



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Smith at 7:20pm at make-shift location Fire Station #17.

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

Approval of the Minutes – Raymond Gambrell motioned to approve the June meeting minutes. Claudia Hicks seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 10, No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

Replacement of Officers (Assistant Treasurer) – The position of Assistant Treasurer has not been filled. Please let Scott Smith or Patrick Berry know if you are interested.

June Cookout/Westview Centennial – On June 26th the WCO hosted its third annual summer BBQ in collaboration with the BeltLine 5K and ribbon cutting ceremony. Neighbor Deb Maberry won the Women's Masters title of the 5K. In the Pocket, a band from the neighborhood, provided old school RnB music, and DJs Ramon Rawsoul, Ryze, and neighbor Drew played house music. Vendors sold art, pottery, organic soaps, and more, and a story teller and puppeteer provided entertainment for the children. Sponsors provided funding for food and drinks. The remaining food was donated to a family in the neighborhood and Fire Station 17. Thanks to everyone's generous donations the WCO was able to raise a small amount of money.

The WCO would like to increase the number of grill-off participants for next year's event. Please alert interested friends, neighbors or restaurants to take part in 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

National Night Out – NNO will take place on Tuesday, August 3, 2010. The event will be held on the lawn at Magnificent Day Care, 1699 Westwood Avenue. Contact Darrick Young at darrickyong2004@yahoo.com or (314) 435-9088 to volunteer for the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candidate Graham Balch (District 39 State Senate) – Graham is currently a teacher at Grady High School; therefore his top agenda is education. Graham wants to ensure teachers are paid based on how well they teach, not how long they've been there. He wants to create jobs by providing economic incentives to companies.

Candidate Able "Mable" Thomas (District 55 State House) – Mable has been a life-long resident of the English Avenue neighborhood. She has helped purchase the English Avenue School for future development.

HouseProud – HouseProud has been working on painting a property on South Gordon Street and a home on Beecher Street. If you know of a senior that is physically or financially unable to work on their home contact Jonathan Kidwell at (404) 880-0054 ext 20 or jonathan@toolbank.org to help with light to moderate home repair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events – A calendar was passed out with event ideas for the next 12 months. Discussion took place regarding which events to support and which ones need to be moved. Volunteers are needed for the various events. Please contact Ayana Gabriel at (404) 345-3209 or agabriel1908@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Additional event ideas included a 5K run, followed by a pancake breakfast.

September back to school volunteering at our local elementary and middle schools.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

Mary Green – Three vacant houses on Westmeath, some of which are now starting to be overgrown. Scott Smith advised to contact Code Enforcement at (404) 330-6190.

Calvary United Methodist Church – Apologized to neighbors for making them move the meeting to Fire Station 17 due to their tardy arrival.

DUES

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

\$51.00 of dues were collected by Treasurer Tonyel Stewart.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Secretary