

WHEN: Monday, December 19, 2011

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: Hillside Facility
1301 Monroe Dr, N.E.

SPONSORS: NPU-F and the Bureau of Planning

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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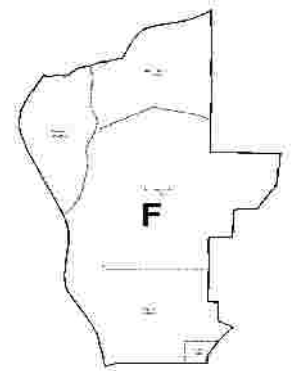
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AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction of guests

2. Announcements

None

3. Reports by City Representatives (Fire, Police, Council Members, etc.)

- Atlanta Fire Department – Station 19 North Highland Station 29 Monroe

35 recruits will start in December. 2 more classes of recruits starting in Jan/Feb.

Fire at Piedmont and Lindberg. 3 families were displaced. Red Cross representative comes to the scene before the fire department leaves. The families have children that attend Garden Hills Elementary.

- Zone 6 Police –Major Dalton; Zone 2 Police—Major Browning

A few thefts and auto break-ins but nothing out of the ordinary.

- Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs -- George Dusenbury-Commissioner, Quentin Moore, Parks District Maintenance Supervisor Northeast District; Salima Rashied PPC, PPC CEO Yvette Bowden

Quinton Moore – recreation centers on holiday hours. 10:00 am – 6:00 pm.

- Bureau of Housing and Code Compliance – Jason Baill

No report

- Bureau of Public Works, Solid Waste Services –

No report

- Department of Watershed Management – Julie Todd

No report

- Atlanta City Council –Alex Wan, District 6

No report

- Councilmember H. Lamar Willis, Post 3 At-Large Assistant Kelli Jackson

Q: What is the status of the redistricting? A: There was be a hearing on the plan.

Comment: Please request that hearings on redistricting be held in the evening.

- Councilmember Michael Julian Bond, Post 1 At-Large, Jarrod R. Jordan Chief of Staff ; Andrea Chambers Representative

No report

Comment: Please convey to the council member that the community is concerned about the process that has been put in place regarding school redistricting.

- Fulton County Commission -- Joan Garner, District 6

No report

- Fulton County Community Prosecutor Zone 6, Paul Arena-Camarillo; Zone 2, Hannah Chung

State v. Levine: trial in late November. Levine charged with arson (burning down a condo complex). Jury trial resulted in conviction. Sentenced to 20 years to serve 10. Will probably serve 4 – 5 years.

State v. Rames/Hayes: Plea bargain in case involving attempted residential burglary. On parole for burglary when he committed this crime. Sentenced to 20 years to serve 7.

VaHi is still Zone 6 – rest of NPUF is Zone 2.

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4. Planner's Report-Doug Young

New Transportation Planner has been hired.

City of Atlanta Housing and Property Survey – consultant is creating a database regarding property condition. Project costs \$200,000.

5. Committee Reports

- Lindridge-Martin Manor Neighborhood Association – Jane Rawlings, President, Richard Sussman, Representative –Gerry Neumark, Zoning–

No report

- Morningside-Lenox Park Association –Carmen Pope, President, Tracy Brown, Neighborhood Rep, Trav Carter Zoning

Not present

- Piedmont Heights Civic Association – Kevin Perry, President – Jean Johnson, Neighborhood Rep Marty Kleinman,Zoning–

No report

- Virginia-Highland Business Association (VHBA) –Warren Bruno, President, Lynn DeWitt and David Burleson reps

Not present

- Virginia-Highland Civic Association (VHCA) –Jack White, President, Rob Glancy, Representative, Mark Arnold Zoning

No report

- Traffic and Transportation Committee –

Clifton Corridor study deadline has been pushed back to March

- Public Safety Committee – John Wolfinger

No report

- Parks and Recreation Committee – Rob Glancy, Rich Sussman

South Fork/North Fork creek survey work beginning. There will be public meetings next year.

- Trees Committee – Charlotte Gillis

Not present

- Environment Committee – Jack White

No report

- APAB - Cary Aiken, Gerry Neumark Alt.

New proposed council maps presented

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

8. Presentation(s)

- Loca Luna – Leigh Davis Turner

Not Present

- APS Demographic Study: Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools—Abby Martin; North Atlanta Parents of Public Schools—Cynthia and Jim Brown

APS Demographic Study

- Council of Intown Neighbors and Schools (CINS)-Abby Martin

Our NPU is two school areas – SRT3 and SRT4. APS website had a lot of information in the demographic tab

4 proposed maps were subject to community input. Community input closed 12/16. 2 new option maps will be presented in January. Maps will be 85% complete.

SRT3 has overcrowding in the North and underutilization in the South

- North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools (NAPPS)-Cynthia Briscoe Brown

7300 children in the region

Pleased with how APS has responded to input

NAPPS has drafted a set of four principles.

Cicily Hearsh –Keane:

Demographers developed 4 maps based only on current attendance, projected attendance, and current capacity of schools.

2 – 3 maps will be proposed in January and there will be another round of community input.

Comment: There is a significant budget deficit. Under-enrolled schools do not receive state funding.

Question: When did Board know about the timeline? A: The Board did not see the timeline for the process before the community. Knew about the timeline in mid-October. Financial crisis was not driving the demographic study. Capacity concerns drove the process, not budget issues. School Board has known about the funding shortage for a while. Community organizations knew about the budget issues in July. Demographic study was planned last year.

Question: Overcrowding has been an issue for a while. Time has been compressed to deal with this issue. Has there been thought as to why under capacity schools are under capacity? Has APS considered putting “top notch” teachers at under capacity schools to attract more students? A: There needs to be attention to under performing schools. For example, there is a major renovation of Maynard Jackson. Also an IB program developing at that school.

Comment: 2010 census provided numbers for demographic study. Many question the accuracy of the numbers. Demographers said that census is one data point and “actual school enrollment” was also considered. Demographers saw a disconnect between the census numbers and actual enrollment.

Comment: People are very frustrated with the condensed time frame. Difficult to provide input in this condensed time frame. People cannot provide meaningful input under this timeline. There is a movement among the communities to change the timeline for this process. There must be a logical process for input. Seeking input on poorly thought out plans by demographers is ineffective.

9. Liquor License Review

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Address	Request
Jeffrey Gween	Bar/Restaurant	The Hideaway	1544 Piedmont Road	Change of Agent
Robert Hamill Jr.	Restaurant	B J Roosters	2043 Cheshire Bridge Rd	Additional Facility
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PHCA Report (The Hideaway): voted to approve.

NPU-F Action:

Motion to Support CARRIES on voice vote.

Application applies for a restaurant license. Do not need to have a kitchen because they are grandfathered-in. Several improvements. Changing to become more a neighborhood destination. Recent toy drive and antique car show. Applicant has not been an alcohol agent. NPU E is in favor of the application. Restaurant license allows them to continue Sunday sales. APD counseled them to keep their license as a restaurant.

LMMNA Report (BJ Roosters): no action taken due to lack of quorum.

NPU-F Action:

Motion to Support CARRIES on voice vote.

8000 square feet. 87 parking spaces required. Lot currently striped for 72 spots. Will re-stripe for 92 spots. Has not signed lease on the new facility. Wants to make sure everything approved before the new lease is signed.

COMMENT ON ANOTHER MATTER: Liquor License for BLISS has been revoked.

10. Zoning Matters(NPU Vote required)

V-11-163

1036 Drewry Street

Applicant Seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to (1) reduce the rear yard setback from 15' (required) to 5' to allow the addition of an accessory structure (carport). Applicant seeks no other variance at this time.

VHCA Report:

Project is already underway. Applicant was told to get a variance because it was close to the property line. Lot coverage was not filled out on the application. Site plan is incomplete – does not match the deed. Board said they needed a survey to clear up the confusion. Board did not see the letters of support. Planning Committee and Board denied the application due to incomplete information. VHCA wants a complete site plan and a complete application.

NPU-F Action:

Applicant comment: Lot is very small so does not need to meet the 50% impervious requirement. Wants to put carport to protect his car from limbs and pecans from tree. City of Atlanta does not require a survey. Wants a variance. None of the adjacent neighbors object. Construction will involve only hand tools – will not impact any trees. Lot coverage based on his calculations without a survey (based on deed) is below 50% (46%). Has letters of support from all neighbors.

COMMENT: Neighbor called about building occurring without a permit. Wanted pervious surface information. Asked Mrs. Peters for an investigation. Believes he has exceeded the pervious surface. Has added a gravel path that further impacts the pervious surface. Issue is "lot coverage," not impervious surface.

Motion to APPROVE conditioned on Site Plan dated 11/7/11 CARRIES based on show of hands: 7 in favor, 6 opposed, 3 abstaining

11. Special Events and Outdoor Festivals

- Walk MS Atlanta 2012

Not present

12. Adjournment