



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President John Davis at 7:00pm. He reminded membership dues are \$3 for members/\$2 for senior citizens/\$5 per household.

Invocation - Due to the absence of the Chaplains the invocation was said in unison by the body.

Approval of the Minutes - Evelyn Battle motioned to remove the first sentence and replace the second sentence with "The meeting was started at 7:17pm when the quorum was established". Shawnika Anderson seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 9; No: 0; Abstain: 0
Evelyn Battle motioned to accept the Minutes with the corrections. Patrick Berry seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 9, No: 0, Abstain: 0

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Festival – Deloris Pickens-Crawford reported \$115.00 was collected at the annual Westview Community Organization Fall Festival and Yard Sale on September 27th.

Home Show – Scott Smith reported the Development Committee set up a booth with information about the neighborhood at the Home Show as part of "Atlanta's Secret Places" from September 25th to September 28th. Thanks to The Home Depot Foundation's donation the Development Committee was able to spend another \$250 on printed materials. The Development Committee will send a Thank You letter to The Home Depot Foundation.

Westview Book – Patrick Berry and Steffi Langer-Berry are still working on adding neighbors to the Westview book.

HouseProud Referrals – Jonathan Kidwell announced HouseProud is currently working on 7 houses within NPU-T – 4 of those are in Westview. He encouraged: "Take advantage of me" and to inform more neighbors that may be eligible for the home repairs program.

NEW BUSINESS

Development Committee Fund Raiser –The Development Committee has been removing the hex pavers on West Ontario (where sidewalks are being replaced) and has sold them as a fund raiser. The money will go towards future Development Committee projects.

Thanksgiving Service Project – In the past the Westview Community Organization has made donations to the Women's Shelter and seniors. Scott Smith encouraged thinking of suggestions for this year, which will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting. Shawnika Anderson suggested joining the Barnes & Nobles cell phone program that ships used cell phones to soldiers. Scott Smith said it would be a good year-round program.

Election Forum Opportunity – Spellman College is inviting Westview neighbors to participate in an election forum.

NPU-T Bylaws – NPU-T will vote on the 2009 bylaws on October 8th. Based on Robert's Rules regular voting rules are suspended and anybody living in NPU-T's boundaries is entitled to vote on the bylaws.

NPU-T Officers – NPU-T will vote on officers in November. Inform Scott Smith if you are interested in a position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

ToolBank – The ToolBank is hosting their annual “Tool Rush” sale. The public is invited to purchase non-inventoried tools to raise funds in support of the ToolBank on November 8th from 9:00am to 1:00pm at 55 Ormond Street (near Turner Field).

Church Yard Sale – The New Spirit United Methodist Church is holding a yard sale on October 11th from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Wesley Walk for Others – Wesley Walk for Others will take place at Stone Mountain Park on October 25th at 7:30am.

BeltLine Opening – The BeltLine will have their official opening on October 18th at Gordon-White Park. Ribbon cutting ceremony with Shirley Franklin at 8:30am followed by a 5K run at 9:30am and a community celebration with food, vendors, and entertainment. Volunteers are needed to man the Westview informational booth.

Canvas Bags – Patrick Berry and Steffi Langer-berry are organizing to print up canvas bags with the Westview neighborhood logo. Let them know if you would like to buy one.

Code Enforcement – Dakarta Richardson will be Westview’s Code Enforcement Officer again once she returns from maternity leave.

Morehouse Intern – Jamie Davis will be the Westview Community Organization’s intern again.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

Wellington Fall Festival – Community Prosecutor LaDawn Blackett-Jones suggested holding a fall festival at Wellington Street to show disrespectful neighbors that the community is organized and cares. Jones Memorial Baptist Church by Wellington Street has volunteered to host the event on their property. Neighbors need to get together to determine a date.

Rite Aid Site – Evelyn Battle asked what can be done to keep the Rite Aid site clean. Scott Smith said to call the number on the side of the building.

Daycare Center – Dorothy Robinson inquired if there was an update on the house being turned into a daycare center at 1757 Westwood Avenue. Scott Smith will turn it over to Code Enforcement.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Assistant Chaplain Raymond Gambrell at 7:55pm. \$24.00 of monthly dues were collected by Treasurer Dorothy Robinson.

Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Assistant Secretary