



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
December 6, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Smith at 7:00pm.

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

**Approval of the Minutes** – Mark Malaguerra motioned to approve the November meeting minutes. Elouise Gleaton seconded the motion.

Vote – Yes: 10, No: 0 → Motion Carries

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Holiday Dinner/Party** – Scott Smith spoke about the annual WCO holiday luncheon taking place at Firestation 17 on Saturday, December 11th at 2:00pm. The WCO will donate the turkey and ham, and neighbors should sign up to bring additional food items. Contact Scott Smith at [scottsingsbari@aol.com](mailto:scottsingsbari@aol.com) or 404.752.6423.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Village Defense** – Sharath Mekala, Michael Daniely, and Nathan Black from Village Defense gave a presentation about their public safety program. The purpose of their business is to provide an additional information system to communities: After a crime or suspicious activity has occurred and 911 has been called, the witness calls the Village Defense hotline, who in turn transmits the information via phone, text message, or email to other community members signed up through the Village Defense program.

Eight Atlanta neighborhoods have signed on so far. The system can also be used to encourage people to attend upcoming community events.

Village Defense costs \$30 per 6 months per person, or \$50 per year per person. More information: [www.villagedefense.com](http://www.villagedefense.com) or 678-608-4656.

**Police Report** – Lieutenant Algeo from the night shift gave a report about crime statistics in Beat 401 and 402 (Westview's Beats). He additionally informed some Beats in the city will be re-shifted, including an increase of Beats within Zone 4, equaling 15 new officers, by summer 2011. He informed of the COPS Program, a new program specifically targeting community based issues.

Major Bryant provided additional information about the re-zoning. Major Bryant is challenging neighbors to think about ideas that involve making neighborhoods safer without using requests for more police as the only solution.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Denny's Super Save LRB (Change of Ownership)** – Satwinder Singh Tucker is selling the Denny's Super Save business at 1562 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd to Mussie Tesfamichae. Mr. Tesfamichae assured residents they will not sell single beers in coolers by the front door. Neighbor's suggested adding barriers to prevent illegal dumping. Mr. Tesfamichae has pledged to actively participate in the community.

Mark Malaguerra motioned to approve the change of ownership. John Davis seconded the motion.

Vote – Yes: 16, No: 2 → Motion Carries

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Christmas House Tour** – John Davis announced 1417 South Gordon Street is participating in a Christmas House Tour December 9-12 and December 16-19 as a fundraiser for the Atlanta Community Food Bank Hunger Walk through the New Spirit UMC Outreach Committee.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Beautification Committee** – The Beautification Committee has planted winter flowers in traffic triangles throughout the neighborhood. New members are encouraged to volunteer for future plantings and maintenance.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

**Denny's Theft** – A drink cooler was stolen from the front of the store and reportedly taken to a nearby scrap metal yard. The Community Prosecutor should be informed.

**Sankofa Cultural Center** – John Lewis informed they have been in their facility at 1550 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd for 14 months and are now an officially funded group by the City of Atlanta. They will have a Christmas Drive and Open House on the December 19 for \$25. They are working on a publicity campaign and their grand opening.

## **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](http://www.westviewatlanta.com).

\$40.00 of dues were collected by President Scott Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

*Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Secretary*