



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President John Davis at 7:08pm.

Invocation – The invocation was held with a moment of silence.

Approval of the Minutes – Mark Malaguerra motioned to approve the minutes. Patrick Berry seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 13, No: 1

OLD BUSINESS

2009 Committees/BeltLine Representative – Patrick Berry will serve as the WCO's BeltLine Representative.

2009 Committees/Special Events – Ayana Gabriel will serve as the Special Events Chair. Shawnika Anderson, John Davis, and Evelyn Battle will serve as committee members.

NPU-T Meeting Schedule Changes – NPU-T is changing their monthly meeting location on a quarterly basis. April, May, and June meetings will be held at the John Hope Community Center (560 Larkin Street).

Denny's Closing – Call police if you see anyone dumping in the Denny's parking lot. For your own safety don't confront anyone personally.

NEW BUSINESS

June Community Cook-out & Operation Neighborhood Take Back – Scott Smith will register with LaDawn Blackett-Jones for the WCO to participate in the Neighborhood Take Back (NTB) program. The WCO intends to do the NTB campaign on June 20th, followed by the second annual Ontario Park Cook-out on June 27th.

National Night Out – John Davis will meet with Zone 4 Police's Lillian Robinson and other neighborhood associations on May 5th to discuss details about 2009's NNO.

Southern Pipe – Rodney Samuel (rsamuel@southeastpipe.com, 404-752-9572) informed neighbors of the sewer replacement going on in Westview and explained the "pipe bursting" and "open cut" methods used for the process. All employees are batched – ask them for an ID if they knock on the door. Streets will be repaved as a result of the work. Contact Mr. Samuel if there are any problems with grading, broken mailboxes, etc.

Rescheduling Community Clean-up – Due to the cancelled March meeting the March clean-up needs to be rescheduled. The Special Events Committee should organize a new day. It could be combined with the April 18th E-Waste and Tire Amnesty Day. Additionally Evelyn Battle raised concerns that she has not received flyers for the Rogers Avenue clean-up from Morehouse intern Jaime. John Davis will contact Gwen Cain to follow up.

Tree Cutting – The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has determined poles are too close to the street. As a result poles will be moved further into the right-of-way. WCO members have counted 36 trees cut down due to this work and will work with Georgia Power to replant trees in the community.

Supportive Housing – The City of Atlanta is working on a new Ordinance to separate the terms for “shelter” and “supportive housing.” NPU-T/WCO members have been active to address items of concern in the new language to ensure the community is protected from abuse.

Dog Chaining – An Ordinance has been passed to no longer allow dogs to be permanently chained or tethered to prevent dangerous dog aggression. Inform neighbors that own dogs that we are now in a 6-month grace period before the Ordinance will be enforced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Dues – Steffi Langer-Berry is working with Treasurer Dorothy Robinson to hook up PayPal for the WCO. This will make it easier for members to pay their dues.

Speed Bumps – To request speed bumps 75% of owner signatures are required. Additionally it may not be a fire truck route.

HouseProud – On May 30th HouseProud is holding its 2009 House Party.

Jan Trotter – WCO members are still working on getting donations to plant a tree in honor of Jan Trotter’s son. A small tree should cost approximately \$50.

New Neighbor – New neighbor Rich will be moving in on East Ontario Avenue soon.

\$140 of monthly dues were collected by John Davis.

Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Assistant Secretary