

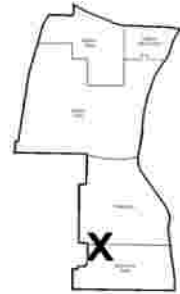
## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – X MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** January 2008

**TIME:**

**WHERE:** Stewart-Lakewood Library  
2893 Lakewood Ave., S.W.

**SPONSORS:** **NPU-X** and the Bureau of Planning



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**NO DETAILS AVAILABLE**

## MEETING MINUTES: NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – X

**WHEN:** Monday, February 11, 2008  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Stewart-Lakewood Library  
2893 Lakewood Ave., S.W.  
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### 1. Opening Remarks/Invocation

- Dianne Bryant (Chair) opened the meeting at 7: 05 PM with a moment of silence.

### 2. Chair's Report

- Capitol View and Capitol View Manor: Can anyone attend a meeting tomorrow regarding KIPP Academy?
- Dept of Planning study on S. Moreland Ave Public Meeting 3/20/08 at 630 Mt. Nebo Church
- There are now extended hours at the Helene Mills Senior Multipurpose Facility. The facility is conducting a contest for NPUs. Whichever NPU has the most members signed up for classes wins.
- Park Pride is conducting a conference at Botanical Gardens. NPU-X has 1 complimentary ticket.
- Connect Atlanta Plan: There are more public meetings at Atlanta Metropolitan College beginning 3/10/08. There are a series of meetings in the academic building.
- Atlanta Victim Assistance Center: They help with animal and noise nuisances, boundary issues, consumer merchant conflict, and neighbor vs. neighbor. Contact Brenda Muhammed 404-588-4740 located at 150 Garnett St. if you would like conflict assistance.
- Dianne asked NPU to let her know if they were interested in going to the meeting tomorrow and/or the Park Pride Conference

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- Total \$795.71 collected. Collected \$9.00 last meeting.
- Envelope was distributed for funds.

### 4. Public Services

- Zone 3 Police Department – Lt. Lyle**
  - 3 part 1 crimes. Most are down at Kroger.
  - Major Finley has an initiative regarding burglary. He has assigned expert people to a car dedicated to burglaries. These two people are Marshall Hall and Ryan. So far, they have apprehended 3 burglars. The car also has a tag reader. It is a camera that reads plates. Then, it searches the database for reported stolen cars.
  - Also, there is another initiative on the homeless campsites. Lt. Lyle states that they are working on it. They are "running everyone" at the campsite. Some, they are arresting for outstanding warrants. Some, they are entering in to the system. Police are also bringing Gateway out to the site to assist.
  - Suggestion: Meet with Zone 3 and Zone 4 about campsites.
- Zone 4 Police Department – Major Perdue**
  - Major Perdue states that the area is going down in crime.
  - They recently locked up a career burglar.
  - He suggests that people be diligent and let the police know about suspicious people. He states that is how the police catch them.
  - He also suggests that if you have a navigation system that you put them away before you park. Burglars are looking in cars and taking them.
  - Suggestion: Add lights near Lakewood Bridge.

- **MARTA – LT. Jackson**
  - No part 1 crimes. They are taking applications for MARTA police academy
- **Atlanta Fire Department – Engine 20**
  - 9 major fires in 9 days
  - 1700 alarms
  - 9 working fires
  - New chief: Chief Cochran
  - Announced that they will monitor blood pressure. And, also, assist with fire detectors and car seats.
  - Fire Department is scheduled to check hydrants in 8 weeks.
  - Reminder to change your smoke detector batteries.
  - He states that most fires are arson. Usually, insurance fraud.
  - Call 404-853-7000 and ask for an inspector in regards to fire causes.
  - Please be vigilant and keep an eye out!
- **Code Enforcement – Inspector Smith**
  - Pegg Rd Area: They have started doing sweeps in areas with a lot of violations.
  - Please let her know if there are bad areas.
  - Murphy and Evans Dr: Concern about trucks. Inspector Smith referred issue to Officer Turner. Smith will find out what is going on. The property is owned by Mr. Joseph Perry.
  - How long does it take to respond to violation? If it is highly hazardous....citation is issued quicker.
  - Home on Dearwood Rd: Bank does own property. They are trying to find out who at bank is responsible.
  - Thank you to department for taking care of rubbish on Dill Ave.
  - Concern: Lanier Dr adjacent to house on Murphy Ave: They are noisy at night. Call 404330600 to assist with noise complaints
- **Department of Watershed Management – Karen Anderson**
  - Offering a rebate program: If you replace low flow toilet in a house built prior to 1993, they will issue a \$50-\$100 rebate. You must have a water account in good standing. The rebate will be credited to your water bill.
  - Care and Conserve raise money for those having trouble paying bill who need to repair sewer pipes on property. Call 404-885-1877 if need assistance and to donate. They do weather proofing as well.
  - Website has most up to date information about water restrictions. Karen states that if new sod is younger than 30 days, you can water it.

## 5. Elected Officials' Report

- **Joyce Shepard - did not show.**
- **Nan Orrock State Senator:**
  - Foreclosure issue: They are introducing a package of bills that focus on foreclosure prevention and give relief to those in foreclosure. Predatory lending bill was gutted.
  - There are now more foreclosures than any other time in the nation's history. Ms. Orrock is proposing a moratorium on foreclosures and address the appraisal situation.
  - These bills also address loans that are bought up in packages and the government cannot find the owner.
  - They will also provide protection for renters if owner is in foreclosure. It will require mandatory notice to the renter. The current bill that is going through right now does not have any enforcement.
  - Is Governor going to pass it? Ms. Orrock states that it is going to be a difficult time to get these bills passed.
  - Code Enforcement introduced a bill to force landlords to register their houses with the city. The bill has not passed. Ms. Orrock favors the registration.
  - She recommends that the 1<sup>st</sup> thing to do is contact Legal Aid if you are involved with a foreclosure.
  - Suggestion to Ms. Orrock: Work with AHA. AHA has reduced rent subsidies drastically. Landlords are now in a tough spot.
  - 404-463-8054 is her number [nan.orrock@senate.ga.gov](mailto:nan.orrock@senate.ga.gov). Children ages 12 - 17 can page for the Senate. They can spend a day with them.

- **Zone 3 Community Prosecutor: Susannah Wright 404-624-8026 [susannah.wright@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:susannah.wright@fultoncountyga.gov)**
  - Wonderful success this past week/weekend at the Youth Relationship Summit at Spellman College.
  - US Congress resolution about National Youth Violence Day
  - Court Watch program 1<sup>st</sup> training session 3/8/08 9am-12pm at the County Courthouse 185 Central Ave Atlanta, Ga. They will walk you through the criminal justice process.
  - New program: Court Watch ambassadors: The ambassadors will sit in a courtroom for day and observe all cases. Then the ambassador can come back to report to the community about what was observed. Let her know if you want to become an ambassador or be a part of the program.
  - If she does not return calls or emails immediately she is in court and will return the messages as soon as possible.

#### **6. Committee Report**

- **Public Safety Committee:** No report
- **Lakewood Committee:** No report

#### **7. Planner's Report – Jonathan Gelber**

- Cleveland Corridor plan is 2/3rds done. He reports that there was good turn out at the public meeting in December. Flyers at door for next meeting. The meeting will go over preliminary recommendations. Public has a chance to comment and impact the plans.
- Connect Atlanta: State Supreme Court ruled funding is unconstitutional. Metropolitan TAD may be in jeopardy. They might appeal to a federal court or change the law at the state constitution level. Or, they may just change the funding.

#### **8. Presentation(s)**

Richard Bright Prevention Research Center at Morehouse Center 18-44 black male and female from 14 zip codes no HIV Train people to get them to understand what is going on. Risk reduction project  
Can contact him for any environmental health concerns.

#### **9. Zoning**

- Z-08-10 (7, 0, 0,) motion passes

#### **10. License Review Board**

- Goldrush (10, 0, 0) motion passes

#### **11. Public Review and Comments**

- Ordinance 08-0-0009 (11, 0, 0) motion passes
- Ordinance 06-0-1908 (11, 0, 0) motion passes

#### **12. New Business**

- No new business

#### **13. Adjournment**

## MEETING MINUTES: NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – X

**WHEN:** Monday, March 10, 2008  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Stewart-Lakewood Library  
2893 Lakewood Ave., S.W.

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### 1. Opening Remarks/Invocation

§ Dianne Bryant (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:05 PM with a moment of silence.

### 2. Chair's Report

### 3. Treasurer's Report – Not available

### 4. Public Services

#### § Zone 3 Police Department – LT. Lyle

- 11% decrease in crime compared to this time last year
- Arrested 10 burglars.
- Began using dedicated auto theft car last week. They recovered 6 autos with perpetrators in them and made 4 arrests of people trying to enter cars.
- One officer from burglary car and one from auto theft car took a class to learn how to effectively interview a suspect. Class was taught by a retired FBI agent.
- Sergeant Hester is overseeing a detail of 3 officers to work with Code Enforcement. They are targeting 303's beat and counting vacant houses.
- 14 officers are taking a bicycle course and will serve on bike patrol detail this summer.
- They are investigating the 2481 Spring Garden Dr concern.
- Concern: Narcotics Line was not working. It went to the tip line which told them to speak to Narcotics.
- Chief Pennington has re-activated the "Red Dog" team and they are working in the Zone. They made 7 arrests last week.
- Vice Squad is working with FIT team twice a week.

#### § Zone 4 Police Department – Major Perdue – No Show

#### § Grady EMS – Kevin Sullivan (Deputy Chief)

- July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 Fulton County subsidies to cities for ambulance service will end. 30% cut in their budget. Fewer ambulances on the road. Fulton County is suggesting that the cities find funds to continue subsidies.
- He is asking for help and donations.
- He recommends making calls to the government representatives.

#### § MARTA – Major Easterling

- No incidents to report at Oakland City or Lakewood stations.
- 3 incidents at other stations on the south line in the last 3 weeks.
  - § Garnett Station problems with the Greyhound bus station; West End: \$20 was snatched but the suspect was caught; Robbery between airport and East Point stations. Victim had money visible in hand
- Call 404-848-4911 or dial #MPD on cell phone to report suspicious activity to MARTA police.
- Trying to be proactive by placing patrol cars police in areas like the new development near Lakewood/Fort McPherson station in the Sylvan Hills neighborhood and Murphy Avenue at Oakland City station
- Concern: Please place lighting at the Garnett Station.
- Public Comment: Oakland City landscaping is looking good.

§ **Atlanta Fire Department – Captain Wyatt Fire Engine 20**

- 180 calls – 8 serious structural fires, 99 medical calls, 103 dumpster/car fires
- New Fire Chief Kevin Cochran.
- Reminder to change batteries in fire and carbon monoxide detectors when we change to Daylight Savings Time
- Firefighters recently counted over 600 vacant houses in Engine 20's area. He says most are secure.
- Please call police department if you see any suspicious activity. Please call the fire department if fire.
- 2-Alarm fire the other night. Four warehouses burned.
- Concern: Please have the fire chief have an assessment of the firehouses. What happened to money that was donated?
- They believe that there will not be any reduction in manpower or closing of stations in spite of budget cuts.

§ **Code Enforcement – Inspector Smith (no show) - Inspector Turner (no show)**

§ **Department of Watershed Management – Karen Anderson**

- Atlanta is in a level 4 drought. Mandate to reduce consumption by 10% was made and has been exceeded. Because of this the department is projecting a significant shortfall in revenue. Requesting approval of a temporary 15% drought surcharge from council. Households that use 1 – 3 ccfs will not be affected by surcharge. Surcharge cannot continue more than 90 days after the drought ends. Public hearing Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at 6:30pm at City Hall.
- Concern: Metropolitan and Perkerson water sewer problem is still not fixed.
- Concern: Elementary School problem also not fixed. Ms. Anderson recommends calling Councilmember Shepard's office.

**5. Elected Officials' Report**

§ **Joyce Shepard**

- Earth Day is coming up. If you want to do a project or have one planned, please let her know. They want to know what the neighborhood associations are planning. Call or email.

§ **H. Lamar Willis' office**

- Sidney 6<sup>th</sup> annual Swing in the Spring Break Tennis Camp at Beecher Court 9am -1pm ages 8-17. Event is free. Call 404-330-6041 if interested.

§ **Zone 4 Community Prosecutor: LaDawn Blackett Jones**

- Banning offenders has been successful.
- She has helped to start a burglary task force.
- Historically Atlanta, East Point, Fulton County Sheriffs department did not communicate with each other. Now they are working together to get funding, to share ideas, and talk about things that they need to fix.
- Let her know about any locations (suspected drug houses) that are of concern.
- LT. Lighty is working on sending investigators out at different times. They are getting search warrants successfully.
- 503 Atwood seized about 3 years ago. Unable to sell and is now looking for a family to live in the house.
- Concern: What do you do if a banned person is back?
  - § Drafting legislature to guide how to deal with offender who do not comply with banning.
  - § They can make it a part of their release terms.

§ **Zone 3 Community Prosecutor: Susannah Wright 404-624-8026 [susannah.wright@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:susannah.wright@fultoncountyga.gov)**

- She received 2 successful convictions.

**6. Committee Report**

§ **Public Safety Committee:**

- Dianne would like to start tracking incidents. Please send Dianne an email or call her if you know about something that has happened or is happening.
- Meeting at 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:30pm at Rice Memorial Church
- A Superior Court Judge will be there to in observation of Law Week. Hope to discuss ideas on how to deal with repeat offenders.

§ **Lakewood Oversight Committee:**

- Committee has not met and will have information at the next meeting.

**7. Planner's Report – Jonathan Gelber**

- § Cleveland Corridor Plan 4/24 6:30pm at Rosel Fan Community Center open for comment. Public can submit any comments within 60 days after meeting.
- § Atlanta Beltline procedure has revamped public outreach system. Monthly study group meetings every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at Atlanta Metropolitan Room A210 Academic building. Rowland Young is the contact. He can be contacted at email [ryoung@atlbeltline.org](mailto:ryoung@atlbeltline.org) or call 404-588-5474.

**8. Presentation(s)**

§ **Atlanta Victim Assistance Program –Patricia Hudson – postponed until next month**

§ **Community Economic Development Institute – Cathy Brice**

- Teaches economic development to community residents.
- 30 Acres bought by NACK wanted a return on investment and community involvement.
- They developed a course so that community would be better educated to help with the development project. Applications were offered. Free course starts at the end of April and goes to September 2008.
- Anyone who attends would participate in the acreage development.

§ **Friendly Summit – Larry Phillips**

- Asking for support for active adults facility.
- Phase 1 will begin breaking ground soon. Retail component are facilities for seniors.
- Phase 2 is a multifamily facility. Invite those people that could not buy homes. Increased the retail component and should include a restaurant. 9000 sq ft more retail space than in Phase 1. Brochure handed out highlights the amenities. Should create about 50 jobs. Contact them if you are looking for employment. Please let them know if you have input or ideas and concepts.
- Motion for a letter of support: (5, 3, 4) motion carries.

**9. Zoning**

- § **V-08-10** – Did not show, therefore, there was no vote.

**10. License Review Board**

- § Eva Robinson/Elevation Enterprise – Othello Event Hall - motion to support (14, 0, 0) motion passes

**11. Public Review and Comments**

- § Motion to Not support passes 08-O-426 (13-1-1) – Ordinance to create Drought Surcharge

**12. New Business**

- § Mr. Killings: Owner of Juck's Bar and Grill located on Metropolitan Parkway next to Victory Outreach church. Church bought the plaza and wants bar and grill to move. They have been there for 10 years. Looking for support at a later date since he will be moving to a different location.

**13. Adjournment**



## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - X MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Monday, April 14, 2008  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Stewart-Lakewood Library  
2893 Lakewood Ave., S.W.  
**SPONSORS:** NPU-X and the Bureau of Planning

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1. **Opening Remarks/Invocation** - Dianne Bryant (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with a moment of silence
2. **Minutes** - March minutes were distributed. No corrections were received
3. **Chair's report – Dianne Bryant**
  - Dover Training Institute **Bridging the Gap to a Successful Future**- 8 week training session
  - Atlanta Metropolitan College is sponsoring a workshop for starting your own business **Business 101 Workshop**
  - **HOPE Can Help** workshop for people facing foreclosures April 19
  - **Congressional Foreclosure Forum** hosted by Congressman John Lewis April 26
4. **Treasurer's report – Sig Read**
  - Current balance is \$809.71. No collection in March. \$14 in February.
5. **Public Services**
  - **Zone 3 Police Department – Major Finley**

Reported 3 robberies, 3 assaults, 5 larcenies/others and 5 vehicle larcenies, 16 shoplifters and 9 auto thefts. Thirty arrests around Connell Ave, Metropolitan Pkwy, and Cleveland Ave. Area struggling with quality of life issues. There are many incidents in the Kroger area.
  - **Zone 4 Police Department – Major Perdue**

Burglaries are up. Arrested three thieves last week. Twelve new officers are going to be dispatched for foot beat in the future. They are putting a detail car in the high incident areas. Zone 4 starts at 75/85 to 166 West to Cascade. Vice is running details up and down Metropolitan. Speeding is a problem on Brewer Boulevard.
  - **MARTA** – not present
  - **Atlanta Fire Department – Station 20**

632 alarms and 25 major fires so far this year. Last shift 3 fires. One on Hartford resulted in 2 deaths. A ninety year old lady survived the fire. The cause of the fire has not been established. Firefighters canvassed the Hartford area passing out smoke detectors and batteries to residents who needed them. Councilmember Joyce Sheperd mentioned ASAP program where fire fighters go from home to home to inspect smoke detectors and give alarms and batteries to those who do not have them. She suggested canvassing the Hartford area. There are rumors that station 30 may be closed and Ms. Tommie voiced her concerns that her area may be the target of budget cuts. Combo CO<sub>2</sub> smoke detectors are available. Firefighters were asked how many fires this year are arson. This information can be obtained at the arson department at 404 -853-7000.
  - **Code Enforcement – Inspectors Smith and Turner**

Officer Smith updated the community on the following cases: 2195 Springdale Road (citation was sent); 791 Peg Road (due in court on April 23); 799 Peg Road (owner will be served by the sheriff, not answering the door); 511



Peg Road (junk cars); 2378 Springdale Circle (owner can't be located); 2907 Metropolitan (most of the junk has been removed); 569 Milan Avenue (owner has a license for motor vehicles/part). 1892 Metropolitan, the creek area next to Kentucky Fried Chicken (owner was sent a fifteen day notice for them to clean up the area).

Ms. Tommie voiced a concern about a dumpster in the street. Complaint from community about 18-wheel trucks near Murphy and Division (they have not been moved); dumpster at 609 Dill is a mess - How long is it allowed to stay there? A citation can be sent if it is excessive junk and debris.

If there are many problems in one area code enforcement can do community sweep and issue citations. A citizen complaint was made about 2263 Metropolitan (They don't have any permits and they are functioning as a junk yard). Officer Turner 678-616-6804 and the office 404-330-6190

- **Department of Watershed Management - Caryn Anderson not present**

Flyers with information on building your own rain barrels were distributed

- **Department of Public Works – Travis Dennard (404-624-0799)**

Deals with trash collection and illegal dumping. Customer service – 404-330-6333. We are making some cases in court using the cameras. No Littering signs come out of the public works department. Is aware that dumping on Estes continues to be a major problem. Hammond Park area by the dental office (near Third and Seventh Avenue) there is major dumping. Many instances of dumping in NPU-X were discussed and the neighborhood would like to know how to combat this problem other than constantly reporting. The issue of West Nile in Southwest Atlanta is a major problem due to the dumping. The fines are not severe enough.

## 6. Elected Officials Report

- **Joyce Sheperd**

Illegal dumping-it is difficult to locate the people dumping. Cameras are a sticky situation with the traffic cameras being challenged in court. She acknowledged that dumping and trash is a major problem. Community must organize in order to combat the problem. A new commissioner is being hired for the Public Works Department Joe Pacista

They will be a repast at Perkerson Recreation Center on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. for the two individuals who died as result of fire on Hartford. Memorial Service is at 4 p.m. Owner of house, Ms. Hall is still in the hospital at Grady.

Councilmember Sheperd hasn't heard about Fire Station 30 closing. It was renovated last year. Tire Roundup will be on April 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a cook out and a clean up at the park. There will be dumpsters for the tires from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mortgage fraud workshop will be this Saturday at Atlanta Metropolitan College.

Quality of Life money is used for speed bumps. The school buses may be the reason that there are no speed bumps on Brewer.

The community is looking to finish the Cleveland Avenue Corridor study. Planning Department is currently analyzing the data.

The protest against the Cell Phone Tower at the corner of Dill and Metropolitan is continuing and they are looking to appeal to Superior Court, distribute petitions and/or picket.

- **Zone 3 Community Prosecutors Office – Susannah Wright**

Surveys were passed out so that people could note and report major concerns. She would like to prioritize issues according to citizens' concerns. The Court Watch program is targeting repeat offenders who are about 20% of the offenses. The Zone 4 community prosecutor is LaDawn Blackett-Jones at [Ladawn.blackett-jones@fultoncounty.ga.gov](mailto:Ladawn.blackett-jones@fultoncounty.ga.gov). Steps being taken to deal with people selling stolen copper was discussed.

## 7. Committee Reports

- § **Public Safety-** Judge G. Tusan will be at the meeting April 28 – Judge Tusan's biography and a flyer with meeting details were distribute
- § **Lakewood Oversight** community needs another member. Sigrid Ehrmann offered to represent Sylvan Hills.
- § Ken White is working on a neighborhood watch for Sylvan Hills. He is going to have a meeting in mid May to discuss public safety and plan how to proceed (678-431-4134)
- § Mitch Abel trying to organizing a cleanup in Hammond Park area on June 14. It is Glenwoods Heights and Browns Mill Road. Needs volunteers. His number is 770-432-2295 just dial 0 if you reach his voice mail.

## 8. Planner's Report - Jonathan Gelber - seeking to complete the Cleveland Corridor Plan soon

## 9. Presentations

**Santa Fe Villas Re-Development** (Paul Bolster) – Santa Fe Villas is a complex for people with special needs. It is a former motel that was converted to permanent housing and has 147 formerly homeless people with section 8 vouchers as residents. Current market rate rent is \$475. The facility is supported with HUD money. Residents have access to a mental health team from Grady. . Plans are to tear down the building and re-build with additional units. Current residents will be relocated to another HUD site during construction. They are applying for state of Georgia tax credits to help finance the redevelopment. There will be 24 units and will include a community center. With the addition they will be able to accommodate couples but still won't take children. A motion was put forth to grant the letter of support. In favor 11 oppose 0 and abstained 0.

**Atlanta Investing** (Perry Chandler) Remodels and sells houses to first time buyers, teachers, fire fighters. One of their projects is 1457 Brewer Boulevard. Their builder is Earth Craft certified.

**Atlanta Victim Assistance Program** (Patricia Hudson) deals with domestic violence and mediation. They are located at 150 Garnet Street 404-588- 4770. Grant received from ACoRA to work with communities on public safety initiatives

**KIPP Ways Academy** (Ed Chang) KIPP stands for Knowledge is Power Program. There are two KIPP academies in Atlanta. When starting at KIPP students typically score in the bottom third on standardized tests. When they leave they have moved to the top third. Councilmember Joyce Shepard has given a letter of support for the KIPP academy. Ed Chang's contact information is 404-449-5383. Mr. Chang is looking at potential sights in our area to start a middle school for grades 5 to 8.

## 10. Zoning

Mark Malte is seeking a variance for his deck. A motion to approve was put forth and 13 supported, 0 opposed and 0 abstained.

## 11. Sub-Division Review Committee

## 12. License Review Board

## 13. New Business

Georgia Stand Up - having a meeting this Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the re-entry into the community of formerly incarcerated Individuals.

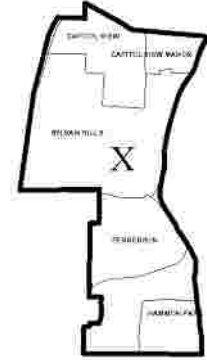
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## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - X MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Monday, May 12, 2008  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
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### 2. Chair's Report

§ **Minutes (8, 0, 0) Minutes approved**

§ **Jonathan Gelber (former planner for NPU-X) is no longer with the city of Atlanta**

### 3. Treasurer's Report – \$17 collected at last meeting. Total collected \$826.71 to date.

### 4. Public Services

#### § **Zone 3 Police Department – Major Finley**

- 11 incidents at Kroger
- 59 arrests in Perkerson community (Metropolitan Pkwy, Cleveland Ave., Beeler, Connell) many are for quality of life issues; some drug arrests
- 32 crimes
- Auto thefts on Cleveland Ave near interstate; some cars being picked up by "Gypsy" wreckers
- Kroger, Burger King, Arby's: From 12 am to 1 am there is a problem with loitering.
- Payless/Athlete's Foot: Need police patrol along back street. In recent burglary thieves cut phone lines and entered through back wall. Businesses need a cellular back up on alarm system.
- Shopping carts are disappearing from Kroger. Perkins Auto Recycling and Samson are accepting them.

#### § **Zone 4 Police Department – Major Perdue**

- Increase in residential burglaries.
- Down in robberies, assaults and business burglaries.
- Increase in shed/residential storage facility breakins.
- Major says, "Be nosy neighbors!" Most burglaries occur between 9:30 and 3:00 pm.
- Caught 4 burglars last week because neighbors were suspicious. They called it in and gave vehicle and clothing descriptions.

#### § **MARTA – Lt. Angela Smith 404-848-3645 (works 3pm to 2am Monday thru Thursday)**

- Lost property report.
- Try to keep personal articles close to you.
- Verbal attack on elderly woman on train videotaped. Suspect is now incarcerated. No one on the train contacted MARTA. A young black man on the train approached perpetrator and told her to stop. MARTA wants to find this young male so they can recognize him for his efforts.
- On train you can hit #MPD if you have Nextel Sprint, AT&T or Verizon to contact MARTA police department about problems on train. Get the train number.
- Crime is down. Have 3 more units to patrol.
- If you see something, say something.
- Concern: Notices to contact MARTA police at stations. She will research what stations have them, then submit a list to the Major.
- Concern: Lack of speed limit signs. Response: MARTA is increasing in speed limit tickets.

§ **Atlanta Fire Department – Captain Wyatt - Fire Station 20**

- 177 runs (last 30 days). 6 working structure fires, 125 medical calls, 58 other calls
- Smoke detectors/batteries available. Call 404-853-7000 if want alarm checks
- Expecting to offer fans again this summer
- Will assist if a tree falls on a house or in the roadway

§ **Code Enforcement – Inspector Smith – No show**

§ **Department of Watershed Management – Karen Anderson**

- Senior Citizens water discount: look for renewal card, sign it and return so that you can continue receiving the discount. If you do not currently receive the discount call 404-658-6500 for information on how to apply.
- Proposed new rates will go in to effect in July this year. Asking for increases over next 4 years (27.5% first year, 12.5% second and third, 12% fourth year)
- City Council holding Public Hearing: May 21 at 6:30 pm
- Water restrictions are still in place.

§ **Office of Solid Waste Services – Travis Denard (404-330-6333 ext. 1953)**

- Problem with dumping tires and bags.
- He would like to coordinate a neighborhood cleanup. 4043306333 ext1953

**5. Elected Officials' Report**

§ **Vincent Ford - State Senate**

- Fort McPherson House Bill 817 states that Georgia State will be the implementation authority for re-development (500 acres, \$2 billion investment). Wants state to insure that plans for re-development provide property tax relief, home rehabilitation loans and job training for current residents. 30310 and surrounding area has highest unemployment rates in Georgia. Planning a future town hall meeting
- 4 million dollar library project at Atlanta Technical College approved for breaking ground next year
- Budget: When did the city know about city budget crisis? We should have known as soon as they knew. He is offering legislation that states the budget crisis must be published as soon as the government knows with a hearing telling how it happened. He has called for the chief finance officer to be fired. He has called for an audit.
- He is aware of a renewed effort to privatize the parks
- Thursday 7pm public hearing and will address concerns with council members.

§ **Joyce Shepard**

- 140 million dollar deficit. Contributing factor Gatsby 45 bill – requires 30 to 40 years of pensions in place. Actual accounting – ORACLE – surplus was not real
- Departments are presenting the budget as we speak
- 9-3 pm hearings. Judicial system on Thursday.
- Council will make a decision on budget to agree or disagree. If disagree, then will decide what needs to be changed.
- She is not part of any committee to close a park. No one was laid off in the parks. Perkerson assessment: There is a proposal to close some recreation centers (including Perkerson) temporarily because of budget problems. Improvements for Millican Park to go forward. Funds not affected by budget crisis.
- She wants an audit in the water department before approve 27% raise. "I am upset about it. No to increase. Show us where you are spending money before we approve increase."
- No cuts yet in the fire and police department. No plans to cut fire stations. Station 30 not closing, Station 20 second in line to be re-built
- Cell tower: filed an appeal with GA Superior Court: Cell tower has been approved but filed an appeal to Superior Court.
- Thank you for the tire cleanup. Scrappy Green Tires recycles tires.
- Lakewood Point meeting with Joyce, owner of property (ANDP), and police about public safety issues at 6pm at New Cavalry Missionary Baptist Church on Melrose Dr.
- Executive branch feeds council budget/financial information. Charter needs to be changed in order to get the information to the city council in a more timely manner. Charter is legislated by the state. She will get information on how to change the charter.
- She has asked for lawyers and audit.
- Law department is hired by mayor.

- After 5 program to be held at Rosell Fann recreation center rather than Perkerson. Change was decided prior to budget announcements
- Q – Can airport funds help offset deficit/ separate authority funds cannot be used
- Q – Does council accept any responsibility for budget problems/ council not involved in preparation of budget, Mayor made many decisions and carried out on her own
- Q – How do you change charter/ will investigate process
- Q – Council increased amounts for Mayor discretionary spending/rescinding decision

§ **Zone 4 Community Prosecutor: Ladawn Blackett Jones – No Show**

§ **Zone 3 Community Prosecutor: Susannah Wright 404-624-8026 [susannah.wright@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:susannah.wright@fultoncountyga.gov)**

- On a murder trial this week and next week. Zone 3 double homicide (5 years ago) from the Peoplestown community (951 Martin St.). Picked jury today. Will be trying this week and next week.
- Court room 1C start at 9:30 and 9:00-5:00pm. 3 Co-defendants being tried in this case
- Demetrus Clements aka Spiderman: one of the worst copper thieves in the area. caught stealing copper from air conditioners: Banished from Zone 3. In Drug Court program. They have been alerted. Underlying problem is drug addiction. Jail for 3 months then confined to an inpatient drug facility for about a year. If he messes up again, can prosecute and ask for about the maximum penalty
- Thebed Bloodworth: one of 5 worst burglars in area. revoked probation for 2 years, sentenced to 20 years: 3 in prison, banned for the remainder of 20 years from Zone 3

#### 6. Committee Report

§ **Lakewood Oversight Committee** - Met last week.

§ **Public Safety Committee**: - Will not meet this month because of Memorial Day holiday

§ **Lakewood Finance Committee**: - No report

#### 7. Planner's Report – Garnett Brown

§ Cleveland Corridor – City of East Point not very optimistic on project. May be pulling out of the project. If they do it will not meet LCI requirements

#### 8. Presentation(s)

§ Southwest Transmission Main Project: Cameo Garrett/Carlton Sherrer

- Purpose is to replace all old and deteriorating lines that carry drinking water. Problems are causing some discoloration in water. Will receive bids first quarter 2009. 18 month construction time. Entire project finished by 2010
- Start at one end and work down. Small sections limited amount of demolition
- Will serve to take pressure off smaller lines

§ Friends of Stewart Lakewood Library - Kenneth Johnson

- Bond referendum for new 25,000 sq. ft. (2½ times current building) state-of-the-art library on November ballot. Will service current area and Pryor Road corridor – location to be determined. Flyer for contact info to them know that you support
- Health Fair on June 14, 1-5 pm
- Meet monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 630pm

#### 9. Zoning

§ **V-08-85 (12, 0, 0) Motion passes**

#### 10. Adjournment

## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - X MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Monday, June 9, 2008  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Stewart-Lakewood Library  
2893 Lakewood Ave., S.W.  
**SPONSORS:** NPU-X and the Bureau of Planning

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Planner (404) 330-6145



### 1. Opening Remarks/Invocation

§ Dianne Bryant (chair) opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with a moment of silence

### 2. Minutes

### 3. Chair's Report

- § Stewart-Lakewood Library hosting Health Fair on Saturday, June 14, sponsored by Friends of Stewart-Lakewood Library. Flyers are on the table everyone is encouraged to attend.
- § Morehouse School of Medicine (Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine) small media campaign to promote screening to increase early detection of breast and cervical cancer among African American women in NPUs X, V, and Y. Flyers on table. Message will be forwarded via e-mail as well.

### 4. Treasurer's Report - \$7.00 collected at May meeting; current balance \$833.71

### 5. Public Services

#### § Zone 3 Police Department – Lieutenant Lyle

- Met with Major Finley to examine statistics and determines that vacant homes are driving crimes. Assigned officers to assist Code Enforcement (unit made up of 3 officers and Sgt. Hester as supervisor).
- For 8 weeks there will be 5 two-man foot patrols in Zone 3 (6 am to 2 pm)
- Four narcotics warrants issued
- Georgia Department of Transportation working with APD code enforcement unit to close campsites

#### § Zone 4 Police Department – Major Perdue

- Citizens Police Academy beginning a new 10-week session. Call Kimbrough at 404-209-5250 to find out more. For the first time they will be offering a special class for seniors (55+).
- 2040 Sylvan Road was cited as an illegal teen dance hall following a shooting. They are signs of possible gang involvement
- Burglaries are driving crime everywhere
- There are reports of an illegal club operating in the Lakewood Crossing Shopping Center around the corner from Family Dollar

#### § MARTA – Major Easterling

- Undergoing a major renovation of lighting throughout the system
- Problems with graffiti at Lakewood Station. It is believed that graffiti is advertisement for person (Spike) who is doing illegal tattoos on underage children. Asking for help in identifying Spike.
- Ridership is up; parking lots are filling up quickly. Would like to open additional lots but there are not enough officers to secure them.
- Please keep an eye on personal belongings in stations and on buses and trains
- Buses are being vandalized (windows broken by thrown rocks) need passengers to report any such incidents
- How many vacant MARTA police positions? 25 to 30 – Number of officers in canine unit is increasing and Special Operations Response Team pulls officers from precinct
- Two cars vandalized at Lakewood Station near the new Columbia development

- Can MARTA have officers drive down Evans Drive? Officers patrol in stations and wherever there are buses
- There is an increase in foot traffic at Lakewood and there is a need to increase police visibility
- Are there video cameras outside stations? No currently there are cameras only in the stations. The next step is to install cameras in parking lots.
- Current coverage at Oakland City Station will remain although there is a need to increase coverage at some stations.
- Do MARTA police patrol bus stops? There is a bus patrol unit and plain clothes officers are deployed to work on buses. There were 20 part I crimes in the system, 16 of them were on buses.

§ **Atlanta Fire Department – had to respond to a call; unable to report**

§ **Code Enforcement – no officer present**

§ **Department of Watershed Management – Karyn Anderson**

- Handout with information on rate increases
- With the tamper-proof meters, how can residents turn off the water if an emergency occurs or repairs need to be made? Must use shut off inside house
- Seniors have called about rebates for low-flow toilets and other things but they are not getting called back
- After reporting a leak 3 times resident flagged down a water department truck. They were told to call customer service number and it took 4 days to resolve the problem
- Why are proposed rates so high? (Franklin answered) Department is expecting shortfall due to conservation efforts. Requested a drought surcharge and it was not approved. Bonds have been issued for work done and project must be completed by 2014. Tried to get an extension but Judge insists deadline be met. There are loans available from the state but no grants. Pursuing Federal grants. Rate increases are necessary to cover costs already incurred and stay on schedule. Sewer repairs are major problem because the work was not done for over 40 years. Rates are necessary but something must be done to help Seniors and others with limited income.

## 6. Elected Officials' Report

§ **Nan Orrock** – district stretches from Lenox to Clayton County.

- Fair lending act was stripped (contributed to worst foreclosure crisis in city). New bill to increase transparency in lending so that it will be easier to find out who owns a loan; lot of predatory lending (loans not regulated); Atlanta LegalAid team assisting with efforts to prevent foreclosures
- On November ballot Homestead Exemption increase from 15,000 to 30,000
- Recommends elderly and disabled register for absentee balloting (automatically renewed for each election)
- Can changes to predatory lending laws be reversed? Need a federal law to help throughout the country
- Credit freeze available for \$3 (free to seniors). Can be reversed if you desire
- Legislation to require registration for owners offering properties for rent could not get hearing (needed to deal with issues around flipping properties)

§ **Mayor Franklin**

- Judge Thrash overseeing water issues; There is a water fund program that might benefit cities in Atlanta's situation. Most large companies have been aggressive in water conservation efforts
- Office has not done enough to educate residents on water conservation
- Drought restrictions – Mayor requested that State keep restrictions in place, request was denied
- We need a Code Enforcement Officer – what can you do to help? Send her a list of 30 properties and she will follow up
- Why are damaged properties not demolished? Why isn't Code Enforcement a part of police operations? Some properties have long histories of complaints
- What can residents do about increases in property taxes due to fraud? Suggest filing an appeal. With regard to property taxes city receives about 0.43 (1<sup>st</sup> \$100,000 goes to Public Safety)
- 7<sup>th</sup> NPU meeting in 5 days



§ **Congressman John Lewis – Anna Cherry**

- June 22 – Multicultural Festival at Perkerson Park (12 to 4 pm) – Free food and performances/ yoga and tai chi – volunteers needed

§ **Councilmember Joyce Shepard**

- After 5 Summer Program (12 to 17 years old; 6 to 9 pm) is being held at Rosel Fann Recreation Center this year; Gabrielle Fulton is the Director. Pickup at Perkerson Park at 5:30
- Openings for Camp Best Friends – teaching children to swim; aquatics program needs participants
- June 26 – grand opening for new business at Southside Industrial Park (formerly Poole Creek and Plunkettown); they need to hire workers from the community Comment – people need help with issues in their past that might prevent them from getting a job; GED preparation – DA “A Second Chance Program) can help to expunge record and assist dropouts – Orrock federal law passed after 5 years signed this year. Georgia has highest incarceration rate in the US
- June 26 – Neighborhood Commercial District meeting at Liberty International Church at 7 pm

§ **Susannah Wright – Community Prosecutor Zone 3**

- Community newsletters distributed
- On murder case for two weeks (4 defendants, 3 on trial, drug deal gone bad), Jury deliberated less than 4 hours – all convicted/repeat offenders – 2 consecutive life sentences and 25 years parole
- Project Turnaround pilot program between GBI and APD – citywide undercover drug operations recorded buys/led to sweep, 100 dealers arrested (some repeat offenders with violent histories) bond hearing today – repeat offenders remain in jail; 20 qualify for project turnaround (under 25 years old, limited criminal history, no violent histories). They were shown videos of them selling and asked if they would enroll in program. all agreed. Intensive program, lot of community service, counseling, life skills training and job placement; all participants are progressing well; volunteers are needed for council (meet every 2-3 months to review progress of participants) decisions of council will be handed down by Judge Arrington; jobs are need for participants if anyone can help

7. **Committee Report - none**

8. **Planner’s Report - No planner**

9. **Presentation(s)**

§ **Sylvan Circle re-development (ANDP)**

- Mixed income housing/revitalization/abandonment of street; have applied for Urban Enterprise Zone funding; 270 rental apartments (studios, 1,2, and 3 bedrooms); Sylvan Circle/Sylvan Way will become private road; Enter complex from Perkerson Road (1-in, 1-out); future commercial possibilities; park will need to be relocated; indoor/outdoor amenities, gated complex; 75% affordable/25% market rate; 3-story buildings (1 bedroom mid \$630, 2 bedroom \$740, 3 bedroom \$840 – add \$100 for market rate); project should take 15 to 18 months including the demolition of current structures; applying for tax-exempt bonds and 4% tax credits; currently 296 units built around 1949
- Can you acquire neighboring properties? ANDP is interested in community long-term, has larger vision but can’t make promises

§ **“House in The Park” – August 31 (12 to 8 pm) multicultural, multi-age (House and neo-soul music) festival; 500 people attended in 2007; free beverages, activities for children; family oriented; two APD officers to provide security; event to be promoted by massive e-mail flyer and two radio spots; Concerns from residents – don’t block driveways, promote in community Motion to support – 19/0/0**

§ **Mike Baskin – AFSCME** (represents staff at City of Atlanta, Grady Hospital, Southwest Hospital, Schools, public services) works in Code Enforcement; Council members Smith and Shepard helped to secure laptops

10. **Zoning**

11. **New Business**

12. **Adjournment**

## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - X MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Monday, July 14, 2008  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Liberty International Church  
**SPONSORS:** **NPU-X** and the Bureau of Planning

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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### 1. Opening Remarks/Invocation

§ Dianne Bryant (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:14 PM with a moment of silence.

### 2. Chair's Report

- § Approve Minutes
- § By laws have to be updated by end of September. We need committee to review bylaws for changes or updates. We need committee chairs. Dianne will email the bylaws. Let her know if interested in being a part of the committee.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- § June collected \$10 for a total of \$843.71.
- § National Night Out: CAMP plans the celebration. Asked us to support them. Motion to donate \$250 to CAMP for National Night Out was made and approved (.

### 4. Public Services

#### § Zone 3 Police Department – Major Finley

- 33 crimes in Perkerson neighborhood mostly at Kroger, going down slightly
- Springdale issues with robberies and attacks during morning hours.
- Hammond Park: 10 burglaries and larcenies. Quality of life crimes. Have made 5 or 6 arrests. More patrol and details in that area has helped.
- Shooting at SkyView Apartments at about 9:30 or 10pm last Friday. It will be on next month's report.

#### § Zone 4 Police Department – Lieutenant Cox

- Increase in burglaries.
- Apprehended a couple last week. Juveniles stealing big screen TV. Please call 911 if you notice anyone going from house to house knocking on doors.
- Hitting business and stealing catalytic converters. Need to secure parking lots. Thieves are hitting isolated lots.
- Concern: Gang increase in entire Zone and throughout city. Police are trying to keep the corners clear. Looking in to the suspicious activity. Owner of property must press charges if located on private property.
- Concern: What steps are being taken to prevent crime? Burglary unit is working the area. Putting people in the area. Had a burglary unit in the area that is how they caught the burglars last week. No foot patrol in this zone.

#### § MARTA – Major Angela Smith

- Renovating lighting throughout system.
- Bike thefts a problem at West End and East Point stations. Please use bike racks to secure bicycles.
- Car in Lakewood Station parking lot was broken into around 3 or 4 am on Wednesday
- June 20<sup>th</sup> - young male 5'2, 120lbs with light brown eyes and a mole snatched IPOD from female. MARTA police have issued a BOLO (be on the lookout) for him. Flyers were distributed.
- Do not allow strangers to use your cellphone. Suspects are running out the door of train with the phone after you hand it to them.

§ **Atlanta Fire Department – Captain Wyatt - Fire Engine Station 20**

- June slow month! 169 running, 5 serious structure 94 emergency calls, 70 others-trees down, dumpster ...
- This winter is going to be busy. 5% cut from their budget. Closed Station 7. Fire Chief assures us that other stations can pick up those calls within an acceptable response time.
- Special giant equipment truck Squad 4 (comparable to APD's SWAT team) disbanded. They used to go to all structure fires. Equipment will be distributed to other stations. Method to be used for redistributing not known.
- Other stations who answer fewer calls could have been closed but Station 7 was selected because there are several other stations (20, 14 and 1) in the area that could easily pick up those calls.
- Sworn personal are not laid off. They are being redistributed among other stations.
- Recruit class graduating in the next two weeks are being dismissed.
- 3 Captains, 6 Lieutenants and 2 drivers being demoted because of eliminated positions
- Relief days will begin again. One day per quarter without pay.
- Medical EMS – ladder trucks will have the equipment.
- There is an organized effort to get the Station open again. Dianne will send out the email.

§ **Code Enforcement – Inspector Smith**

- Submitted a written report via e-mail to Chair which she read to residents.

§ **Department of Watershed Management – Karyn Anderson (no show)**

§ **Office of Solid Waste Services – Travis Dennard 404-624-0799**

- New recycling program to take effect for Southeast, Northeast and Southwest Atlanta. Please call office if you have questions. New containers will be distributed. If you need one call him.
- Yard trimmings, trash, and recyclables are to be collected on the same day. Information will be sent to community.

**5. Elected Officials' Report**

§ **Joyce Shepard**

- Please help look out for the seniors in the community. Recently an older man was found in his home several days after he died
- Budget: Put back some things.  
Put money back in courts. Mayor cut it back out. Budget was her decision. If she doesn't agree, she can override council. Neighborhood Deputies program was not cut. Next training will be held on August 29. It is a half day class. Please contact office to register.
- She will commit to finding out why Wachovia Bank is closing Lakewood branch. She will email us. Motion for Chair to write a letter on behalf of NPU to oppose the closing: (12, 0, 1) motion passes.
- Property tax increase: majority of council members against increase.
- July 31 - Ft McPherson Advisory Committee meeting. 7:00 pm at Gilbert House

§ **Zone 4 Community Prosecutor: Ladawn Blackett Jones - No show**

§ **Zone 3 Community Prosecutor: Susannah Wright 404-624-8026 [susannah.wright@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:susannah.wright@fultoncountyga.gov)**

- Project Turnaround - program for males under 25 with no violent crime history arrested for drug-related crimes: January of this year up through Memorial Day GBI and Atlanta Narcotics did a lot of drug buys undercover, videotaped and audiotaped the operations. It was a big sweep and caught about 100 perpetrators without long criminal histories and no violent crimes. Those who qualified were offered opportunity to participate in program. They were paired with a mentor and given the option of job training and doing community services. They are also being given life skills training for 1 year. If they complete the program the charges are dropped. If they decide not to participate or don't comply with program, they will be prosecuted fully. Most decided to enroll. Successful thus far. Those not eligible for program are being prosecuting vigorously.
- Court Watch: need community to see what is going on.

§ **Nan Orrock 404-463-8054 [www.nanorrock.com](http://www.nanorrock.com)**

- Tomorrow is an election day. Turn out is expected to be low. Can call 404-454-9183 for a ride to the polls
- If you are available to drive people to the polls, you can call that number to volunteer
- If you are not listed on the roll at your polling place or don't have your identification, ask to cast a provisional ballot. It will give you 48 hours to come back with identification. If you have trouble voting call number above.

**6. Committee Report**

§ **Public Safety Committee: No report**

§ **Lakewood Committee: No report**

**7. Presentation(s)**

§ **CDBG – The Gilbert House Driveway**

Al Dodson (Grants Manager, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs) asked for support to submit a CDBG application. The funds will be used to replace the driveway at the Gilbert House in an attempt to make it more like the original driveway. Motion to support (18, 0, 0) motion passes

§ **CDBG – Matthews Place**

Benny Williams, Financial Secretary, Antioch Urban Ministries Inc., asked for support to submit a CDBG application on behalf of Matthews Place. The funds will be used for the Matthew's Place Housing Program at Santa Fe Villas. Motion to support (11, 2, 1) Reuben Burney abstained.

§ **Sylvan Circle Redevelopment – Zenovia Palmer, Tayani Suma (ANDP)**

Support for urban enterprise zone tax abatement program. Motion to support (17, 4, 0) motion passes

§ **Beltline Environmental Impact Study – Beverly Molander**

MARTA and Beltline Inc are undertaking a two-year environmental impact study around the Beltline. Currently putting together stakeholder advisory committee.

§ **2040 Sylvan Rd – Zone Entertainment (Deangelo Moore)/Community Radio Station (William Read)**

- Has been cited by License and Permits Unit for operating a teen dance hall without a permit.
- Fridays and Saturdays they have talent showcase
- Tuesdays and Thursdays they have student teen meetings with seminars about business and finance
- On Friday and Saturday nights there are two adult chaperones for every 100 teens. Also private security and they collect names of all teens attending when they enter so that they can follow up and invite them to participate in other programs they offer.
- Mr. Moore believes that his business falls under one of the exemptions in City of Atlanta teen dance ordinance. Gives sponsor as Community Educational Outreach Inc. a nonprofit in Iowa.
- Hours of operation: 14-16 ages (8-11:30 pm) 17 and up till 1am Tuesday and Thursday 5-830 pm
- Where are the kids from this community that participate
- Due to citations unable to employ off-duty police officers.
- Recommendation made and approved for committee to meet with Mr. Moore to get a better understanding of what Zone Entertainment does.

**8. Zoning - Z-08-44 Deferred until next meeting.**

**9. Public Review and Comments**

§ Ordinance 08-0-0877

**10. New Business**

**11. Adjournment**

## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – X MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Monday, August 11, 2008  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Stewart-Lakewood Library  
2893 Lakewood Ave., S.W.

**SPONSORS:** **NPU-X** and the Bureau of Planning



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**1. Opening Remarks/Invocation**

2. Dianne Bryant (chair) opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with a moment of silence

3. **Minutes** – motion to accept (13/0/0)

**4. Chair's Report**

**5. Treasurer's Report -**

**6. Public Services**

**7. Zone 3 Police Department – Lieutenant Lyle**

- § 42 incidents in beat. 21 at Kroger. Officers need to do better job to aid Kroger in deterring automobile burglaries and thefts in parking lot
- § Sgt. Hester and Quality of Life Unit working on list submitted by Flora Tommie. Also received list of concerns in Hammond Park from Councilmember Shepard's office. Fifteen code violations were identified.
- § **Concern** – flagrant prostitution at Xpress Mart on Cleveland Avenue near Marathon station
- § **Concern** – Skyview Apartments continue to be a nuisance. Raines Carter has file of information collected by residents. Information collected over a year. Zone 3 Community Prosecutor Susannah Wright and Major Finley are working together to deal with Skyview Apartments.
- § **Question** – is there a pattern to auto thefts at Kroger. People are leaving cars parked in lot for various reasons. Kroger manager (Mr. Butts) has been asked to have employees keep an eye on lots

**8. Zone 4 Police Department – Officer Jettmore**

- § Introduce Lt. Kloster. New evening watch commander for Zone 4. Worked in Zone previously with mobile team and crime suppression unit.
- § July 11 – August 11 crime statistics (1 homicide, 11 robberies, 9 aggravated assaults, 8 non-residential burglaries, 21 residential burglaries, 13 larceny-vehicle, 14 larceny – non-vehicle, 16 auto thefts)
- § Warrant has been issued for three juveniles wanted for robbery and burglary

- § **Concern** – Kaliq Wares (Metro Lanes & Games) suspects that juveniles are hiding weapons at Lakewood Crossing on the way to the skating rink. At end of night retrieving weapons and assaulting others near McDonalds.
- § **Question** – how does increase in crime compare to rest of city. Indication of gang activity increasing. Gang and Guns Task Force has been alerted. Only 10 investigators for entire city. Request for information to help us recognize gangs in our area. YMCA on Pryor is also having problems. They are attempting to reach out to juveniles.
- § **Question** – what can be done about young man walking down the street with pants hanging down. If genitalia is not visible it is not considered indecent. Nothing can be done.
- § **Tonita** – staff member at Pittman Park invited residents to take advantage of after-school program with transportation and athletics. Cost is \$50 per month for youth 5 to 15 years old. Also mentioned that Perkerson Park had been burglarized and computers taken.

**9. MARTA –**

- § Chair received message that Major Easterling has been transferred to another precinct. She has been replaced by Major Christopher Lindahl. Lt. Smith has also been transferred. No one from MARTA attended meeting. However, Chair received message from Lt. Sharon Williams saying that she had gone to the wrong location for the meeting.

**10. Atlanta Fire Department – out on a call**

**11. Code Enforcement –**

**James Shelby (Dep. Comm. Dept of Planning)/Debra Conner Acting Dir. Bureau of Code Compliance**

- § In the process of looking for a new Dir. For Code Compliance
- § All inspectors are being re-trained on how to do inspections
- § Meeting with Chief Penning to discuss possibility of meeting with Zone Commanders to discuss their participation with Code Compliance
- § Efficiency of department is determined by how well they manage complaints
- § Finding property owners continues to be an issue. Working with Solicitor and Law Department to develop a new process to address this problem.
- § For both judicial and administrative In Rem cases 60 to 90 days is the goal for resolving issues. Have adopted the stance that not resolving cases is no longer acceptable. For judicial in rem cases introducing new legislation that will allow notices to be sent to last known owner on record and then move forward even if owner is not contacted.
- § Interns have catalogued every open case and they are now being re-inspected. Working toward 24 hour turnaround from time of report to inspection
- § Property registration will help greatly in identifying owners of rental properties.
- § When reporting vacant lots or properties without address get as much information as possible (for example between two addresses or to the right of address) Staff is being taken out on buses and trained how to do inspections. They are also receiving training on zoning and other items weekly.
- § Request has been made for law department to determine if junk cars can be pulled and grass cut on properties to reduce nuisance for neighbors. Citation similar to traffic ticket issued if junk vehicles are in yard. Junk vehicle is one without a valid tag or one that cannot operate legally on the road
- § Mayor's office has requested changes in department

**12. Department of Watershed Management –**

§ Karyn on vacation. Information received by e-mail from supervisor will be forwarded to residents.

**13. Office of Solid Waste Services – Travis Dennard**

§ Recycling program now in-house. Call 404-330-6333 if you need small black bin to collect recyclables. Reported that some recycling was missed last month. Yard trimmings not picked up from 831 Pegg Road.

**14. Elected Officials' Report**

**Ralph Long – State Representative Elect – rally in front of Wachovia tomorrow**

**Councilmember Joyce Shepard – out of town**

**LaDawn Blackett-Jones – Community Prosecutor Zone 3**

§ Meets with Susannah Wright (Zone 3 Community Prosecutor) about twice a week. Zone 3 concerns can be given to LaDawn and she will pass them on.

§ Forty young men involved in Project Turnaround – program for drug offenders with two or fewer convictions and no history of violent crimes. Guys are not showing up. Volunteers are needed for the Citizens Council and to serve as mentors.

§ **Question** – Aware of similar program in Supreme Court. How is your program funded? It is not funded and that is part of the program. When funds are needed must scramble to find them. Program is experiencing issues for which they did not plan. Trying to learn from this experience how to make program more successful.

**15. Committee Report –**

**Lakewood Oversight Committee –**

§ Keeping an eye on 'gypsy' parking lots to encourage them to do a better job of cleaning up after events

§ Possible concert to benefit Oversight Committee. Further details to follow

**16. Planner's Report - No report**

**17. Presentation(s)**

**Sullivan Center – CDBG Application**

§ Center teaches life skills, money management, nutrition, offers legal aid (tenants rights), employment counseling, food pantry, garden on site (organic vegetables for sale and beds available to residents), summer camp (how to write a business plan), starting a new program to allow them to take application for food stamps (will also provide information on other benefits) 17 to support application/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion to donate \$100 from NPU to Sullivan Center (15/0/0)



### **KIPP STRIVE – Kenneth Mason (founding Board Member)**

§ Ed Chang is in New Orleans and Los Angeles visiting best practice schools. The charter for KIPP STRIVE was approved by the Atlanta Public School Board in May. STRIVE will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> KIPP school in Atlanta (second in APS). Projected to open in 2009. KIPP STRIVE is a charter school.

### **Last Summer Jam – Kaliq Wares**

§ Festival targeting high school seniors and college freshman. 5% of proceeds to be donated to CHRIS Kids (non-profit offering services to children. Will have concerts as part of festival with stage behind Metro Fitness. **Request** – flyers be distributed to resident on Brewer to warn of noise. Plan calls for 30 private security personnel and 6 off-duty officers. **Request** – more officers. Some areas of the parking lot may be closed off. All front entrances will be open.

### **18. Zoning**

19. Z-08-54 – support (13/0/1)

### **20. New Business**

### **21. Adjournment**

## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - X MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Monday, September 8, 2008  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Stewart-Lakewood Library  
2893 Lakewood Ave., S.W.  
**SPONSORS:** NPU-X and the Bureau of Planning

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### 1. Opening Remarks/Invocation

§ Dianne Bryant opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with a moment of silence.

### 2. Minutes

### 3. Chair's Report (Dianne Bryant)

- § House in the Park festival at Perkerson Park was a great success. Ramon Guyton (sponsor) is planning to hold the festival at the park again next year.
- § The Last Summer Jam festival that was scheduled for September 10 – 12 at Metro Fitness has been cancelled.
- § Superintendent Beverly Hall mentioned each of the schools in NPU-X except Capital View during her 2008 State of the Schools address. You can view or read the address at the Atlanta Public Schools website.
- § Lajuana Bradford at Wachovia is the person to contact regarding the closing of the Stewart-Lakewood branch. Dianne will send her contact information to the group via e-mail.
- § Sylvan Hills, Capital View and Capital View Manor neighborhoods will be moving back to Zone 3.

### 4. Treasurer's Report – (Sig Ehrmann)

§ Balance was \$900.51. \$27.00 was collected at the meeting and \$250 was disbursed as a donation to the Sullivan Center. Current balance is \$677.51.

### 5. Public Services

#### § Zone 3 Police Department (Lt. Lyle)

- Beats which were formerly 404 and 405 will now be 311 and 312. Boundaries won't change. Kroger still having problems (couple of automobile break-ins and shoplifting). NPU-X portion of Zone 3 had 43 burglaries in 2007 and 33 during same period in 2008. Officers assigned to Burglary Unit have received special training and are becoming experts in working with repeat offenders. On October 1 Zone 3 will have new recruits on foot patrol for 8 weeks. Have found that stores are selling illegal drive-out tags. Captured a suspect who matches the description of the perpetrators in several incidents. Auto theft car with tag reader is active all the time. Repeat offenders being handled by Chalet – officers are notified when they are released.

#### § Zone 4 Police Department (Lt. Klotzer & Jettmore)

- Beats 404 and 405 (Sylvan Hills, Capital View, Capital View Manor) are moving back to Zone 3. Officers and equipment will also be moved. There will be no break in service. This area had 180 arrests in 2007 compared to 228 arrests during same period in 2008 and 202 aggravated assaults versus 267. In most aggravated assaults the victim and perpetrator know each other. An officer was hurt during a fight with a perpetrator.

#### § MARTA (Lt. Sharon Williams – Evening Commander)

- Automobile crimes are the biggest issue for all MARTA stations. GPS are popular items for thieves. The officer stationed at the Murphy entrance of Oakland City Station was moved but is now back. MARTA Police meet in a manner similar to APD (MPACT – MARTA Police proactively attacking crime trends)

§ **Atlanta Fire Department (Battalion Commanders Ken Byers and Val Singleton)**

- \$13 million budget reduction – in three rounds of cuts, many positions abolished, demoted and transferred. Written report will be distributed via e-mail. Relief days are ahead for firefighters. Concerns about brownouts (not enough to man engines). Fire Department just became accredited again. Car seats and smoke detectors are still available.

§ **Code Enforcement – No representative**

- Open and vacant houses are not being addressed; invite acting Director Debra Conner to October meeting

§ **Department of Watershed Management –**

- Chair received e-mail that representative would be present at October meeting

§ **Office of Solid Waste Services (Travis Dennard – 404-624-0799)**

- One day trash collection (household trash, yard debris all collected on same day). Resident reported that herby was damaged and taken during trash pick-up but has not been replaced in 2 months. New developments get priorities when herbies are needed. Currently city does not have them available. Problem with tires being dumped at Murphy and Victory. If there is dumping on a vacant lot

**6. Elected Officials' Report**

§ **Yolanda Johnson (APS Board of Education District 6 – Council Districts 11 & 12)**

- Has been talking to Representative – Elect Ralph Long about some of his ideas for the schools in our area.
- Hutchinson Elementary made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals and some additional targets. Teachers will receive bonuses.
- Capital View continues to meet AYP goals and is a (90/90/90) school. 90% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch, meets 90% of targets, 90% attendance rate.
- Community can help schools be more effective by partnering with the schools in their neighborhood
- Headstart program at Easter Seals School is the same as program at Hutchinson Elementary (state-funded pre-k program).

**7. Committee Report**

§ **NPU Committees**

- Lakewood Oversight Committee will meet tomorrow. Everything is going well. (Ruben Burney)
- Public Safety Committee will meet on September 22. Keith Morton of AHA will present.

**8. Planner's Report**

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**9. Presentation(s)**

§ **Upcoming Design Clinic and Funding Opportunities – Park Pride**

Neighborhood associations and park organizations can apply for micro-grants of up to \$1,000 per Neighborhood Planning Unit. In addition grants are available for up to \$5,000 for trees in parks. You must submit a planting plan for approval in order to qualify. Visit [www.parkpride.org](http://www.parkpride.org) for details.

§ **Smoke-Free Atlanta Coalition – Kara (Georgia Public Research Group)**

Coalition is advocating for 100% smoke-free public spaces. Although Georgia has a no smoking law there are 13 exemptions. It is the coalition's belief that Atlanta is losing conference business as planners prefer smoke-free cities. There are smoke-free airports (Los Angeles International) although Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta is not.

**10. License Review Board**

§ **Play Station South – 2477 Metropolitan Parkway (proposed adult entertainment)**

Pat Dixon (attorney) asked for continuation as site plans were not available. Motion to oppose applicant passed (20/0/0).

§ **Quick Save – 374 Cleveland Avenue (change of ownership)**

Applicant has not met with Hammond Park Neighborhood Association. Motion to hold until October meeting passed (15/0/0).

**11. Zoning**

- § Z-08-54 NC 8 (presented by Enrique Bascunana – Dept. of Planning) – motion to support passed (12/3/0)
- § Z-08-54 NC 9 (presented by Enrique Bascunana – Dept. of Planning) – motion to support passed (12/3/0)

**12. Adoption of 2009 By-laws – without changes 11/0/1**

**13. New Business**

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**14. Adjournment**

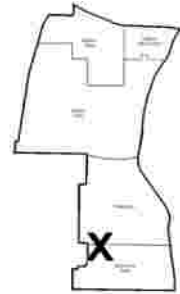
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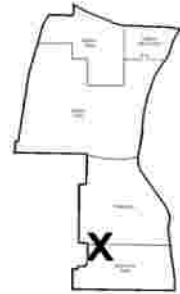
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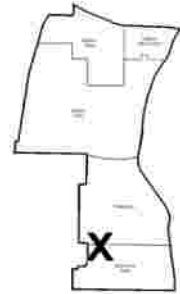
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