

NPU-V Meeting  
November 11th, 2019  
Pittsburgh  
Ariel Bowen Memorial United Methodist Church  
477 Windsor St SW, Atlanta, GA 30312

**INVOCATION**

Columbus Ward convened the meeting. Pastor Hope led prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes will be entertained in the December NPU-V meeting

**Neighborhood Reports**

*Adair Park* - Whitney from the Atlanta Beltline presented. There will be New Year's Eve crawl from 9PM-12AM at various homes. Kindezi is hosting an information session this Saturday from 1-3PM.

*Mechanicsville* - Cleta Winslow provided food for BBQ in the Park and BLack Women's Wellness provided health screenings. Atlanta Beltline presented to the neighborhood. Cookies and Milk is upcoming and is working on more permanent event parking with resident permits.

*Peoplestown* - The community meeting was last Saturday. Zone 3 addressed neighborhood hot spots. Joyce Shepard reported. Updates were provided on planned developments. Action items were presented for the Chevron station.

*Pittsburgh* - PNA: Elevate Atlanta on Rockwell St. SW was a success. The Pink Store is being renamed. The At-Promise Youth Center on Metropolitan Ave broke ground and a Holyfield statue has been suggested for the site.

PHU: Safe Living Streets work continues. Fire hydrants will be assessed. PHU is working to make parking more accessible for residents. Properties with dumping have been reported to the city.

*Summerhill* - ONS: Please visit the new murals on the businesses along Georgia Ave. Parking has become an issue on Georgia Ave/Ralph David Abernathy near the new student apartments. Security bars on the Azar building were removed for TV filming only.

**Roll Call**

Adair Park - 4  
Capitol Gateway - 0  
Mechanicsville - 10  
Peoplestown - 13  
Pittsburgh - 11  
Summerhill - 8

**Public Safety**

*Atlanta Police Department (Zone 3)* - Suspects are in custody from the AUC homicide. Directed patrols are targeting Amazon delivery truck robberies.

Question: Any updated on the homicide at Columbia Residential in Mechanicsville?

Answer: A suspect has been identified. THE homicide was a carjacking gone wrong.

Concern: 2-3AM gunfire occasionally occurs at Windsor and Ira Streets.

Answer: The gun shots were investigated via Shot Spotter with a report released today.

Question: Is Shot Spotter enforced?

Answer: Currently Shot Spotter operated as a pilot program.

Question: Are the cameras in Pittsburgh working?

Answer: Outages should be reported.

### **Elected Officials**

*Cleta Winslow's Office*- Cleta Winslow will provide an update on the Columbia Residential homicide and other shootings next month. There have been 4 successful clean-ups in the past 2 weeks - report locations you want targeted. Greenbriar Mall has a tire drive this Saturday.

### **Presentations**

*Department of City Planning and Office of Housing* - The Urban Enterprise Zone Program offers tax abatement for redevelopment including City Views at Rosa Burney Park. The application will go to City Council for a vote with review and comment from NPU-V today and a public hearing 11/26. Rehabilitation of the apartments will offer substantial improvements. Current affordability standards will be maintained with 181 units at 60% of AMI.

Question: What will happen to the 30% AMI apartments?

Answer: All current residents will be temporarily relocated but will return with the same affordability.

Question: Is the tax application HUD approved?

Answer: HUD is currently reviewing the application.

Concern: Mechanicsville did not approve a letter of support.

City View Apartments Tenant Association concerns: The Tenant Association is asking that 0-30% AMI affordability be reserved and that all residents have the right to return including no background checks that would deny a return.

Question: With the rezoning, will more family choice apartments open up?

Answer: More vouchers will be requested from HUD.

Question: Who is the contractor?

Answer: Jonathan Rose Company is the contractor and partnered with Columbia Residential.

.There was a motion and second to return the presentation to Mechanicsville Civic Association with no NPU recommendation: 30-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

*Invest Atlanta* - Two new grants are available: a small business grant in the Stadium Tax Allocation District up to \$20,000 with 20% match and a \$3,000-\$10,000 no-match required NPU grant. Both grants can be layered.

*MARTA* - Summerhill BRT has been reviewed by the MARTA Board on 10/31. A full board will vote on 11/14. The route will connect to the Beltline with a turnaround with dedicated right-of-way. The other termination may connect to the GSU streetcar east loop or be a Government Center Loop.

Question: What happens if the bus breaks down in the dedication lane?

Answer: Concern will be relayed to MARTA.

Question: Where can we see route layouts?

Answer: Visit [connectthecore.com](http://connectthecore.com).

Question: Which part of the Beltline will be connected?

Answer: Hank Aaron Dr./Ridge Ave

### **City Departments**

*Lea LaRue (Assistant Director for NPU)* - Two new programs are available:

1. NPU University starts January 202 with 16 classes free of charge. Classes will cover zoning, funding resources, youth civic participation, etc.
2. Community Impact Grant Program will open January 6 and close March 6 offering grants up to \$4,000.

Question: Are the curriculums set yet?

Answer: They have been developed over the last 4 months and are being finalized.

Question: Where will the classes be held?

Answer: Various locations around the city such as City Hall and recreation centers.

*Code Enforcement SWEET Team* - Dumping in the right-of-way is illegal and most dumping happens overnight.

Question: Landlords are fixing properties without acquiring dumpsters and dumping on the sidewalks. How can we see if a pickup is scheduled?

Answer: The department can only see if pickups are scheduled for that day.

Question: How are junk cars handled?

Answer: APD Code Enforcement.

### **Planner's Report/Voting Matters**

*Whitehall Exxon* - Applicant is present. There will be 24/7 security cameras. Adair Park has not voted on the application. There was a motion and second to defer to Adair Park: 27-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

*Chevron Food Mart* - Applicant is present. Applicant is taking over the alcohol license ownership from his brother. Peoplestown approved the application with conditions: JJ's will move to the back of the property and an officer will be hired. There was a request for the applicant to attend the Pittsburgh neighborhood meeting. There was a motion and second to approve the alcohol license change of ownership: 27-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

*V-19-238* - Applicant is present. Intown Builders is proposing 40 apartments at Georgia Ave/Martin St. with parking reduced from 28 to 22 spaces to accommodate fewer but larger apartments. Summerhill supports the variance request. 20% of units will be set as affordable. There was a motion and second to approve: 26-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

*Z-19-97/CDP-19-52* - The neighborhood deferred to allow the applicant to present to Pittsburgh Neighborhood Association. There was a motion and second to defer: 33-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

*Z-19-85* - Applicant deferred.

### **Announcements**

*Natalie Kaiser* - Annie E. Casey Foundation is looking to implement the Cure Violence Model. The model would be implemented on a community level with street intervention work i.e. Healing Circles, Trauma Response Network, etc. The model requires hiring. There is a \$220,000 funding gap.

*Pittsburgh Yards* - Bricks are for sale and are \$50 each.

*Ethel Floyd* - Flooding issues are compounded by dumping of yard waste which blocks street drains. This also increases the city sewer tax. Eco-Action provides environmental training and Watershed Department offers adopt-a-drain.

*Sohna Harzeez* - Generational Planning Workshop will take place at Oglethorpe from 6:30-7:30PM. On 12/8 you can attend a self-defense workshop from 4-7PM at 9 Gammon Ave. The workshop is targeted for 8-18 year old girls and women.

*Kilgore Music Foundation* - The Foundation - a 501(c)3 incubated at GSU - is conducting an instrument drive. The drive is citywide and spans from 11/15 to 1/20 with drop-off spots.

*Nicholas House* - Nicholas House provides space for homeless families in Grant Park and is currently raising awareness. There is a coordinated entry process. An open house will take place this Saturday from 10:30-11:30AM.