



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Smith at 7:05pm.

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

Approval of the Minutes – Joe Gunby motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Mark Malaguerra seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 11, No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

501(c)(3) Update – The Executive Committee has voted to accept the Restated Articles of Incorporation. The next step is to submit them to the Secretary of State.

2010 Block Captains – Let Andrew Jackson or Darrick Young know if you'd like to participate.

Kroger Concerns – Patrick Berry and Scott Smith met with Kroger managers. They want continued community feedback. Security locks will now keep shopping carts to on their lot. Timothy Edwards is the store manager – if you have concerns ask to speak with him. Alternatively let Scott know the day and time of day problems occur so the WCO can report the problems back to Kroger.

Community Garden – Scott Smith will meet with property owner, Mr. Mitchell, next week. Please let Scott know if you'd like to reserve a gardening plot.

BeltLine – Path construction continues along Muse Street and Langhorn Street. PATH Foundation is attempting to re-instate the landscaping plan that was eliminated following the drought. Additionally, artists are asked to submit grant applications for temporary art installations.

KIPP STRIVE – NPU-T backed up the two KIPP STRIVE Academy votes.

GUEST SPEAKERS

AHA (Barney Simms) – Speaker did not show.

HouseProud (Jonathan Kidwell) – HouseProud will paint a house near the corner of RDA and South Gordon. First volunteer group will start on Tuesday and Wednesday. Jonathan has started speaking with seniors for the 2010/2011 grant year.

NEW BUSINESS

UCDC Apartment Building Project – The WCO previously voted to support UCDC in acquiring foreclosed properties for the NSP program to renovate for owner-occupants. An apartment building on Lucile Avenue has recently foreclosed and Pete Hayley would like the WCO to provide an opinion about whether we would support him to acquire this property for rental purposed via the NSP program. It is an estimated 12 units. Raymond Gambrell recommends speaking with residents close to the complex. Tonyel Stewart asked if they will hire a management company. On-site management would be helpful. Steffi Langer-Berry asked if condos are an option. Rich Lalite commented that an owner who interacts with the WCO is better than an unknown landlord. Alyson West asked if this work will take money away from his assigned money.

West Fest – West End is hosting a festival in May. They would like other SW neighborhoods to participate. The schedule includes: Thursday, May 6th porch dinner. Friday, May 7th concert at Wren's Nest. Saturday, May 8th festival, dog parade, artist market, performances, and tour of homes. Sunday, May 9th tour of homes. Let Patrick know if you'd like to volunteer. Ayana will look into planning a Westview event to occur in conjunction. Vendor tables cost \$50.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mulch – Let Andrew Jackson know if you need mulch for your yard this spring.

NPU-T – Meeting is Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00pm at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, 1191 Donnelly Ave. SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

Ontario Park – The Beautification Committee has asked residents around Ontario Park to adopt the park. Contact Mark Malaguerra to volunteer for lawn mowing, plantings, etc.

Tire Clean-Up – Neighbors collected tires this past Saturday. Media covered the clean-up and some neighbors were featured. 150 tires were discovered at Muse Street and Cleta Winslow has cleaned them up. New tires appeared in Denny's parking lot. To report dumpings call 404-546-3867 or email nodump@atlantaga.gov. Scott Smith has the contact for the EPA inspector.

Decatur Old House Fair – Saturday, March 6th, a day long workshop is taking place and features speakers about: Wood Window Repair and Maintenance, Energy Efficiency in Old Houses, Zoning, Permitting, and Preservation Commissions, and more. www.DecaturOldHouseFair.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee – A master planning workshop is scheduled for May. A postcard will be sent out in the next 30 days to inform of a date.

Special Events – March: Garden clean-up and site preparation. April: Neighborhood clean-up for Earth Day. May: Master planning workshop, Youth celebration day with KIPP. June: Annual BBQ with cook-off, BeltLine ribbon cutting, Centennial Neighborhood Party. July: Summer night picnic or screen on the green. August: Back to School, National Night Out. September: Westview vs West End Softball or other sport event, Fall Yard Sale. October: Team up with West End for pumpkin carving. November: Senior Thanksgiving Dinner. December: Holiday Lunch/Go West. Ayana needs volunteers to help her with the events.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

Stray Dogs – Rich Lalite expressed concern about stray dogs and out-of-control dogs. Rich wants to get traps set up in the spring and have more citations handed out against tethered dogs. Animal Control phone: 404-794-0258.

Recycling Bins – The blue recycling bins are not being put away. The city ordinance states bins are only allowed to sit in the right-of-way from the night before pick-up until the night of pick-up. Call Code Compliance and/or Sanitation repeatedly to address non-compliant residents.

Dues - \$5 per family per month, or \$2 for seniors. Dues can be also be paid by credit card/PayPal at www.westviewatlanta.com.

\$30.00 of dues were collected by Treasurer Tonyel Stewart.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Secretary