

Minutes
NPU-M Sepcial Meeting
September 6, 1978

There were 32 people in attendance at 357 Forrest Avenue (see attached attendance sheet).

Reverend Ted Clark opened the meeting with a silent prayer.

It was decided to hold over minutes from the regular August 28 meeting until the regular september meeting.

Rev. Ted Clark stated that he wanted to have models made for all neighborhoods in the NPU in time for the 1980 NPU plan October charette.

It was decided that NPU positions on Ensley Street and proposed 5th Year CD projects would be taken at the regular September meeting. The Ensley Street Committee was to enlist the help of Georgia Tech and come up with an action program by the regular September meeting.

Eric Harkness presented Farilie/Poplar Redevelopment Plan. Several questions were asked by the NPC. Larry Fonts, CAP, stated that the Atlanta Economic Development Committee (AEDC) would be responsible for the housing. He also stated that \$35,000 had been spent for planning to date and that public funding of the project would require another 3.5 - 3.8 million dollars. As there were unanswered questions concerning the financing, Rev. Ted Clark requested that David Rivers, Commissioner of Budget and Planning and T.M. Alexander, Jr., director of AEDC be invited to the next meeting to supply information on financing aspects of the proposed plan.

Eric Harkness presented information on expansion of the World Congress Center. After discussion the following motion was seconded and approved to be sent to the Fulton County Delegation and the Mayor of Atlanta: That the State of Gerogia provide relocation costs for all relocatees in the World Congress Center expansion area; and that the State commit to actively seek business relocations within the city limits of Atlanta; and that World Congress Center expansion should not be supported by the Fulton County Delegation until these commitments are made.

Additional study was requested on the number of people to be relocated if the World Congress Center expansion is approved. John Sweet asked to be enlightened on the policy of the City regarding housing in the Lighting area that would remain after the expansion. He also suggested that the Mayor's legislative package reflect the NPU concerns.

Eric Harkness reported on the proposed expansion of the MLK Jr., Memorial District. It was requested that the committee meet right away and ask Elizabeth Lyon to meet with them.

John Calhoun reported that the Auburn Avenue Task Force has set up goals and objectives and is in the process of adopting by-laws. He promised a full report at the next meeting.

Mrs. King made a report on the progress at Wheat Street Gardens.

Rev. Ted Clark stated the need for a Techwood Homes plan showing landscaping and other improvements. He also proposed that the project should be on the National Register of Historic Places. Marian Green asked John Sweet to help get Community Development Block Grant money for Techwood Homes improvements.

John Sweet reported on a city ordinance he is sponsoring which would do the following:

1. Create an In Rem review Board whose function would be to carefully weigh the necessity of each In Rem proceeding.
2. Make it illegal to change zoning unless it is approved in the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP).
3. Make it so anyone wanting to change the CDP must submit to a public hearing.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 P.M.