



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Smith at 7:02pm.

Invocation – The invocation was presented by the Assistant Chaplain, Sheryl Brown.

Approval of the Minutes – September minutes were not available and the vote therefore has to be deferred to the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Thanksgiving Senior Dinner – The WCO has committed to providing beans for the thanksgiving dinner at the Atrium Veranda on November 24th. Various neighbors agreed to donate beans and cook them. Beans can be brought to the November meeting.

Holiday Dinner – A date for the annual WCO holiday dinner has to be determined. The date should be suitable for the fire station and preferably not coincide with Morehouse's annual event.

CDP Street Survey – Kenny Ellsworth reminded people who had signed up to aide in surveying Westview's streets for the Comprehensive Development Plan to meet at 1631 South Gordon Street after the general meeting. Morehouse's Sonya Buchanan offered to provide Kenny with the study they had completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Recognition – The 2009 – 2011 Executive Committee presented outgoing President John Davis with an award for the "commitment of time and inspiration" he has delivered to Westview over the 2007 – 2009 term.

Fall Clean-Up – A fall clean-up date for November 7th has been proposed. The focus would be on small side streets where dumping occurs. Ayana Gabriel will try to coordinate a dumpster. Ideally the Beautification Committee could do winter plantings the same day. Contact Ayana at (404) 345-3209 or agabriel1908@yahoo.com to participate.

Denny's LRB Application – Denny's Super Save has been bought by a new owner, Satwinder Singh Tucker, and therefore needs a change of ownership for the alcohol license. Mr. Tucker informed he also owns Hightower Pick and Pin on Bankhead Hwy where he has never had any violations since his ownership in 2001. Mr. Tucker answered resident questions and concerns. Mark Malaguerra made a motion to approve the change of ownership with the following conditions: 1) No singles should be allowed in tubs near the register; 2) The owner should make the exterior more presentable with plantings and beautification; and 3) Loitering around the premises should be eliminated. John Davis seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 16, No: 0.

Welcome Package – The WCO should create a new Welcome Package with useful information for new residents. Steffi Langer-Berry agreed to work on this with the assistance of Nidhi Williams.

Neighbor Recruitment – Residents were encouraged to bring a neighbor to the next meeting. If people are not interested in attending meetings they can be asked to assist in other community beautification related tasks.

Fundraising Ideas – Contact the Treasurers with fundraising ideas. Kris Varjas suggested selling t-shirts and hoodies with the Westview logo where proceeds go to the WCO. Additionally the shirts can be worn during neighborhood activities and therefore promote the neighborhood. Nidhi Williams volunteered to research grants that could provide the WCO with their own community center.

Weed & Seed Proposal – Parts of Westview are eligible to apply for the Weed & Seed program. The program's main intent is to reduce crime. The maximum allowed amount would be \$1 million; the community would have to come up with 1/4 of the amount to receive the rest. A discussion will be held at 6:30pm on October 7th at the Morehouse Leadership Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

East & West Ontario Sidewalks – A complaint has been filed regarding the unacceptable length of time and lack of craftsmanship administered for the East and West Ontario sidewalk project.

Speed Humps – Shelton Brown inquired about East Ontario's speed humps. Scott Smith explained 75% of homeowners need to sign the petition.

White Street Mural – Patrick Berry announced West End will host a community day on October 17th. The mural will be painted starting at 8:30am and food and entertainment will be provided later on in the day. Contact Dorian McDuffie at (404) 817-6980 or dmcduffie@atlantaga.gov for more info.

Trees Atlanta – Scott Smith announced Trees Atlanta would like to do another planting in Westview. It was recommended to have them plant trees in front of Denny's to help beautify the store front.

Fire Station #17 – Fire Station #17 will celebrate the station's anniversary on October 17th at 3:00pm.

Neighbor Introduction – Neighbors gave brief information about their name, where they reside, and how long they have lived in the community.

\$28.00 of dues were collected by Treasurer Tonyel Stewart. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Secretary