



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
April 4, 2011**

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

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

**Approval of the Minutes** – Raymond Gambrell motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. Mark Malaguerra seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 8, No: 0 → Motion Carries

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Community Garden Work Day** – On April 2 WCO members joined up with Bonner Scholar students from Morehouse College to cleanup the community garden. Garden beds are still available. Contact Scott at [scotttingsbari@aol.com](mailto:scotttingsbari@aol.com) or (404) 752-6423 if you would like to participate.

The WCO has applied for a grant with the Community Foundation, and members of the Executive Committee will meet with them on Tuesday, April 5.

**Community Clean-Up** – The community clean-up day has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 9. Efforts will be joined with CT Martin's clean-up date.

**CDP ACTION/OUTCOMES**

**Westview Master Plan** – Patrick Berry gave an overview of the three years the Westview Master Plan has been in the works for. Having a master plan provides the neighborhood more leverage to get projects and improvements completed. Limited copies of the Westview Master Plan draft were available at the meeting for members without computers. Claudia Hicks motioned to approve the Master Plan. Raymond Gambrell seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 20, No: 0 → Motion Carries

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Chef Luna and Hakim Young** – Chef Luna, creator of restaurants such as Loca Luna and Eclipse di Luna, is interested in creating a new project with a community-driven business concept. Hakim Young and Chef Luna want to work on a project throughout south west Atlanta to encourage homeowners from the neighborhood to open businesses in their own community. Their goal is to get neighborhoods to be self-sustaining once again.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Open House/West Fest** – Derrick Duckworth, a resident of Adair Park and a real estate agent with The BeltLine Team, came to speak to neighbors. In coordination with West Fest on May 7, Derrick will team up with realtor-neighbor Nia Knowles and other realtors for an open house event to encourage new homeowners to fill vacant houses.

Neighbors are encouraged to spend the day outdoors to be seen – gardening, socializing, walking their dog, etc. Additionally, neighbors are asked to sign up and be available to answer questions to possible new homeowners on the tour. Nia is working to have a promo code for people visiting Westview to get a discount for the West End Tour of Homes.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**District 4 Events** – Barbara Washington informed neighbors of upcoming events: On May 21 District 4 is organizing a kid's event in West End Park with popcorn, games, and clowns. The event will be followed by a movie. A sign-up sheet was passed around to receive info flyers. West End Library is also holding a lot of events.

**West Fest Vendors** – Vendors can purchase a booth at West Fest for \$50. Nia is coordinating the dog parade.

**NPU-T** – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, April 13th, 2011 at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy, 1444 Lucile Ave.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Beautification** – The Beautification Committee provided an update on their project: They are considering hosting a workshop to build a rain barrel. At least 10 people would need to participate. Class would be \$40.

Velma was awarded yard of the month. The BC will put woodchips down on some of the beds. The BC is potentially looking to adopt the Olympian Way island. Deloris Pickens-Crawford is looking to get a grant to build a gazebo in Ontario Park. John Davis put down grass seed as well as weed and feed in the parks.

**Special Events** – CT Martin is sponsoring an April 9 clean-up. Ayana would like to have a WCO-sponsored clean-up April 30th. This would also make the area pretty for the Westview Open House and West Fest the following weekend. Needed: pick-up truck drivers and lawn mowers.

HouseProud will look into putting together a group for May 7<sup>th</sup> in coordination with spending the day being active outside.

Coordinators are needed for the June Westview Summer Solstice Festival.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

**Traffic Light at Westmeath & South Gordon** – Neighbors are hoping to get a light installed at the corner of Westmeath and South Gordon. Scott will reach out to GA Power.

## **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).

\$138.00 of dues were collected by Assistant Treasurer Claudia Hicks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.