



# NPU-J Meeting Minutes

Regular Body Meeting

07/27/2021 | 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), Virgil Penny (Parliamentarian)

**Quorum Established:** 33 Members Present

June regular meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent

**Motion:** to approve agenda

Made by Virgil Pennie, Seconded by Dan Chowman

**Motion carried** by unanimous consent

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## Agenda Items:

### Zoning Matters:

#### Matter for Review/Comment:

21-O-0266 - Ordinance by Councilmembers Joyce M. Sheperd and Carla Smith as substituted by Community Development/Human Services Committee to update the requirements for agreements between Park Pride and community garden adopter groups originally authorized by 07-R-1363;

- Zoning committee spend some time looking at what changed, but had no concerns.

### Presentations/Announcements:

Atlanta Police Department Zone 1: Major Collier, [kcollier@atlantaga.gov](mailto:kcollier@atlantaga.gov), 404-275-9387

- Two homicides this past weekend, including one at the public pool. Pools are closed but should be opened back up soon

- Request/Question about the Advantage Club on MLK, apparently is a nuisance

Code Enforcement: Officer Hopkins, 404-326-7197, [wrhopkins@atlantaga.gov](mailto:wrhopkins@atlantaga.gov)

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

No numbers prepared for tonight, but will look up to answer any questions. Please email.

Question about a property that was sold, but owner still receiving code enforcement notices.

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

[oknight@atlantaga.gov](mailto:oknight@atlantaga.gov), 470.270.5636

Going back to schedule of collecting yard trimmings every other week starting in August.

Atlanta Solid Waste is hiring (positions that don't require a degree)

Councilmember Brown's office: Vonda Malbrough, [ymalbrough@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ymalbrough@atlantaga.gov) or 470-829-4456  
Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> City hall, including city council, is back in person  
Question about CoA funding for rent assistance. Vonda didn't know but will follow up.

Councilmember Julian Bond's office: , Dana Dodds, 404-220-6770, [Ddodds@atlantaga.gov](mailto:Ddodds@atlantaga.gov)  
Join Atlanta City Council members Natalyn Archbong & Michael Julian Bond for a free seminar  
Saturday, July 31 at 10 a.m. on the Fulton County property tax assessment appeal process

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)  
New proposed, lower millage rate of 9.33 (down from 9.76). Commissioners will vote Aug 18, could change rate. Property owners have until August 5<sup>th</sup> to appeal tax assessment for bill.  
American Rescue Funds are starting to be used for food programs, small businesses, job training.  
Hall's office can provide a lot of resources. If neighborhoods need something, reach out.

Office of Senator Horacena Tate: [horacena.tate@senate.ga.gov](mailto:horacena.tate@senate.ga.gov) District Liaison:  
[sherryb92@gmail.com](mailto:sherryb92@gmail.com)  
Redistricting meetings through the end of July. There will be a special session of state legislature to redraw maps.

Planner's Report: Chido Baker  
Draft for the 2021 Comprehensive Development Plan is available online and at Libraries  
Upcoming NPU University courses, Bylaws Class July 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm  
visit [www.npuatlanta.org/npuucatalog](http://www.npuatlanta.org/npuucatalog) or call 404.546.0158.  
Applications open for Atlanta Main Street Program until Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. Up to \$20k grant available.  
Urban Enterprise Zone – Entity provides property tax abatement in target areas for jobs, affordable housing, etc. The state general assembly passed the legislation to allow the program to work. Atlanta Dept. City Planning is also preparing city legislation to green light the program. For info contact [UEZ@atlantaga.gov](mailto:UEZ@atlantaga.gov)

Atlanta Beltline – Inga Kennedy for Whitney Fuller, Community Engage Manager,  
[Kwfuller@atlbeltline.org](mailto:Kwfuller@atlbeltline.org)  
Shared graphic of NW Beltline trail alignment from Washington Park up to Howell station.  
Construction slated to begin next year.  
Presentations, meeting recordings and upcoming meeting registrations available on  
<https://beltline.org/places-to-go/westside-trail-extension/>

Atlanta Land Trust - Karen Babino  
Trust monthly community information session is Saturday, August 14, 2020 from 10a-1130a. Pls register on Eventbrite link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-community-information-session-registration-159153350957>  
ALT Home for Sale in Grove Park:  
<https://atlantalandtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/900-North-Eugenia-Place-4.pdf>

**Presentations:**  
none

## Other Committee Updates:

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

Next committee meeting Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, Next community meeting for general body input on Aug 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm, for the general body to review changes to the bylaws.

Communications – Carrie Williams, [npujcomms@gmail.com](mailto:npujcomms@gmail.com)

Beautification & Sustainability – Raquel Hill, 571-446-7653 | [Hello@raquelhill.com](mailto:Hello@raquelhill.com)

**NPU-Wide Cleanup on Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>!!!!**

Working with all of the Neighborhoods to bring everyone out to clean up along Boone Miranda Blais is assisting in this setup as well.

Zoning & Land Use – Gerard Latimore, [npujzoning@gmail.com](mailto:npujzoning@gmail.com)

Large backlog at the city for zoning items, so nothing this month, but expecting quite a lot in Aug. Please contact Gerard if you want to get involved.

Neighborhoods:

Center Hill – Rolanda Powell

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

Dixie Hills – Derrick Green

Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30-8PM. Hybrid virtual/in person meetings.

Bookbag Bash on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with APAB

Penelope Neighbors – Anita Ferrell

National Night Out event in Anderson Park

Starting neighborhood meetings again in August

Grove Park – Brandon Pierre-Thomas

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

Virtual meeting with Microsoft open to all Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. Will be posted on website

West lake - Ruth Ubaldo

Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 6pm

Monthly cleanups

## Old Business:

None

## New Business:

On the Rise Financial Center - Olivia Maxwell, Executive Director 404.557,2610

[omaxwell@ontherisefc.org](mailto:omaxwell@ontherisefc.org)

Just saying hello, and letting you use know they're here.

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Motion to adjourn: 8:13 PM