

WESTVIEW COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order and Scott asked for a moment of silence in the absence of our Chaplain. Copies of the Minutes of the last meeting and the Agenda had been passed out and the attendees were asked to review them. The Secretary noted items that needed to be corrected and the Minutes were approved with corrections. 14 approved, 0 nays, 0 abstained. We followed the Agenda.

SPEAKER

Major Perdue, Zone 4 Commander, answered questions asked by residents. He said our area, 36 – 37 square miles, is the largest in Atlanta that the police patrol. This corrected the error made in last month's Minutes, which erroneously stated they cover a 70-mile radius. Some of the other facts he told us were: They recently arrested a young man who burglarized someone on West and East Ontario. He said the crimes in our neighborhood are not unique. There are an average of 40 – 45 burglaries per week that they handle. Juveniles and drug addicts are doing many of these burglaries. They are also experiencing vacant property break-ins. Most burglaries happen during daylight hours. Approximately 15% of the people they arrest are being locked up. He asked residents to make sure they lock their cars and don't leave visible items in cars. Be vigilant and keep a pen and paper handy so that you can record anything of importance to report to the officers. Also call them on a constant basis for best results. He explained the process they use to respond to a crime in progress. Marcia Kimbro is the contact person (404-209-5250) for those interested in the Senior Citizens Police Academy (for ages 55 and older). Neighborhood involvement is necessary ;- residents walking their dogs, neighbors need to be nosy. Burglars are attracted by vacant and unkempt property. Since the war in Iraq they are not getting police officers as they need to. The boundaries of Zone 4 include I-20 eastbound, Oakland City to Metropolitan west to 285 to Camp Creek Marketplace Phase I to Campbellton Road. He left informational brochures.

OLD BUSINESS

Street Toppers – Scott said he has installed about half and plans to have the rest up by the next WCO meeting.

Neighborhood BBQ- Tonyel Stewart said he will be asking for food donations from members and has a sign up sheet. The affair will be held on June 21st, from 2pm to 6 pm at Ontario Park.

Sign up for National Night Out 2008 – This yearly function will be held the first Tuesday in August in Denny's parking lot. Scott had a volunteer sign up sheet for food, help to set up, clean up, etc.

Great American Clean-up – Scott asked Deloris for an update on this. Velma is heading it up and sent flyers, which had been passed out earlier. Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, the date was changed to June 7th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All volunteers are asked to meet at the intersection of South Gordon and Abernathy.

NEW BUSINESS

Atlanta Watershed – The representative was not present.

House Proud – Representative, Jonathan Kidwell told us that this organization's goal is to help senior citizens stay warm and dry, by making free repairs on their homes.

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He said that the applicant must be at least 60 years old, and must not have an income over \$39,850.00. Priority is given to the urgency of the work that needs to be done. He left information sheets and applications for anyone interested.

Habitat for Humanity – Representative, Ayanna, told us about this organization and left flyers and coupons from Restore which is a home improvement outlet. She left coupons and informational brochures for the group.

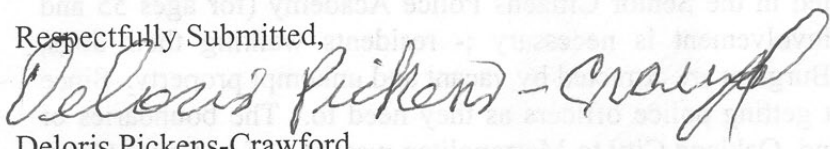
Committee Reports – There were no reports.

Community Concerns – New neighbors introduced themselves to the group. Mathewson is getting new speed breakers.

Ms. Martha Robinson collected \$47.00 in dues.

The meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence.

Respectfully Submitted,


Deloris Pickens-Crawford
Secretary