



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 5, 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 November 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

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

OLD BUSINESS

KIPP STRIVE Primary School – Principal Mini'mah Shaheed informed the primary school will be grades K-4. The 2012-2013 school year will only start with Kindergarten. They will host a community meeting for the primary school build-out extension on December 12th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. On December 14th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm they will host an open house for the new primary school.

Patrick Berry additionally informed that the Atlanta Families' Awards for Excellence in Education named KIPP STIVE Academy Principal Ed Chang and Math teacher Mike Stewart as two of 10 award winners in 2011

1556 Stokes Ave – The WCO applied for the "Love Your Block" grant to make improvements to the future park. The grant was not approved for the current cycle, but the WCO was encouraged to re-apply in February 2012. Resident Mark Malaguerra designed a landscape plan to be included in the next application.

2011 Holiday Luncheon – The annual holiday luncheon will take place on Saturday, December 10th at Fire Station 17. Setup will start at noon; the luncheon will take place at 2:00pm. The WCO will donate turkey, ham, and beverages. Neighbors should sign up to bring side dishes.

1616 Derry Ave – On November 30, 2011 the In Rem Board voted to demolish 1616 Derry Avenue. The property should be demolished within the next 3-5 months.

NEW BUSINESS

Olympian Park Application – Various plans and studies proposed to turn land between North and South Olympian Avenue into a park. The WCO has turned an application into the Atlanta Development Authority to continue the process of turning the space into a park.

Dues Drive – The WCO will hold a dues drive in January 2012. Members who pay dues in full in January will receive a free t-shirt. Additional t-shirts can be purchased. Membership is \$60, or \$24 for seniors. Payments can also be made online at www.westviewatlanta.com.

Trees Atlanta – Trees Atlanta planted various trees along Ralph David Abernathy Blvd., Inman St., and Langhorn St.

Westview Newsletter – A bi-monthly Westview newsletter will kick off in January. Kisha Solomon, Earl Picard, and Ayana Gabriel will make up the news team. Neighbors are encouraged to provide story ideas and help pass out newsletters on their street. Advertisers are sought.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPU-T – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy, 1444 Lucile Avenue.

Senator Fort – Vincent Fort informed the next legislative session will start the 2nd Monday in January. One important upcoming issue includes the property owner list. Senator Fort can be reached at 404-287-7116.

Westview Mapping – Charles Taylor, Westview's Morehouse College intern, has created a map showing occupied and unoccupied residences, and occupied and unoccupied businesses. The future goal is to create a business directory that will help determine which businesses are needed, and which are over-saturating the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Children - Scott Smith's church has committed to adopt John and Pat Perdew's neighborhood children's program for 2012.

Calvary United Methodist Church – Calvary is holding a Christmas concert on Saturday December 17th at 6pm. A Christmas play will be performed on Sunday December 18th at 9am.

5th/3rd Bank – 5th/3rd Bank will open a branch in the Kroger CitiCenter shopping center on December 19th. They will be open 7 days a week. They offer a \$150 bonus if you are a neighbor opening a bank account.

Christmas Caroling – The neighborhood children will be doing Christmas caroling on Christmas Eve at specified houses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

None.

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.

No dues were collected.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.