

## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – X MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Monday, January 12, 2009

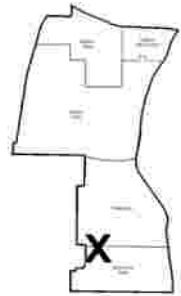
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

**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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### Opening Remarks/Invocation

Victory Outreach request for a special use permit. The consensus from the planning unit is that Victory Outreach does not require a special use permit for their plans.

**Treasury Report:** The current balance is \$724.96.

The friends of the Stewart Lakewood Library wrote a grant for computer workstations for the children. They didn't get the full amount and are still seeking \$600. A motion for \$300 to donate for a new workstation.

### Public Services

- § **Zone 3 Report Crime** Lt. Rodney Bryant statistics show the crime rates are down from last month and last year. Crime overall is down but burglaries are up. You will see a more concentrated amount of officers.
- § **Shireen Hormozdi Assistant District Attorney** She is working on the Ya Boy Case and they are prosecuting full force. Please continue to participate in the court watch program. Contact phone number 404 624 0612.
- § **Marta Police** One incident to report. A robbery by force at 2 a.m. the platform. The subject was mugged on the platform. They stole his wallet. Applications for the police citizen academy. It is March 17<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>. You will learn about use of force, fire arms, crime scene investigations and resources. They meet at various times and several locations. The price of copper has dropped and therefore there are less copper thefts.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – X MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Monday, February 9, 2009

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Vice-Chair Ruben Burney opened the meeting with a moment of silence at 7:10 PM.

He read the announcements and called for the **public safety** presentation. Inspector Taylor gave information on starting a neighborhood watch. This will be her last year with the police department.

Lt. Jackson presented for **MARTA** and stated that no serious Part 1 have been reported during the last period.

- § A MARTA police officer has been added at Murphy and Fort McPherson. This is the result of information that was presented at a trial.
- § A resident asked who was responsible for policing the bus stops. Lt. Jackson said that it was basically the city because it is on the street.
- § If there is a problem both MARTA & APD will be called.

The **Citizens Academy** will start on March 16th. Mr. Dozier Smithy asked question regarding a young man that had been killed.

Commander Antonio Webb for Battalion 5 gave the geographic territory for the area.

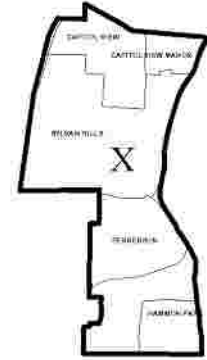
- § There was a structural fire at the Senior's Center on Springdale Road. The **Fire Department** reported that it responded in a timely manner with EMS service.
- § The department held an alarm blitz in NW Atlanta distributing 34 smoke detectors and 33 carbon monoxide detectors. Local residents may go to the fire station and pick up detectors. The program is free.
- § The Commander also addressed the "brown out". They are using three men to a truck.
- § He also explained that a "black out" is when the station is totally closed. The black outs should be temporary.
- § He gave safety tips with emphasis on extension cords and space heater.
- § Members asked if we should organize and have a cluster distribution.
- § He said that members can call and set up date and certain areas that have high fire rates get targeted.

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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

### 3. Chair's Report

- § Atlanta Planning Advisory Board is conducting Citizen Leadership Training March 21, 2009 (9 am to 1:15 pm) open to all leaders (neighborhood associations and NPUs)
- § Volunteers needed for installation on playground at Perkerson Elementary March 28 (8 am to 4 pm).
- § Z0-8-78 was voted on in November 2008 and will not be addressed again tonight.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

- § Treasurer absent in February. No collection. January balance \$748.96, collected \$20. Gift of \$300 to Friends of Stewart-Lakewood Library. Current balance \$448.96
- § TreesAtlanta Tree Walk - March 31. Meet at Sylvan and Langston triangle at 3:30 pm.
- §

### 5. Public Services

#### § **Zone 3 Community Prosecutor – Shireen Hormozdi**

- District Attorney's office now has a program that allows residents to register their electronics. Return form and receive bar codes to place on electronics and yard signs. This will help with identifying items recovered from thieves.
- Court Watch program will continue through 2009. Last month case involving YaBoy Repair Shop was heard. Although the owners of the shop were not charged in this case Hormozdi intends to send information to shop owners after perpetrators are convicted.
- Recent meeting of Judge and neighborhood representatives went well.

#### § **Zone 3 Police Department – LT. Rodney Bryant**

- Encouraged all to participate in DA's registration program.
- Most crimes are down in the area. Auto thefts still presenting a problem. Chrysler vehicles most popular items. Still using auto theft units and increasing traffic stops as deterrent.

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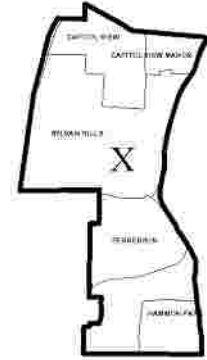
**WHEN:** Monday, April 13, 2009  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
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## 1. Opening Remarks/Invocation

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

**2. Minutes** – not available. Will be distributed via e-mail.

### 3. Chair's Report

§ Although NPU vote was not to support Legacy Package Store application for alcohol permit, License Review Board sent application to Mayor with recommendation to approve. Please e-mail Mayor to let her know we are not in support of application.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

§ Collected \$8 last month. Current balance is \$456.96

## 5. Public Services

**§ Zone 3 Community Prosecutor – Shireen Hormozdi**

- Read article about shooting at Playground (after hours club on Murphy Avenue)
- Electronics registration program going well. Got to [www.fultonda.org](http://www.fultonda.org) for registration form.
- Hit Squad (group stealing flat screen televisions) apprehended and currently being held in Clayton County. They will also be indicted for thefts in Fulton County
- Your Voice Your Community – a program to help neighborhoods help each other. Will discuss more next month.

**§ Zone 3 Police Department – Lt. Rodney Bryant**

- Auto theft initiative has greatly reduced incidents. Down to 12 from 15 per week to one week where there was only one theft. Larcenies near Kroger. Commanders have asked to request that officers give extra attention.
- Capital View near Perkerson Park and Dill Avenue has foot beats. No foot beats in Sylvan Hills because it is not the highest crime area.
- Can discretionary or special units be deployed in Sylvan Hills? Does not have the number of incidents that would warrant the use of foot beats and roadblocks.
- Have been monitoring situation at after hours club on Murphy Avenue. License and Permits are involved. Night Commander never saw any activity. Has owner been contacted? Not sure of owner. Lisa Yeiser will provide information regarding past owner to Lt. Bryant ([rbryant@atlantaga.gov](mailto:rbryant@atlantaga.gov) or 404-624-0674). May take a lot of investigation to shut club down. Club owner was arrested this morning.

## Major Finley

- Morning watch has been tasked with keeping an eye on Playground. Incidents across the city with warehouses being rented out for parties. Will continue to monitor Murphy Avenue location and arrest operators if open for business. There has also been a report of a rape at the location.

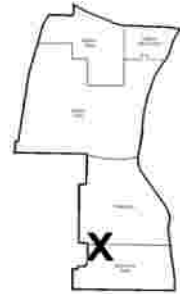
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**WHEN:** Monday, May 11, 2009

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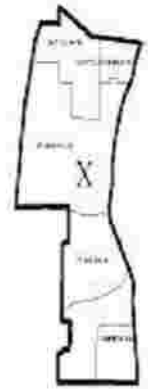
**NO DETAILS AVAILABLE**

## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – X MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Monday, June 8, 2009

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

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Garnett Brown, Planner (404) 330-6724

**1. Opening Remarks—Dianne Bryant**

- Meeting convened at 7:08 p.m., with a moment of silence.
- Chair reminded attendees of voting rules per the bylaws
- Kenneth Johnson volunteered to take minutes

**2. Minutes—copies made available to attendees upon entrance**

**3. Chair's Report**

**4. Treasurer's Report—no report made or funds collected due to treasurer's absence**

**5. Public Services**

• **APD Zone 3—Lt. Bryant**

§ Regarding Zone 3's beats in NPU-X, despite the rise in property crimes throughout city that has not been the case in this NPU. Auto thefts curbed to a manageable rate (i.e., low ratio of car thefts per cars in area). Burglaries not as bad but not as good as desired. Larcenies which are regular thefts from cars, porches, stores, etc., are increasing the most among crimes.

§ Moving the foot beats on the other side of University Ave where the most significant numbers of burglaries are occurring, particularly the Pittsburgh neighborhood.

• **MARTA—South precinct Commander, Major Chris Lindahl** [Contact info: Office (404) 848-3646, Cell (404) 427-4696, E-mail [clindahl@itsmarta.com](mailto:clindahl@itsmarta.com)]

§ Larcenies from cars continue as do thefts of I-pod Touches from patrons.

§ Will continue to keep van at Oakland City.

§ Recent clean up of gang graffiti at Lakewood station. Security cameras covered the area defaced

§ In response to questions, Major Lindahl knew of no specific reports of problem house(s) near Arden and Sylvan to MARTA police. Lt. Bryant has talked to one of the homeowners in the area. Further, not unusual activity noted at Sylvan and Genessee.

§ Other items brought to law enforcement attention—gang tagging at Murphy and Evans and problems with loiterers at liquor store on Metropolitan near overpass.

- **Dept. of Watershed Management—Santana Kempson** [Contact info: Office (404) 235-2019, Cell (678) 616-6085]
  - § 12.5% rate increase goes in effect next month
  - § Any solicitations from companies for extended warranties on water or sewer lines are not endorsed by the city but may be worth considering based on age of supply and sewage pipes to residence.
  - § Flyer provided explaining the \$4.50 convenience fee for paying bills on-line or over the telephone. Convenience fee is not charged if paying via bank's website
  - § 27% increase in rate last year
  - § Resolution of spikes in water bills—department is aware of some areas where meters are not reporting accurately, clusters of homes. Watering ban still on for City of Atlanta
  - § Leaking electronic water meters—report to department via a Customer Service Inquiry Form
  - § Can not speak to the constitutionality of the water rate increase
  - § Based on a recent audit, certain consumers will be receiving refunds for deposits paid in the past but that is not the refund discussed at last month's meeting regarding billing problems.

## 6. Elected Officials' Report

- **Sidney on behalf of Councilperson H. Lamar Willis, Post 3 at Large** [Contact info—Office 404-330-6041 , Email [hwillis@atlantaga.gov](mailto:hwillis@atlantaga.gov)] distributed survey asking for their concerns to attendees
- **Ralph Long III, State House Representative, District 61** [Contact info—Cell 770-616-2130 or can send him messages or reports via Facebook]
  - State of our district as precursor to upcoming town hall meeting to be announced
  - Will be fundraising for re-election
  - Currently assigned to the Transportation, Natural Resources and Environment and Higher Education committees
  - Requested traffic feasibility study for Sylvan Hills because of truck traffic. Also visited Unilever and other companies along Murphy Avenue corridor possibly contributing to the truck traffic.
  - State funding cuts will result in uncut grass along highways
  - Lobbying against Perkins Auto Salvage. Talked to Dr. Carol Couch, Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, about unpaid fines levied against Perkins—not paying \$500 month fee so wants to work on a cease and desist order to stop his business. Note: Peter Kaplan, Secretary of the Capitol View Neighborhood Association, announced that the Mayor and State Senator Kasim Reed will attend their next meeting to discuss Perkins and why the Mayor reinstated Perkins' business license. The meeting will be 3rd Thursday of month, June 18th at 7 p.m. at Liberty International Church, 1362 Metropolitan Pkwy.
- **Joyce Sheperd, City Council, District 12** [Contact info—Office 404-330-6053, Email [jmsheperd@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jmsheperd@atlantaga.gov)]
  - Looking at a creek restoration project that will encompass District 12. We'll hear about that next month.
  - Process for the special use permit—final vote is with the council. The NPU-X is a legal entity to represent the community's position. The Land Use Committee is not legally recognized but is a format to educate citizens of the NPU. The ZRB receives the technical reasons for or against an

application and then votes before going before the Council's zoning committee for a vote before going to the full Council. The community voiced what it wanted at that corner when it was rezoned. Beltline has a voice also because it is an overlay district. If it is approved, the NPU would vote again because of special Beltline considerations. Berean Church, Hightower Rd, was in similar position. Approved to build a senior facility. Worked on project for 1½ years before it was approved but church and community were all in agreement. Differences worked out.

- **Nan Orrock, State Senator, District 36 (includes south and central Atlanta)** [Contact info—Office 404-524-5999, Email nan.orrock@senate.ga.gov]

§ State budget crisis—10% revenues down, 25% cut across agencies requested by governor. Cut \$2 billion + from budget this year. Governor vetoed bill for a tax break for top 1% of taxpayers (it was a bad bill). New state budget begins July 1. Impact on city, schools and county. \$6.1 billion in stimulus package dollars to Georgia. Revamped unemployment benefits to extend benefits. Governor's budget raises property taxes across state next year. Added more homestead exemptions for Fulton and Dekalb.

- Lack of pickup truck seat belt law costing state \$10 million a year.
- Stimulus dollars coming to public transportation and MARTA will get some but not enough to offset budget shortfall. ARC made \$27 million available to MARTA for the current year budget.

## 7. Committee Reports

- **Lakewood Oversight Committee**—no report
- **Public Safety**—Dianne will be out of town on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday so next meeting will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June (5<sup>th</sup> Monday). Dianne has not been able to reach Naveed Chaudry, proprietor of gas station at the triangle (Citgo), which was fined \$1000 for underage sale and \$1000 fine for failure to supervise. Employee who made sale was terminated. Committee concerned regarding his actions to prevent such instances in the future. Perhaps Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association should invite him to a meeting to discuss his business.

## 8. Planner's Report—no planner present for a report

## 9. Beltline Corridor—Marguerita Lance/Harry Boxer

- Environmental Study of impact of beltline. Study team gathering information from the community. Transit and trail alignment and decisions regarding location of stations. Newsletters and comment forms were distributed for community feedback.
- Trails and transit study—researching positive and negative impacts; 22 mile loop utilizing unused railroad corridors. For NPU-X, closest nodes near Adair Park, crossing Metropolitan, and Capitol View (Avon).
- How will people not close to Beltline like Hammond Park get to benefit? Connecting trails create pedestrian paths to Beltline including one on White St near West End. Transit building could be 10 to 15 years out.
- Suggestion: training, orientation or event to publicize the part already constructed near Cascade. New wider sidewalks now being used for parking.
- Soliciting community input on type of transit to be used. Decision will be made after end of environmental study in mid 2010. Considering vehicles like light rail or street cars. Ruled out buses or heavy train.
- Other cities being studied like Portland, Charlotte, Baltimore, and some cities in Spain, but the project is fairly unique.



- [www.beltline.org](http://www.beltline.org) great resource to get information. Need more input from the southwest side of town because very little participation now. Can also get information on the Beltline tour from the website—free 3 hour tour. The questionnaire is not on-line. (Suggested putting questionnaire on-line to maximize distribution and input).

## 10. License Review Board

- Applicant, Venice Brinkley-Walker, not present to discuss the G-Spot at 1785 Metropolitan Pkwy.
- Dianne doesn't believe the applicant's claim that the property has been "grandfathered" in as an adult entertainment establishment.
- Motion: Deny application. For—22, Against—0, Abstention—1. Motion carries.
- LRB meetings are 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month but do not know when this applicant will come before the LRB.

## 11. Zoning, U-09-007, Emmanuel Community Development, City of Hope—Rev. Mark A. Couch, Emmanuel Tabernacle on Dill

- Aesthetics of building changed to better integrate with community with input from architects in the neighborhood. Brick front (no columns) with awnings and more retro
- Project has been presented to Capitol View N.A. twice where it was approved. Sylvan Hills N.A. also was favorable to the project.
- Project needs to be voted on by the NPU specifically for a Special Use Permit for the assisted living facility (although there also will be 15 retail stores) at the intersection of Sylvan and Dill. Residents will be 55 and older, Medicaid and Medicare recipients, and those in need of help but not nursing care. Licensed by the state. Commercial spaces will be managed by Coldwell Banker and Ackerman Co. \$10,000,000 approximate cost of development based on estimates by engineers on staff.
- Kim Garcia, CVNA president, stated that association voted to approve special use permit with concerns such as added strain on resources such as fire, police, and EMTs.
- Land Use Committee representatives noted that the property was rezoned as a neighborhood commercial district (NC-8) in the past. Committee does not feel this development is inline with intentions of rezoning to NC-8, noting the parking deck, scale of development, and combined functions of the development (retail and assisted living home) per a June 5th report.
- Dr. Sparlin whose business is across Sylvan from the prospective project supports Emmanuel Tabernacle's project.
- **Motion: NPU-X not support the application** for the special use permit for City of Hope. Voting results: For—16, Against—10, Abstention—3. **Motion carries.**
- **Next step is the Zoning Review Board**—meeting time will be announced

## 12. Text amendment 09-O-0673

- Motion: Deny change. For—12, Against—0, Abstention—4. **Motion carries.**

## 13. Public Review and Comments

## 14. New Business

## 15. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:58 p.m.

- Being plagued with car thefts, particularly on the Dill Avenue corridor. Increased visibility is planned.
- Foot beats in Burns area. Used foot beats in area of Perkerson and Quaker. Reported incident may have been domestic situation.
- Higgins Avenue off Avon – illegal car crushing. Specialized units will monitor.
- Shooting near 1283 appears to be drug-related. Home invasion. No signs of forced entry. Extra officer directed patrol.
- Report of problems with speeding on Brewer Boulevard. Ask Councilmember Shepard to commission a traffic study to suggest solutions.

§ **MARTA – absent**

§ **Atlanta Fire Department – absent**

§ **Department of Watershed Management – Nicole Thomas (Site Engineer)**

- Replacing sewer pipe (Perkerson, Sylvan, Capital View, Capital View Manor) informing residents with yellow door hangers on mailboxes. Letter from Watershed regarding lane closures. Signs for the project will be located at the corner of Beattie and Deckner and the corner of Erin and Metropolitan. Water will not be shut off. Households notified 72 hours before work starts.

**6. Elected Officials' Report**

§ **Joyce Shepard – (Leslie Moye' representing)**

- Please sign petition to forward to Mayor regarding Legacy Package Store. Councilmember not happy with LRB action.
- Volunteers are needed for Earth Day – April 18. Trucks will be at Perkerson Park to collect tires. Resident reported that there is a "mountain of tires" behind the building at the intersection of Victory Drive and Murphy Avenue.

**7. Committee Report**

§ **NPU Committees**

**Public Safety Committee** - Will meet in two weeks on April 27

**Lakewood Oversight Committee**

- Considering a Public Concert/Community Day as a fundraiser
- Has money for grants (suggested that another tire clean-up be funded)

**8. Planner's Report – Garnett Brown absent**

**9. Presentation(s)**

§ **Capital View Elementary School – No show**

§ **CARE Action Network – No show.**

§ **House in the Park Festival – Ramon Guyton/Salimah Rashied presenting**  
NPU vote to support (10/0/0)

§ **Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness – Edna Stigger, Pubic Health Instructor**  
Department is an enforcement agency. Flyers distribute with list of services. Conducts inspections at most situations two times per year. Personal Care homes inspected?? State handles inspections for personal care homes. What constitutes an outbreak? If two people from different homes have same illness it is considered an outbreak.

**10. License Review Board – No applications**

## **11. Zoning**

- § **U-09-007** – 1318, 1322, 1326 Sylvan Road – 883, 893, 897-907, 905, 907, 909 Dill Avenue and 1309 Hartford Avenue – Applicant Emmanuel Community Development, seeks a Special Use Permit to operate and assisted living facility. Applicant has not yet met with Capital View Neighborhood Association and NPU-X Land Use Committee. Vote deferred until May 11.

## **12. Public Review and Comments**

- § **09-R-0375 / 09-0243 To Restrict the Chaining or Tethering of Dogs**  
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY COMMISSION TO RESTRICT THE PRACTICE OF CHAINING OR TETHERING DOGS IN FULTON COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## **13. New Business**

## **14. Adjournment**

- Hammond Park resident complimented Zone 3 on the improvement seen in their neighborhood after recent initiative (strong concentration of patrols in small area)
- Sylvan Hills resident reported after hours club being run near Murphy and Osbourne.

§ **MARTA – Lt. Jackson**

- No part 1 (serious crimes) report at Oakland City or Lakewood stations.
- Citizens Academy is up and running. Unsure of number of participants. Academy lasts about 8 weeks.
- Juveniles are creating some problems on MARTA buses and trains. Snatching Ipods and similar items.
- If on train dial #MPD to reach MARTA Police Department (AT&T, Verizon, Sprint/Nextel, not Metro PCS)
- Question about concealed weapons – legal on MARTA since law passed last year. Must have permit on person or weapon will be confiscated and carrier arrested.

§ **Atlanta Fire Department – ??Battalion Chief for the area**

- New budget cycle begins July 1.
- Since there can be no less than 3 firefighters on a truck there has been a need to close stations due to low manpower (brown-out). Station 30 on Cleveland Avenue is on brown-out list.
- If you need smoke detector call 404-853-7000. Every month department is attempting to have one blitz where they focus on making sure every household in an area has smoke detectors.
- Is stimulus money available to Atlanta Fire Department? Chief not sure.

## 6. Elected Officials' Report

§ **Joyce Shepard – (Joyce not well Leslie Moye' present)**

- April 18 is Earth Day please send list of planned activities to District 12 office.
- There will be an NPU-wide tire clean-up with lunch to follow at Perkerson Park
- April 2 – Town Hall Meeting to focus on Public Safety
- Mike Renshaw new Director of Bureau of Code Compliance
- Where can residents get compost?

§ **Ralph Long – State Representative District 61**

- Reported on bills that he has supported or sponsored including HB531 (pentachlorafenol)
- Update on Fort McPherson – wants bio-tech firms to commit to community benefits
- Watching MARTA 60/40 bill
- 404-656-0325 office/770-616-2130 cell/www.legis.ga.gov

§ **Yolonda Johnson (404-406-2819) – Atlanta Public Schools Board**

- SB90 – voucher bill – does not have support to pass
- Schedule for budget process – April 2 – Inman Middle School/Maynard Jackson High School

## 7. Committee Report

### § Public Safety Committee:

- Meets two weeks from today. Jeannine Lowery of Georgia Watch presented very helpful information at January meeting regarding protection from identity theft. Visit [www.georgiawatch.org](http://www.georgiawatch.org) for more information.

### § Lakewood Oversight Committee:

- Oversight Committee meets tomorrow. Planning for 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for amphitheatre.

## 8. Planner's Report – Garnett Brown – absent (attending Beltline meeting)

## 9. Presentation(s)

### § MARTA – Upcoming Changes in Service and Public Hearings – Louis Grisoglio

Sales tax revenue down. Currently experiencing an \$80 million deficit. Considering plans to reduce service and increase fares. Fiscal year ends June 30. State law currently requires 50% capital and 50% operations. Bills have been introduced to allow change. Bill to allow vending in stations passed Senate now in House. (HB277 and SB 39). May 18 and 19 holding public meetings to allow community input on service cuts and fare increases. Proposed changes are from \$1.75 to \$2.00; 7-day from \$13 to \$15 of \$17; 30-day from \$52.50 to \$64.00. Community Outreach Meeting on March 30. Dr. Scott to present decisions made by Board based on public input. MARTA fares are a little lower than other cities which are about \$2.00. There has been no increase in MARTA fares since 2001. There is currently a hiring freeze and there may be lay-offs or furloughs.

### § Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership Inc. – John O'Callaghan

ANDP wants to rehab abandoned houses – hoping city dollars will be available. Current tax assessments are not matching actual values. Homeowners can file a Real Property Return form to appeal assessments and tell county what they think their home is really worth. Forms must be postmarked on or before April 1. Have foreclosures and bank-owned properties been considered as comparables? [www.andpi.org/404-522-2637](http://www.andpi.org/404-522-2637).

Tracy Powell – ADA – down payment assistance is available for those wanting to move into Beltline TAD areas. Up to %20 assistance for those earning up to \$81,800

## 10. License Review Board

§ New York Farmer's Market (change of ownership) – 14/0/1 to recommend approval

§ Legacy Package Store (new business) – 9/2/2 to recommend denial

## 11. Zoning

§ Atlanta Beltline Master Plan for Subarea 2 – CDP-09-01

§ Z-08-048 Supportive Housing

§ Z-09-03 Zoning Map Text Amendment

§ V-09-033 2582 Beeler Drive

**12. Text Amendments and Ordinances**

§ 09-O-0274 Street Name Change

**13. New Business**

**14. Adjournment**

**15. Public Review and Comments**

Mr. Glennis Curry, Public Information Officer for the **Sewer Rehab Project** brought maps of future projects and information.

- § The improvement takes 4 to 6 hours. The process usually involves closing one lane of the street. This is mostly clean up work.
- § The city is in the 2nd of six phases.
- § There will be two notifications to the community before a project starts. One notification is 14 days in advance and the second notification is made 24-48 hours in advance.

**Rep. Ralph Long** presented.

- § He is on transportation, natural resources & environment, and education committees.
- § He is working on a website that is under construction.
- § His office at the Capital is 612F and his cell phone number is 77-616-2130. He can also be reached by e-mail at [ralph@ralphlong.com](mailto:ralph@ralphlong.com)
- § He has put forth legislation for East Point. He is also taking part in the implementation of the Lakewood Fort McPherson plan.
- § He reported that he has not missed any meetings.

Mr. Peter McKnight, Principal of **South Atlanta School & Law and School of Justice** was present. This is the former South Atlanta High. The campus has four schools including computer animation. Each school has its own theme. The school will have a Meet and Greet on February 25th at 5:00 PM to introduce the community to the \$35 million in renovations that have been done to the campus. Each school has its own web site that can be reached through [www.atlantschools.us](http://www.atlantschools.us). Mr. Scott Manner, another principal on the campus, assisted with the presentation.

Mr. Michael Franklin was present from the **Arborist** office. He explained the workings of that office and how it supports the Atlanta Tree Ordinance. There are two types of tree removal permits. A permit to remove a dead or dying tree is free. Fines start at \$100 for removing a tree illegally and can easily reach \$1,000 or more. Appeals can be made if you disagree with the arborist's assessment. Atlanta has five arborists. Mr. Franklin can be reached at 404-330-6079.

Discussion on the **Beltline** followed regarding the Northeast Sector. Rep. Long he was going to keep an eye on it since he is on the transportation committee. Mr. Garnette Brown added comments to help clarify the process. He said that we have until March 9th. The body voted to refer Z-08-08 to the Land use committee.

The meeting was **adjourned**.

## Elected Officials' Report

### § H. Lamar Willis Crime

Issue ~ Putting legislation for a Show Cause before we reduce our police force. The mayor can't reduce the public safety until there is a hearing. Looking to do a CID community improvement district. The midtown CID is what helped midtown become a strong viable neighborhood. The funds allowed them to create midtown Blue that enables them to have additional police support. They can't necessarily change the impact of the mayor's actions. The legislation was introduced before the furloughs were enacted. The fifty million dollar budget shortfall was coming before the economy started to fail. The sales tax rate would have to be increased from 7-8% to make a impact on the budget.

He is not the chair of the public safety committee but he is on the committee. Clela Winslow is the chair of public safety.

The mayor has the ultimate control of the budget and the accounting system that is not working. The budget issues lay with the chief executive and the council. If we had more at large council members then the mayor's power would not be so strong.

We are four or five years away from revising the charter that dictates the make up of the city and the make up of the city power structure. SID on the Southside - 404 330 6041 hlwillis@atlantaga.gov