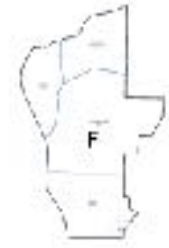


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DATE: Monday, October 17, 2016
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Hillside Facility
1301 Monroe Dr, N.E.

INFORMATION CONTACTS:

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AGENDA

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks/Introductions/Announcements

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Need to amend agenda for 2 pieces of legislation related to annexation of new properties in the city limits.

NPU-F: Motion to add annexation legislation to agenda carries on voice vote.

Reminder that we are operating under revisions to the Policy Sheet which updated the criteria for inclusion to the Consent Agenda approved in September.

2. Approval of Minutes

The September 2016 minutes have been posted on the NPU F website.

NPU-F: Motion to approve September 2016 minutes carries on voice vote.

3. Calendar Announcements

Please note announcements at the end of the agenda, Section 11.

4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

- Atlanta Fire Department – Station 19 North Highland; Station 29 Monroe
Capt. Roberts, Battalion Chief - Be careful with Halloween decorations. Look out for the kids - put something lighted on them so they don't get hit by cars, or run out into the street. Fire calls are about the same as normal. EMS calls are going up.
Questions/Comments:
Thank you for the fire and EMS responders to the Ansley Forest building fire and the fire on Cordova Dr.
- Atlanta Police Dept. - Zone 6 - Major Peek, Capt. McGee; Zone 2 - Major Hobbs, Capt. Steeds
Major Hobbs, Zone 2 - Up in 2 categories of crime, car break ins and auto theft. 40% of stolen cars have keys in the car and/or are running. Push button starters are problematic. Criminals are using amplifiers - if your keys are in your house but in range of the car, the amplifier can start the car and then it can be stolen. The remedy is to put keys in the freezer to block the transponder signal. Be careful of leaving cars running to warm up - they will be

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stolen. Ladies - be careful at the gas station. Criminals are opening passenger side door and taking purse, keys to other cars, house keys, etc. Keep doors locked and be aware of surroundings. Violent crime is down in every other category. Please be careful of social media posts that say crime is not being reported. There is a delay between reports being filed and summaries coming out in overall crime reports.

Questions/Comments:

Any updates on guy attacking joggers near Sutton MS?

Criminal was caught that night.

Reminder: Saturday is an old prescription pill drop off day. Bring to Zone 2 or Zone 6. They'll be turned over to DEA for disposal.

Major Peek, Zone 6 - Drug take back day this Saturday, 10/22 - will take everything except liquids. Zone 6 is 10% down in crime overall, 8% down in this specific area of the zone. Slight increase over the past couple of weeks with car break ins, etc.. Please communicate with neighbors about what is going on. Most criminals are caught because someone noticed something suspicious and called 911. We are 3-4% up on general larceny and shoplifting. Definitely take time to secure bicycles - they are being stolen from 2nd floor balconies.

Questions/Comments:

How successful was clean car campaign?

Very. We would love to get that re-invigorated. We had a week where we lost 30 guns due to car break ins. That is not a secure place to secure a weapon. Do not leave anything at all in the car or trunk. The campaign does work and help. Can't stress that enough. About 40% of car break in victims are city residents, so the rest are visitors. We need to communicate that out to everyone.

Do gun safes that are bolted into the car work?

Yes, anything you can do to slow down a theft is good.

Can any punitive action be taken against someone who fails to secure their gun?

We don't have the authority to do that, even though we would like to do that. NRA is holding convention here next year and we are working with them to push out info on being a responsible gun owner.

- MARTA police - Major Nelvette Easterling, Lt. Chapman, North Precinct
Sgt. Nicholas, North Precinct - Part 1 crime is down recently. We have increased visibility in the Sandy Springs station area to keep an eye on things. Police are on trains at rush hour and throughout stations for visibility. Cameras on trains are recording, every train has at least 10 cameras. They aren't being monitored - too many cameras - but can go back and research footage when needed.

- Fulton County Community Prosecutor - Zone 2 - Brendan Dougherty; Zone 6 - Keith Lamar Jr; Court Watch Coordinator - Danielle Simpson

Brendan Dougherty, Zone 2 - Trying to get judges to hand down appropriate sentences - it is a process. Please get involved in the community Court Watch program - it is very helpful for judges to hear of the impacts of these criminals in the community

- Bureau of Housing and Code Compliance -

Officer Edwards - From Sept 1. - October 10 there were 13 property maintenance calls. Phone 404-546-3845 and email sledwards@atlantaga.gov.

Questions/Comments:

Tree is down in an alleyway and has been down for about 2 months. We understand the city has abandoned the alleys but is there a way to get this tree cleared?

Officer will speak to supervisor and look into a solution.

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- City Solicitor's Officer - Ryan Williams

Not in attendance

- Atlanta Citizen Review Board - Charles Curry curry@atlantaga.gov

Not in attendance

- Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs - Amy Phoung, Interim Commissioner; Quentin Moore, Parks District Maintenance Supervisor Northeast District; Salima Rashied, PPC; PPC CEO Yvette Bowden

Not in attendance

- Bureau of Public Works, Solid Waste Services

- City of Atlanta Parks

Dan Calvert, Office of Park Design - Photo contest going on for pictures of parks and recreation events. We are stepping up enforcement of off leash dogs in public parks. Please remind folks that dogs must be on a leash. Please call 911 if needed and police will assist with off leash-dogs. At Herbert Taylor park, we are starting a trail update project and a new signage package project as well. Thank you to Mr. Ayers for improvement to Smith Park Fountain - there will be a dedication ceremony on Nov. 10.

Questions/Comments:

Could you do a sweep for off leash dogs at the end of the work day time period?

That is when we see the most off leash dogs near Inman MS, Orme park, etc.

What is the fine for off-leash dog?

May be as much as \$500.

- Department of Watershed Management – Rolani Olagbegi, rolagbeni@atlanta.ga.gov

Not in attendance

5. Comments from Elected Officials

- State House of Representatives - Rep. Pat Gardner

Park Cannon, State House District 58 - Early voting started today. If you need any assistance please let me know. 404-246-3790, park.cannon@house.ga.gov.

Things of note on the ballot: 1) OSD - most Democrats do not support this measure; 2) Judicial Qualification Committee - members would be appointed by Speaker of the House, we are recommending a no vote; 3) Fund to support first responders - recommend a yes vote; 4) Fund for minors who are victims of sex trafficking - recommend a yes vote. Funding coming from new fees on adult businesses.

We are hosting a "Conversation on Education" on Monday, Oct. 24 at the Metropolitan Library.

Questions/Comments:

JQC - where to get more information?

State Democratic party web site is a good place to look for information.

- Councilmember District 6 - Alex Wan

Not in attendance

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- School Board District 3 - Matt Westmoreland
Not in attendance

- School Board, City wide At-large rep. - Cynthia Briscoe-Brown

Amendment 1 is on the ballot. Refers to the Opportunity School District (OSD). There is a lot of mis-information so please educate yourself before voting. Please see www.georgiapta.org. Ballot language is mis-leading. If this amendment passes the State will create a new office that can unilaterally take over a school deemed "failing" and turn those schools over to for-profit charter organizations, close them, etc. This removes local control over the school from the community. The funds and buildings will also be removed from the local district, but the local district must still contribute teacher benefits. There is no plan as to how the OSD will make the school better.

Questions/Comments:

Thank you to Cynthia for your support and for addressing the issues we have.

What is status of new middle school for cluster and expansion of Grady campus?

We have a wholistic plan to take the old Howard HS, renovate and add to it for a new middle school. Inman will then move there. Grady will be expanded and renovated. Funds were approved via the SPLOST back in May but money won't start coming in until May 2017. Right now we are doing planning but construction won't start until money starts coming in.

What about the \$30M designated to this project from the last SPLOST?

We are using some of this, but some of it has also been used for stop-gap measures at Inman.

Will there be funds for tutoring for those who need it?

Yes, we have specific funds for "high-dosage" tutoring for those at-risk schools and for those that were victims of the cheating scandal. Each of those kids has a separate IEP to target their deficiencies. We have some non-profit partners that are working to provide that tutoring so please reach out if you'd like to help with that.

Leftover funds from the last SPLOST - where is that money? Was it spent elsewhere?

Emails from the Supt. have addressed this specifically, but Ms. Brown is reluctant to discuss without that script in hand.

Can be reached at cbriscoe_brown@atlantapublicschools.us. Please get involved.

- Atlanta City Council Posts: Michael Julian Bond (Post 1) ; Mary Norwood (Post 2); Andre Dickens (Post 3)
Mary Norwood - The ParkAtlanta contracts has only been approved on a month to month basis. Administration was pushing for approval of a new contract at today's City Council meeting, but council has not authorized that. It will be held for 2 weeks. In that time, we will ensure a hearing on it and have opportunities for those concerned to come out and be heard. A DRAFT copy of the contract will be distributed for those who are interested. Ms. Norwood can send it on and feel free to share it.

Questions/Comments:

What are current revenues being generated?

Do not have that number right now.

New group is promising higher revenue - where is that coming from?

The parking police would be incentivized to be even more voracious about fines. That is concerning. We want to get this right.

We want to know where this revenue is coming from? Is it residential, is it commercial, etc.?

Ms. Norwood will work on getting that information.

- Atlanta City Council President - Ceasar Mitchell

Danielle Carney - Movie in the Park at West Manor Park. www.atlslowdown.org - contact for Slow Down Atlanta signs. danielle@atl.ccp.com

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- Fulton County Commission - Fulton County Commission - Lee Morris, District 3; Marvin Arrington Jr., District 5; Ivory Roberson, Commissioner Arrington's community engagement officer; ivory.roberson@fultoncountyga.gov, 404.613.0203

Not in attendance

6. Presentations

Outdoor Events Working Group Update – Ben Klehr (NPU N), Catherine Chase (NPU M), Nancy Bowers (NPU E), Debbie Skopczynski (NPU F)

This group was created about a year ago to deal with issues surrounding special events and bring feedback to the city on these concerns. Several meetings were held with Parks, APD, etc. to learn more about their processes.

NPU Perspective

- Special Events held throughout the city are desirable and should be encouraged to sustain a vibrant, healthy and hospitable city.
- The right to assemble and right to free speech are Constitutionally guaranteed rights.
- NPUs provide non-binding recommendations.
- The Quality of Life of those who live near popular event venues suffer when there are frequent road closures and excessively loud music.
- Intown NPUs want to be a partner with City Departments and Council members to balance the concerns of residents with the requests of Special Events organizers

Please see full chart of recommendations at the end of these minutes*

Questions/Comments:

This is having a very negative impact on schools, especially at Grady HS. If kids are supposed to be in school and be on time and are then making it very difficult for students to actually get to school when these events have roads blocked off.

Would like to see a recommendation that moves some of the decision making power for these events back to city council, instead of centralizing everything in just the hands of the Mayor. The committee feels that getting power out of the hands of the Mayor was not possible and the committee was focusing on what they thought was achievable.

The committee needs everyone's help - spread the word and talk to neighbors, police, etc. about this. There are mayoral candidate coffees and meetings coming up - keep their feet to the fire on this and don't let them brush this off. Quality of life is important and it is being ignored in Atlanta at this point. Committee will share these recommendations with mayoral candidates.

For profit festivals (like Music Midtown) makes a donation to Piedmont Park conservancy, but what would they pay if their event was held in Phillips Arena? So much more. They are getting a great deal and ruining the park in the mix.

Safe Harbor Legislation

There will be a symposium, Oct. 30, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m., 600 Peachtree Battle - Please come out to learn more about Amendment 2.

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More MARTA Campaign

A 1/2 penny investment in MARTA. See www.moremarta.com for further information. Atlanta's investment in MARTA is minuscule compared to other cities of comparable size.

7. Planner's Report- Doug Young (In attendance every other month)

University Dr./Spring Valley Annexation

Proposed annexation along University Dr. and Spring Valley Lane

3 pieces of legislation for each annexation:

1. Act of annexation itself
2. Assignment of a zoning category
3. Assignment a land use category in the city's Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP)

Proposed zoning is R-4 (same as other properties already in the city in this area)

Proposed single-family (except for the Synagogue)

This was a 60/60 annexation request - 60% of owners and 60% of land areas petitioned the city to make this occur. Currently this is all Dekalb Co. Would come into Morningside/Lenox Park neighborhood and local APS schools.

NPU-F: Motion to zone property R-4 carries on voice vote.

NPU-F: Motion to designate this area single-family residential (SFR) carries on voice vote.

Note: *The NPU does not vote on requests for annexation, only for the zoning and land use designations.*

Comments:

Our neighborhood schools are already very over crowded and these repeated annexations are just adding to that problem with no remedy proposed.

8. Neighborhood and Committee Reports

- Lindridge-Martin Manor Neighborhood Association – Carey Sherrell, President; Rich Sussman, NPU Rep and Zoning Chair

No report

- Morningside-Lenox Park Association – Sally Bayless President; TBD, Neighborhood Rep; John Ayers, Zoning

No report

- Piedmont Heights Civic Association – Baron Jordan, President; Jean Johnson and Tim Berube, Neighborhood Reps

No report

- Virginia-Highland Civic Association (VHCA) –Jack White, President; Lola Carlisle, Representative; Jack White, Zoning

VHCA elections were held. New president is Jennifer Keenan.

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- Virginia-Highland Business Association (VHBA) –Lynn DeWitt and Kristi Warren Evans, Reps.
No report

- Edmund Park - Tony Gonzales and Brett Merrill, Neighborhood Reps
No report

- Public Safety Committee – Jim Hardy
There will be another APD Neighborhood Watch program on Nov. 6.

- Parks, Trees & Environment Committee – Jack White and Rich Sussman
Trees Atlanta is doing an arboretum inventory. We are finding many of the markers are missing from designated trees. Please contact Charlotte Gillis or Rich Sussman at 404-237-8713 and we will get those markers re-installed or replaced.

- Education Committee - Abby Martin
Please research the information regarding OSD before voting. Congrats to MES for being recognized a National Blue Ribbon School - this is a very high honor. As the next SPLOST funds start being spent and the new middle school opens, Inman may revert to an elementary school. Redistricting will likely occur to move MES and Spark students to that school, especially on top of all the annexations coming into our area.

- Chair Report - Debbie Skopczynski
Received an email from Kimberly Estep, Executive Director of the South Fork Conservancy to say that the property at 2177 Armand Road was purchased by the city and will be a new trail access point for SFC trails. (The NPU voted to in June to support the purchase of the property.)

APAB – Neighborhood Matters Awards will be given by APAB in December. Each NPU can nominate one person. Looking for nominations.

The deadline for the 2016-2017 NPU Grant Program is October 28th. Funds are available for Neighborhood Enhancement, Leadership & Capacity Building, Awareness, and Development Assistance (which includes 3rd party consultant review).

No SAPs this month

9. Matters of Voting

License Review Board (LRB) (NPU-F Vote Required)

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda Zoning Applications:

V-16-224

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October 13, 2016

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to: (1) reduce the required western side yard setback from 7 feet to 4 feet; and (2) increase the impervious lot coverage from 50 percent to 57 percent in order to construct an addition to an existing single family dwelling.

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VHCA: Application withdrawn

NPU F: Consent Agenda – Deny without prejudice – application withdrawn

V-16-239 **1079 N. Highland Ave. NE** **November 3, 2016**

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the north side yard setback from 7 feet to 4 feet for the construction of a new single-family dwelling.

VHCA: Deferred to November 2016

NPU F: Consent Agenda – deferred to November 2016

V-16-242 **866 Arlington Pl. NE** **October 6, 2016**

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to (1) reduce the rear setback from 15 feet to 13 feet, 2 inches; (2) reduce the northern side yard setback from 7 feet to 2 feet; and (3) increase the maximum allowed size of an accessory structure from 30 percent of the principal structure to 42.85 percent of the principal structure – in order to construct a detached accessory structure.

VHCA: Deferred to January 2017

NPU F: Consent Agenda – deferred to January 2017

Vote on Consent Agenda for October 2016:

1. Does anyone want to remove any of these items from the consent agenda so that they can be discussed?

No further requests to remove any items.

2. Does anyone have any opposition to any of the items on the consent agenda?

No one present in opposition.

NPU-F: Motion to approve October 2016 consent agenda as published carries on voice vote.

Alcohol Applications (NPU-F Vote Required)

American Roadhouse/HD **1845 Piedmont Ave, NE Ste. 500** **Muzaffer Saritas**

New business owner., change of agent. Planning on serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, after renovation. We will close for about a week for renovation. Parking in back belongs to the building. Complimentary for patrons. Will have a new menu. Also own Truva, which is downtown. Considering a name change. Hours from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm currently. Are proposing being open until 1:00 am, serving breakfast all the time.

Report: Applicant owns 4 other restaurants. No live entertainment. No complaints filed.

NPU F: Motion to support application carries on voice vote.

Zoning Matters (BZA, ZRB, CDP)

Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) (NPU-F Vote Required)

V-16-244 **1676 Monroe Dr. NE** **November 3, 2016**

Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning ordinance to increase the maximum of 16 parking spaces allowed to 20 parking spaces. Increasing the maximum by 25% to allow 4 additional parking spaces from construction of a bank.

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PHCA Report: Approved. No conditions were added. Atlanta Beltline has approved their building plans.

NPU F: Motion to recommend approval carries on voice vote.

V-16-259 907 Plymouth Rd. NE **October 13, 2016**

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to reduce the required eastern side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet in order to construct a new detached 2 story garage structure.

MLPA Report: Approved unanimously conditioned upon receipt of letters of approval from the neighbors.

NPU F: Motion to recommend approval carries on voice vote.

V-16-260 797 Greenwood Ave. NE **October 6, 2016**

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required front yard setback from 40 feet to 18 feet 10 inches. Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the required half-depth front yard from 20 feet to 7 feet 11 inches; Also, applicant seeks a variance to reduce the required side yard setback from 7 feet to 6 feet 10 inches.

VHCA Report: Applicant Kelly Reilly of Wright Gardner Architect (on behalf of owner Michael Jenkins) seeks variances to (A) reduce the required front yard setback from 40 feet to 18 feet 10 inches (pre-existing); (B) reduce the required half-depth front yard (on Bonaventure) from 20 feet to 7 feet 11 inches (pre-existing); and (C) reduce the required sideyard setback from 7 feet to 6 feet 10 inches (pre-existing.)

The Planning Committee made a site visit on 10/4/16. A large tree in the front yard is not in the buildable area and will not be disturbed. The lot is level, and the stormwater ordinance will apply. All neighbors have been notified.

The foundation remains from the demolished former home. There are no barriers across the rear of the stoop that leads to over a drop of several feet or across a separate and deeper drop into an interior subbasement pit below the basement level, nor any signage warning of such hazards. The architects relayed on 10/2/16 that they had notified the owners of our safety concerns on those points and our request that access to the site be blocked and that rubble from the demolition be removed. As there had been no changes on site by 10/4/16, a formal letter was sent to the owner (via the architects), and a complaint was filed with the city.

The Planning Committee unanimously recommended approval to the Board.

NPU F: Motion to recommend approval carries on voice vote.

V-16-266 560 Cresthill Ave. NE **October 6, 2016**

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to: (1) reduce the required western side yard from 7 feet to 2.9 feet in order to construct a deck and second story addition to a single-family dwelling.

VHCA Report: Applicants Earl Jackson and Susan Johnson of Metro Atlanta Permits (for owner David Taylor-Klaus) seek a variance to reduce the required western side yard setback from 7 feet to 2.9 feet (existing on rear deck) to add second story addition in the existing footprint to a single-family dwelling and to expand the rear deck entirely over an existing patio.

The Planning Committee site visit on 10/4/16 noted that the setback on the existing home itself appears to be at 3' or greater. Two existing stormwater discharges on the west side were reviewed. The architect wants to relocate one for foundation protection; the other discharges onto the western neighbor's property in a manner no longer consistent with code. The logical destination for both is downhill to the mostly flat rear yard full of trees, and those goals outcomes will be discussed with architect. The rear yard has five significant trees, all of which are slated for preservation. A 28" tree near the construction will need special attention.

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The site will remain 52.7% impervious, unless it can be reduced by a contemplated driveway on the shared driveway to the east.

All neighbors have been notified, some personally. The last-minute arrival of the variance meant that an inadequately notified neighbor is still possible.

The Planning Committee unanimously recommended approval to the Board.

NPU F: Motion to recommend approval carries on voice vote.

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

Election of new officers to be held at November 2016 meeting:

Chair - Debbie SKopczynski

Vice-Chair - Gerry Neumark

Secretary - Vacant/Seeking volunteer

Parliamentarian - Jack White

Zoning & Economic Development - Charlie Nalbhone (Lead) and Winnie Currie (Co-Chair)

Public Safety - Jim Hardy

Parks, Trees & Environment - Jack White and Rich Sussman

Alcohol Licenses & Permits - Jane Rawlings

Education - Abby Martin

12. Announcements

Department of Parks & Recreation Photo Contest

2016 - 2017 NPU-Grant Applications are available

Mayor Kasim Reed's 2016 "Forever Young" Ball is scheduled for Sunday, November 20th. Registration is now open for City of Atlanta residents, over the age of 65. Please call the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services to register or ask questions at 404-330-6638 or seniorball@atlantaga.gov.

13. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 8:48 p.m.

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Full chart of recommendations from the Outdoor Events Working Group

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NPU Concerns	Concerns	Recommendations
Communication with Event Organizers Before & After the Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Event Organizers are not considering neighborhood impacts when planning events ■ There is no vehicle for collecting and storing feedback on events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ In event application materials reinforce that “event impacts on neighborhoods are real” ■ With the help of each neighborhood, prepare “best practices” guide for popular park venues (e.g., Piedmont Park, HO4W Park, Candler Park) ■ Inform EOs that they will receive feedback from impacted neighborhood that could impact permitting future events ■ Provide an on-line feedback form for community input ■ Retain all feedback, including emails and letters in a central repository that can be referenced by the public and for future event permitting
Communication with Neighborhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Residents/businesses are often not aware of events until the date of the event ■ Some EOs assume NPUs will notify neighbors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Submit all applications to the NPU at least xx days prior to an event to allow time to research and resolve potential issues. ■ Provide to Event Organizers specific instructions and standardized notification requirements to resident/business/clergy impacted by event ■ Require notification of all residents and business owners of street closings and amplified music prior to an event ■ Post event dates in parks
Excessive Noise Levels/Amplified Music	<p>Event noise levels are excessive without regard for surrounding neighborhoods, churches and other activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Prohibit excessive noise levels for events that are in venues adjacent to residential properties, especially late at night and early mornings. ■ Ensure that amplified music is re-directed away from residences, schools and churches ■ Subject permitted events to the City’s noise ordinance provisions
Event Application Processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Many applications are incomplete with “TBDs” in critical fields ■ The handwriting on many applications cannot be read ■ The application is long and disorganized ■ Electronic applications are sent to NPUs with answers cutoff in mid-sentence; road closing information is not requested ■ Event Organizers amend critical information on their applications after they are submitted to the NPUs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Require all fields to be complete before sending to NPU for review. ■ Redesign the application so that pertinent information is located on the early pages and contracts with waste management, portable toilets, emergency services, etc., are attached at the end ■ Copy the NPU Chair when applications are sent to the Office of Planning ■ Store applications on line and email NPUs when there are changes

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<p>Perceived Value of NPU Reviews</p>	<p>When issuing Special Events permits, NPU votes of “Non-Support” and neighbor concerns appear not to be considered -- especially for large festivals, assemblies and large gatherings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ When an NPU issues a non-support report for largest events, convene an internal Special Events Review Board to consider NPU issues ■ Review Board members could include representatives from APD, AFRD, Parks, Public Works, Mayor’s office, and Council staff to hear concerns and seek resolution ■ Incorporate neighborhood concerns into permit ■ Adjust timetable for application processing to allow for additional time for SE Review Board ■ Conduct post-event debriefs with the SE Review Board and neighborhood to ensure compliance and make recommendations for future events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There is insufficient time to review applications because some EOs do not attend scheduled NPU meetings until the last possible date ■ Many NPUs have too many applications (as well as other voting matters) on their agenda to do a thorough review of applications at their monthly meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Allow the NPUs to ask the EO to attend impacted neighborhoods to “vet” applications before the NPU meeting. ■ Establish a penalty (such as increase in permit fee) for EOs that do not attend scheduled meetings.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Assemblies and Large Gatherings also disrupt neighborhood activities but are not submitted to NPUs for review. ■ These applications are often received as information too close to the event date to address issues or notify neighbors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Allow NPUs to review and comment on Assemblies and Large Gatherings, especially those that are associated with Outdoor Festivals, require road/lane closings and/or expect large crowds. ■ Modify timetable to accommodate NPU reviews. ■ Use the Special Events Review Board to address neighborhood issues
<p>Street Closures</p>	<p>Neighborhoods do not have input when or if a road should be closed, and where the barriers should be placed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Involve the NPU, neighborhood, and park conservancy in the decision to close streets. ■ Require Event Organizers to identify alternate ingress and egress routes into a neighborhood to demonstrate that closures will not affect safety ■ Survey streets closest to popular special events venues to determine if they should be closed for all events, major events only, or on an as-needed basis. ■ Give advance written notice to neighbors, businesses and churches when a street is going to be closed ■ Allow residents safe ingress/egress during events.
<p>Frequency of Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Some popular neighborhoods host multiple events (especially runs/walks) each month ■ Multiple events held at the same time drain public safety resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Consider limiting the number of race and walk events to manage the impacts to traffic flow and access to local neighborhoods. ■ Consider limiting the number of special events in neighborhood/ regional parks so that neighbors can also enjoy them

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