



Westview Community Organization
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2010

The September WCO Meeting was held at Calvary United Methodist Church. The meeting was convened by President, Scott Smith at 7:02pm. At the time the meeting was convened, there was not a quorum. President Smith determined that the meeting would proceed with those items not requiring a vote.

1. Invocation – an invocation was presented by Pastor Crawford from Calvary UMC. Mr. Smith passed a copy of the funeral program that was prepared for former member Ms. Gussie Harp.
2. Sgt. Ries, from Zone 4, was present to talk about crime and public safety in WCO. A copy of the crime statistics was left with the WCO president.
3. Kendall Carey spoke about the upcoming neighborhood clean-up.
4. A quorum was established at 7:15pm
5. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Copies of the minutes were distributed. A motion was made by Claudia Harris to approve the minutes as published. This was seconded by Ms. Pipi.

The vote: Yes – 10; N – 1 → Motion Carries

6. Old Business

- a. Neighborhood Clean-up – Kendall Carey spoke
 - i. Mr. Carey was introduced as the coordinator for the Westview Community Clean Up on November 6th from 8am – 11am.
 - ii. Volunteers were recruited for the project.
- b. 1556 Stokes – Scott reviewed the proposed use for the proposed property. To-date, the land bank had not yet met to act on the request to forgive the back-taxes. Scott asked for a vote to be made to authorize the WCO to acquire the land as long as there was no back-taxes or other obligation for existing debts to be owed on the property.
 - i. Mark Malaguerra, a member of the UCDC board, spoke about that organization.
- c. Mark Malaguerra motioned to accept the donation of the land as long as the annual obligation of the WCO should not exceed \$500 per year. This was seconded by Raymond Gambrell.

The vote: Yes – 15; N – 0 → Motion Carries

- d. Block Captain Update – Darrick indicated that block captains are still urgently needed. To inquire or volunteer, please contact Darrick.
 - e. Hezekiah from A-Budget came to speak about different home safety initiatives that can be done to improve the safety of homes in the community.
 - f. Trees Atlanta Tree Sale & Planting
 - i. Trees Atlanta is having their annual sale on Saturday, October 9th
 - ii. There will be planting of over 400 trees on 10/23, 11/20 and 12/4 in the West End and Westview area.
 - g. Holiday Food Drive – Ms. Mary Green spoke about the food drive for the Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless. This is scheduled for November 13th from 12-4pm.
 - h. Holiday Dinner / Party – the holiday dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 11th.
 - i. West End has asked whether the WCO would be interested in joining them for an evening holiday party also being scheduled for December 11th.
7. New Business
- a. 2010 Election – Scott reminded neighbors that the election is coming up in November and that those who are so inclined should consider voting.
8. Announcements:
- a. Major Bryant came to speak to the members of the WCO.
 - b. Jonathan Kidwell from House Proud spoke about several projects going on in the Westview area.
 - c. Katherine Williams from the Morehouse Revitalization Task Force spoke about several initiatives going on with the task force.
 - i. The next event will be the John O. Chiles community dinner, the Wednesday before of Thanksgiving.
 - ii. There will be a youth manual coming from the task force that will highlight the different youth-oriented activities available for children of Atlanta.
 - iii. There will be a youth entrepreneurship program to help young people understand the importance of running their own business.
 - iv. The NPU-T neighborhoods are encouraged to nominate neighborhood “heroes” within the community.
 - d. Scott provided information on the “Clean, Green & Honor” event for Joseph Lowery Blvd scheduld for Saturday, October 9th.
9. Committee Reports
- a. Code Enforcement - Scott provided information on the new code enforcement reporting system.
 - b. John Davis asked for new members to join the Beautification Committee
10. Community Concerns
- a. None.

11. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:21pm