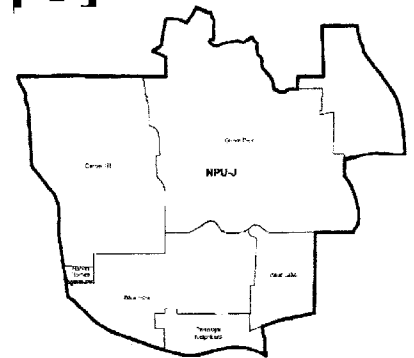


## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - J



### Department of **CITY PLANNING**



#### Minutes

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, Sept 24, 2019 – 7:00 PM

**Location:** Frederick Douglass High School  
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#### September Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Acting Chair Keona Jones-Green.
- A moment of Silence and Reflection observed.
- Motion was made and passed for the August agenda as printed. The vote result was unanimous to accept
- August Minutes (that would have included deferred July minutes), were voted for subsequent deferral due to incompleteness. The vote result was 22 yea, 0 nea, and 0 abstentions to defer.
- Acting Chair Keona Jones-Green made the announcement that the Asst. Sec. Anthony Brown would be recording these Sept. Minutes for Sect Rhoda Brawner (in attendance).
- Reports given:

#### CITY REPRESENTATIVES

##### Public Safety

Lt. Jason Foore reported that crime has been down with the exception of Center Hill and Grove Park, which are seeing upticks in burglary. A traffic-death victim named "J.K." has been the

subject of identifying the ongoing risks involved when crossing D.L. Hollowell Pkwy., and is causing community discussions about improving safety. Lt. Foore pledged his assistance in seeking options to decrease or eliminate the problem. Q&A followed around this issue. Ms. Leah LaRue was identified as Point of Contact for the Task Force while finding resolutions.

#### Atlanta Fire Dept.

No report

#### MARTA

No report

#### Code Enforcement

Officer Parham reported that In-Rem that would be delayed for legal considerations at 166 Anderson Ave. for the week of 9.22.19. (phone: 404.295.6045)

#### Solid Waste

- Ofc. Peter Williams from Solid Waste, Code Enforcement, lead his briefing with a reminder to the process of bulk pick-ups; Literature was provided. His contact is: ([plwilliams@atlantaga.gov](mailto:plwilliams@atlantaga.gov)) Ofc. Williams also left flyers for a symposium on Combating Blight and how Code Enforcement works. He also brought the "Feet-On-the-Street" program to light that helps citizens better recycle, in a manner that keeps costs down and reduces contamination. For guidance, he provided a website link: (<https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/public-works/recycling-program>) for updates.
- The issue of new "Special Assessment" taxation on undeveloped properties for Solid Waste was questioned to DSW to justify. The question was deferred to another more knowledgeable source for resolution.

### NPU COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Code Enforcement

No report

#### Economic Development.

Myrna Clayton, Chair of the Committee, announced the committee meets at 6:00 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month, at Zone 1 Precinct. Improving transportation, issues as well as signage and lights on D.L. Hollowell Pkwy., will be a topic of discussion for the next meeting.

### Public Health.

Uzma Khan, Chair of the Committee, updated the group on Committee activities with Ga. State Univ. for Breast Cancer Month. Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. She will bring Pink Panel in collaboration with GSU, to NPU-J for "Boots on the Ground" in month of October. They will be going in many churches of NPU-J and serving the community by educating and providing resources for breast health.

### District 3 City Council

- Perrin Bostic (Representative for Antonio Brown – Dist. 3)
  - Briefed the membership on developments to D.L. Hollowell Pkwy., which are concerns with crossing safety issues. GDOT will have to be a partner in this process to explore installing cross-walks.
  - Also a Career Fair was announced - that will include Hiring on-the-Spot, and Career Counseling (guidance provided at the City Hall Atrium on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>);
  - Dist. 3 Town Hall Meeting @ Friendship Baptist Church, on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>;
  - September 27<sup>th</sup> Dixie Hills/Center Hill will host a "ride-along" to address Overgrowth; Blight; Unauthorized Construction; and other Code Enforcement concerns.
  - Q&A Follows.
- The issue of new "Special Assessment" taxation on undeveloped properties for Solid Waste was again targeted to the Councilman's representative to justify. The question was again deferred by the representative to keep from "not getting ahead" of the Councilman.
- Alan Holmes (Representative for Dustin Hillis,) again, revisited earlier concerns for the safety of crossing D.L. Hollowell Pkwy. ([agholmes@atlantagov.gov](mailto:agholmes@atlantagov.gov))

### District Attorney

#### Assistant Dist. Attorney Zone 1 Prosecutor

*Brandon Peer*, reports that for the week of September 15, 2019, murders are down 32%; rape – unchanged; robbery – unchanged; aggravated assault – up 5%; burglary -up 10%; larceny – down 19%; auto theft – down 18%. 27 total murders in Zone 1, in 2019 so far. Attny. Peer gave an example of how murder recidivism works through the system and affects the neighborhood communities.

Center Hill Neighborhood Assoc.

Rolanda Powell (Center Hill NHA Chair), talked about 10-yr strategies to move Center Hill into the future that included increased safety for women, speed limit advocating, and adjacent neighborhood co-operation.

Dixie Hills Neighborhood Assoc.

Benjamin Norman reported on “cleaning up” areas in Dixie Hill through Code Enforcement. Progress can be monitored at:

<https://www.dixiehillsatlanta.com/https://www.dixiehillsatlanta.com/>.

Grove Park.

- No report
- Urban Villa is having a “clean-up” Oct 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM – 1:00, 1905 Joseph E. Boone Blvd.

Penelope Neighbors.

Reports initial growth activities

Harvel Homes

No report

West Lake

No report

Senate

- State Senator Horacena Tate took Q&A on the impact from MLK construction (mid-road planters) and scooters traffic.

Incino Group

Gave an update on Affordable Housing Transaction, 153-Unit project located at 2176 D.L.Hollowell (the old Food Giant lot) in Center Hill; and requested a variance (V-19-178). Q&A followed.

Matters for Voting:

- BZA Application
  - V-19-178 - yea – 37; nea – 1; abstain – 5

Applications for Review Only

- 3 presentations were given, for review only
  - Z-19-78
  - SD-19-29
  - SD-19-21

- Zoning Ordinance
  - Z-19-76 - yea – 17; nea – 3; abstain -11

### Nomination Committee

Rev Thurston (Chair - Nomination Committee) announced committee nominees for 2020

Elected Officers. Nominees were as follows:

Chair – Keona Jones-Green

Vice Chair – Elizabeth Thompson

Secretary – Rhonda Brawner

Assistant Secretary – Antoinette Sutton

Parliamentarian – (BLANK)

Treasurer – Patricia Roberts

### Bylaws Committee

Anthony Brown (Chair - Bylaws Committee) entertained a motion to accept 2020 version Bylaws for submittal to the Planner's Office by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The vote result was 31 - yea, 0 - nea, and 0 abstentions.

### Ga Power Assistance

Wan Smith brought concerns about fee increases at Georgia Power. She reported that fees were being charged to at-risk residents, for the establishment and maintenance of accounts rather than services provided. Protest is being organized for September 30<sup>th</sup> (404.438.6041)

Motion was made and accepted, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.