

Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order with the Lord's Prayer said in unison led by Mr. Gambrel. Copies of the Minutes of the last meeting had been passed out previously and everyone was asked to read them quietly. It was motioned and seconded that the Minutes be approved as written.

SPEAKERS – Zone 4 Officers Churchill and Brooks talked to the group about break-ins, stolen cars, etc. They also told us that there are at present only 10 – 12 officers working a 70 mile radius which includes our neighborhood. There is a shortage of officers in our community and there will not be anymore personnel hired at the Police Department for the next year. They expect us to be their eyes and ears in our community. There was a lengthy discussion on what we as citizens can do if our homes are being burglarized. A Neighborhood Watch group was discussed. A Neighborhood Watch was discussed; Scott suggested that he organize a meeting with the appropriate people who can assist in getting this started. The officers suggested that we look around the neighborhood (especially wooded areas) to see if locate any of the items that have stolen. We should also be aware of unfamiliar faces (especially young men in groups) walking our streets.

Gwen Cain read a letter from the Morehouse student that is working with WCO.

OLD BUSINESS

Street Toppers – Steffi reported that she would be picking up 50 Toppers (out of 74) tomorrow so that they can start installing them.

Neighborhood BBQ - Tonyel Stewart said the date of the cookout has been changed to June 21, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. He plans to send an invitation to the Zone 4 officers.

National Night Out- Scott reported that the National Night Out is scheduled for August 5th. Volunteers are asked to sign up after this meeting. This is a way to focus on Safety Awareness.

NEW BUSINESS

Reduction in City Services – Because of the budget problems the City of Atlanta is experiencing, Scott told the group that they can talk to City Council representatives Cletta Winslow, Mary Norwood and H. Lamar Willis if they want to discuss this matter.

Dorothy Robinson, Treasurer, reported that she cannot locate the copy of the Beautification Committee's 2008 Budget. Deloris said she would get her a copy.

Committee Reports – The Beautification Committee recently spent approximately 3 ½ hours weeding and cleaning out the Liriope Border at the corner of Muse Street and Abernathy and planting flowers in the two Islands on South Gordon.

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Community Concerns/Questions- Steffi said that the book used at the Home Show would be available to scan through after the meeting and that there were free WCO bookmarks on the table.

Our resident that resides at 1645 South Gordon Street said she had free Aloe Vera plants for anyone interested.

Mrs. Martha Robinson collected \$43.00 in dues.

Mr. Gambrell led us in the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary