



NPU-J Meeting Minutes

Regular Body Meeting

06/22/2021 | 7:00 PM | Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: 7:07 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: 40 Members Present

March regular meeting minutes as revised approved by unanimous consent

Motion: to add land use presentation to the agenda and approve agenda as modified

Made by Virgil Pennie, Seconded by Dan Chowman

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Agenda Items:

Treasurer's Report:

- Official organization name: NPU J Community, Inc.
 - Received incorporation
- Next step to apply for federal EIN.
- Need to pick a bank to work with. Provide suggestions to NPUJTreasurer@gmail.com

Zoning Matters:

Motion: to defer V-21-87 back to zoning committee for next month.

Motion out of zoning committee

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion: to approve Z-21-41 to ammend the 1982 Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, by amending the definition of Urban Gardens to permit onsite sales; and for other purposes.

Motion out of zoning committee

Motion carried by counted vote: 14 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions

Motion: to approve the NPU-J policies for the CDP, as recommended by the NPU-J zoning committee

Motion made by Ben Norman, second by Marybeth Edgecomb

Motion carried by counted vote: 13 for, 0 against, 5 abstentions

Gerard shared that Mr. Leonard, who's item was voted on last month, is following through with his conditions, and working with Grove Park community to find a use for the remaining commercial space at 2056 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy.

Matter for Review/Comment:

SD-21-8 Applicant seeks to subdivide 578 Church St into two lots

Comment by Rolanda Powell of Center Hill – Neighborhood met with developer and is in support of the subdivision

Presentations/Announcements:

Atlanta Police Department Zone 1: Captain Zegite,

- Zone 1 has most crimes in CoA this year
- 8 aggravated assaults in last month, 6 were domestic, no car break ins, generally quiet
- APD is hiring!

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

Atlanta Fire Rescue: contact Raymond Hampton 404-546-4438

Code Enforcement: Officer Parham, Cell: 404-295-6045, tparham@atlantaga.gov

Jocelyn Lyles, Code enforcement manager, jlyles@atlantaga.gov 404-623-4614

Officer Wimberly, Senior Code-enforcement officer, knwimberly@atlantaga.gov, 404-416-5781

Public Works Solid Waste Education & Enforcement Team (SWEET): Officer Knight

oknight@atlantaga.gov, 470.270.5636

Public Works has returned to regular weekly collection of recycling and yard trimmings.

Department of Customer Service (ATL311): Shantre LittleJohn

Mercedes-Benz Stadium Vaccination site – can schedule appointments and transportation through 311.

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

Question: How do citizens follow up on incidents reported through 311 which go to Policing

Alternatives (PAD)? Answer: You can follow up through 311

City Solicitor: Kiera Potter, kpotter@atlantaga.gov; 470-421-2812

We provided the chairperson with a list of properties which are in the court process.

Department of Watershed: Kim Davis 404-546-0311, kcdavis@atlantaga.gov

Watershed Care & Conserve/water bill assist www.atlantawatershed.org/care-and-conserve

Toilet Rebate www.northgeorgiawater.org/

Councilmember Hillis' Office: Dustin Hillis, dhillis@atlantaga.gov

Legislation to move \$7M from reserve fund to purchase new equipment and trucks for Fire Dept.

Still working to fund and install pedestrian safety improvements

Additional funding for APD and Public Works cameras to combat crime and dumping

Additional funding home repair for seniors in District 9

Councilmember Brown's office: Vonda Malbrough, ymalbrough@atlantaga.gov or 470-829-4456

Working on Workforce Development Bond with Georgia State University

Councilmember Dickens' office, post 3 at-large: Kelsey Maynard, KMMaynor@atlantaga.gov

Working on youth programs: Midnight Basketball, Boxing program w/ organizations around the city and a tech program. More information coming.

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

Board has approved pilot program for Youth Leadership Program for ~200 HS students in August. Application information is forthcoming.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding legislation has not yet been passed, but first round of funding has been received.

July 1st the Board of health is no longer under the control of the Fulton County Govt.

Hall's office can provide a lot of resources. If neighborhoods need something, reach out.

Atlanta Public Schools - Aretta Baldon, District 2, aretta.baldon@atlanta.k12.ga.us (770) 744-1751
2021 Budget Passed - ~\$24M Compensation package providing raises to most staff, additional funding academic recovery including summer academics, Extension of elementary school day, services for students with disabilities, mental health and other enhancements.

New starting times: Elementary 7:45am, Middle 9:15am, High 8:45am

First school day: Aug 5th

Engagement Opportunities, Dates posted on APS website for:

SPLOST funding community engagement: Douglass July 22nd, review recommendations in Sept.

Equity engagement with new Chief Equity Officer, June 24th

Board is shifting to a student outcomes focused model. Info on website, engagement sessions coming and open for questions.

Office of Senator Horacena Tate: in the flesh! err... virtual, horacena.tate@senate.ga.gov District Liaison: sherryb92@gmail.com

Meeting on June 23rd special congressional session to address redistricting. A total of 11 meetings across the state on this and my 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 or call 404.546.0158.

June 24th Legislative Process, June 29th Workforce Development

Depart City Planning – Cemetery Network launch will provide and maintain information.

Annual Preservation Week Oct. 18-21st – 2021 “Our Shared Legacy – Preservation in Atlanta”

In Partnership with UGA – NPU Community Leadership Institute Fall '21 for current and rising leaders

Applications are due July 6th. For more information, visit

<https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/community-leadership-institute>

Atlanta Land Trust - Karen Babino

monthly information session for future home buyers and anyone in the community who wants to learn more about the community land trust model as a tool for affordable housing. The next monthly community information session is Saturday, July 10, 2020 from 10a-1130a. Pls register on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-community-information-session-registration-156005997137>

Are you a real estate professional working in Atlanta's intown neighborhoods or know one? Are you challenged with finding a quality, affordable home in Atlanta for your buyers? The Atlanta Land Trust (ALT) is hosting a virtual training session this Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 10 am – 1 pm where

you can learn about the community land trust model and how it can help low- and moderate-income home buyers not served

Presentations:

Code Enforcement: Officer Bryant, 404-291-5540 or email dlbryant@atlantaga.gov

Overview of the Code Enforcement process, including citing of property, appearance at court and remediation. Clean and close vs demolition process.

Question/Comments: Continued dialogue regarding abandoned properties in Center Hill which continue to be a problem.

Daphney Talley (Deputy Director of Code Enforcement) also spoke to clarify the separation between the city departments (Public Works vs Code enforcement/APD).

Major Schiffbower also added that they appreciate citizens attending the court cases to give their perspectives and concerns regarding the code enforcement cases.

How long is the process from citing to demolition?

Perfect world scenario, it takes 6 months from the demolition order until demolition. But the demolition order could come years after the original citations, due to the process as well as funding. How can we stay in the loop on these properties?

If you keep a list of requested updates, Officer Parham can come no NPU-J meeting prepared with updates. There is also a website, listed in the slide deck that will give you the general status.

Other Committee Updates:

Bylaws Committee – Ashley Sanchez, ashcapitalholdings@gmail.com

Last meeting June 14th, Provided feedback on articles 4&5. Upcoming meetings July 12th @ 6:30PM. Will be holding two community sessions, July 20th @ 6:30 and Aug 17th @ 6:30pm, for the general body to review changes to the bylaws.

Communications – Carrie Williams, npujcomms@gmail.com

Keep up on Atlanta Planning Advisory Board (APAB). If you'd like to see any of the reports from APAB, including the one on redistricting, email me.

Neighborhoods:

Center Hill – Rolanda Powell

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

Thanks to County Commissioner Harris.

Dixie Hills – Derrick Green

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

Grove Park – Brandon Pierre-Thomas

Meetings 1st Tuesday, 7PM (No July Meeting) Link for Zoom on GPNA's website:

Groveparkatlanta.com

West lake - Ruth Ubaldo

Meetings 3rd Monday @ 6pm

Monthly cleanups – next on July 20th @ 7pm at Westlake and Springview.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:59PM