



NPU-J Meeting Minutes

Regular Body Meeting

01/26/2021 | 7:00 PM | Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 PM by Elizabeth Thompson (Chair)

Officers in attendance: Ashley Sanchez (Vice Chair), Tim Cook (Secretary), Marybeth Edgecomb (Treasurer), Toni Sutton (Assistant Secretary), Virgil Penny (Parliamentarian)

Quorum Established: 42 Present

No minutes presented for approval for December 2020 meeting

Motion: to change the agenda to conduct swearing in of new officers to the first order of business
Made by Dan Chowman, Seconded by Tobias Trapp

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion: to accept the agenda

Made by Rolanda Powell, Seconded by Brandon Pierre-Thomas

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Agenda Items:

Officers Sworn in by Councilmember Antonio Brown

Presentations/Announcements:

Atlanta Police Department Zone 1: No Representative

Code Enforcement: Officer Parham

Cell: 404-295-6045, Encouraged to reach out to her directly

Department primarily teleworking, still have officers on the street.

ATL311: Shantre LittleJohn

Report municipal issues by dialing 311 or using the ATL311 phone app, visit atl311.com, or email atl311@atlantaga.gov

Department of Watershed: Kim Davis

Please do not deposit leaves or yard debris into storm drains, very bad for downstream system

Contact: 404-546-3200

Public Works Solid Waste Education & Enforcement Team (SWEET): Officer knight filling in for Officer Francis

Here to handle solid waste issues, please contact him: 404.330.6236

City Solicitor: Kierra Potter on behalf of Raines Carter

Courts open, but very backed up. Trying to expedite through their remote diversion program – charges can be dismissed through that program. Food Drive on Feb. 16th at noon

Councilmember Brown's office: Perrin Bostic, (404) 330-6046

Regarding traffic issues in NPU-J: received many suggestions for streets in need of traffic devices/speed humps. Atlanta DOT to provide assessments of all submitted streets, Councilmember Brown working to introduce legislation to address the most pressing and provide funding.

Fulton County Commissioner Hall's Office: Anita Harris

Still vaccinating in Phase 1A for those Age 65 and older, first responders, caretakers.

Moving to 1B soon, including teachers. See FultonCountyBOH.org to schedule a vaccination or COVID-19 test, or call 404-613-8150

Resolution passed: Fulton County Board of Health now an independent entity.

Contact her at 404-612-8225 anita.harris@fultoncountyga.gov

Planner's Report: Chido Baker

Department of City Planning has expanded code enforcement activities, please call 404-865-8550

Nominations for 2021 Design Awards: Submission deadline March 10

City expanding Food Truck program, more info coming. Email questions to bkamber@atlantaga.gov

Department of City Planning, Atlanta City Design | Housing: Jordan Williams

Study into how housing policy shapes city development and impacts residents. Researched history and propose Atlanta-specific solutions to build healthy, diverse housing. Outcome of 2 years of public engagement. Feb 11, NPU University event on Atlanta City Design | Housing

Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs: Shannon Kimbro on behalf of Emily Fischer

Update on MLK Corridor art projects: 8 different projects, 2 in NPU-J under construction/installation
Cell: 404.546.6819

Motion to extend meeting 30 minutes (until 9:30 PM)

Made by Ashley Sanches and Seconded by Ronald Ramsey

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Z-20-084: 480 S Evelyn Place, Zoning Review Board Application, Presenter: Darien Dunn

Discussion: Project led by Atlantica Properties, partnering with Atlanta Land Trust to create 10 affordable units and 36 market rate units. Currently undeveloped site. Some concerns voiced about proximity/buffer to neighbors on North Ave and Detroit Ave.

Motion to approve zoning application Z-20-084, contingent upon support by the Neighborhood (Grove Park Neighborhood Association vote scheduled for Vote on February 2, 2021)

Made by Zoning Committee

Motion carried by counted vote of 15 For, 2 Against and 10 Abstentions

Z-20-081: Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Presented by Jordan Williams

To add a new "Westside Park Affordable Workforce Housing District" – New requirements for affordable housing in the area surrounding Westside Park. Contact Mr. Williams

No vote tonight

Motion to extend meeting until 10 PM (30 minutes)
Made by Ben Norman and Seconded by Brandon Pierre-Thomas
Motion carried by unanimous consent

New Business:

Motion: to permit the NPU Officers to write a letter to the city of atlanta, Advising them that any correspondence received from any source naming NPU-J or any of its committees [previously, in the Month of January], did not represent the will of the membership.
Motion made by Ashley Sanchez, Seconded by Rhoda Brawner

Discussion: Emails were sent in early January to the City from NPU-J email accounts that were not sanctioned by elected NPU officers or body. The 2020 Nominating Committee maintains that they have not endorsed the election of Liz Thompson as Chair, and they initiated the correspondence.

Motion carried by counted vote, 14 For, 11 Against, 4 Abstentions

Motion to submit a letter to the former chair [Keona Greene] requesting that all physical and intellectual property obtained by and or NPU-J, including funds and bank records, be immediately transferred to the custody of the NPU Secretary and Treasurer, as appropriate.
Motion made by Ashley Sanchez, Seconded by Rhoda Brawner

Discussion: Secretary has been provided communications information, but treasurer has no records.

Motion carried by counted vote 16 For, 4 Against, 4 Abstentions

Motion for NPU-J to submit an application for the NPU grant [2021 Community Impact Grant], expanding the same project awarded in 2020
Motion made by Ashley Sanchez, Seconded by Tobias Trapp
Motion carried by counted vote 23 For, 0 Against, 3 Abstentions

Motion to extend meeting until 10:19 PM (19 minutes)
Motion made by Ben Norman, Seconded by Dan Chowman
Motion carried by unanimous consent

Ben Norman made a referral to the executive committee, Enacting NPU-J Bylaws Article IV, Section 13.1.1 Removal of Officers for the removal of Elizabeth Thompson.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:21 PM