



NPU-J Meeting Minutes

Regular Body Meeting

09/28/2021 | 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), Toni Sutton (Assistant Secretary), Virgil Penny (Parliamentarian),

Quorum Established: 40 Members Present

August regular meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent

Motion: to add Grove Park Renewal presentation during zoning matters to agenda

Made by Gerard Latimore, Second by Virgil Pennie

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion: to approve agenda as amended

Made by Virgil Pennie, Seconded by Ashley Sanchez

Motion carried by counted vote of 12 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions

Agenda Items:

Zoning Matters:

Z-21-64 – Rezoning of 100 sq ft in front of the property for a monument sign to identify community.

Motion: to approve this zoning request for Z-21-64

Made by Gerard Latimore, Seconded by Tim Cook

Motion Approved by counted vote: 10 for, 1 against, 5 abstentions

21-O-0583 – Upper Westside CID Master Plan

Motion: to **deny** 21-O-0583, in order to present to the bordering neighborhoods, Grove Park and Center Hill

Made by Zoning Committee

Discussion: Zoning committee felt there should be more explanation of the plan and should be more engagement with the neighborhoods adjacent and within the boundaries of the CID.

Representative for Upper Westside CID stated that 1) This matter was presented last month for review and comment, 2) There are no direct projects within NPU-J as part of this plan 3) The Dept of City Planning has provided it's own report recommending approval.

Motion to Deny Carried by counted vote: 8 for, 5 against, 6 abstentions

Grove Park Renewal – Letter of support for Invest Atlanta Loan *Added to agenda by amendment*
36 units of affordable housing on single family lots
¼ at 30% AMI, ½ at 60% AMI or below, and <1/4 at market rate (required by Invest Atlanta)

Motion: to support Grove Park Renewal’s Loan Application, provided they get approval from the Grove Park Neighborhood Association.

Discussion:

How many of these units that are 30% AMI, are the larger, 3bed/2bath units? Answer: About half
Preference given to GP neighbors first

45 year affordability requirement as part of loan terms, but intent is for indefinite affordability. Even if Grove Park Renewal sold or lost the property, the affordability requirement follows the property.

How does this zoning work? SF zoning does not allow for duplex/triplex/attached ADU. This proposal seems to violate R4 zoning

Answer: There is a current pilot that has passed through permitting already. The attached ‘units’ are actually attached, and may not have stove connections, which makes them not ‘units’ in city’s eyes. According to the presenter, this project will not require re-zoning to build.

This item should have been placed on the agenda by Dept. Of City Planning, not added by amendment. This item is probably pre-mature, and should have come through DCP, and should be deferred.

Motion carried: by counted vote: 12 for, 6 against, 8 abstentions

Bylaws:

Motion: to adopt the bylaws as amended, and presented at the August NPU-J meeting.
Motion made out of Bylaws Committee

No questions or discussions raised

Motion carried: by counted vote: 25 for, 0 against, 1 abstentions

Presentations/Announcements:

Atlanta Police Department Zone 1: Major Collier, kcollier@atlantaga.gov, 404-275-9387
fmzygaj@atlantaga.gov

- Increase in crime along Hollowell Pkwy recently. Will be refocusing over there.

- Zone 1 still has lowest crime rate in the city for break-ins, theft – down 23% from 2019

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

90 new citations in the last 2 weeks. Email or text Officer Parham if you have any inquiries about specific properties.

Public Works Solid Waste Education & Enforcement Team (SWEET): Officer Knight
oknight@atlantaga.gov, 470.270.5636

Back on schedule of collecting yard trimmings every other week.

Schedule large items for bulk pickup through 311

ATL311 – Timothy Cannon tlcannon@atlantaga.gov

Report municipal issues by dialing 311 or using ATL311 app, visit atl311.com, atl311@atlantaga.gov
Policing Alternatives (PAD) issues are reported through 311 to deal with non-emergency situations such as mental health issues, homelessness, poverty etc.

Councilmember Hillis' Office: Alan Holmes, 404-330-6044, dhillis@atlantaga.gov

Multiple new all way stops on N. Ave and Baker Rd.

Hillis is working with GeorgiaWorks to work on litter and dumping cleanup in District 9.

City Solicitor: Nana-Yaa Amaning noamaning@atlantaga.gov

Filling in for Kierra Potter (information not visible in chat) this month and next.

Atlanta Land Trust: Karen Babino

Still holding monthly community information sessions on 2nd Saturday of each month. Can register on website www.atlantalandtrust.org

Planner's Report: Keyetta Holmes

Draft for the 2021 Comprehensive Development Plan is available online and at Libraries

Oct. 18-22nd Historic Preservation Week – Save on your calendar

Upcoming NPU University courses: visit www.npuatlanta.org/npuucatalog or call 404.546.0158.

Presentations:

Presentation by the department of City Planning on 3 Ordinances

Kendra Taylor - keataylor@AtlantaGa.Gov

Z-21-73 – This piece will be delayed not included with other ordinances– was proposed to rezone certain properties within ½ mile of transit stations to multifamily residential multi-use (MR-MU)

Some changes made for compatibility, like setbacks and height limits

Z-21-74 -

An Ordinance to eliminate minimum parking requirements for certain residential zonings, to allow market to set appropriate parking allowance; accessory dwellings (Section 3 below);

21-O-0455/CDP-21-43 – Changes to ADU

New changes made to the ordinance to keep ADU area in the total calculation for Floor Area Ratio, and limit the size to 1000ft, limiting zero lot lines to one per parcel, and prohibiting ADUs for use as short term rentals.

Other Committee Updates:

Finance/Treasurer Report: Marybeth Edgecomb npujtreasurer@gmail.com (presented by Tim Cook)

Senior House number sign Project (NPU Grant)-

Exec Committee chose solar powered sign that sticks in the yard.

Motion: to approve the treasurer to purchase this type of sign for this project

Concern raised about longevity of these signs (somewhat cheap) and that there was a good design thought of last year during the original project.
The exec committee pushed back on a “branded” npu-j sign and thought it would be easier to install a yard sign, rather than one that needs to be mounted on the house.

Motion carried: by counted vote: 8 for, 6 against, 8 abstentions

Neighborhoods:

Center Hill – Rolanda Powell

Meetings are first Thursday at 6PM

Dixie Hills – Derrick Green

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

Penelope Neighbors – Anita Ferrell

Hybrid Meetings, October 19th @ 6:30pm

Grove Park – Brandon Pierre-Thomas

Meetings 1st Tuesday, 7PM Link for Zoom on GPNA’s website: Groveparkatlanta.com

West lake - Ruth Ubaldo

Meetings 3rd Monday @ 6pm

Monthly cleanups

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15PM