

NPU Meeting Minutes for February 25th 2014

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Meeting brought to order at 7:30pm

Opening Remarks/ Announcements: City passed the necessary legislation for the Perry Bolton TAD Bonds. Felicia Moore indicated the Moores Mill shopping center project will be moving ahead. Jim Martin had a meeting with Mayor Reed about demolition permits. ABI has released the Beltline Strategic Implementation plan and they are taking it on tour. Tonight is the Beltline/Street-car/Connect Atlanta plan meeting. Plans for a mixed use project for three parcels of land on Trabert in NPU-E across from NPU-D, should show up on a future NPU-D agenda. Sanctuary Village of Power Church on Howell Mill Road will be holding 'Shoes for Souls' on March 22nd. On March 19th Monday Night Brewing will be having a brewing event. Karyn will be chairing the March NPU-D meeting

Minutes of previous month: Approved. 14 in-favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstained

Reports from City Department Representatives

- **Police:** Captain Adam Lee present. Questions remain regarding the reported - not a typical car jacking situation. This is still under investigation. Q. Was there a burglary at the Agape Center? A No information. Q Several trees were wiped out on Howell Mill Road that had been paid for by the neighborhood. Is it possible to get an insurance claim for these trees?A. Call the insurance to file a claim.
- **District Attorney's Office:** Tiffany Harlow discussed jury trials for 2013. There were 231 trials set and 205 convictions which is a 92% success rate. The office handles Quality of Life crimes eg burglaries, car theft etc. Minimum sentence is 6 months for auto theft. Most of the cases from the NPU-D area involve repeat offenders. Crime seems to be trending down. Q What are you doing about repeat offenders?A We are informing the judges who the repeat offenders in specific cases. Court Watch training will begin at the end of March.
- **Fire:** Fire Battalion Chief Field discussed the False Alarm Program (Cry Wolf). For information phone 855-

725-7102. For the first false alarm there is no charge, second \$50.00 and third, \$150.00 . Fire stations serve as refuge when there is a problem like snow storm, e.g. if you are without power or need assistance. Fire Station's are also designated 'warming' station'. During the last storm 23 people used the fire station to keep warm. Several fires have been caused by space heaters -these need to be 3 feet away from curtains, furniture etc and should be turned off at night.

- **Public Works:** Ricky White discussed problems with contamination in blue recycling blue. Initially, cards will be issued when the wrong items are put into bins. Marietta/Bolton intersection project is expected to be completed in April 2014. Repaving is scheduled for Elaine Ave off Ellsworth Industrial Blvd - 24 days completion. Q. Huge pothole on Spad Ave. A Call office for pothole problems. Q. Street sweeping doesn't prioritize bicycle routes gravel build up from ice storms has made these very dangerous. Is there a plan for cleanup? A. unknown. Misc. Missing 'no thru-truck sign' on Chattahoochee, 1436 Carol Drive needs a no parking sign, and the dead end of Bowen at Old Chatahoochee has lights out.
- **City Code Enforcement:** No one present
- **City Solicitor:** No one present.
- **Watershed Management:** No one present.
- **Library:** No one present.
- **Parks and Wetlands –**No one present
- **APAB Report:** Jim Martin reported that the February meeting had been cancelled by weather.
- **Bolton Academy:** No one present.
- **Agape Center:** No one present

Comments from Elected Officials: Sherri Williams was present from Senator Horacena Tate's office. Reminded us to be mindful of what is going on with legislation. Elections will be the second week in May. Offices close on March 20th, leaving only 2 months for campaigning and raising money.

Planners Report: Karl discussed the 37th Annual AUDC Awards of Excellence. Nominations due by March 19th. The Howell Mill Road, from I-75 to Collier Rd. in NPU-C next to NPU-D will be rezoned to make the area more 'pedestrian friendly and village-like'. Q. Is this in response to the new development beside the Post Office? A. Probably. Q. Why not include De Fours and this area? A. This rezoning is in NPU-C, district 8, and was sponsored by Yolanda Adrean. Q. Why hasn't better planning been implemented for the area south of I-75 on Howell Mill Road since this area proposed an NC district prior to the current legislation? A. This area will be dealt with next.

Presentation: Lorielle Brossard, Office of Entertainment, described this is a new office that handles permits for film and TV shows on public and private property. Diane Venton and Cordialis Hunter were also present to answer questions. Chanel 26 provides notifications for filming sites and the office acts as a liaison between neighborhood and the film production companies. For information phone 404-295-0630. Q. When filming is taking place is crew supposed to notify people in the area? A. Find the security person on site to discuss any problem.

Presentation: Kate O'Brien discussed Groundwork USA. They focus on repurposing blighted land and brownfields by engaging groups around planned initiatives to assist in these areas. Riverwalk Atlanta is currently looking at what is possible in the area. Groundwork is working with a Groundwork Atlanta steering committee including of Keith Sharp, the Park Service and Felicia Moore. This committee is not open to the public. Our area (30318) is noteworthy for toxic pollution. There has been little representation from Public Health, Fulton County Health Services, EPA CDC, Health and Human Services and Emory School of Public Health.

Presentation: Facts Charter Academy representatives stated that they are planning to open a charter school for children, K through 5 expanding to 8 that will focus on the Fine Arts, Chess and Technology. They are looking at a location on Marietta Blvd. in the old Fesco Building by Buckhead Beef. Q. Have they considered that this is a dangerous location for children? A. Will insure childrens' safety. Q. Keith asked if there is an area for outdoor recreation and play and if this a State or local Charter? A. local charter, outdoor recreation area is under

discussion. The group plans to seek an endorsement from NPU-D for this charter next month.

Motion to extend the meeting beyond 9:00 Seconded, Approved by voice vote.

Resolution to endorse actions taken at the special NPU-D meeting held on February 11, 2014. Preston made a motion to place the business items that from the February 11th Meeting back on the March Agenda individually rather than as a group in order to 'revote' on these items. Discussion. Keith Sharp made the point that regardless of what we do (regarding these items) the city's business is continuing without us and our vote is just a recommendation to the city. Thus, the only consequence of reversing an earlier decision would be to undermine our credibility with the city. Motion Seconded, Approved 12 in-favor, 6 Opposed, 4 Abstained.

Board of Zoning Adjustment, V-13-287, 1600 Ellsworth Ind Drive : Applicant seeks a special exception from zoning regulations to reduce the required on-site parking from 642 spaces to 445 on-site parking spaces and to reduce the required on-site loading spaces from 3 to 1 to allow for the construction of a golf-driving range. The application was presented by Cathy Zicker and Zack Shore. The area is a brown field and the property, as part of the conditions of sale, was being 'cleaned' prior to the purchase. The project involves a driving range with electronic tracking of golfballs a similar range has already started in Alpharetta. Motion to Approve- seconded -discussion. Jim made a friendly ammendment that the approval be conditioned on the distance of the northeast corner of the development from northeast corner of the site at the intersection of Chattahoochee and Ellsworth to be at least 110 feet (as later determined from the site plan that was presented) in order to allow for an adequate tree-save area; and on the preservation of Beltline strictures regarding the SAP review of parking in the southeast corner of the site where the site plan may be at odds with those strictures. The ammendment was accepted. The parking exception was approved with the conditions. 20 in-favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.

Announcement: Kelechi Uzoxhukwu from Georgia State is developing a study for her thesis on how citizenry and local government work together for services. Ms Uzoxhukwu will later present NPUs in Atlanta with a questionnaire for comments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Camac