

June 2020

NPU J Minutes

1st Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Chair Keona Jones Green- Opening the meeting, the world has changed, the way we shop has changed, the way we meet has changed, our lives have changed. Chair (Keona Jones Green) had (2) family members die of COVID 19. Neighbor of mine has lost count as to how many members have died of COVID 19. The Chair announced her concern for people and how excited she was to hear everyone's voice on the call. Chair expressed that the neighborhood, community, NPU, City, State and Nations needs to band together at this time.

Dr. Susan Buckson- Allen Temple AME Church (Prayer)

Approval of the minutes- Chair asked for a motion to defer the February 2020 minutes until the July 2020 meeting. (Ben)- Made the motion to defer the February 2020 minutes to July 2020. The motion was 2nd by Tony Brown. There were no objections. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Ben interrupted in the middle of the motion how to utilize Zoom via the app (computer) and phone. He interjected how one could be recognized via zoom during voting. Via zoom, you could use the raise your hand signal on the app, on the phone you could use the *9 to be recognized via phone.

Is there any debate or discussion: Leah- Wanted me to explain why we're delaying minutes to the July 2020 meeting. I responded that the Secretary has not submitted any written minutes to the body for us to accept. As the Chair I was allowing additional time to complete the task. I do not have any February meeting minutes. Ben (webmaster) Stated when Keona opens the floor click raise hand on the app to be recognized, and use *9 via phone to be recognized and utilize the CHAT feature and the host and co host could recognize participants.

Leah- Still can't understand how to make or 2nd a motion via zoom. Ben interjected again to use the features he mentioned for the 3rd time. Raise your hand feature via the zoom app, *9 via phone and utilize the CHAT room to abstain.

Raising your hand is how you would get acknowledged in the meeting just like you would in a regular meeting, raise your hand to be recognized by the chair. If there was no other debate regarding the motion, it passed by unanimous consent.

Completed by Keona Jones Green Chair

Chair- Keona Jones Green (requested a motion) to approve our agenda for the month of June 2020. Ben shared the agenda with our participants to view. Ben will post a link to the CHAT on the agenda. Carol Rose 2nd the motion. No debate or discussion. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

City Representatives:

Chief Scott Powell AFD- Ben-explained to unmute yourself raise your hand again or *9 to be recognized. Battalion Chief was unable to make it. The Fire Department **1.** Fire Department- Checking on Hydrants if there are any problems call the nearest fire station. **2.** COVID 19 is the big topic, they have a lot more confirmed cases. Call volume had gone down, but it has started to increase. Over 4000 calls in the northwest side of the district. **3.** If you are grilling out, please be careful there have been several house fires due to grills being too close to the house.

Kierra Potter Atlanta Solicitor's Office- They prosecute things such as (ie) Background, prosecute traffic situations, grass too high, city ordinances housing violations, junk cars and debris in the yard. Traffic tickets too. They have been participating in food give back events in the community. Not sure as to when the courts will open up. So they can continue to prosecute cases. Kierra put her information in the CHAT and Ben would repost it to the community.

Barbara Dougherty ATL311- Non emergency services. Community affairs coordinator. Operating since 2014. We can report potholes, leaks in the street, traffic studies, questions about water bill/solid waste, street signs fixed. They record and get the information to the right people. 60 agents working from home Monday-Friday 7am-7pm.

Atl311.com/atl311@atlantaga.gov

They are on all social media. ATLSTRONG 888777 notify atl. 470-698-5171cellphone. No questions at this time.

Councilman Brown District 3- Council Brown 1. Thanking people for allowing him to come and speak. His office has been working in overdrive. NO break. Send him an email if he has missed anything. He is working with a limited staff. FY 21 Budget was passed. He voted no on the budget, he did not believe that it contained the actions of the community at large. He felt like it was lip service. He did propose a resolution-20-R-4068 (A resolution to reimagine public safety, protecting their(police) pay raises and other promises made in the past. Budget amendment did not pass because the same (2) Council members that were in favor of holding the 50% voted against the amendment. This would not impact pensions or pay raises. He was upset that the council talks "a really good talk", but he thinks that it is still lip service. He put funds towards an effort that Chief LaBat spearheaded. LaBat wants to assist those who have been previously incarcerated back into society. He expanded the Atlanta Citizens Review Board (added 2 additional members 18-30 years of age and younger to provide a different perspective. The ACRB added \$400,000 to their budget to increase their level of awareness in the community. Council passed an amendment for 1.6 million relocation from street cars. Invest

Atlanta Middle Age Job Program. Council Member Brown has been working behind the scenes with Chief Slaughter and for Chief Shields to assist in galvanizing peaceful protest(s). Brown worked with other City Officials to maintain peace and order in the city. Brown has orchestrated **The People's Uprising**. Brown has established the **Young Atlanta Leaders**. A Voter Registration rally, 3000 people attended, registered 1000 people to vote. **Community Engagement Task Force**- Working diligently to do. Ensure that people are aware in of the NPU's, Neighborhoods, participating in the Civic Process. COVID 19 testing. Gave out 10,000-15,000 meals over the city, across the city. The new community signs and street toppers, over the next few months. They are looking to assist with Zoning/Code Enforcement. People are working on houses in the neighborhoods illegally, the city is trying to create legislation to stop the illegal work.

Committee Reports:

By Laws Committee- No reports

Communications Committee- No reports

Economic Development Committee- No reports

Finance Committee- No reports

Health and Wellness- No reports

Education- No reports

Public Safety- No reports

Transportation- No reports

Zoning- No reports

Officer Givens Solid Waste/ Public Works- They educate and enforce for garbage, yard trimmings, illegal dumping and right of way. Still monitoring illegal dump sites. Any collected items outside the can, you will have to call 311. You can only put out debris the night before at 7pm, 404-904-4953 cell number.

Denise Stuart- Department of Watershed-Should have received the water quality report in your June water bill or go to the website. Update about water supply: The Water Supply Program, The Quarry is currently being filled. The Conveyance tunnels are complete. The pump station is complete. The excavations will continue as planned. The blast will be between 8-5pm no more than 1 blast a day. You may experience some tremors, but nothing dangerous. Monthly rate of water and sewer should not change. The rates should stay the same from now until June 2024. If you have any questions or issues about your bill call ATL 311 or the website. If you have problems making payments she posted it to our CHAT who the participants could contact.

Officer Parham Code Enforcement-Still taking complaints gave her phone 404-295-6045 she will put them in the system. She is still making reports. She is calling the owners but not going

out to the property. Please make sure the information is accurate and correct. If you do not have the address, feel free to give her the address that's closest to the complaint address. She is giving the community directions as to how we should communicate with her. Code Enforcement is still teleworking at this time.

Questions: Tony Brown- The Westlake Community has been complaining about a trailer that was brought into the community last year. It is blocking the view of neighbors, it was brought illegally. 19 Westlake Atlanta, GA 30314 (He has made several complaints over the past years. He has never seen any progress, it is legal or illegal. Questions: This has been reported for at least 6 years. Leah insisted that she has forwarded this complaint to Major Mason & the Commissioner of Zoning. She has copies of emails dated 6 years back with no resolve as of 2020. Leah reinforced that the trailer is illegal. She checked with the office of zoning and development and the trailer is illegally parked on the property. It is visible from 2 streets. The community is waiting on the community about it. There is a civil service on this case, it has been reset. 17 Westlake submitted 6-10 vehicles parked on the lawn. It got better for 4-5 days and it has gotten backed up again (12 cars). The code violation is clear, and the house is a rooming house. Parham has had this case before. The owner has been taken to court. 172/186/187 Joe Louis- This is a GIBBS trucking company, operating a commercial trucking company in a residential area. They drive trucks in the neighborhood day and night. The trucks pass signs that state no GVW over 80,000 allowed. THIS has been reported to Major Mason (ongoing). 172/186 Joe Louis not sure what type of business (100-200) junk vehicles parked in the back of the yard.

Question: Rolanda-578 Center Hill Ave.-Rolanda put a request for the address listed. The property has debris, junk and trash on the property. They have a failure to appear in court, there may be a warrant issued. They can be arrested. Atl311 states that the call is in progress.

Question: Frank- How do you remove a Placard. Send her pictures of the property, send it to her (Officer Parham) and see if the placard can be removed to the office of buildings.

Leah-Made a motion to: The NPU J executive board submitted a written letter to APD Code Enforcement and Dept of City Planning Office of Buildings. Demanding attention to these long complaints. They have been on the record for years. It has been too long. City documented letter. 2nd Rolanda/Tony- Any question or debate: no debate I move that we accept this motion by unanimous consent and CC the City Council.

City Planning- Ms. Chido Baker- New Planner for NPU J- No board hearings since COVID 19. Discussions to see how they can come on line. Cases are still being heard at NPU but no BZA, ZRB or LRB. There is a PDF guide to show how permits should be handled. Chido will keep us updated on the permitting process. The City has launched a new website called Accela. City is still working behind the scenes to move forward with the permit process.

V-19125 Legislation for Imix- to amend a part of the Imix regulations. The reading can be found via the website or city planning. The amendment reads to change at least 30% of the total floor area on a site shall be used for 1 or more industrial uses ie if you are building an Imix at 30% of the floor use has to be dedicated towards industrial mix. The space requirement has decreased. Developers have the option to provide industrial space within an Imix concept if they so choose for 30% of the floor area.

Zoning Chair- Benjamin Norman

Special Event Apps

There was a Turner High School Association Alumni Picnic (Vanessa Stanley) stated that the association would resubmit their application in October 2020. The matter was not voted on.

There was an application on file for The Westside Wing Festival (Tori Redding) stated that the app would be resubmitted for October 2020. This matter was not voted on.

Business Pic/Pay Change of Ownership Application. Letter from the CHNA was read to the body. The CHNA was **not** in favor of the change of ownership. (Ben Norman) read the letter to the NPU J body. Ben also showed the photo's of the grounds of the Pic/Pay.

Minnie Thompson- Lawyer of the Pick and Pay Store- Explained that they were operating stores for 20 years. 2621 DLH. They have experience in this area and trained for alcohol sales. The owners will provide training.

Question: Leah LaRue- Wanted to hear from the owners. How many employees live in the CH or 30318 area. How many 911 calls has the location had. Do the owners live in the area or do they travel outside of Atlanta to come in.

Lawyer- The owners don't know anything about the store 911 calls, due to not being the owners not being the owners but a few months.

Question: The (Owners)- Live in StoneMountain, GA. He has worked on Campbellton Road, Stone Mountain, and has worked in DeKalb County. The owners have 4 employees a. Decatur b. Atlanta c. Atlanta (30318) d. Midtown Area

Question: Simone Terry-Why did you pick this area, he picked this area because it is changing and he wants to offer good customer service. The owner really wants to be an asset to the community. The business was for sale and he felt inclined to purchase it. There will be security on the property.

Question: Keona-Why were you guys against becoming a community partner? How many NPU meetings have they attended? What are the plans for the gambling machines that payout cash.

Owner stated that they do not pay out cash. Owner stated that they have made the attempt to become a good neighborhood partner.

Lawyer- Reached out to the NPU and Neighborhoods. Stated that they were trying to be good partners, however they were given some information and they missed a CHNA meeting. They were originally directed to Westlake but that was the incorrect community. They also attended a Zoning Committee meeting.

Question: Tobias- Asked if there were any other pictures, he was only able to view one picture. Litter and trash over the parking lot. What would the community like to see? What level of clean in regards to the interior and exterior would the community want to see. Owner would like to paint inside and out. He will fix the floors and open to taking suggestions.

Question: Rolanda-Another convenient stores that are new. CHNA is looking for a clear commitment in regards to doing a total rehab to the property, and security. Owner stated that he was not the owner, he was a tenant. He will do whatever he can to improve.

Question: Ben-When did your purchase and when did you get started on property upgrades. Owner stated that it was in February 2020 when they got started and he added a few more cameras for security. He cleans the parking lot daily.

Question: Tony-Took over payments in Feb 2020. Tried to contact CHNA in March 2020. At the sametime, CHNA is asking what will you (the owners) do to offer something positive to the community, **a.** You will have gambling where you pay out cash **b.** At the sametime you need a liquor license, the lawyer steps back in to answer- What will you offer that will have a positive effect. Lawyer- Reached out to the NPU Chair (not CHNA) The machines are not paying our cash. They are not bringing gambling, gambling was already here. Game machines are authorized through Ga. Lottery. Machines have been there for the past 20, 30, 40 years. Owner is not bringing in new "gambling", it was already there.

Comment: Keona- Pic/pay contacted the NPU and I directed them to go to the Zoning Committee Meeting, which they did participate in. At the conclusion of that meeting, they were instructed to contact the CHNA. Although it is not required by the City of Atlanta, this is something that we require as being good neighbors. Even though everything was shut down, the CHNA has not missed a meeting. COVID 19 did not prohibit the CHNA from meeting. March 2020- June 2020 there was no apparent contact. Lawyer- Stated that she did not know anyone from the CHNA, she gave "someone" her card and that person never contacted her. I informed her that the CNHA person was named Chris and he is the Zoning Committee Chair for CHNA.

Chris-He obtained a card from the lawyer. Chris stated that anything you want to find can be found on the internet. He is unsure why he is having this conversation with the Lawyer and not the Business Owners of Pic/Pay. CHNA wants to see certain things from businesses within the

neighborhood, reaching out the CHNA is the first step to being successful. CHNA is looking for a partnership, it is not the community's job to hunt down vendors for licensing. That is not the narrative or the message that Center Hill is trying to portray. Lawyer-Lawyer states that they don't mind being community partners, but it seemed as though there was some miscommunication as to how the process would unfold.

Erin-Speaking as a CHNA- This is ridiculous, she is in agreement with all of the other members. However, there seems to be a communication breakdown. The CHNA association was contacted even when they did not have a website. It seems as though there was not any effort put forward by the vendor to make contact with Center Hill. The store does not look safe, it is not clean and it's a poor representation of the CHNA and the NPU. She takes pride in the community and she would hope that the businesses would too. She is not in support of moving forward with this project.

Ben- Make a motion to vote on this application to vote in favor of this application ownership change for the pic/pay. 2nd by Derrick Green Residents were instructed to raise your hand if you are in favor of this application Click *9 via the phone (2) were in favor; (11) were not in favor; (2) abstained. NPU J is not in favor of approving the application.

Virgil-Make sure that Ben tallies the votes. The motion was defeated. 2 were in favor, 11 not in favor 2 abstained.

Keona- Interjected asked for a motion from the floor to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Ben- Gave the motion to extend the meeting. Virgil- 2nd the motion. Nobody opposed the motion passed by unanimous consent.

V-2013 2481 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway- The architect of Chasm Architecture was there to speak on a variance that was needed for this facility for parking. The project is 108 senior housing units. There were 49 parking spaces and they are providing 44, to have more open green space for the residents. He gave a west view site plan. Community garden, BBQ for outdoor grilling. Mr. Abebe is the property owner.

Questions- NO raised hands

Ben- Zoning Committee- Motion on the floor is to reduce the parking from 49 to 44, for a senior housing development. He explained once again to do *9 to raise your hand via phone. He also stated to use the raise hand feature in zoom to vote for or against this motion. Ben was seeing (5) voting members, Tried to identify Michael Mapp-185 as a voting member. 7 in favor of this motion/ lower hands. Those not in favor raise your hand (0). Abstentions (4). The motion passes with 7 yes- 0 nos- 4 abstentions

Atlanta Cultural Affairs Office: Emily Fisher- Emily Fisher wanted to share her screen. She is there to talk about the visual on the I20 underpass. She showed the basic pattern of the fence. It was inspired by the Civil Rights Movement. There will be a modern interpretation of the image. A combination of woven fence and stainless steel. The driver's view will not be blocked. She would love to hear from the community. She left her email address with the participants. Efischer@atlantaga.gov.

Rolanda Comment- Additional images were needed of diversity not just orange and purple. She liked the fact of the Civil Rights Movement too.

Chido Voted Items: V-Z20-7 Council Member Matzinger, this ordinance amended r1,r2 and r3 to allow single family buildings on land locked property. Lots that are surrounded by other properties and do not have a right of way. Currently it is allowed, and an issue came up with another case so the council is proposing legislation for this. Council would like for these cases to go through the NPU, ZRB and final with the City Council.

Keona (Chair) Asked for another motion to extend the meeting until 9:30pm so that I would not have to keep interjecting time. Motion was passed by unanimous consent

Tony Brown- Question about Landlocked Properties- How is the city going about who's land they can claim. It is allowed by right, and you can get an easement. Now the city is forcing people to go through the civic process of the NPU, ZRB and full council. This is not about the city doing development, it is about the owner development.

Nancy Corner- Question- lives in GP on a dead in Street. She lives on a flood plain and knows that things can change. Will the owners decide if they need property, they will have to go through the NPU, ZRB and the Full City Council. This is for all Landlocked properties. Developers will have to go through the approval process. This is for r1,r2, r3

Tobias-Question-How safe are the products being used for the art project. This project will be out in the elements; how does the city plan to handle erosion. Also do they plan to maintain the project so that it does not become an eyesoar. What kind of lights should be used.

Leah-Question-Chido- NPU J does not have any r1, r2 and r3 is their NPU.

Tony-Question- Image I20 Westlake Overpass. Where will the homeless people living under the bridge?

Leah-Suggestion- She put a motion on the floor to have all of the questions and comments compiled into (1) letter regarding the art project for Ms. Emily Fisher. A motion was put on the floor, 2nd and passed with unanimous consent. There was not enough time to vet the project and give appropriate input. Ben also stated that the meeting is recorded.

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Ola Reynolds is a voting member via her church.

Ben- Z-19-1925: Motion was placed on the floor to vote on the text amendment. Amending Chapter of the 1982 zoning ordinance. 16A-16.000041A (reducing industrial floor area) for development and other purposes. There was a motion made by Ben Norman to vote on the text amendment Z-19-1925. Tony Brown 2nd the motion. **Yes/In Favor 6** **No/Against 0** Abstain 3
The motion is carried.

Virgil asked if there was a quorum, Keona interjected 10 is a quorum, Ben confirmed the quorum and proceeded with the voting process.

Z-20-7: Motion was placed to amend the landlocked lots (R1R2R3).Any applications placed for variances must follow the NPU process, ZRW, BZA or LRB process for approval. **Yes/In Favor 9** **No/Against 2** Abstain 3 The motion was carried.

Fulton County Library- (Nina Prichett)Curbside service starts July 1, 2020-NW Branch Library, Adams Park only. Information can be found on the Library social media and website. They are offering free virtual library cards. Apply for the card on the website. They are offering free virtual programs and tutors. They are midway through the summer reading program for a prize. They will get LINDA and a canopy will be installed soon. Outreach: is here for any community partner in need. They will co-host a zoom program or activity.

Adam Brock- Chapple/Maddox- Mr. Brock was unable to share this project via zoom. This project is located on Chappell Road. 32 acre property. South of North Ave, West of Joseph Lowery, East of Chapel Road. NPU K Council District 3/Bankhead Neighborhood. Adjacent to Maddox Park. Mixed use is: high, medium and low density. Within the BeltLine. Residential and Industrial. Substantial Topography. Proctor Creek is on this property, and is a part of the BeltLine. Housing, Mixed, Affordable (by law). Commercial and Retail. Seeking PDMU zoning and mixed use zoning change. No pics were available at this time. Wants to expand Maddox Park and Co-Place (Workspace).

Tobias- When will the land swap take place, he has seen previous beltline plans also. The land swap seems to benefit the developer and not the community. Proctor Creek/Greenway and expansion. Brock-identified the location and explained, the land swap would connect Washington Park to Chapel Maddox and actually create a new park that his organization would donate back to the city. Brock is donating 10 acres and receiving 6 acres. Not in official process, but is in works with the city. Met with the Mayor, City Council and Planning. COVID has derailed this process. He will not proceed without community engagement.

Keona- Made a motion to increase the time of the meeting, Leah 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

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Nancy- Is it possible to get a link to his design. Brock will email. 404-557-2523 best way to contact text.

Keona- Voting on our community impact grant project. Ben explained to the NPU what the project was. Reflective house signs. Provide a faster way for Emergency Responders to identify houses in the neighborhood. Ben asked for a motion. Virgil stated that there was no motion needed, it was approved in committee. We only need to discuss or debate. Ben shared a picture of the signs (Grant Park). These signs will be for sale also. **Yes/Favor 7** **No/Against 0** Abstain 3 Motion Carries.

NPU J- Hotline- New Yard Signs that communicate to the NPU. We are wanting to increase the NPU participation. Members can call in and get the latest and greatest information about the NPU. We want to ensure that none of our members have been left out. Councilman Brown/Councilman Hillis supported this venture.

Leah- She is against illegal signs. Ben explained to her that the signs would be distributed by the Community Leaders. Not the NPU.

Announcements- Rolanda- Center Hill did their community event. Invited everyone to the Westside popup drive in Center Hill. 1 year anniversary of Movie in the Park. CH will practice Social Distancing. 7pm-11pm Salem Bible Church

Virgil-Activate-atl.com -Complete the 10 year plan from the park department. (Survey)

Derrick-Executive Director of Historic Hills CDC Voter Registration Drive/Old Kmart Hollowell: Food trucks, DJ, Naughty Dog 10am-2pm.

Kathryn Miller- Good Samaritan Health Center- Free Rapid COVID 19 Testing Monday-Saturday. Anyone can be seen. Results given asap 404-523-6571

Virgil (Parliamentarian)- announced at 9:48pm to adjourned the NPU J meeting.

