney for Fulton County presented. Residents passed a resolution to be presented to City Council and the Department of Watershed to eliminate the park retention pond plan.

Pittsburgh - Southside Beltline Trail has started construction. Paint and Sip will take place 1/15 from 5:30 - 8 PM at 950 Garibaldi St.

Summerhill - ONS: Summerhill is working to manage parking issues on Georgia Ave as well as preparing for the Park Pride grant to improve Phoenix parks.

SNDC: Resident utility assistance has been challenging but senior rides to grocery stores have been expanded.

Roll Call

Adair Park - 18

Capitol Gateway - 0

Mechanicsville - 14

Peoplestown - 7

Pittsburgh - 9

Summerhill - 9

Public Safety

Fire Department (Battalion 5) - Station 2 on Jonesboro Rd. is under construction for the next 90 days. Other trucks will cover the gap. Car seat and smoke alarm programs are available. More than 100 trainees are graduating from the current class.

Question: A house on Pope St. burned down more than a year ago - how can the debris be removed?

Answer: Call 404-548-7000 and ask for the Inspection Division.

Planner's Report/Voting Matters

Atlanta United Block Party - Applicant is present. The Party will be 3/6 from 5:30-11 PM in celebration of the opening game and will be a fundraiser for non-profit "Soccer in the Streets". There will be beer and wine. Summerhill did not vote at their meeting. There was a motion and second to defer: 31-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Georgia Tiny House Festival - Applicant is present. This is the Festival's 5th year and supports an advocacy group for homelessness solutions. The Turner Field Gold Lot will be used for the Festival and the Orange Lot will be used for parking.

Question: Is the event open to the public?

Answer: Yes - tickets are \$10/day or \$25/weekend or at the gate. Summerhill approved the application. There was a motion and second to approve: 42-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Frederick's Seafood and Grill - Applicant is present. Hours will be 11AM-11PM will beer and liquor. Pittsburgh approved the license application. There was a motion and second to approve: 34-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

V-19-292 - Applicant is present. This property is a Habitat for Humanity build. Pittsburgh supports the variance. There was a motion and second to approve the variance: 36-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Z-19-121 - Applicant is not present. There was a motion and second to defer: 37-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Z-19-115 - These are former Turner Field sites not included with the original conditional zoning legislation.

Question: Are there plans to build on the properties?

Answer: There is an application for 350 units of market rate housing pending.

There was a motion and second to approve: 25-yes, 2-no, 8-abstain.

Elected Officials

Pat Gardner's Office - She is not seeking re-election. The 1st day of the session was today. 13-17 year olds can participate in the Page Program. Ms. Butler is still in a wheelchair. You can contact her at 728 Cooper St and phone numbers 404-276-1585/404-656-5186.

Joyce Shepard's Office - Joyce Shepard attended the Beltline Meeting on 1/16 to provide input. New voting machines were also demonstrated and you can schedule demonstrations by calling 404-330-6053.

Nan Orrock - Session has started and will continue through the end of March. All Senate and House Georgia seats are up this year. The film "Suffrage" was made in Georgia and covers barriers and access issues to voting. Gov. Kemp is proposing to cut 4% of the budget this year and 6% next year as well as a tax cut for the wealthy. Contact Nan Orrock's office at 404-463-8054.

Cleta Winslow's Office - Call Anita Harris at 770-771-9464 to schedule training for the voting machines. Closing of the West End Arts Center was averted and the space will be expanded. Report areas of the district that need cleaning up.

Eshé Collins - APS is searching for a new Superintendent and wants community feedback. Facilities Master Plan Retreats will be 1/6 at 6 PM at Therrell High School and 1/20 at Washington High School and will cover all APS properties.

Question: How will APS incorporate an affordable housing plan?

Answer: Partnership for Southern Equity will work to help with rezoning and adding affordability below 15% AMI.

Question: Are there plans to specifically address Gideons Elementary School?

Answer: APS is creating a plan with a 'locked in' attendance zone.

Public Safety

APS Zone 3 - The 980 Washington St. victim was hit by a stray bullet and an arrest was made. Robberies at 765 McDaniel St. were related to Let Go app trades.

Question: Has there been an arrest in the Smith St. murder?

Answer: None yet but some video footage was recovered

Question: Is there an update on the robbery 1/5 on Garibaldi St.?

Answer: A delivery vehicle driver was robbed.

Fulton County District Attorney Prosecutor - Shari Jones is the new prosecutor. James Jones is in court after burglarizing a neighbor and was caught. Contact Shari Jones at shari.jones@fultoncountyga.gov or 404-449-6737.

Question: What is the purpose of the Public Integrity Unit?

Answer: This unit prosecutes officer-involved shootings and consists of a Review Board of community members

Presentations

Judy McDaniel - Rehab Atlanta is a non-profit based in English Avenue and focuses on economic development and job placement. There is a satellite office at Bowen Church. Jobs include construction, IT, certified nurse, auto technicians, and culinary arts. All programs are free for city residents and take place Wednesday and Thursdays at 9 AM. Programs can last 4-15 weeks at various off-site locations.

Columbia Residential - Columbia Residential is a mixed-income and affordable housing development group currently developing City Views at Rosa Burney Park. Affordability will be preserved for 20 years and Columbia has applied for low-income tax credits to extend affordability to 30 years. Renovation will require relocation of residents with students kept with their current school districts. Columbia is seeking a letter of approval.

Mechanicsville Civic Association and the Tenants Association presented conditions. There was a motion and second to defer: 19-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

Trees Atlanta - This non-profit organization protects and plants trees in communities. Residents have a right to be healthy and have access to natural resources. NPU-V has the second lowest tree canopy cover of all the NPUs. Summer programs and job training are available. The Trees Atlanta headquarters is moving to Oakland City on Warner St. Contact Judy Yi at judy@treesatlanta.org or 404-609-3373.

Announcements

Georgia Act - The Atlanta Housing Workshop will be 2/26 in the Old City Council Chambers. Georgia Act will pay for neighborhood workshops and voter registration - call 404-586-0740.