



NPU-J Meeting Minutes

Regular Body Meeting

02/23/2021 | 7:00 PM | Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 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: XX Members Present

January regular meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent

Motion: to have all reports, updates and presentations to be no more than 3 minutes, unless extended by a motion

Made by Ashley Sanchez, Seconded by Virgil Pennie

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion: for discussion on any voting item to not exceed 10 minutes, unless extended by a motion

Made by Ashley Sanchez, Seconded by Virgil Pennie

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion: for any comments made by members not to exceed 2 minutes

Made by Ashley Sanchez, Seconded by Virgil Pennie

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion: to accept the agenda

Made by Virgil Pennie, Seconded by Ashley Sanchez

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Agenda Items:

Presentations/Announcements:

Atlanta Police Department Zone 1: Jill Word - Zone 1 Inspector (jword@atlantaga.gov) and (zone1precinct@gmail.com) Cell # 470-462-9035

Clean Car Campaign – prevent theft, keep your cars cleaned out, leave nothing in your cars, don't leave them running.

Coffee With a Cop: Please join Zone 1 on 3/4/2021 from 1 PM-2:30 PM Host by Urban Grind Coffee Shop. To host a Coffee With a Cop please reach out to me via email or cell.

Services CPI= Crime Prevention Inspectors Offer: Safety & Security Assessments for Residential and Businesses, Welfare Checks, Safety & Awareness Presentations, Neighborhood & Business Watch, Apartment Managers Meetings, Community (HOA) Meeting.

Atlanta Fire Rescue: Matt Driver (Battalion Chief 4-A: mdriver@atlantaga.gov) filling in

New Fire Chief: Roderick Smith – Chief Sloughter retired

Vaccine: Fire rescue personnel are being trained to administer COVID-19 Vaccines

Fire Station 22 (Hollywood Rd.) - under construction

Closed Door Campaign: Keep interior doors closed overnight and when leaving house – prevents or slows the spread of fire – saves lives.

Atlanta Board of Education: Cynthia Briscoe Brown, Seat 8 at Large,
cbriscoe_brown@atlanta.k12.ga.us; 404-376-6080:

Phasing students into in-person learning this semester (approximately 1/3 of students) with significant precautions. APS has hired a chief equity officer (Dr. Baker-Jones) and established an equity office.

City Solicitor: Kierra Potter, Assistant Solicitor, Kpotter@atlantaga.gov, 470-421-2812

Diversion program: if you have a ticket that is screened for diversion, contact them to get it dismissed.

Department of Watershed: Kim Davis, Office of Communication and Community Relations, 678-521-1590, kcdavis@atlantaga.gov

Toilet Rebate Program – \$50 and \$100 rebates for installing new, low-flow toilets.

Senior Discount on waterbills for 65 & Older under \$25k/yr income

National Fix a Leak Week visit them at @ATLWatershed – Some home repair videos online

Event: Waterdrop Dash 5k run www.waterdropdash.com

Public Works Solid Waste Education & Enforcement Team (SWEET): Officer Francis
contact info: 404.330.6236

Covid-19 temporary solid waste collection service - for a minimum of 90 days (already began), recycling and yard waste will be collected on alternating weeks. Collections Schedule available online.

Fulton County Commissioner Hall's Office: Anita Harris, Director of Legislative and Community Affairs for Fulton County District 4, 404.312.6222 or Anita.Harris@fultoncountyga.gov

Piloting direct reaching out to Seniors about COVID Vaccination – calling seniors to make appointment

Still in Phase 1A of Vaccine roll-out

Opening back up Tax Commissioner's offices in March

Starting an emergency rental assistance program for residents of fulton county *outside* CoA

ATL311: Shantre LittleJohn

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

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

Perrin is leaving - New Representative for Councilmember Brown– Bonda Marlboro

Councilmember Hillis' Office: Alan Holmes, 404-330-6044

Working on Code enforcement issues

Continuing work on Donald Lee Hollowell pedestrian infrastructure

Question/Comment: Preswick construction on Hollowell across from MARTA – Construction has spilled onto street and blocked sidewalk – very unsafe pedestrian situation

Code Enforcement: Officer Parham

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

Department primarily teleworking, still have officers on the street.

Office of Parks and Recreation: Cokithia Brown, Manager of Grove Park Recreation Center
Grove Park Recreation Center Phone: 470-426-7240. Email: cahilliard@atlantaga.gov
Operating with limited programs. Spaces available in their “Learning Pods” program for students k-8, not attending in-person classes. Also have food programs for students, lunch and dinner.

Planner’s Report: Chido Baker

For more information about NPU University courses, visit www.npuatlanta.org/npuucatalog or call 404.546.0158.

To report unpermitted construction activity, email CodeBustersDCP@atlantaga.gov or call 404.865.8550. More info: <https://www.atlantaga.gov/Home/Components/News/News/13482/1338>

For information on the 2021 design awards bit.ly/UDCawards

For public hearings or other department info: <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning>

Follow NPU voting activity on the NPU Dashboard: <https://www.npuatlanta.org/npu-dashboard>

For info on the CDP, visit www.atlcitydesign.com/comprehensive-development-plan

For information on the tree ordinance visit Tree Protection Ordinance

Voting Matter:

Z-20-081: Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Presented by Chanel Zeisel

To add a new “Westside Park Affordable Workforce Housing District” – New requirements for affordable housing in the area surrounding Westside Park. Requires any development >10 units to set aside a minimum of 15% of units at or below 80% AMI or 10% at or below 60% AMI.

Motion to support the legislation with the amendments of increased standards for projects that are receiving public funding, based on the recommendations provided by the Westside park Equitable Development Taskforce Housing Subcommittee, and that [project size] limitation cannot be disaggregated.

Made by Tim Cook and Seconded by Brandon Pierre-Thomas

Discussion: Motion out of Committee was to defer, in order to potentially push for greater affordability requirements. Chanel reiterated that this ordinance had been introduced in December 2020 and has been presented multiple times. It is one piece of a larger strategy toward anti-displacement, and works as an extension of the Beltline overlay. Westside Equitable Development Taskforce has recommended the amendment to require projects receiving public/city funds to have the greater affordability requirements stated in the motion. Others supported the approval of this zoning change, because it is urgent that this happen as soon as possible.

Motion to Amend the Motion to: to support and to amend Z-20-081 to require a minimum of 60 - 80% of units to be at or below 100% AMI and no more than 10% market rate units

Motion to Amend carried by counted vote of 17 For, 5 Against, and 6 Abstentions.

Motion to Approve as Amended carried by counted vote of 20 For, 4 Against, and 4 Abstentions

Motion to extend meeting 30 minutes, until 10:30 PM

Motion made by Virgil Pennie, Seconded by Ashley Sanchez

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Department of City Planning – Kevin Bacon, Director of Design, kbacon@atlantaga.gov

Not voting matter – information about City Planning’s intent to submit project to Atlanta Regional Commission’s Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) program for a Hollowell Corridor study updating a 2006 Bankhead MARTA station LCI study. This plan also came out of the Westside Equitable Development Taskforce. More info: https://www.dropbox.com/s/028u2pfddiwzpz/DLH%20Corridor%20LCI%20Factsheet_020921.pdf?dl=0

Urban Oasis Development – Joel Dixon, joel@urbanoasisdev.com or 404.788.6278

Not voting matter – information for future project in conjunction with Tenth St. Ventures. 15+ Acres between Boone and Hollowell on East side of Beltline corridor, in NPU K. Interested in developing affordable, obtainable, inclusive housing with the community.

Committee Updates:

Beautification Committee – Raquel Hill

Working on organizing first neighborhood cleanup in conjunction with the Neighborhoods. Also planning for Earth Day 3/22/21

Finance – Marybeth Edgecomb

Figuring out where to put money from the NPU grant – looking into options for banking account.

Nominating Committee – Torrie Redding

Nothing to report

Housing and Public Safety – Rhoda Brawner, rhodaspence@yahoo.com

Started on Feb. 5 doing street surveys of code infractions. Anyone interested in helping out can email.

Bylaws Committee – Ashley Sanchez, ashcapitalholdings@gmail.com

Nothing to report, but please join the bylaws committee! Getting started next month!

Communications – Carrie Williams, npujcomms@gmail.com

Updating look of official NPU-J communications, and working to improve communications. Please contact her to join the committee efforts

Economic Development – SJMone Terry, sjmonet@live.com

Nothing to report, but please join email her to join the economic development committee!!

Center Hill – Rolanda Powell

Meetings are first Thursday, next is March 4th at 6pm!

Dixie Hills – Derrick Green

Meetings 2nd Tuesday, 6:30PM. Starting a Strategic Planning Committee in their neighborhood

Grove Park – Brandon Pierre-Thomas

Meetings 1st Tuesday, 7PM. Link for Zoom on GPNA's website. Microsoft is meeting with the neighborhood Tomorrow, March 24th at 6PM to discuss community engagement around development by Bankhead MARTA. This meeting is open and will be recorded on GPNA's Facebook page.

Harvel Homes – Nanella Graham

Meetings 1st Tuesday of month.

Penelope Neighbors – Virgil Pennie

Meetings 3rd Tuesday, 6:30PM. Encouraging everyone to attend at least one meeting of another neighborhood to foster unity.

Old Business:

Motion to demand that the City of Atlanta honor the 2019 Grant Award to NPU-J. Per an attached letter, there was a total of \$4,750: \$400 to Center Hill and Grove Park \$500 each to Dixie Hills, Harvel Homes, Westlake and Penelope Neighbors. \$800 to Urban Villa. The balance to NPU-J.

Motion made by Derrick Green, No Second

Motion to defer Derrick's Motion to executive committee to better understand what is being asked

Motion made by Virgil Pennie, Seconded by Tim Cook

Motion carried by counted vote of 18 For, 0 Against, and 4 Abstentions

New Business:

None

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35PM