

**Attendance:** 46

**Voting Members:** 18

**Call to Order:** 10:07am

**Introductions:** Remarks and Introduction from President  
Stephanie Flowers

**Invocation:** Led by Paul Sturdivant

**Approval of January Minutes:**

Motion: Johnny Floyd | Second: Patricia Bailey  
Yae: 17 • Nay: 0 • Abstain: 0

**Approval of February Minutes:**

Motion: Johnny Floyd | Second: Otis Outlaw  
Yae: 17 • Nay: 0 • Abstain: 0

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Otis Outlaw | Second: Johnny Floyd  
Yae: 17 • Nay: 0 • Abstain: 0

### Reports from City Departments:

**Atlanta 311:** Sheena Weaver - 311 Ambassador

- Services include trash, code enforcement, potholes, etc
- Dial 311 or 404.546.0311, or email At1311@atlantaga.gov
- Phone app available or visit www.atl311.com.
- 311 is where you call to make complaints; they do not resolve the complaint themselves but transfer it to the appropriate department.

Q: How long does it take for them to respond after you place a call?

A: Depending on the department, 3-5 business days.

**APD Public Safety:** Sgt Michael McEkron

**24 incidents Feb 1-29, 2024**

- Burglary: 11
- Motor Vehicle Theft: 6
- Robbery: 1
- Shoplifting: 2
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 4
- The number of burglaries is up, mostly from renovations & new construction, due to a lack of cameras and alarm systems. Our unit is aware and asks you to help keep an eye on what is happening around you.
- Commonly stolen items include copper wire, supplies, lumber, tools.
- Vehicle theft mostly involves Kia and Hyundais. Numbers are down from previous months.

### Questions:

Q: Is there only one officer in this area at a time?

A: Yes, everything is split up by beats, and we only have one officer at a time on each beat, sometimes more in the evening when crime is heavier. Officer Morgan is the officer on duty during the day for Pittsburgh.

Q: I am having work done, and there was an attempted break-in; submitted online, but I am not seeing it on the monthly report and I have not been contacted. I have emailed photos and have not heard back.

A: That has been sent to a burglary investigator, and they will be the ones to follow up. It may take a week or two.

- **Comment from Stephanie Flowers:** We can follow up with Officer Pettis.

Q: What is the size or parameters of a beat?

A: That is based on the volume of 911 calls in an area.

Q: How many people are at night since most crimes happen at night?

A: One specific to this area, but also there is a crime suppression team that works at night, and they go to areas that are seeing spikes in crime.

- **Comment by Pat Bailey:** Found my door wide open. They sent 2 officers out, went through the house looking. Very appreciative of the prompt response.

### Elected Officials Report:

**Councilman Antonio Lewis:** Nicole Jones

- Largest district in Atlanta (5 NPUs and several neighborhood associations per NPU). He will be rotating to various neighborhood meetings each month.
- Any concerns, contact the office at 678-330-6053.
- Infrastructure update March 19th, 5 pm @ ATC Atlanta Tech College. Roads/Construction, DOT, Watershed in attendance.
- Diaper Day at Rosel Fann March 22 - Giving away diapers, fem hygiene products.
- Splash pads being installed - Southside Park Jonesboro Road and working on getting one for Pittman Park.
- Rosel Fann Learning Lab in partnership with GA Power - Students learning various technical skills.

### Comments:

- Johnny Floyd asks that Councilperson Lewis please come back to our meetings.

- Paul Sturdivant: Pittsburgh is growing, and we need his considerations because we are growing; we feel that we are being overlooked with keeping our community clean.
- Tyrone Clemmons: Pittsburgh is very concerned by pedestrian issues that Councilman Lewis keeps voting against. I have tried to get a meeting with Councilman Lewis and have not been able to get a meeting.

A: I will pass that along, and you can contact Councilman Lewis to address those issues at [anlewis@atlantaga.gov](mailto:anlewis@atlantaga.gov).

**Atlanta Public Schools District 6 School Board: Eshay Collins**

- The search for a Superintendent has started. The application ended at the end of January. The board is reviewing applications now to move to the next level.
- The board meets the first Monday of each month. The next meeting is March 4, where we will dive deeper into the candidates.
- Interviews with the board and community panel are about to take place. When there is a slate or sole finalist, we will bring those to the community for input.
- Spring break is coming, the first week of April, April 1-5. More children will be out in the community, so be aware.

Q: Can you tell us a bit about the focus of the district on literacy?

A: We pride ourselves on going from a 51% graduation rate to 87%, which now exceeds the State of Georgia. However, we still have a 31% literacy rate among 3rd graders at the expected reading level. We have implemented a literacy policy, retraining teachers on the science of reading, starting as early as Pre-K, and enhancing after-school programs. We recognize that too much strain is being placed on middle school and high school teachers, and we need to focus on children learning to read earlier, in Pre-K and elementary school.

Q: What are the parameters that you consider for the superintendent finalists?

A: They are typically a current superintendent elsewhere or someone who has served in the role in the past. We are cautious to protect people who are currently serving elsewhere so that they do not lose their employment by applying to be our superintendent.

Q: Are there any resources for parents with literacy concerns?

A: Yes, we have an extension for literacy at home, and we will

share details soon. We also have the FACE (Family And Community Engagement Team) that is very active. The Oglethorpe Elementary Facility is being reopened to be a parent/student resource center. We know we have to invest more in our community and our families to achieve these literacy goals.

Q: I'm at Georgia State in my second year of education. I requested to intern in my neighborhood for my education but there was no relationship between GA State and the local elementary schools. Is there a way to bridge that gap?

A: We are constantly in dialogue about pay and being competitive. APS is now number 3 in the state for pay. We will be helping to pay for Masters degrees for APS teachers, which will be in partnership with GA State. We have a strong relationship with GA State; I will get you in touch with Executive Director Kelly Dunn and Principal Owens at Kindezi Gideons Elementary School.

- Comment: Chandra Manns with Stewart Center. We give opportunities for GA State students in social work, and we have after-school programming with Gideons you can get involved with.

Q: You mentioned literacy rates in Elementary school. Are teachers closing that gap by middle/high to achieve the high graduation rate, or is there a cultural push?

A: The gap isn't closing the way it should. When kids graduate, they are not graduating with 100% literacy. The last I looked at the data, 61-64% literacy for graduating students. We are hearing there is currently more push among middle/high teachers.

Q: My concern is crime and security. Do we have enough campus security? I'm concerned some instances are not being reported.

A: We do have a lot of security measures and security staff. There are a lot of things happening after hours, weekends, and during the summer that are affecting the schools. APS is working closely with APD to learn what is happening and what has been an issue in the off-school hours.

### Presentations:

**Beautiful Ventures:** Tsedey Betru,  
Community Engagement Lead

- A network of creatives that tell Black Humanity Affirming stories, comprised of theatre, dance, storytellers, and more, helping to bring these stories to life.

- Planning a commercial complex anchored with innovative workspaces for second-stage businesses (businesses within the entertainment industry that have achieved a certain revenue level), including post-production, digital media, etc.
- A Workforce Development Agency will train local residents for the entertainment industry, aiming to bring industry-generated money to this side of town.
- The development will include a retail component, and community engagement is sought to determine its nature.
- **Survey invitation:** Please complete our survey at Slido.com using number 2928340.

**Questions:**

- Q: Can students work with your company? Many of our students have an interest in film/TV/arts.
- A: Yes, for youth of legal working age. We're open to exploring what this collaboration could look like.
- Q: How are you doing partnerships with other organizations?
- A: We have reached out to many local organizations for partnerships and are here to spread the word so we can partner across the community. Your help in spreading the word would be appreciated.
- Q: Will this be a development in the neighborhood or at Pittsburgh Yards?
- A: We are working to develop one of the pads at Pittsburgh Yards.
- Q: I know you mentioned Second Space Businesses. Will there be opportunities for smaller businesses?
- A: There will be common workspaces, but we are focusing on Second Space businesses for now, as securing leasing is necessary to create more jobs in the community. Thus, our primary focus is on Second Space businesses over incubating new ones at this time.

**Andrew P Stewart Center:** Chandra Manns, Director of Housing

- Hosting a housing fair on March 23, 10-2pm at Pittsburgh Yards, focusing on homeownership, home revitalization, and housing stability.
- Many organizations will attend to serve Pittsburgh, with volunteer opportunities available.

**Pittsburgh Yards/Annie E. Casey Foundation:** Chantell Glenn, Operations and Development for Pittsburgh Yards

- Mia Building: 100 office suites, 80% leased.

- Coworking Space: 80 members, with no cap on monthly licenses.
- Businesses: Approximately 160 businesses are now housed in Pittsburgh Yards.
- ADAMA ATL: Now permanently housed at Pittsburgh Yards, following three exhibitions last year.
- Shared Kitchen Space: A permit has been granted. Chef Kevin R. McGee's Urban Oak Initiative has initiated food education and "foodpreneur" programs, focusing on plant-based food education.
- Future Plans: A lot is happening in the summer and spring, with additional land for ground lease available.

Q: Do you have an update on the container courtyard?

A: APlans are in place for businesses to arrive between now and the end of April, anticipating a late spring opening. We're expecting a coffee shop, three food businesses, housing, and a spa. The Beltline marketplace program aims to expand their program, and Pittsburgh Yards will be their third location.

Q: Is the plant-based chef initiative only for entrepreneurs who are plant-based? A: It's also for non-plant-based food entrepreneurs wanting to add more plant-based options.

A: Can my group, which often meets, use Pittsburgh Yards? Do you offer non-plant-based food options? A: When renting space at Pittsburgh Yards, catering is not provided; you need to arrange your own food.

Q: What about the land sold to the Beltline?

A: Thirteen acres were sold to the Beltline, with a stipulation that the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the neighborhood association would be involved in that development. That process has not started yet.

Q: I recall reading about a grocery store in container form?

A: Nourish and Bloom is a Beltline project, so I can't provide details on that project. It will be located at the entrance of Pittsburgh Yards and will be a fully autonomous grocery store, helping to increase food access in Pittsburgh.

- Comment from Paul Sturdivant expressing concern regarding the the planned fully autonomous grocery store. He highlighted that the original intention of Pittsburgh Yards was to develop work opportunities within the neighborhood, and he believes that a fully automated store may not align with this mission. The concern suggests a need for further discussion on ensuring that Pittsburgh Yards' developments continue to provide employment and empowerment opportunities for local residents, consistent with the project's foundational goals.

**Pittsburgh Community Market: Tron Banks**

- We create events to draw traffic, offer opportunities for small businesses, and provide access to food through the farmers market.
- Community Market each Saturday from March to October, 12-5pm.
- Soft launch of community bike rides, leading up to larger events and including giving away around 200 bikes. Sign up at Pittsburgh Yards today.
- Farm tours are being offered.
- We seek community input on desired events.
- Origin: The market was inspired by my desire to get my product on shelves and to provide opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

**Questions:**

Q: How can we sign up for a bike ride?

A: Visit our website for a link and survey. The first ride starts today.

**Urban Oasis Development: Joel Dixon**

- Engaged with the Beltline, with updates expected soon on the Murphys Crossing site.
- The site is officially in the Open City neighborhood, with ongoing discussions.
- 554 University (a truck repair site near the Beltline) is being cleared out following the owner's passing, which has slowed progress.
- A more formal presentation will be given next month.

**Matters for Voting:**

**Tedrick's Seafood & Grill: Walter Jordan**

The applicant seeks a Liquor License for 609 Whitehall St SW, originally Nicky's Seafood.

- The application includes liquor service inside with live entertainment on the patio, offering wine/beer/frozen drinks containing liquor (not a full bar).
- Tedrick (owner) grew up in the Capitol View Neighborhood.
- The establishment has been open since 2008 with no incidents, and Tedrick and staff have taken appropriate trainings.
- Hours of Operation: Sun–Thurs, 11 am–10 pm and Fri–Sat, 11 am–12 am.
- The camera systems are registered with APD.

**Questions:**

Q: What measures are in place to prevent a club-like atmosphere, manage parking, and ensure general neighborhood safety?

A: The restaurant has its own parking, plus shared parking next door. 80% of business is take-out, but we're preparing for future events and business growth. Our cameras are integrated with APD.

Q: Will there be on-site security?

A: Yes, plus 17 cameras integrated into the APD system.

- Comment from Johnny Floyd: Blue Ivy is now closed, so previous issues associated with that venue shouldn't affect Tedrick's.

**Motion:** Johnny Floyd | **Second:** Tyrone Clemmons

Yea: 17 • Nay: 0 • Abstain: 0

**Motion Carries - Recommendation sent to NPU-V**

**Committee Reports:**

**Land Use and Zoning Committee**

- Discussion on moving the neighborhood forward and organizing better, including creating a land trust and designating build-out plans.
- Invitation to join the committee.
- Encouragement to engage with the city's community development plan at Atlantaforall.com, featuring a calendar of upcoming events focused on safer streets, job opportunities, development, and more access to amenities.
- A survey will be distributed to better align with everyone's schedules.

**Communications Committee**

- Reminder to sign in at the top of the meeting.
- Email Schedule – Week after PNA meeting: Send all flyers, city updates, and approved minutes.
- Week prior to PNA meeting: Send reminders of meetings, additional events, and draft minutes for review.
- We now have access to the PNA Facebook page and are discussing live streaming options with Rebecca at BluePrint58, needing assistance with running the equipment.
- Setting up a standing committee meeting the Monday prior to the PNA meeting, 6:30-7:00 pm.

- For event or announcement submissions, email pnaorg022@gmail.com.
- Collaboration with Membership & Community Engagement for the upcoming Spring Festival is under discussion.

Anyone interested in joining a committee can do so at the end of the meeting or by emailing pnaorg022@gmail.com to be added to a committee.

### President's Report:

- The initial conversation about Welch Street Park took place, though no city representatives were present to discuss. Members of PNA will receive a link via email soliciting input on desired developments for Welch Street Park. A more in-depth conversation is scheduled for the April PNA meeting.

Q: How did the meeting go?

A: It involved a lengthy presentation, primarily addressing past issues and friction concerning the street. The city plans to integrate our suggestions and provide feedback.

- NPU-V March Meeting will be held in person in Mechanicsville, March 11 at 7:00 PM, at 181 Ralph D Abernathy Blvd, across from the Fair.

### Announcements:

**1181 Garibaldi Street:** Chris Boyd-Witherspoon

- Expressed interest in discussing the property, community needs, and past issues, noting the difficulty in finding comprehensive historical information.
- The focus is on veterans and low-income residents.
- The property will be managed directly by the company, with no plans to sell.
- Stephanie Flowers recommended connecting with Tyrone Clemmons of the housing/zoning committee to facilitate community discussions.

Q: Are you planning a full redevelopment or new construction?

A: The current phase is assessment, with a preference for redevelopment and renovation, considering the building's integrity.

### Comments:

- Stephanie Flowers emphasized the importance of speaking about the community with dignity and respect, highlighting the desire for respectful language and not to be perceived as needing to be 'saved'.

- Chandra Mann from the Stewart Center echoed the sentiment, mentioning the Stewart Center's efforts to ensure high-quality renovations for affordable housing.

### Christopher Welch Jr

- Thanked the board and acknowledged the contributions of Tron and Chantell from Pittsburgh Yards. He voiced frustrations over repeated requests for funding and services for students, calling for greater community engagement and advocacy for youth.

### redefinED Atlanta: Ada Pittman-Delancy

- Announced the ARISE Fund, open from Feb. 28 to April 10, 2024, offering three \$50,000 grants from a \$150,000 fund for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The grants are aimed at 501(c)(3) nonprofits working within the Carver Cluster or the broader Atlanta Public Schools district, focusing on students furthest from opportunity and addressing college and career readiness for grades 6-12. Details and application are available at <https://redefinedatlanta.org/investments/arise-fund/>

**Closing Prayer:** Paul Sturdivant

**Meeting End Time:** 12:10 pm