

Attendance: 44 | **Voting Members:** 21

Call to Order: 10:07am

Introductions: Remarks and Introduction from President
Stephanie Flowers

Approval of March Minutes:

Motion: Tyrone Clemmons | Second: Patricia Bailey

Yae: 21 • Nay: 0 • Abstain: 0

Outcome: Motion Passed

Approval of April Agenda:

Removal of Center for Black Women's Wellness

Motion: Tyrone Clemons | Second: Anthony Farajallah

Yae: 21 • Nay: 0 • Abstain: 0

Outcome: Motion Passed

Executive Board Update

- Johnny Floyd resigned from the position of Parliamentarian. Thank you, Mr. Floyd, for your years of service to the community and the PNA.
- Anthony Farajallah will step into the role of Parliamentarian.
- Chloe Floyd resigned from the position of Correspondent Secretary. The role will remain vacant as Jarrad is currently handling the responsibilities.

Reports from City Departments:

APD Public Safety: Lieutenant Wilson Wilkes

24 incidents from March 1–31, 2024:

- Burglary: 11
- Auto Theft: 6
- Burglary spikes were primarily seen at properties undergoing renovations.
 - One arrest in relation to a burglary at 949 Smith Street SW.
 - Residents are encouraged to maintain video cameras and surveillance systems.
- Aggravated assaults were all domestic-related except for an incident at 848 McDaniel Street involving a bike dispute. At 848 McDaniel St, a 19-year-old was shot in the neck; the perpetrator is in custody.
 - All other cases involved family, spouse, or parent/child relationships.
- Auto Larceny cases were down in March, with only 2 incidents reported. Residents carrying firearms in vehicles are advised to secure handguns with a locking cable or safe,

as auto larceny often targets firearms.

- Spikes in auto theft are mostly due to a trend of purchasing auto-start devices on Amazon that allow thieves to override vehicle computer systems for ease of theft.
- Residents can purchase Faraday bags from Amazon to protect signals from being stolen from car key fobs.
- Fewer Kia and Hyundai thefts were reported due to software updates. Updates are still available for those in need. A Kia event at Center Parc Stadium on April 5 will offer software updates.

Atlanta 311: Sheena Weaver - 311 Ambassador

- Press #2 for all non-emergency related issues. Previously, people pressed "0" to reach an operator; now pressing "2" will direct calls to report all non-emergency issues.
 - Non-emergency situations include any incident that is not an active threat, such as reporting a crime that has already occurred where no one was injured. Use 911 for active crimes, threats to safety, or injuries.
- **Reminder:** 311 is an intake service that creates a ticket and triages your complaint to the appropriate city department. 311 does not resolve the complaint but opens a case number for the relevant department.

Q: Any updates about University Ave being repaved?

A: University Ave is a state road involving DOT and GA DOT; since it is not a city road, 311 does not have jurisdiction. President Flowers will check in with officials about this issue.

Q: Issues with illegal dumping on abandoned lots; I have a case but am unsure whether to contact code enforcement or trash services.

A: Contact 311 for both Code Enforcement and trash-related issues. If trash is on sidewalks or public roads, it will be handled by Trash & Sanitation. If on private property, such as abandoned lots, you need a ticket with Code Enforcement. Officer Bruno, who is in charge of our area, usually attends the NPU-V meetings and will take complaints in person at those meetings. Note that resolving issues on private property takes time as Code Enforcement must contact the owner and send citations.

Elected Officials Report:

Fulton County Commissioner Natalie Hall

- Unfortunately, the Fulton County Department was unable to join today but will attend a future meeting.
- Brigitte Thorn proposed a resolution to prevent Commissioners and Fulton County Department from attending city meetings. There is a meeting on Wednesday;

the public is encouraged to comment against the resolution to ensure continued involvement in community events.

- Meeting Details: Wednesday, April 10, 10 am at 141 Pryor Street. Sign up beforehand to make public comments.

Comments:

Oak Hill Child, Family, and Adolescent Health Center - 2805 Metropolitan Parkway SW

- Provides health services for youth and adults.
- A behavioral health crisis center is being built in the center courtyard featuring 48,000 sq ft, 25 beds, 16 observation units, and 2 living rooms, open 24/7 all year.
- This center addresses mental crises differently than crimes and marks the first of such facilities in Fulton County, with a need for two more.

Grants and Community Programs

- Youth Job Training Grant: Up to \$100K (application closed March 29). Nonprofits should contact Commissioner Hall's office for notifications of upcoming grants and workshops.
- Community Service Program: Offers grants in six areas for nonprofits, universities, churches, etc.: Youth, Senior, Disability, Economic Stability/Poverty, Homelessness, Health & Wellness (includes Financial wellness), and Arts and Culture. Also includes a specific grant for Veterans Program services.
- Youth Commission application: Open until May 24 at 5 pm for 9th–11th graders, providing opportunities for involvement in projects and interactions with County Commissioners, Department heads, and state legislators. Contact Reginald Crosby for more information.

Senior Beltline Tour

- For individuals 55 & older to connect more with the Beltline project, learn about affordable housing, and how the Beltline is assisting communities.
- Tours include a ride along the entire Beltline, lasting 3 hours with breakfast/lunch provided.
- Scheduled Dates: April 19, June 14, Sept 20, Dec 6 from 9:30–2pm.
- Participants can pick up a bag with information about what is happening in Fulton County at these tours.

Fulton County Spring Fest

- Application submitted to be held at Pittsburgh Yards, tentative date May 18th. The fest will focus on Mental

Health and Disability Awareness with mobile units providing free health screenings.

Commissioner Joan P Garner 5k Walk Health Fair

- Scheduled for Sept 28, seeking locations (possibly at Pittsburgh Yards).

Q: What is the number associated with the resolution?

A: We will email the resolution information to Stephanie Flowers.

- Stephanie Flowers: We have the NPU-V meeting on Monday. Can you come so we can talk?

Q: Seniors in their homes are having issues due to needing help with their homes.

A: There is information in the bags we have handed out today, or contact our office for more information on Senior Services.

Q: Are there opportunities to partner with the school board of education around health?

A: The Fulton County Board of Health now belongs to the state and is short-staffed. Unfortunately, this was voted on by 4 commissioners to transfer the Board of Health to the state, resulting in many staff resignations. Natalie Hall is open to exploring options to assist with this issue. Although it still bears the name Fulton County Board of Health, it is state-owned. The current agreement is about to expire, and it will be decided whether it should be brought back to the county. We need the community to advocate for the Board of Health to be returned to county control.

Q: What are the issues with animal services?

A: There is an ongoing dispute between the commissioners and the mayor, turning it into a political issue. Commissioner Hall has been advocating to keep Animal Services, and despite it becoming a major issue, she will continue to fight for it.

- Stephanie Flowers: We as a community need to shift our focus to advocating with Fulton County, as there is a shift away from servicing our neighborhoods. I want NPU-V to hear about this and get involved so that we can make public comments urging Fulton County to continue providing services for our community.

Presentations:

Pittsburgh Yards: Chantell Glenn

- Offering spaces for lease for small businesses.
- Co-working membership at \$50 per month, no cap on membership.

- Pittsburgh Community Market every Saturday from 12-5pm.
- Stewart Center hosted successful Housing Resource Fair last week.
- Fit Squad Studios offering programs and free activities.
- Container courtyard still in process; the next phase of the project will support food and retail businesses.

Q: Are people able to rent office space for single daily use?

A: No single-day passes are available, but you can use common areas during the day from 9 am to 7 pm and utilize common spaces and free Wi-Fi.

Q: If you are a member, do you have 24-hour access?

A: Yes.

Q: Is Nourish and Bloom still on target?

A: That is a Beltline property; I would reach out to the Beltline.

Q: Is it possible for the Fulton County Commissioner to host events at Pittsburgh Yards?

A: We have building managers that handle that. I work in the Annie E. Casey department, so that isn't my department. I do think the events align with our mission, but I cannot speak for the building management.

BluePrint58: Maddi Hellsten

- Spring Fling on May 4 from 12-3 pm.
 - Looking for vendors, food, activities, volunteers.
 - PNA will be partnering in the event.

Sol Sunrise Cafe: Russell Clark - Partner/owner

- Formerly Zena's BBQ and Seafood, located at the corner of Garibaldi and University.
- Offering a breakfast & lunch twist on Neo Soul Food.
- Currently hiring; interested applicants should stop by.
- Opening soon after the outside of the building is painted.

Happy Black Parent & Pittsburgh Community Market:

Makeisha Robey

- Tenant at Pittsburgh Yards, present at the Pittsburgh Community Market every Saturday from 12-5 pm.
- Hosting a bike ride event today.
- Solar Eclipse event on April 8, register in advance to receive Eclipse glasses.
- Family Art Picnic on April 18.
- Beltline Lantern Parade making event in May with a mini children's parade.
- July Children's Book Festival and homeschool group

activities.

- Visit [Happyblackparent.com](https://www.happyblackparent.com) for all upcoming events.

ABC's of Car Safety: Cedrick Goodman

- Aiming to reintroduce his business to the community and provide car safety education.
- Plans to teach car care and safety (e.g., changing tires, jump-starting cars) and hopes to educate youth soon.

Q: Q: Do you do defensive driving?

A: We aren't there yet but we are growing and hope to provide defensive driving soon.

Q: Q: Do you provide info about security for your car?

A: I do have recommendations that I share in my classes.

Q: Q: What other neighborhoods do you serve?

A: Dekalb at Way Walk Park and here in Pittsburgh.

Q: Q: Is there a cost?

A: \$125 for 1 hour and a half.

– Comment: Cedrick has always been instrumental in this neighborhood and has a workbook.

– Comment: I can see the value of such a service, as she recently was almost taken advantage of when getting an oil change.

Matters for Voting:

- None Reported

Committee Reports:

Land Use and Zoning Committee

- No meeting to report but will have a meeting prior to May..

Communications Committee

- Need volunteers to help run live feed and monitor chat for live streaming.
- Plans to set up a rotation of people for the Live Stream.
- To implement Yard Signs for upcoming meetings. Concerns over signs being stolen; partnering with Engagement to place signs near PNA neighbors who will manage them.

Membership/Engagement Committee:

- First meeting was very engaging.
- Introducing neighborhood captains to split up canvassing.
- Planning monthly fundraising events.
 - Blueprint58 Spring Fling: May 4
 - Pittsburgh Reunion: Last Sat in Aug.

- Please join committee so we can really start planning more local events
- Next meeting April 24, 6-7pm

President's Report:

- Old PNA logo was being used by another organization. Will bring designs for new logo, and have neighbors vote
 - Communications will be designing logo, if you would like to be a part of design please contact PNAorg022@gmail.com
 - No meeting in July due to holiday week.
 - May Meeting is the same day as Blueprint 58 Spring Fling and PNA is partnering for the event. Input from the body on how to handle the May meeting.
 - Keep the meeting as scheduled, but shorten the meeting to just pertinent information.
 - Reach out in advance to community organizations to make a printed calendar for access at the PNA meeting.
 - Updates requested on 1029 McDaniel Pink Store; Stephanie will check the status.
 - Welch Street Park
 - First meeting happened. City of Atlanta to bring a consultant for mediation between CMB and the community at Welch Street Park.
 - A survey will be developed to gather community feedback: • SURVEY: <https://bit.ly/WelchStPark-Survey>
 - City of Atlanta is in owner of the park
- Q: There was conversation about making one way streets issues with people parking on both sides of the street. There are issues with parking by Welch Street Park.
- A: Stephanie, would like to make a site visit and discuss
 - Comment: If someone is looking for an event or zoning permit on Welch Street, requests that PNA keep in mind parking is maxed out and is a problem.- Comment: Requesting feedback on the color/design for reunion shirts.
 - The reunion will be managed by the Engagement Committee, ensuring continuity of work beyond the monthly PNA meetings.
 - A subcommittee within the Engagement Committee will specifically handle reunion preparations.
 - Details to be presented at next month's meeting.
 - Permit to submitted at least 90 days prior to the event.
 - Urgency required for securing a stage from the city.
 - A meeting with the city is scheduled to obtain permits and support.

- The reunion is typically held on the last Saturday of August and will be conducted outdoors.
- Comment: Suggested revising the event name to "Pittsburgh Reunion & Festival" to be more inclusive of new neighbors.

Announcements:

Adah Pittman-Delancy:

- The Democratic Party of Georgia is holding delegate votes today at 1 pm.

NPU-V Meeting:

- Scheduled for April 8 at 7:00 pm - Virtual.

Pittsburgh Yards Events:

- Breakfast to Go: Featuring Lawton's Chicken Sausage, every Tuesday from 9 am to 11 am.
- STE(A)M Truck Event: Saturday, April 20, from 10 am– Noon.
- Next Gen Block Party: April 27 at Noon.
- Annual Senior & Family Resource Fair: To be held at Metropolitan Library on April 14 from 11–2 pm.

Filming Reminder:

- Occurring this week from Tuesday to Friday, expect some street closures.
- Comment: Advocated for encouraging film crews to donate to the PNA for community use.

Community Events:

- @Promise Community Visioning Meeting: Scheduled for April 9 at 6:30 pm.
- Center for Black Women's Health: Celebrating Earth Day on April 20 with non-toxic, environmentally friendly cleaning supplies and mammogram services.

Anthony Farajahla:

- Discussed "Open Houses Plan A," a great opportunity for community members to express their desires for local developments and learn about zoning issues. Scheduled at the Metropolitan Library on April 15 from 4:30 pm to 7 pm.

Closing Prayer: Paul Sturdivant

Meeting End Time: 11:32 pm