



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President John Davis at 7:03pm.

Invocation – The invocation was presented by the Assistant Chaplain, Raymond Gambrell.

Approval of the Minutes – Mark Malaguerra motioned to approve the minutes. Raymond Gambrell seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 10, No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

Westview Comprehensive Development Plan – Mark Malaguerra, who is also the NPU-T Community Planner, announced the WCO's Development Committee is the first to be working on a neighborhood plan in the NPU. The planning process involves identifying assets such as green space and underutilized space, urban agriculture, and pedestrian-friendliness. Mark suggested hiring Greg Ramsey from Village Habitat Design for \$600 to do a multi-day workshop to help guide the DC through the process. It was suggested to ask for contributions from elected officials in addition to using the money raised from the sidewalk pavers.

June Community Cook-Out – Ayana Gabriel, the Events Committee Chair, asked for volunteers for the June 27th Ontario Park BBQ and passed around a sign-up sheet. Tonyel Stewart will contact the police and fire departments to participate.

Operation Neighborhood Take Back Participation – June dates have been booked up. 4 to 5 hours of training are required. Neighbors determined weeknights would work better.

National Night Out – John Davis asked if the WCO should join with the West End Coalition and the Westview Lofts to put together NNO. Vote – Yes: 12, No: 0

NEW BUSINESS

HouseProud Partnership – On May 30th HouseProud will host its annual house party, which will include a house on Stokes and a house on Lucile. Corporate sponsors will send groups of 10-25 people, but Westview neighbors can help between 9am to noon as "runners".

Charter School in Westview – Scott Smith asked to let him know about any kids entering 5th grade that could attend the new KIPP STRIVE charter school.

Court Watch & Code Enforcement – Scott Smith asked for volunteers for the Court Watch program. Judges have a tendency to give sentences the community has deemed too lenient, unless they know neighbors are present to show their concern. Additionally Scott asked for volunteers to come to code enforcement hearings, which are typically held Mondays and Thursdays at 9:00am.

2009 Fundraising Activities – The WCO needs to find more fundraising opportunities. The annual Fall Festival is the only regularly reoccurring fundraiser. Please submit ideas for other fundraising means.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Morehouse – Gwen Cain announced the WCO's intern, Jaime, is graduating. Another program to commence is AmeriCorps Vista, who will be doing research about our neighborhoods.

WCO Dues – A PayPal account has been connected to the WCO bank account, so dues can now be submitted online at www.westviewatlanta.com.

Acknowledgements – Raymond Gambrell expressed his appreciation for the hard work Patrick and Steffi Berry have done for the neighborhood.

BeltLine Path – Patrick Berry announced that work on the BeltLine Path would start soon. There was a delay with the Georgia Department of Transportation who own the land. The Path Foundation is currently accepting contract bids for the job.

Mayor Forum – The Beecher-Donnelly neighborhood is planning to host a mayor forum in the summer.

WCO Logo – Patrick Berry recreated the old WCO logo in digital format.

Vincent Fort – Senator Vincent Fort announced projects that had been worked on in the Senate, including MARTA funding, a trauma network, and funding for a science building for Atlanta Metro College.

\$17.00 of monthly dues were collected. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Assistant Secretary