

NPU Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2013

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Meeting brought to order at 7:30pm

Opening Remarks: New NPU Grant approved for a fence by the Senior Citizen Center at Bellemeade and Commerce. Please note the new maroon steel benches recently installed in the Berkeley Park area. 3 at Station 23, 4 within the Berkeley Park community and 2 on Bellemeade Street with one more still to be installed at the bus stop at Ace Hardware, funded by Selig donation and from last year's NPU grant. Quik Trip has applied for an SAP with a site plan identical to the one rejected by NPU-D in its November resolution. SAP has also been applied for to build a medical building on Howell Mill just north of the waterworks. Also, West Side Market is planning to expand parking and replace the building that is the current site of Figo Restaurant. Financial disclosure notices need to be submitted to the city by Jim, Karyn and Preston. Monday Night Brewery, located on Trabert, now has liquor license and has special events planned. Bankhead NPUs will be meeting in February to discuss "rebranding" plans.

Minutes of previous month: Approved.

City Staff and Committee Reports

- **Police:** Officer Tony Williams present (supervisor for the sector). Crime statistics are down 10% from last year, arrests down 2%. Found bones in the graveyard thought to be from a transient from TN cause of death is unknown. Tiffany Harlow from the Attorney's office reported that 92% of cases that go to trial end up with a conviction. Burglaries are up 10% mostly residential. Biggest problem is larceny from autos. Q What happened regarding the carjacking at the library A no suspect at the moment but the incident is related to Gwinnett County. Officer Dupont from the COPS department 404 546 5650 discussed the community outreach program to assist elderly people with bills and food. In addition they provide programs in local neighborhoods for youth. COPS is promoting a 'clean car' campaign and will assist with the 'Smart 911' program.
- **Fire Department:** Captain Wadell from Station 11 present. Expect to be in the new station (28) very soon. Fire Station personnel are available to the public for blood pressure screening and installation of car seats from 9-9
- **Public Works:** Ricky White present. Reported that the signal light at Capital Materials has been fixed. The lights at White Street are still out of synch. The lighting system from Chattahoochee to Hwy 75 is a problem because of traffic density and the number of driveways (52) that spill onto Howell Mill. Q Wyatt asked if a forum with community

input could be set up to discuss this continuing problem. Q Is there not an alternate route - one had been discussed before to address the 'Connect Atlanta Plan'? Q With regard to the Kroger light, it has been showing 2x the green time to the driveway as to Howell Mill Rd (~20 seconds vs 10 in the evening) A This must be a problem with the vehicle-detection system. Call 404 330 6501 for regular street light repair Q Some resident now have two blue recycle bins and others none. How long will it take to have the extra ones removed? A 3 to 5 weeks. There were a total of 65 thousand bins delivered in the city. Pothole problems discussed particularly at Woodland Hills and Collier and at Howell Mill between Holmes and Bellmeade.

- Code Enforcement: No one present
- Watershed Management: Roslyn Johnson present. Reported that the department over the past six to seven months has been actively investigating water theft. If you suspect this is being done in your neighborhood please fill out the form (copies provided). Q. How are people stealing water? A Some of the ways people have been accessing water is by circumventing meters, destroying meters or taking them out, tapping into another meter and attaching pipes to fire hydrants. If you see water bubbling up this indicates a problem with the water system Please call 404 658 6500 Please insulate outside pipes and taps when temperatures drop below freezing. Please do not put leaves down storm drains, bag them instead. Ricky White also added that if anyone notices suspicious activity around street lighting systems or traffic lights to please report this as copper wire theft from these installations is causing havoc with city systems.
- Library: Kysh present. Left copies of upcoming events. They are still waiting for an update on the new location for the library thought to be at Perry and Hollywood. There have been some problems of late with the website. If experiencing difficulties please call 404 792 4994. Please note that the library is unable to take book donations
- Parks and Wetlands: No one present
- District Attorney's Office: Tiffany spoke earlier during the police report.
- APAB Report: Jim Martin reported that he attended the recent meeting where the Bylaws were approved. Mable Thomas was elected as a APAB representative to the ADA (Invest Atlanta) board.
- Bolton Academy: No one present
- Agape Center: No one present

Comments from Elected Officials: Felicia Moore present. Reported on the Perry Bolton TAD. This went to the GA Supreme Court, waiting for ruling. The new fire station is to be opened in March. The Bolton Tree-scape Project is now underway Discussed Water and Sewer Line Warrantee program and recommended citizens take advantage of this as the area has many old and rusting pipes If problem occurs within the property boundary then it is the homeowners responsibility to repair often with costs in excess of \$3000.00. Upcoming discussions citywide will look at a new stadium and use of hotel and motel taxes to subsidize this. Invest Atlanta also may also subsidize using TAD bonds. Felicia invited feedback from citizens. Q Could part of tax revenue be used for road repair? A Uncertain will have to look into this. Q Council Member Willis proposed downtown planning committee and needed 500K for possible projects. There are 25 people on the planning committee and the funding source has not yet been identified.

Planners Report: Karl present. Recommended that all citizens get a flu shot. County Health Services can assist. Beltline obtained acreage to connect to the Old Forth Ward park. On February 11 Connect Atlanta will report on progress and present an overview for the coming year. Please enter your nomination for AUDC awards to his office for the following: Sustainable Design, Public Space Design. Please enter nomination by March 18th Karl has further information

Committee Reports: No one present

Presentation: Albert Ashkouti discussed proposed changes to zoning for the Defoor Station Development in Underwood Hills. Proposed to add 25 units to the plan currently approved for 211 units and want to make 236 units. Plan proposes to cut down on the number of bedrooms per unit. Concerns expressed about the traffic congestion and the stacking up of traffic at the entry. Q. Has there been a tree survey done for the site? A No but does know that trees will have to be replaced. A breezeway design has been planned and presented drawings/renderings that have been one so far. Alternative zoning (MR) was discussed. Karl explained that the main difference between RG and MR is to reduce the frontage to the street. Design criteria proposes lesser set back mainly on the front. Mr Ashkouti said they are currently in discussion with three different architects for the development.

Zoning Review Board, Z-12-002: 903 Huff Road , 1-2 to MR-4A. Previously deferred until March 2013. No action Taken

Zoning review Board, Z-12-047: 1583 Howell Mill Road Applicant, Chandler McCormack, requests rezoning from R-4A (Single-Family Residential) to C-1 (Community Business). Application presented this to Berkeley Park Neighborhood with a

9-1 vote for approval. BP discussion generally endorsed proposed development, a 6,000 SF commercial building with 1 or 2 unspecified tenants, but questioned appropriateness of unconditional C-1 zoning for this development. Chandler explained that his request was for zoning similar to adjoining lots and would not shift the residential/commercial boundary significantly to the east. He explained that the rear 20' transitional yard would be landscaped to shield the adjoining residence. Motion to Approve, Seconded. Approved. 20 in favor, 1 Opposed, 1 Abstained.

Zoning Review Board, U-12-024: 2420 Fischer Avenue Biosolids recovered material processing facility. Applicant had previously agreed to defer in order to give the Bolton neighborhood steering committee more time to review the application. Karyn reported that Felicia Moore will host a large community meeting about this. She explained that deferral was needed to work on zoning conditions and the terms of a community agreement. If application is approved, Bolton was to be certain that conditions are legally enforceable because Waste Management does not have a reputation as a good neighbor. Also, AGL, a partner in the project, should be equally liable. Motion to defer. Approved. 19 in favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained.

Motion to extend the meeting beyond 9:00: Approved.

License Review Board, Change of Ownership, Gas station: Howell Mill Shell, 1790 Howell Mill Road, Mehmood Solani. Terry Baily attorney for Mr Solani explained that, rather than deferring, he would like to go forward because if delayed it will increase cost for Mr Solani. This is at a 24-hour location There have been issues with light spillage and Aesthetics. Mr Solani has agreed to replace old lights with new cut-off lighting and to install trees along Howell Mill Road. In general the site has been improved and tidied up considerably. Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved. 23 in favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.

12-O-0640 An ordinance to amend section 6-1007 (f) of the Atlanta Land Development Code, part III of the code of ordinance, so as to add a new item (6) to the Special administrative permit fees for temporary outdoor amusement enterprises, exhibits, entertainment, meetings, displays or sales areas. Farmers markets or outdoor areas, farmers markets or outdoor areas for religious ceremonies. This was listed accidentally as it was already dealt with in November. No action taken.

Matter for Review: Public Notice The Community Development and Human Resources Committee has scheduled a work session for the whole council on the City of Atlanta's tree ordinance on Thursday January 24 2013 from 1:00P.M. -3:00P.M. in Committee Room #2 THE WORK SESSION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BUT THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC COMMENT. If this relates to fees it will come back to the NPU

Meeting Adjoined at 9:15P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Camac