

**WESTVIEW COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

Mr. Gambrell was asked to give us a prayer to open the meeting. The members reviewed the Minutes of the last meeting. It was motioned and seconded that they be approved, 11 yes, 0 no. We followed the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Blitz – Scott told the group that there is a fine for parking on sidewalks. He passed out PEDS flyers with more information.

2009 Mavoral Campaign – Scott announced that Mary Norwood is scheduled to be at his home on February 12, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m; interested persons were invited to attend.

2009 Committees - Beltline Representative – we need someone to attend upcoming monthly meetings to keep us abreast of the progress being made in this endeavor. Steffi, Patrick, Gerri, Deloris and Velma, among others attended the start up Beltline meeting at Hammonds House, last week. Scott said members can be E-mailed information on dates of future meetings. He also mentioned that we need a Special Events Chair, Barbara Chambers is no longer holding this position.

2009 Preliminary Calendar – Scott had set up a yearlong calendar (Feb. – Dec.) with specific dates for the events we do on a yearly basis. He asked if there were any events not scheduled. Gerri and Deloris gave information on the Great American Clean-up. The Beautification Committee has set their date for April 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Gerri asked anyone that wants this committee to help them clean their street on that date, to give her their name, phone number and street name. Scott suggested that this be done after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jan Trotter – our neighbor, residing at 1526 Westwood Avenue, spoke to the group about her two home businesses. She is a Real Estate Broker and a Personal Care Home Placement person. She would like to establish a host home for two, which does not require a permit. She has gotten an ok from her neighbors and would like our support. Scott told her once she finalizes her plans, we can draft a letter to offer her our support.

NPU-T Meeting Schedule Changes – The monthly meeting location is being moved from the Shrine of the Black Madonna to the John Hope Community Center, beginning with the April 2009 meeting. This is being done so that all residents in NPU-T have better access to this central location.

Denny's Closing – Scott mentioned that there is a handwritten sign in Denny's window attesting to this fact. He asked members to inform him if they see anyone loitering outside the building.

Announcements – Bernadette Allen, political prisoner, told us she has been locked up four times because of issues that have to do with her property. She invited anyone interested to come down to the Fulton County Courthouse about this matter. She has protested about foreclosures and has a video about this. Malik Zulu Shabazz of the Black Panther Party is backing her. She passed out brochures to the members.

Pete Hayley of the UCDC said they are still working on neighborhood stabilization, foreclosed properties. They are waiting on the City to catch up with what they are doing.

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He also said the UCDC can help us with manpower (example: community clean-up) or a donation to help with events.

Scott told everyone they should check to make sure they are not over paying their property taxes. He explained how they are based on the valuation of your home. Jan Trotter volunteered to go to Fultonassessors.org and print out applications and bring them for the members.

Community Concerns – Mr. Malik said the Black Panther Party is located at 1560 South Gordon Street and are patrolling the neighborhood. We also welcome our new neighbors at 438 West Ontario, Joe and Julie, 1614 Westwood, Mike and 463 West Ontario, Jim Kelly.

Committee Reports – Code Enforcement – Give addresses of unsightly property to Scott so that he can report it. Beautification Committee has already talked about the upcoming clean up. Mark Malaguerra volunteered for the position of the NPU-T Planner. Kenny is getting together a Comprehensive Preliminary Development Plan.

Adjournment- Mrs. Martha Robinson, our Assistant Treasurer, collected \$175.00, dues and Mr. Gambrell adjourned the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deloris Pickens-Crawford, Secretary