

NPU-V Meeting  
August 10th, 2020  
Zoom Virtual Meeting  
Hosted by City of Atlanta

**INVOCATION**

Columbus Ward convened the meeting.

**Roll Call**

48 members were in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion and second to approve the July minutes 35-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

**Neighborhood Reports**

*Adair Park* - The neighborhood is working hard to create a working group with the Beltline for Murphy Crossing Request for Proposal. The site is 20 acres.

*Capitol Gateway* - None

*Mechanicsville* - There will be a bike trail from Downtown along Pryor Rd. to the Beltline. Dog park discussions are ongoing. The balloon release for Secoria Turner was a success.

*Peopletown* - Peopletown Neighborhood Association will meet on the third Wednesday at 6 PM. The Community Meeting next Saturday will meet outside. Stanton Oaks tenants do not support Z-20-47.

*Pittsburgh* - None

*Summerhill* - Phoenix Parks renovations are moving forward. By-laws will be reviewed up to November. Organized Neighbors of Summerhill meet the first Monday of each month. Both senior high rises are getting food donations.

**City Departments**

*APD Zone 3 (Major Peek)* - 1192 and 1230 Pryor Rd. had homicides and there was a drive-by shooting at 12 Atlanta Ave. Appliances are being stolen from renovated homes - document serial numbers. 50-60% of stolen cars had the keys or fob still inside. Take keys with you and turn off the car. Contact Major Peek at 404-062-0674 and [cpeek@atlanta.gov](mailto:cpeek@atlanta.gov).

*City Solicitor's Office (Tracy Watson)* - Municipal Court is still closed. Traffic cases can be resolved in the PTIT program. The Solicitor's Office is partnering with Fire and Rescue for contactless food drives through August. Contact Tracy Watson at [tnwatson@atlanta.gov](mailto:tnwatson@atlanta.gov).

*Code Enforcement (Ofc. Turner)* - Officers are working in the field from 8 AM - 12 PM and mixing older reported cases with newer cases. Send complaints to Ofc. Turner at (404) 617-3832 or [koturner@atlantaga.gov](mailto:koturner@atlantaga.gov).

*Atlanta Citizens Review Board (Michael Hopkins)* - On 6/16 Mayor Bottoms required APD to report violent shooting to ACRB to increase accountability. ACRB's budget increased by \$20,000. There are 27 current open investigations including excessive force and conduct.

*Atlanta District Attorney (Terrell Thompson)* - Court is still closed. There may be another extension on the judicial order regarding convictions.

*Watershed Department* - August is water quality month - the report is available online. There has been an increase in wipes in pipes - do not flush. Toilet rebates are still available. Sewer line inspections will start the end of September for Atlanta Ave from Hill to Martin Street.

Question: Will maintenance come to Mechanicsville?

Answer: Will have to ask the department

### **Elected Officials**

*Park Cannon* - She is glad to hear from community members over the last 2 months regarding police brutality and community policing. A billboard on University Ave will host artwork with BLM content.

Concern: The bike lanes on Pryor St uses money set aside on state leave - please make sure it stays earmarked.

Answer: Will make sure money is used appropriately

Question: Will the community have input on the art?

Answer: You can see the image and artist contact on npuv.org

*Joyce Sheperd* - University Avenue has calmed down. The city will reach out with redevelopment plans. Wendy's hosted a food drive. There has been a cleanup every week. Please attend the Public Safety Townhall for District 12 on 8/25 to discuss the Use of Force Advisory Council.

*Eshé Collins* - The 1st day of school has been pushed to 8/24 with virtual learning. \$20-\$25 million dollars have been set aside to ensure students have available technology for learning. Back to School Bash is still happening. Home visits are available for families with connection and access issues and for students with special needs. Dr. Lisa Herring is the new APS Superintendent. Nutrition Service has started - families will receive 5 weeks of breakfast and lunch.

Concern: Gideons does not seem to have access to the technology funds.

Answer: Will investigate - all Kinezi schools should have access.

Question: Will substitute teaches step into distance learning roles?

Answer: Yes - they will receive training.

### **Committee Reports**

The food drive pop-up was successful and served over 300 people. NPU-V was awarded a \$50,000 from Annie E. Casey Foundation. More details will be announced at the next NPU-V meeting.

### **Matters for Voting**

#### *Variance Requests*

*V-20-45* - Applicant is present. This lot is unusual due to a sewer trunk in the middle. Building on the rear of the lot will avoid the sewer line. Applicant met with ONS and was approved. There was a motion and second to support the variance: 21-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain

*V-20-70* - Applicant is present. Duplex construction is mirrored front to back. Build size is needed to meet off-street parking requirements. Pittsburgh has a letter of support. There was a motion and second to support the variance: 19-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain

*V-20-18t* - Applicant is present. Site plan was presented to ONS and approved. There was a motion and second to support the variance: 24-yes, 2-no, 1-abstain.

#### *ZRB Applications*

Z-19-121: Applicant is present. Application is being reviewed by ONS. ONS previously voted to present a plan for single family options.

Question: What is missing middle housing?

Answer: Housing that is between single family and large apartment complexes - small apartment buildings. There is no affordability requirement. There was a motion and second to deny the application: 25-yes, 1-no, 1-abstain.

Z-20-27 - Applicant is not present. There was a motion and second to defer: 19-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

### **Presentations**

*Equitable Dinners* - This group meets weekly and works towards dismantling racism. Dinners are 3rd Sundays through 6/2021. You can register to attend virtually or host or facilitate. Contact 404-966-7708 or [adria@equitabledinners.com](mailto:adria@equitabledinners.com)

### **Announcements**

Housing Justice League and Chris 180 have emergency assistance for COVID-19.