



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Smith at 7:03pm.

**Invocation** – Moment of silence.

**Approval of the Minutes** – Mark Malaguerra motioned to approve the November meeting minutes with the addition of funds received. Lisa Ruggs seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 12, No: 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

**“Go West” Events** – The 5k Walk had about 50 participants. Money raised goes towards a security officer at KIPP STRIVE Academy. The BeltLine Groundbreaking featured various politicians and community activists as speakers. The WCO holiday dinner was well attended, as was the Hammonds House cocktail party. Photos can be seen on the website at [www.westviewatlanta.com](http://www.westviewatlanta.com).

**501(c)(3) Update** – The Articles of Incorporation are still being amended and will be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting. President Scott Smith expects to file the papers around April.

**BeltLine Update** – Trees to be planted along the BeltLine Arboretum Trail will be spray painted to prevent theft.

**Westview T-Shirts** – T-shirts and hoodies that have not been picked up are now available for sale. Contact Pat Michaels at (617) 771-2006 to purchase one.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2010 Block Captains** – Neighbors are encouraged to volunteer as a block captain. Block captains will be introduced to the police inspector and will receive basic instructions. The goal is to have approx. 6 official Neighborhood Watch programs set up by the summer.

**Kroger Concerns** – The WCO is finalizing a letter of complaint to Kroger regarding the shopping carts and other issues of concern.

**Community Service Projects** – Morehouse is hosting an MLK Day of Service. The day will start with an 8:00am keynote address by President Franklin and will involve various other non-profit organizations (incl. HouseProud). You can choose a project; transportation and lunch will be provided. Contact Bonner Office Sonya [sbuchanan@morehouse.edu](mailto:sbuchanan@morehouse.edu).

Earth Day is a community service project opportunity coming up in April. If you have other event or project suggestions contact Events Chair Ayana Gabriel [agabriel1908@yahoo.com](mailto:agabriel1908@yahoo.com).

**Community Garden** – A neighbor with a vacant lot on South Gordon Street has volunteered their land to use for a community garden. Details need to be worked out about how long the property can be of use to residents and if the model will be a rent-a-space or community co-op. Neighbors interested in the community garden should let Scott Smith know.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Neighbor Introduction** – Neighbors were asked to give a brief introduction about where they live and how long they have been in the neighborhood.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Development Committee** – Kenny Ellsworth is looking for a meeting space to continue the Westview Master Plan.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

**Illegal Dumping and Litter** – The corner of North Olympian and Marler has become an illegal dumping site. Call Department of Sanitation about dumping sites or 911 if you see a dumping in action. AJC papers have contributed to litter in the neighborhood. You can call them to request to have the paper delivered to your mailbox instead.

**Stray Animals** – To report stray dogs call Animal Control at (404) 794-0358.

**House Squatting** – Call Code Compliance at (404) 330-6190 if you suspect squatting at a vacant house. If a house has been plaquered you can call 911 to have the person arrested for trespassing.

\$98.00 of dues were collected by Assistant Treasurer Pat Michaels.  
Please remember you can also pay dues online at [www.westviewatlanta.com](http://www.westviewatlanta.com).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

*Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Secretary*