### NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT-I GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 7 pm

"Where Love of Community, Dignity and Respect, Professionalism, and Commitment Drive Everything We Do." "Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are doing for others?" M.L. King, Jr.

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### I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- A. The September 20, 2023 NPU-I General Meeting began at 7 pm.
- **B.** Chair Glover's opening remarks included the following:
  - **1.** A recognition of the importance of our 18 beautiful parks, green spaces, and recreational centers. <sup>1</sup>
  - 2. A short history of the Neighborhood Planning Unit and its structure.
    - **a.** Atlanta Mayor Maynard H. Jackson launched the NPU system in 1974 to ensure that citizens, particularly those who had been historically disenfranchised would be in a position to comment on the structure of their communities and work with the City of Atlanta as well as other support systems.
    - **b.** As a community organization, the NPU was designed to bring together residential and business interests in a cooperative effort to advise the City of Atlanta and its representatives, officials, and agencies of all matters affecting the environment, the wellbeing of residents, and the general livability of its neighborhoods, as defined by the City Department of Planning and Community Development and as approved by the City Council and the Mayor.

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NPU-I Officers			NPU-I Executive Board			
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Neighborhood Associations	HOAS	Residents	Businesses	Churches		

c. The Structure of NPU-I

- **3.** The various methods through which community members could access NPU-I meeting agendas:
  - a. The Website: <u>Neighborhood Planning Units | Atlanta, GA (atlantaga.gov)</u>
  - b. Emails from NPU-I to Neighborhoods, HOAs & Community Members
  - c. Emails to those without organizational affiliation
  - d. Department of Planning: <u>npumail@atantaga.gov</u>
  - e. NPU Program Coordinator: Nextdoor
  - f. NPU-I Website: <u>https://www.npui.info</u>
- 4. An acknowledgment of former NPU-I Chairpersons.
- **5.** An introduction of the NPU-I 2023 Executive Committee Members & the Zoom Management Team.
- 6. Zoom Instructions and Orientation with ground rules for obtaining a good recording, i.e., those wanting to speak should raise their hands and not exceed 2 minutes, as well as the admonition that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mrs. Glover noted that NPU-I would be working on all of these in conjunction with Commissioner Cutler.

any interruptions would be muted. It was also noted that no political campaign activity was allowed during the NPU-I meetings.

- The type of items to be shared in the chatroom: a. Information to the hosts and cohosts including concerns regarding Matters for Voting & Matters for Review and Comment; b. Flyers; c. Presenter Information.<sup>2</sup>
- A recognition of NPU-I History Makers and Community Builders such as the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; C.T. Martin; John Lewis; Dr. Benjamin E. Mays; Mother Thelma Smith Dunn; John B. Smith, Sr.; Mayor Maynard H. Jackson; Clarence Cooper; Julian Bond; Dr. Frank Glover; George Napper, Jr.; Rev. C. T. Vivian; Ambassador Andrew Young Jr.; Oscar Harris; Bobby Wilson; Dr. Joseph Fowler and Dr. Brandon K. Williams; Dr. Georgianne Thomas & Pastor Willie James Webb.
- **9.** An acknowledgement of the death of James Maddox, Dean of the Atlanta City Council, the longest serving Atlanta City Councilmember who retired in 2009 after having served 32 years and 8 terms as Representative for District 11.
- **10.** Attendees were asked about identifying the History Makers and Community Builders in their neighborhoods so that they could be honored in this forum.

# II. Moment of Silence, Call to Order, Approval (Agenda & Minutes), Acknowledgments:

- 1. <u>Moment of Silence</u>: Mrs. Glover called for a moment of silence before the call to Order.
- 2. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>: Parliamentarian Jackye Rhodes called for the approval of the September 20<sup>th</sup> Agenda as shared on Screen (and previously by email) by a show of hands.
  - **a.** Parliamentarian Roosevelt Stripling moved that the agenda be approved as emailed and shown on the screen.
  - **b.** The agenda was approved by a show of hands.
- 3. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>: Mrs. Glover shared the August minutes on screen.
  - **a.** Jackye Rhodes asked for a motion that the August minutes be approved as shown on screen and previously emailed.
  - **b.** Leonard Smith moved that the minutes be accepted as printed and emailed.
  - **c.** Roosevelt Stripling seconded the motion.
  - **d.** The minutes were approved as emailed and shown on screen.
- 4. <u>Acknowledgments</u>: Prior to beginning the reports from City Departmental Representatives and Elected Officials, Chair Glover thanked Mayor Andre Dickens and his staff.

# **III.** Reports from City Departmental Representatives & Elected Officials:

- A. Atlanta Police Department, Zone #1: Commander Major Reginald L. Moorman: 404-799-2487 or <u>RMoorman@AtlantaGa.Gov</u>
  - 1. Major Moorman reported that Zone 1 was going in the right direction: overall crime had gone down by <u>12%</u> and violent crime had gone down by <u>34%</u>.
  - 2. While every other crime category such as shootings, homicides, theft and robberies had gone down, auto thefts had gone up 60 % in Zone 1, especially regarding Kias and Hyundais.
  - 3. Commander Moorman announced that <u>16</u> officers had graduated from the police academy on September 19. He noted that these impressive graduates had come from all over the country. Three of these officers were coming to Zone 1 on foot beat. While some members had also graduated from the Citizens Police Academy, the current class had no one from Zone 1. Consequently, Zone 1 was going to continue to make a big push to get more people to participate in the Citizens Police Academy.
  - **4.** Before asking for questions, Major Moorman related that they had had four complaints from the Dollar General.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Chatroom messages would be shared with participants via email.

- **5.** He affirmed to one resident that this was the Dollar General at 2750 Donald Lee Hollowell Road.
- 6. Another resident, who had photographic evidence, was concerned about prostitution on Martin Luther King Drive at the BP Station near the Hamilton E. Holmes Transit Station. Major Moorman stated that he would send uniformed officers in patrol cars to address the issue, and that he would get the crime suppression unit, which did covert operations, to address the matter. Finally, he noted that the last time they worked on this concern, APD did a joint detail with Marta PD.
- 7. One more resident also noted that prostitution was also prevalent at the corner of M L King, Jr. Drive and Lynhurst Road.
- **B.** Atlanta Police Department, Zone #4, Commander Major Antonio B. Clay 404-396-2874, <u>Representative</u>, Captain Thomas Atzert.
  - **1.** Captain Atzert advised the community that it had been a difficult time for Zone 4 as they had just lost a family member in APD.
  - 2. He observed, however, that Zone 4 was doing well with many officers in the field honing their craft and learning their trade.
  - **3.** Moreover, Zone 4 was making some excellent strides in tamping down some of the crime spikes they had experienced previously.
  - 4. Their biggest challenge was property crime, largely car thefts, car break-ins, and burglaries.
  - 5. He reported that violent crime was down, although they had had a few homicides in Zone 4 over the past 6 months. Nevertheless, their homicide unit had been very successful in having tracked down <u>11</u> of the <u>18</u> murder suspects involved.
  - 6. He asked the community to continue to be eyes and ears in their neighborhoods, especially late at night and in the early morning hours when car thefts and break-ins generally occurred.
  - 7. In conclusion, the captain asked people to call or text 911 if they saw something suspicious. Pictures were very useful in this regard.
- **C. Department of Customer Service/ATL311:** Salethea Graham <u>asgraham@atlantaga.gov</u> or 404-546-7315; <u>Representative</u> Krystine Maynard, Atlanta 311 Ambassador.
  - 1. Ms. Maynard reported that the purpose of the non-emergency call center was to address issues such as potholes, watermain breaks, water bills, missed collections, code violations, traffic light and sign maintenance, or any concerns with city services. She noted further that Atl311 offered 5 pathways to resolution:
    - **a.** by dialing 311 inside the Atlanta city limits or 404-546-0311 outside the city limits from 7am 7 pm M-F.
    - **b.** by visiting and chatting via <u>www.ATL311.com</u>.<sup>3</sup>
    - **c.** by emailing at <u>ATL311@atlantaga.gov</u>.
    - d. by using the Mobile App by searching "ATL311" in your Appstore. &
    - e. by searching @atl311 on social media.
    - **f.** by signing up for City of Atlanta Emergency Alerts and texting NOTIFYATL to 888777.
  - 2. Ms. Maynard also stated that community members could respond to her presentation as well as express any concerns that they would like ATL311 to investigate through the following survey: <u>ATL311 Community Meeting Feedback Survey (surveymonkey.com)</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Residents can create an account via the new ATL311 citizen experience, whereby they could create citizen profiles which would allow the creation, tracking and updating of requests made on the cite. See the appropriate link on the <u>att311.com</u> page.

- **3.** Finally, she placed the following information in the Chatroom: ATL311 partnered with PAD (Policing Alternatives and Diversion Initiative) for issues of mental health, substance abuse or extreme poverty. To make a PAD Community Referral for the non-emergency quality of life issues previously stated, call ATL311 at 404-546-0311 and press <u>option 1</u> for Supportive Services-PAD Community Referrals from 7 am-7 pm, Monday-Friday. For more information, visit <u>www.atlantapad.org</u> or via email: <u>info@atl</u>.
- 4. One resident asked about year debris that had not been picked up in her neighborhood after two months. Ms. Maynard responded that limb pick-ups had to be scheduled with 311, they would not be picked up with regular yard trimmings that had to be placed in brown paper bags. Anything not placed in brown paper bags had to be scheduled.
- 5. Another resident asked about a fallen tree and limb debris at the intersection of Raybun and Brownlee roads. Ms. Maynard encouraged the resident to report it to Atl311. Although the neighbor said there was yellow tape around it, she would not know if it had been reported. Ms. Maynard asked the neighbor to put the specific information in the chat.
- 6. One meeting attendee asked about obtaining no dumping signed for Cascade Parkway and Cascade Road near the Kaiser Hospital. According to Ms. Maynard that location was in South Fulton and was not serviced by the City of Atlanta. She recommended that the attendee contact the Department of Solid Waste in the City of South Fulton.
- **D.** Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department (AFRD): Chief Rod Smith, (404) 546-7000, <u>Representative</u> Captain Harold Arnold, assigned to Station 31 (Ben Hill area) and temporarily stationed at Battalion 4, pending the return of Battalion Chief, Teresa Cummings.
  - Captain Arnold noted that Battalion 4, which was the largest in the City of Atlanta, consisted of <u>7</u> Fire and EMS stations and <u>1</u> EMS transport station., including <u>Station 5</u> Campbellton Rd., <u>Station 7</u> West Whitehall, <u>Station 9</u> M L King, Jr. Dr., <u>Station 17</u> Ralph David Abernathy Blvd., <u>Station 25</u> Benjamin E. Mays Dr., <u>Station 31</u> Fairburn Rd, and <u>Stations</u> <u>36 & 37</u>, which would hopefully be opening within the next 30-45 days.
  - According to the captain, from June through August, Battalion 4 had responded to <u>2230</u> EMC incidents, including vehicle accidents, medical assist calls, as well as basic & advanced life support calls for service. Of these <u>2230</u> calls, there were <u>689</u> in June, <u>731</u> in July, and <u>810</u> in August. Additionally, AFRD responded to <u>99</u> fire related incidents, including <u>32</u> in June, <u>42</u> in July, and <u>25</u> in August. Consequently, <u>96%</u> were EMS calls, and <u>4%</u> were Fire calls.
  - **3.** Captain Arnold indicated that AFRD was hiring. He encouraged anyone interested in a rewarding career to go to <u>www.AtlantaFireRescue.com</u> and click on the link to join AFRD. There were a host of positions available including Firefighting, EMT, Prior Experience Firefighter as well as several civilian positions such as Data Analyst, EMS Instructor, and Senior Communications Electronics Technician.
  - **4.** Since football season began, AFRD had experienced an uptick in fire-related calls as people celebrated by barbecuing. The captain gave the following Safety Tips:
    - **a.** Do not use grills on wooden decks or patios, as this was prohibited by the City of Atlanta Fire Code. Instead, citizens in apartments or condos should use the appropriate designated areas.
    - **b.** Do not use damaged grills with rusted out bottoms or holes at the base as these could cause the grease or flammable liquids to ignite, resulting in fires or burns.
    - **c.** Deep fryer users should follow the operator's guide. They should never overfill the fryer, which would cause fire or burns. Nor should use frozen meat products. These should be thawed and dry prior to submerging in the deep fryer.

- **d.** Users of gas-powered appliances should inspect all connections, gaskets and hoses to ensure they were free from cracks or cuts. Moreover, they should be certain to completely turn off the appliances after use.
- e. Anytime residents use a heated appliance, they should give themselves a clearance of three feet in all directions. Indeed, there should be no types of products that could burn within three feet of a grill or gas powered device.
- **f.** Using these simple guidelines, the captain stated that citizens could prevent tragedies from occurring during any kind of get together.
- 5. Citizens of Atlanta could obtain smoke alarms by visiting any of the fire stations in the city. For more information, residents should reach out to Ms. Claudie Nash at **404-392-0040**.
- 6. Captain Arnold noted that the fire stations have no carbon monoxide detectors available.
- 7. The captain pointed out the Senior Link program, another service offered by AFRD along with the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services. He observed that the Senior Link program identified persons within the community who were unable to take care of themselves or who could not perform simple tasks like transitioning from the bed, or to walk across the floor to the restroom, or were unable to shop or cook for themselves. If community members knew of anyone who needed such help, they could reach out to their Senior Link Coordinator, Chaplain Roosevelt Johns at **679-699-5382**.
- 8. Finally, Captain Arnold referred to the state-funded income-based car seat program. Qualified residents of the City of Atlanta could get car seats at designated car installation stations. Interested parties could find out where these stations were located by contacting William Hutchins, the Car Seat Program Director/Coordinator at **678-643-4318**.
- E. Code Enforcement: Deputy Chief Carven Tyus 404-564-7154, <u>Representative</u> Chanell Alexis, <u>calexis@atlantaga.gov</u> or <u>text</u>: 404-295-0709.
  - 1. Officer Chanell Alexis stated that she had been working with Code Enforcement for the past two months. Since she started with Code Enforcement two new officers had been hired and would start doing inspections shortly. Code Enforcement was still hiring. For more information interested parties could visit the website listed below.<sup>4</sup>
  - 2. Nevertheless, Code Enforcement was still understaffed, so they were not doing proactive cases at this time. The current cases that they have were all submitted to ATL311.
  - 3. Officer Alexis commented on the <u>90-day</u> report. It included <u>2</u> highly hazardous cases for NPU-I. There were also <u>26</u> properties in need of maintenance. <u>Two</u> citations had been issued for the highly hazardous properties. The individuals responsible would be going to court for the code violations. <u>Six</u> citations had been issued for property maintenance violations. Only one property complied with the violations found. There were <u>4</u> other properties where Code Enforcement was unable to gain entry.
  - **4.** Officer Alexis stated that anyone who had properties that they wanted her to look at could text or email the location to her, whether it was a home or a vacant lot.
  - 5. In response to a question, Ms. Alexis explained that highly hazardous properties were open or vacant, or unsanitary and unsafe, with the structure falling apart or burned down.
- **F. Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Justin Cutler**, 404-546-6788, <u>**Representative**</u> Stanton German, performance occupation specialist for the Administrative Strategic Innovation Office with the Department of Parks and Recreation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>https://atlantaga.taleo.net/careersection/coa\_general\_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=221438&tz=GMT-04%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew\_York</u>

- 1. Mr. German announced three community events: September 25<sup>th</sup> virtual (6:00-7:30pm), September 29<sup>th</sup> virtual (1:30-2:30pm), and October 2<sup>nd</sup> in person from 6:00-7:30 pm at the M L King, Jr. Recreational Center.
- 2. In addition, Mr. German mentioned a series of events hosted by the Department of Parks & Recreation, including Prime-Time Seniors, Swim Classes (which end on October 1<sup>st</sup>), Football, Girls Basketball and Volleyball, Movies in the Park, etcetera. For Further Details, interesting parties could visit their website at <u>Department of Parks and Recreation | Atlanta, GA (atlantaga.gov).</u>
- G. Department of Watershed Management: Commissioner Mikita Browning -<u>mbrowning@atlantaga.gov</u> or 404.546.1290; <u>Representative</u> Winton Cooper, NPU Ambassador, wcooper@atlantaga.gov.
  - 1. Mr. Cooper stated that he had no new updates at the present time. However, he was willing to answer any questions the community might have.
  - 2. Given that there were no questions, Mrs. Glover told Mr. Cooper that she would continue to be in touch with him regarding the Flooding Project.

## V. Comments from Elected Officials

- A. Atlanta Councilmember District 10: Andrea Boone, 404-330-6055 or <u>aboone@atlantaga.gov</u>, <u>Representative</u>: Tammy Kardar.
  - Ms. Kardar announced that Councilmember Boone encouraged community members to participate in the Senior Programs held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Old Adamsville Recreational Center on 3404 Delmar Lane, where attendees could enjoy food fun, bingo, exercise classes and fellowship. She also stated that Midnight Basketball was held every Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7 pm at C.T. Martin Natatorium with dinner provided.
  - Ms. Kardar also brought attention to National Steam<sup>5</sup> Day which would be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. (*Please note that this event has been cancelled*).
  - **3.** From September 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Elevate Roots Renaissance and Renegade Festival would take place. This year the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hop Hip was being honored. For more information, interested parties could access the event website at <a href="https://www.elevateatlart.com/">https://www.elevateatlart.com/</a>
  - **4.** Invest Atlanta and the City of Atlanta were relaunching The Invest Atlanta Heritage Owner Occupied Rehab Program until Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This program would provide forgivable loans for eligible seniors up to \$30,000 to address needed repairs and safety hazards, including minor plumbing and electrical work. The program gave priority to eligible senior households, military veterans, disabled heads of household, and those who had been in their homes for 15 years. Additional qualifications for the program included having a clean title and a current homeowners insurance policy.
  - 5. On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Councilmember Andrea Boone and former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin would be taking over 90 students from Benjamin E. Mays High School on a bus tour to visit colleges in Alabama, including Auburn University, Tuskegee University, and Alabama State University.
  - 6. Ms. Kardar also noted that Andrea Boone had issued legislation to amend the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances regarding mold infestations plaguing Atlanta residents who lived in rental properties. The legislation would hold property managers accountable for ensuring the health, safety, and wellness of residents.
  - **7.** She also reminded citizens to report illegal dumping to the City of Atlanta's Public Tip Line at 404-546-3867.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Steam: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

- 8. An interesting upcoming event sponsored by Councilmember Boone would be a Black Doll Exhibit held at the Old Adamsville Recreational Center on September 26<sup>th</sup>. For more details, interested parties could access the following article: <u>Atlanta Adamsville African American doll exhibit | 11alive.com</u>.
- **9.** Residents could contact Andrea Boone directly with any questions or concerns at 404-330-6055 or via email at <u>aboone@atlantaga.gov</u>
- **B.** Fulton County District Attorney, Fani Willis's Office, <u>Representative</u>, Kendall Watkins, 404-426-4524 or <u>watkins@fultoncountyga.gov</u>.
  - Ms. Watkins stated that the Fulton County DA's Office would be holding a Record Restriction event on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Howell Mill Rd. from 10 am-1pm. She noted that Record Restriction was provided under Georgia Law whereby under certain circumstances, people could have their criminal records restricted, so that only law enforcement could see them. She observed that sometimes these records could be an impediment for individuals seeking housing and employment.
  - 2. On Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, their office would be hosting the Annual Domestic Violence Resource Fair from 10:00am-12:30 pm at APD Headquarters, 226 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30311.
  - **3.** In the Questions and Comment segment, Chair Glover thanked the DA's Office for the R.E.A.C.C.T program that they provided in August.
- VI. MATTERS FOR VOTING: The NPU-I Bylaws Committee voted to maintain the 2023 Bylaws for the following year, which were only modified to include the addition of <u>Parliamentarian II</u> to the list of Executive Officers.
  - 1. The first modification (in bold type and underlined below) was on page 7 under Article V. Voting Procedures. The Sergeant at Arms (<u>Parliamentarian II</u>) shall:[...]
  - 2. The second modification (in bold type and underlined below) was on page 9 under Article VIII. Standing Committees: Executive Committee: The membership of the Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson; Treasurer; Parliamentarian; The Sergeant at Arms (Parliamentarian II); Secretary; Assistant Secretary, and two designees each from the civic associations within NPU-I, which are officially recognized by the City of Atlanta.
  - 3. Mrs. Glover showed the modifications on the screen and read them to the community.
  - **4.** Since there were no questions or discussion, Mrs. Glover asked Leonard Smith to launch the poll to accept the application.
  - 5. Leonard Smith launched the poll to approve the challenges to the bylaws with the following results: YES: <u>25</u> votes; NO: <u>2</u> votes; ABSTENTIONS: <u>2</u> votes. The changes were approved.
- VII. Planner's Report, Susan Coleman, City of Atlanta Planner <u>sucoleman@atlantaga.gov</u> or 404-546-0113.
  - 1. Susan Coleman made the following announcements:
    - **a.** The Department of City Planning was beginning the process for updating the Comprehensive Development Plan and they were getting ready to kick off community engagement this fall.
    - b. The Urban Design Commission had nominated the Fulton County WWI Memorial in Buckhead, located in Pershing Point Park, for protection under the City Historic Preservation Ordinance. The nomination would be reviewed by the Zoning Review Board and the City Council for designation as a landmark building site in the coming months.

- **c.** The last NPU University class of the month, Atlanta City Design, would be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>.<sup>6</sup>
- **d.** On the first Thursday of each month, the Department of City Planning visited an Atlanta neighborhood for its Corner Conversation Series. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, a corner conversation would be held at Taproom Coffee in Kirkwood at 1963 Hosea L. Williams Dr., SE Suite R106, Atlanta 30317.

### VIII. NPU-I Chair, Neighborhood & Committee Reports

- 1. Chair Eunice Glover made the following announcements:
  - **a.** Due to the weather, scheduling the outdoor tree workshops had been problematic. However, one would there would be a virtual tree workshop. Details would be forthcoming.
  - b. The 2023 NPU-I Award Program would be held at the Bank Event Center on November 4, 2023. The Community Excellence Award would be given to individuals who had served their communities very well as volunteers. The deadline for submitting names for the Community Excellence Award was originally September 15, 2023, but it had been extended to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Neighborhood Excellence Award would focus on inclusion, information communication, and advocation. This would be an excellent opportunity to show how well neighborhoods operated and the positive things that were happening in a given neighborhood. The deadline for submissions for the Neighborhood Excellence Award was also September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - **c.** The Invest Atlanta Heritage Program, presented earlier by Tammy Kardar, would end on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. See section V. Comments from Elected Officials, A. #4, page 6.
  - **d.** Two new projects had been launched to improve the appearance of NPU-I neighborhoods: the Lynhurst Project and the Benjamin E. Mays Project.
  - e. The Grady Cascade Outpatient Center had opened recently at 3355 Cascade Rd., Atlanta, GA 30311, located in the same shopping center as Kroger. Hours of Operation: 7:30am-5pm, 404-616-7979 (Main & Appointments). Parking and public transportation were available.<sup>7</sup> For more information, interested parties could view their website at: <u>https://www.gradyhealth.org/locations/cascade-outpatient-center</u>)
  - f. Eunice Glover, MAOM, CSC, Stel<sup>™</sup>, President of the Center for Enhanced Organizational Learning and Development, LLC would be hosting two virtual training programs for the leadership and others in NPU-I. The first was entitled Mindfulness and the second, Social and Emotional Intelligence as a Leadership & Organizational Tool for Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond. The dates for these virtual workshops were to be determined.
  - **g.** The Code Enforcement Report for May, June, and July 2023 would be sent out to neighborhood leaders, if there were any incidents in their neighborhoods. Moreover, NPU-I would be doing research and would continue to work with Code Enforcement as well.
  - **h.** The Comprehensive Development Plan A was shared previously with the community via email on September 21<sup>st</sup>. For details, see the Addenda.
  - i. Major Moorman of Zone 1, Major Clay of Zone 4, and Transportation Commissioner Solomon Caviness had been sent copies of the Hot Spot Streets in NPU-I. The Hot Spot Streets would be updated, especially regarding speeding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> From the City Planning Website blow, click on the link for NPU University: <u>https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/</u> 7 MAPTA PUS 71

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> MARTA BUS 71.

- j. The Flooding Project was moving forward to Watershed Management.
- k. More members were being added to the SlickText messaging platform.
- **1.** The NPU-I website should be up and running very soon. It was funded through the 2023 Grant received from City Planning.
- **m.** On September 26<sup>th</sup> there would be a zoom meeting from 11am-12:30 pm via zoom about Open Enrollment for Social Security and Medicare, Zoom I.D. 615 072 9242. The community was sent a flyer with the details via email on September 21, 2023 in the September 20, 2023 General Meeting Chatroom Messages and Upcoming Events and Programs.
- n. On October 7<sup>th</sup> Morehouse School of Medicine would host a community Engagement Day, regarding community health care concerns, especially considering the closures of Midtown WellStar (Boulevard Avenue in Atlanta) and Southwest WellStar (Cleveland Avenue East Point. Details were sent to NPU-I via email on September 21, 2023 in the September 20, 2023 General Meeting Chatroom Messages and Upcoming Events and Programs.
- 2. Mrs. Glover thanked the community members and participants who attended the meeting. She was also very appreciative of all the wonderful contributions of community members.
- 3. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

# PUBLIC NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Campaigning by Elected Officials & Candidates**

Campaigning at NPU meetings is strictly prohibited by the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances.

**Sec. 6-3019 Prohibition of Political Forums** "Neighborhood planning unit meetings shall not be used for political forums or campaigning for city, county, state, or federal elections.

Examples of campaigning could include, but not be limited to:

• Introduction of elected officials as political candidates in upcoming elections.

• Distributing campaign materials and literature; and

• Conducting either of the above in City Hall, its rooms or offices.

Please contact Leah LaRue at 404.546.0159 or <u>llarue@atlantaga.gov</u> with any questions or concerns.

# Millicent Bolden NPU-I Secretary

# ADDENDA City Planning Flyer

# DEPA R T MEN T OF CI T Y PL A NNING DRAFT SEPTEMBER 2023

### PLAN A: COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN | 2023-2024

The Department of City Planning is dedicated to a planning process that reflects Atlanta's diverse community and includes everyone in our city's future prosperity. Community involvement will touch each Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) and create spaces for marginalized people so that their ideas are represented into Atlanta's comprehensive planning.

#### GOALS

- Prepare a Comprehensive Development Plan that brings community ideas to life.
- Encourage and increase overall public participation across all neighborhoods.
- Raise awareness with people left out in past planning processes and empower them to participate.
- Be transparent and responsive throughout the process.

#### APPROACH

- Combine in-person and virtual opportunities so all Atlantans can get involved in planning Atlanta's future.
- Create opportunities to build trust, capacity, and relationships with neighborhood groups, NPUs, and others.
- Assess and adjust during the planning process.
- Routinely provide updates.
- Align with the Zoning 2.0 Zoning Ordinance Rewrite process.

#### ACTIVITIES

- 50 community land use and neighborhood planning workshops hosted by each NPU.
- Pop-ups, walk and talk tours, and other events throughout Atlanta.
- On-request in-person and virtual meetings and studio hours to directly interact with City planners.
- Routine advisory meetings with a Public Leadership Group.
- Website, social media, emails, APAB/NPU updates, and other outreach.
- Presentations and follow-up with each NPU during plan adoption.



#### DEPA R T MEN T OF CI T Y PL A NNING

DRAFT SEPTEMBER 2023

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEDULE **COMMUNITY ORIENTATION | OCT. 2023 — JAN. 2024** Prepare Community Involvement Plan. Initial education and training for planning participants. Increase awareness. City-wide kick-off event in January.

#### COMMUNITY INPUT | FEB. — JUNE 2024

Two rounds of workshops hosted by each NPU.

Additional in-person and virtual opportunities for community input.

Initial public review and comment on drafts of Land Use and Neighborhood Planning Elements.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT, LAND USE AND NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ELEMENTS | JULY - SEPT. 2024

Summarize public feedback and demonstrate revisions in drafts.

Present to and request support from the NPUs.

Adopt Land Use and Neighborhood Planning Elements.

#### COMMUNITY INPUT | OCT. 2024 - FEB. 2025

In-person and virtual opportunities for community input on the other Elements to

Plan A. Initial public review and comment on drafts of the Elements.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND OTHER ELEMENTS | MARCH - MAY 2025

Summarize public feedback and demonstrate revisions in drafts.

Present to and request support from the NPUs.

Adopt remaining Elements so the City has a fully updated Plan A supporting the new Zoning Ordinance.

**Contact:** For more background and information, visit: <u>www.atlcitydesign.com/2021-cdp</u>. <sup>8</sup> Have ideas about community involvement? Please share your thoughts with the project team via email to <u>planA@atlantaga.gov</u>.