



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by John Davis at 7:05pm. Members were asked to scan through the July Minutes; no agenda was passed out as the focus of the meeting would be on the National Night Out. Raymond Gambrell opened the meeting with a prayer. Raymond Gambrell motioned to approve the Minutes. Evelyn Battle seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 15; No: 0; Abstain: 0

OLD BUSINESS

National Night Out – Scott Smith informed he would have literature for the “Our Watch” internet video security camera, a history of National Night Out, speeding, and crime & public safety. Mark Malaguerra suggested a sheet with information about the WCO as well as a sign-up sheet to get neighbors to join the email list. Mark also suggested an idea to enable people to buy small signs for their yards that show eyes and have a remark indicating neighbors are watching. Steffi Langer-Berry said she would inquire with WEND about the signs they printed for their security patrol. Patrick Berry suggested providing a sign-up sheet for neighbors interested in receiving a sign.

The volunteer sign-up sheet was not passed around at the June meeting so the volunteer list for NNO was short. Scott Smith suggested only providing drinks since there were not enough volunteers to provide food. The community settled on the idea to only cook hot dogs as they are fast to cook and there are enough volunteers to buy them. Kenny Ellsworth wrote down the volunteers.

Evelyn Battle asked if the parking lot of the former RiteAid could be used for future National Night Out’s due to its location. She suggested the Secretaries should inquire. Scott Smith said the Secretaries are volunteers like everybody else and that other community members can also volunteer for the task.

John Davis informed that Lillian Robinson from Zone 4 would be able to attend. Jonathan from House Proud will also attend to pass out information.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Station #7 – NPU-T Chair Kwabena Nkromo informed that West End’s fire station #7 was closed, but that thanks to the “Save 7 Coalition” and City Council members they were able to introduce a Legislation to reopen it. It will go in front of the Financial Council once they reconvene on August 18th. The previous Sunday a BBQ and Farmer’s Market were held at the fire station location to show that the station is and will remain the neighbor’s fire station. Mark Malaguerra expressed concern that the station’s closing could affect Westview’s station #17 response time. Stephanie Radbill chimed in that it was a general concern that the city was willing to jeopardize their citizen’s safety. Selery Heard said #17 was already stretched and that she has seen the #17 truck as far away as North Avenue. Patrick Berry added that City Council unanimously voted to reopen the station, but that it is up to Shirley Franklin to give the final approval.

Community Summit – After NPU-T's agenda was approved by neighborhoods Kwabena went to elected officials to get them on board about the plans. In September a summit in the form of an open forum will be held to have the elected officials re-commit, or explain why they will not be able to. Future year's summit's will review the past year's progress and give report cards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Fall Festival/Flea Market – John Davis announced the annual Fall Festival/Flea Market will take place on Saturday, September 27th from 9:00am to 5:00pm at 1411 and 1417 South Gordon Street, across from Kroger.

September WCO Meeting – As September's monthly meeting date falls on a holiday it will be moved to the following Monday – September 8th.

Curb Standards – Mark Malaguerra asked if the City of Atlanta had a standard of curbs, and if that standard was granite. Community members were not sure and Kenny Ellsworth said he would look into the matter.

Raymond Gambrell adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 8:00pm.

\$20.00 of monthly dues were collected by Evelyn Battle on behalf of the absent Treasurers.

Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Assistant Secretary