

MEETING AGENDA

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - Y

DATE: Monday, June 19, 2017
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: John C Birdine Neighborhood Center
215 Lakewood Way SW
Atlanta, Ga 30315

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1. Opening Remarks
2. Approval of Minutes – **approve May and June minutes next month since May's minutes were posted today**
3. City Departments (3 mins please)
 - Law Enforcement
 - i. Zone 3 Atlanta | Major Jonathan B. Durant (jdurant@atlantaga.gov | 404.624.0674)
 1. Morn. Watch Cmd. | Lt. Paul Finch (pfinch@atlantaga.gov | 404.987.8880)
Lt. Hall – 404-683-5168 – jhall@atlanta.ga.gov - 31 par 1 crimes – 7 burglaries. More police patrols and camera at Chevron off Jonesboro Rd. How do we address ATVs? Trying to follow with helicopters, stealing bikes. It's a nationwide dilemma that no one has the answer to yet.
 - ii. Community Oriented Policing Section ~ C.O.P.S. | 404.546.5650
 - iii. Code Enforcement | Officer Stephen Clair (ssclair@atlantaga.gov | 404.416.8092)
 1. Code Enforcement Solicitor | Morgan Thomas (mlthomas@atlantaga.gov) - **Kelsey Turner (sub) – May 1-31st stats: 40 cases submitted to their office. 37. 3 highly hazardous. Questions? They can look up specific properties if you email/contact them. Section 25 – 18 inches or higher to be overgrowth/violation. End Rem – service up to 2 years.**
 - iv. Community Prosecutor |
 - Fire Department | (404.546. 4410) 404.546.7000
 - Department of Public Works | 404.330.6501 – **they are behind on yard trimming and know this since garbage comes first. Reminder, please bring your bins back by 7pm the day that garbage is picked up. bulk collection – second week for SE. SW's is third week.**
 - v. Office of Transportation | Joyce Ellis (jdellis@atlantaga.gov | **404 624-4011 (new number)**) – **garage, streetlights, potholes, etc.**
 - Parks Department | Ina Williams (iwilliams@atlantaga.gov | 404.821.1096)
 - vi. Travis Johnson – Site Manager: Arthur Langford Park & Grant Park – 3 points: 1. In the middle of Camp Best Friends running Jun 6-jul 21. Both sites full. Langford is teens but if you have kids and you need, let them know and they will try to place. 2. Langford – taking sign ups for football 10<

and 8< for August 3. At skatepark, artist has begun work. They can distribute mock up sketch with explanation. He's currently working and welcoming neighborhood feedback.

4. Comments from Elected Officials (5 mins please)

- Marvin Arrington | *Fulton County Commissioner* – District 5
 - i. Sasha Williams | *Community Engagement SE* (sasha.williams@fultoncountyga.gov | 404.613.0203)
- Carla Smith | *Atlanta City Council - District 1* (csmith@atlantaga.gov | 404.330.6039)
- Joyce Sheperd | *Atlanta City Council – District 12* (jmsheperd@atlantaga.gov | 404.330.6053)
- Leslie Grant | *Atlanta Board of Education - Seat 1* (lgrant@atlanta.k12.ga.us | 404.643.9652) – **First Sat in August she'll have a coffee meet and greet again. 1. 8 of her colleagues have filed an ethics complaint about her. If anyone has any concerns, please talk to her about it. 2. Property tax issue – budget was based on assessment from Fulton Co, a 6% increase. Board sets millage rate and they planned budget based on 6%. Options – increase a mil based on last year. If you have any questions, she has notes on exemptions. They are also talking about how to better assess at state level. Suggest keeping elected officials accountable on audit. Exemptions notes will be available.**
- Eshe Collins | *Atlanta Board of Education – Seat 6* (epcollins@atlantapublicschools.us | 404.931.4329)

5. Committee Reports (2 mins please)

- Zoning and Land Use | Thomas Cotton (**please email tcotton72@gmail.com regarding these issues**)
- Transportation | Marcos Pope (marcosjdpope@gmail.com)
- Public Safety |
- Park, Recreation & Environment | Esther Lin (estherlin918@gmail.com)
- Education | Monique Nunnally (nunnallytm@gmail.com)
- Lakewood Oversight | Yolonda Cameron (ylcampps@gmail.com) - **4 NPUY members attended meeting. Highlights- Funds updated. All Lakewood Grantees are listed on website. Getting agreement between Finance Committee and that foundation to review. Met with Shepherd to discuss agreements. Akisha and Shepherd – there will be a trash and traffic study to improve flow on Pryor. They have changed where Uber/Lyft pick up sites, increased policy presence working venue and traffic, extra security inside, season is half way over. Akisha is GM for Lakewood and Wolf Creek. Yolonda is taking list of concert violations.**
- Lakewood Finance | Christina Sanchez (christinassanchez@yahoo.com) – **Kaneka spoke: they met jointly with oversight committee. Abundance of funds that are not drawn – if you want neighborhood cleaned up, etc, they will get more information out. August– July 1st is next grant deadline. 501C-3 required status or not?**
 - i. For Updates and Grant applications please use lafc.atlanta@gmail.com
- Zachary Mitchell Fulton County Tax Assessor - Talk to elected officials. New Chief – Dwight Robinson. 90-110% of what sales are. Before they make those changes, a certain number of homes must sell. Three ways to appeal – website, exemptions on website too, mail letter. Appeal deadline extended to July 10. Board of assessors does not have right to rescind notices. Talking to Georgia Dept of Revenue for relief. There is average rate of increase per zip code and reach out to Zach if you would like to know. If you appeal and check 100% box, you will get billed at last year's value until the conclusion of your appeal. If you check 85% box, you get billed at 85% of this year's value. You can settle with him without it going to board and the status can be frozen for 3 years. With the board, it takes 6-9 months.

Zoning Review Board (Vote Required)		
Application	Property Address	Public Hearing Date/ Time
U-17-019 Applicant seeks a Special Use Permit for a Side Walk Café.	1297 McDonough Blvd SE	July 6, 2017

Move by Monte Evans, second by Kanika Greenly – 12 favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Text Amendment (vote required)		
Case	Address	Public Hearing
Z-17-26 An Ordinance by Zoning Committee to amend City Code Sec. 16-26.007 of the Atlanta Zoning Ordinance to provide that appeals from decisions of the Board of Zoning Adjustment are by Writ of Certiorari and may only be brought by those with standing; and for other purposes.	City Hall Council Chambers	July 6, 2017

Felita Hussein moves to table, second by Derrick George. Felita Hussein has rescinded and put in motion to deny. Gloria Hopkins seconds. 11 deny, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions

6. New Business
7. Old Business
8. Public Notices
9. Announcements – Kanika: deadline for Lakewood Grant is July 1st. Chris: email for Lakewood Oversight lakewoodampoversight@gmail.com Chris: movinginthespirit.org for ages 3-18. MSM Research: currently conducting surveys to assess community health needs. Online website and paper survey. Danni – genetic mutation tests. Gloria – looking for teens
10. Adjournment

City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances
(Campaigning by Elected Officials)

As we prepare for 2017 Elections please allow this message to serve as a reminder of the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances. Voting will involve municipal, county and state elections. The Guidelines for campaigning by elected officials at NPU and APAB meetings is strictly prohibited by the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances. Please note the following code section:

SEC. 6-3019 Prohibition of Political Forums

Part 1, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 6-1: "It shall be unlawful for any person to use the interior of city hall, its rooms or offices in any type of advertisement of commercial products and political campaigns without first obtaining express permission from the city council. This prohibition shall apply to the filming or photographing of the interior of city hall for use in such advertisements; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the filming or photographing of the interior of city hall for news coverage purposes by newspapers, magazines and television."

Part 6, Chapter 3, Article B, Section 6-3010: "Neighborhood planning unit meetings shall not be used for political forums or campaigning for city, county, state, or federal elections."

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

- Introduction of elected officials as political candidates in upcoming elections;
- Passing out campaigning materials and literature; and
- Conducting either of the above in city hall, its rooms or offices.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact: Ms. Erica Pines at (404) 546-0159 [or epines@atlantaga.gov](mailto:epines@atlantaga.gov) .