

July NPU 2020 Meeting Minutes

7:00pm- Meeting called to order by Keona Jones Green

Ben Norman read off the meeting procedures. He gave details as to how we would conduct the meeting. He gave basic housekeeping procedures on how to utilize zoom.

A motion was placed and adopted to accept the agenda as printed. There were no minutes to accept and adopt at the July 2020 meeting.

APD Zone 1- Major Collier stated that the officers are back in Zone 1 and the level of service has gone down. There was a domestic case in the Westlake area and the suspect has not been apprehended.

Major Collier also mentioned the waterboys, they are still selling water. The city is putting forth effort for some type of future plans with the waterboys. He also mentioned that the COVID 19 is still alive and well, keep your windows rolled up when approaching the water boys for safety. There are some officers that are not showing up for work, they are being dealt with accordingly. There has not been any progress on the gentlemen being killed on Westchester. If there are any changes he will notify the NPU.

Atlanta Fire Department- Captain Jason McClain- He did not have any official report. He stated to still place a 911 call for anything medical in nature. Members and residents should still wear their mask(s). Fulton County is reporting 260 new COVID 19 cases a day. We are approaching storm season, if you see down trees please report them call 911.

Commissioner Jackson- James Jackson of Public Works. There has been a decrease in the right of ways being clean in NPU J. They have over 26 team members that have been diagnosed with COVID 19. Garbage collection and recycling efforts have managed to remain steady. The Mayor's Executive order says to stay at home. The city is being hit hard with dumping requests. If/When members call in for a request make sure the date and time is recorded. This department is operating on a skeleton crew, so please practice patience. Public works is working on the Hot Spots within Atlanta. The commissioner stated that policy has been changed to pick up yard trimmings, they have a driver riding around the community noting pick up addresses. Collection dates are off, but public works is working hard to resolve the problems. There is a public dumping site at Hartsfield International Airport- you will need your driver's license for proof to dump. Pick up dates can be scheduled via the web. www.atlantaga.gov

Code Enforcement- Officer Tammie Parham- Various addresses were reported, and officer Parham gave an update on previously reported dates. She also shares a monthly spreadsheet of properties, it will be mailed to the NPU residents.

172, 178, 205- Cars parked on the street
2105- Locating the owner
1908- Referred to APD
17- Vehicles has been removed
18/19- Did a sweep
Trash on the street Verbena/Pansy
835-Center Hill Overgrown Referred to DPW last year
865- Hall Street House being remodeled
2380-Hill Street
520-Center Hill
578- Center Hill

The dumpsters from the various companies that contractors utilize, will not pick them up if debris is hanging over the side of the dumpster. We should check into legislation drafted for the companies to get cited if the dumpsters are left in the neighborhoods for long periods of time.

It was mentioned that there are many contractors rehabbing homes in the city and NPU J. The city is short staffed and behind on permit violations. Members are still encouraged to report anything that you see. Please call the city or report it to ATL 311. If you see something, say something. We still have to continue to report issues and get reference numbers for your records.

Elected Officials- Anita Harris for Commission Hall's Office- There is a \$10,000.00 grant open for the entertainment industry. It will close in July 2020. Commissioner Hall promises to attend the next NPU J meeting. There were 67 new COVID cases reported last month so the county has rolled back to Phase I.

Marta- No Comment

Watershed- The 1185 Commerce Drive project has been completed for blast. The wastewater system is costing us big bucks, so if you see something or any type of leak please report it to ATL311. If you have problems paying your bill please call ATL311. The Department of Watershed does not want to cut anyone's water off, if there are any problems please do not hesitate in calling. ATL 311 operates from 7am-8pm Monday-Friday. They are on social media and take calls at 404-546-0311.

Committee Report

Communication Committee- Ben Norman has the signs to distribute throughout the community. (They were purchased by Hillis and Brown's Office).

Education Committee- No report

Economic Development Committee- No report

Finance Committee- We did receive the grant from the city- Initially agreed/voted on to completing the signs for the houses. The information has been circulating via the NPU. We would like for our signs to resemble the signs in GRANT PARK Neighborhood The signs are for the legacy residents in NPU J over 70 for the rescue EMT's. The neighborhoods will have to continue to work on how the signs will be distributed throughout the NPU. The body will continue to work out the details.

Health and Wellness Committee- There have been several NPU J health and wellness initiatives. 07/29/2020 Dr. Johnson the owner of Grady Hospital System will be on the next NPU J Wellness Wednesday. October 2020- There will be a Health Fair at Paradise Baptist Church. COVID 19 testing, Blood Pressure Check and PSA Prostate Check. Springfield Baptist Church COVID testing will continue. True Light Baptist Church July 29, 2020 COVID testing 8am-1pm.

Transportation Committee- No report

Zoning Committee- Text Amendment for Short Term Rentals- Major Richardson-0 North Evelyn Place. She has an application to subdivide the property. She had to reschedule with the Grove Park neighborhood Association. Her email is Majorie@hotmail.com

Nominating Committee- Rev. Elligan no report for this month

By Laws Committee- Per Ashley Sanchez- She will send an email Wednesday at 6:00pm, if anyone is interested in joining the by laws committee. There will be a reading of the by laws and recommended changes . The meeting will be August 5, 2020 @ 6:00pm will send out email and zoom information.

Park/Economic Committee-Ben gave a report from Park Pride. Center Hill Park had their walk through to identify areas of park improvement. Anderson Park would like to use the Goats for Clean up, Get solar lights and a dog park. Grove Park needs more time, they have identified areas for recycle bins and garbage cans throughout the community.

Planner's Report

Ms. Baker stated there were hearing dates for NPU J on August 6, 2020 & August 8-10, 2020. Ordinance Z-20-36 Regarding the front facing garages- Please see agenda for additional details and fact sheet.

Q:Why are the council members trying to legislate this?

There will be a vote taken on the amendment tonight. Does not create more square footage, it actually decreases the garage space set back.

Q: Is it mandated city wide?

Q: Is this distance from the garage to the street proposing decrease from 10ft to 6th from the front of the house.

This legislation was proposed by: Hillis, Boone, Shepherd, West Moreland, Brown for a vote.

The motion was placed on the floor to approve.

12- in favor (YES)

5- not in favor (NO)

5-(Abstained)

The motion passed Z-20-36.

The meeting was extended 45 minutes and motion was taken and passed by unanimous consent (Per the Chair Keona Jones Green)

Atlanta Beltline-

The Beltline spent months working in several communities, they were asked by the community to look at affordable housing around the beltline. The overview of the plans were submitted. The beltline committee explained that they were there to give a report. Members are concerned with the inclusion of African American businesses, how will sustainable and healthy affordable housing be implemented and how will the taxes look over the next several years with the beltline development. Members want equity. Please review the fact sheet for more details.

Tasha Core-

This is a program that will teach individuals construction for 1 week, 7:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday. The training facilities will be in Atlanta, Marietta, and Cobb. The program is Drug Free no age limit, be able to lift 50lbs. You will receive assistance with your resume. There will be a drug test administered. Flyer will be posted to the website.

New Business:

Resolution to read/amend the 2020 By laws

There was a motion to defer (to the bylaws committee) to review any changes or amendments prior to the general body meeting. The motion was placed and accepted with unanimous consent.

Announcements:

Center Hill- They have t shirts (Friends of Center Hill) available for purchase

Dixie Hills- 20 year old MOU between the City of Atlanta and Park/Rec. The MOU does not include the community. Requesting the written support of the NPU.

Grove Park- General Body meeting 1st Tuesday of each month- Removing illegal flyers- Now have access to fresh vegetables at the Bankhead Marta Station on Wednesday.

Penelope Neighbors- N/C

Harvel Homes- N/C

Westlake- N/C

Urban Villa/Pine Acres- N/C

Meeting Adjourned