



# NPU-J Meeting Minutes

Regular Body Meeting

05/25/2021 | 7:00 PM | Virtual Zoom Meeting

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**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:10 PM by Elizabeth Thompson (Chair)

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

**Quorum Established:** 59 Members Present

March regular meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent

**Motion:** to defer zoning items V-21-87 and SD-21-8 to the June agenda and approve agenda as modified

Made by Leah Larue, Seconded by Virgil Pennie

**Motion carried** by unanimous consent

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## Agenda Items:

Treasurer's Report:

- Official organization name: NPU J Community, Inc.
- Have filed with state as a domestic non-profit
- Next step to apply for federal EIN.
- Need to pick a bank to work with. Provide suggestions to [NPUJTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:NPUJTreasurer@gmail.com)
- Next bylaws committee meeting will also address any necessary changes to allow for the NPU to hold a bank account.

## Voting Matters:

No zoning committee voting matters

## Presentations/Announcements:

Zoning Committee: Gerard Latimore

Presentation of Zoning Amendment Z-21-41, amending the definition of urban gardens to permit on-site sales; by amending the special administrative permit requirement for urban gardens; so as to expand the use of urban gardens in residential areas; and to increase the availability of locally grown food and to stimulate neighborhood economic activity; [Fact Sheet](#)

Atlanta Police Department Zone 1: Major Collier

- Police made an arrest in relation to the homicide last month in the neighborhood

-addressing issue of excessive speed on N. Ave, Baker, and other streets

-Grove Park will be getting some new surveillance cameras (Hillis discusses further)

Zone 1 Inspector ([jword@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jword@atlantaga.gov)) and ([zone1precinct@gmail.com](mailto:zone1precinct@gmail.com)) Cell # 470-462-9035

Atlanta Fire Rescue: No Representative

Code Enforcement: Officer Parham, Cell: 404-295-6045, [tparham@atlantaga.gov](mailto:tparham@atlantaga.gov)

A list of properties in process has been provided to the NPU Chairwoman/Neighborhood Presidents. Officer Wimberly, Senior Code-enforcement officer, [knwimberly@atlantaga.gov](mailto:knwimberly@atlantaga.gov), 404-416-5781

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

June 7, Public Works will return to regular weekly collection of recycling. Please recycle correctly.

Department of Customer Service (ATL311): Shantre LittleJohn

New system on the web portal. Can create an account to let you track status of all your service requests and pay your water bill.

Mercedes-Benz Stadium Vaccination site – can schedule appointments and transportation through 311. Report municipal issues by dialing 311 or using the ATL311 app, visit [atl311.com](http://atl311.com), or [atl311@atlantaga.gov](mailto:atl311@atlantaga.gov)

City Solicitor: Erica Smith, Deputy Solicitor,

I oversee code enforcement cases. We're behind, but we will work with you to make sure the NPU is informed of the current cases. Contact your normal soliciter: Kierra Potter.

Department of Watershed: Kim Davis

Non-termination of water service continues through May 31<sup>st</sup>

-Last month we provided information about outdoor irrigation water meters. Visit our website for more information.

Councilmember Hillis' Office: Dustin Hillis, [dhillis@atlantaga.gov](mailto:dhillis@atlantaga.gov)

Alan Holmes, 404-330-6044

Getting funding for license plate readers, as well as street cameras: 40-50 new cameras in D9 (cost ~\$11k each for installation and maintenance over a few years

Still working through some code enforcement properties for clean/close and Demo.

District 9 has added more than 900 affordable housing units over last year. Almost 90% are 60% AMI or below. Great job.

Atlanta Housing has received grants to start redeveloping Bowen Homes

Councilmember Brown's office: Vonda Malbrough, [ymalbrough@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ymalbrough@atlantaga.gov) or 470-829-4456

June 10<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm– Virtual Town Hall

June 17<sup>th</sup> Virtual town hall for Seniors and their families

Atlanta Citizen's Review Board: Michael D. Woodard, (404) 865-8622, [mdwoodard@mdwoodard.com](mailto:mdwoodard@mdwoodard.com)  
ACRB is where to file complaints about interactions with police. Please visit: <https://acrbgov.org/file-a-complaint/>

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](mailto:Anita.Harris@fultoncountyga.gov)

American Rescue Plan Act funding should begin moving and commissioners will make decisions on where the money will go.

Youth Commission is taking applications from youth interested in working on policy and government. June 1<sup>st</sup> the libraries will be on normal schedule. And July 12<sup>th</sup> will see senior and art facilities open. Hall's office can provide a lot of resources. If neighborhoods need something, reach out.

Fulton County Sheriff's Office: Jamile Bradfield

No report but feel free to contact

Office of Senator Horacena Tate: Sherry Williams District 38 Liaison, (404) 463-8053, [horacena.tate@senate.ga.gov](mailto:horacena.tate@senate.ga.gov) District Liaison: [sherryb92@gmail.com](mailto:sherryb92@gmail.com)

There will be a fall special congressional session to address redistricting. Tate's office will be pushing out information about this process to educate constituents about voter suppression.

Planner's Report: Chido Baker

Upcoming NPU University courses, visit [www.npuatlanta.org/npuucatalog](http://www.npuatlanta.org/npuucatalog) or call 404.546.0158.

May 20<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm – Zoning Fundamentals, May 29<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm – Parliamentary Procedures

Community Design Awards announcement, stay tuned

City Planning has awarded parklets to 13 restaurants across the city, find out more at

[www.atlcitydesign.com/parklets](http://www.atlcitydesign.com/parklets)

Updating the 2021 Comprehensive Development Plan. There will be a draft plan available to public soon. For info on the CDP, visit [www.atlcitydesign.com/2021-CDP](http://www.atlcitydesign.com/2021-CDP)

Three Virtual Public meetings: June 10<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm, June 12<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm, June 17<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm.

### Presentations:

Grove Park Foundation: Fred Stevens,

Seeking letter of support from NPU for affordable housing project and funding application to Invest Atlanta. Project will create ~30 affordable single family homes for ownership, dispersed throughout Grove Park. Funding need from Invest Atlanta is ~\$1M for pre-development (\$100k) and development subsidy (\$900k), for approximately \$30k/unit subsidy. Homes should be \$225-240k and hope to funnel ready home-buyers from GPF's N.O.W. program.

**Motion** to approve Mr. Steven's proposal (provide NPU's support for project)

Made by Leah LaRue and Seconded by Timothy Cook

**Motion to Approve carried** by counted vote of 20 For, 0 Against, and 7 Abstentions

Ames Properties LLC: Jonathan Leonard,

Owner of 2056 DL Hollowell Pkwy. In negotiations with Humana to acquire and renovate the building and lease 75% of the building to Humana for the purpose of a primary care and wellness facility.

Building is in significant disrepair and provided images of current and projected building. Seeking a letter of support to apply to Invest Atlanta for the Bolton TAD grant funding (up to 25% of costs, current project estimate is \$1.8M) to assist in renovation.

**Motion** out of Zoning Committee to approve Mr. Leonard's proposal conditionally upon getting support of Grove Park Neighborhood Association and that Mr. Leonard meets again with the neighborhood again regarding the use of the last 25% of the space.

**Motion to Approve carried** by counted vote of 20 For, 1 Against, and 7 Abstentions

## Committee Updates:

Housing and Public Safety – Rhoda Brawner, [rhodaspence@yahoo.com](mailto:rhodaspence@yahoo.com)

Congratulations to Center Hill on their cleanup last week, pulling in the County Commissioner, the state Senator's office and a motorcycle gang to assist.

Bylaws Committee – Ashley Sanchez, [ashcapitalholdings@gmail.com](mailto:ashcapitalholdings@gmail.com)

Last meeting addressed Articles 4&5. Next meeting June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm. Still receiving suggestions.

### Neighborhoods:

Center Hill – Rolanda Powell

Meetings are first Thursday, next is March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm!

Installed 5 book boxes around Center hill!

Dixie Hills – Derrick Green

Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30PM. Hybrid virtual/in person meetings.

June 4<sup>th</sup> CPR Training Course and June 13<sup>th</sup> Vaccination Clinic.

Grove Park – Brandon Pierre-Thomas

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7PM. Link for Zoom on GPNA's website: [Groveparkatlanta.com](http://Groveparkatlanta.com)

## Old Business:

None

## New Business:

None

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Meeting Adjourned: 8:40PM