



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Berry following an invocation by Chaplain Gambrell.

**Approval of the Minutes** – Copies of the October minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, Mark Malaguerra made a motion to accept the minutes as published. This was seconded by Raymond Gambrell. Vote – Yes: 7, No: 0 → Motion Carries

**POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES**

**Code Enforcement** – Barbara Washington (Representative for Councilmember Winslow) informed that legislation has been written to move Code Enforcement from the Planning Department to the Police Department.

**Smart 911** – Smart 911 is a new system being implemented to handle 911 calls.

**Zone 4 Police** - Lt. Boyd gave an overview of crimes related to the Westview neighborhood.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1556 Stokes Ave Demolished** – UCDC has demolished 1556 Stokes Avenue. The WCO will work to turn this into a pocket park.

**Red Carpet Liquor** – Jordan Tesfai has purchased Red Carpet Liquor at 687 Cascade Avenue. She informed neighbors of her development plans for the future of the store.

**Fall Clean-Up/Westwood Ave Tree Planting** – Neighbors cleaned up various places around the neighborhood as part of the October 22<sup>nd</sup> clean-up. Additionally, over 100 trees were planted by Trees Atlanta along Westwood Avenue on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**2011 Holiday Dinner** – The annual holiday dinner will take place on Saturday, December 10 at Fire Station 17. The WCO will donate turkey and ham. Neighbors should sign up to bring side dishes. Plans are in place to provide crafts and games for children.

**Community Garden Grant** – The WCO received a grant from the Community Foundation to purchase tools and materials for the community garden a few months ago. The remaining grant was used to install a picket fence and plant fruit trees.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Neighbor Award** – Former WCO President Scott Smith was presented with an award for “His commitment of time and inspiration to the Westview neighborhood”. The WCO will plant a tree in his name to honor his services.

**1556 Stokes Ave/“Love Your Block” Grant** – The WCO has applied for the “Love Your Block” grant to be able to plant trees, bushes, and a fence on the cleared 1556 Stokes Avenue lot. A committee should be formed to determine how the park should be developed.

**KIPP STRIVE Primary School** – An extension will be built onto the existing KIPP STIVE Middle School to make room for the new KIPP STRIVE Primary School, due to open in 2012. Other general grounds improvement will take place. An Open House will take place on November 17<sup>th</sup> for any potential Kindergarteners.

**Park Pride Adoption Renewal** – Park Pride is updating their park adoption records. The WCO would re-commit to maintain the South Gordon-RDA Triangle, the South Gordon-Willard Triangle, and the Ontario Park Triangle. Mark Malaguerra motioned to continue to adopt the three parks. Scott Smith seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 9, No: 0 → Motion Carries

**Thanksgiving Baskets** – The WCO will team up with Morehouse College to create toiletry Thanksgiving baskets for the women's shelter. Monetary or item donations should be provided to Patrick Berry or Ayana Gabriel by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NPU-T** – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy, 1444 Lucile Avenue.

**Back2Natural** – Westview neighbors introduced themselves and talked about their beauty and barber business in neighboring West End.

**Miss Crumpy's Homeless Thanksgiving** – Miss Crumpy's Hotwings is sponsoring free food on Thanksgiving between 11:00am to 1:00pm to the homeless and hungry.

**Phone Tree** – Ayana Gabriel suggested starting a WCO phone tree to keep neighbors informed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

**Kroger Citi-Center** – Rachel Peterson will work with the WCO to send letters to the various corporations located within the Kroger Citi-Center property to make the parking lot a safer place for residents.

## **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).

\$35.00 in dues were collected by Assistant Treasurer Claudia Hicks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.