



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Berry following a moment of silence.

Approval of the Minutes – Copies of the January 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 Scott Smith. Vote – Yes: 12, No: 0 → Motion Carries

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

Zone 4 Police - Lt. David Ferguson informed that Code Enforcement is now part of the Police Department. He additionally provided an overview of crimes related to the Westview neighborhood. In addition to calling 911 residents can call into the crime tip line at (404) 577-TIPS.

OLD BUSINESS

1556 Stokes Ave. – The WCO is still scheduled to be deeded the property from UCDC. The WCO sent an invoice for the NPU-T/City of Atlanta grant off and will continue work once grant money has been received. The WCO additionally sent off the application for the second round of the “Love Your Block” grant.

Dues Drive – Patrick Berry informed members that the dues drive was extended through February 6. Members who pay dues in full at the meeting will receive a free t-shirt. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$10. Membership is \$60 per year, or \$24 for seniors. Payments can also be made online at www.westviewatlanta.com.

Westview Newsletter – Ayana Gabriel announced the bi-monthly Westview newsletter is due to come out within the next week. Ayana handed out a map of the neighborhood and asked neighbors to volunteer to hand out the newsletter on their street. Contact Ayana Gabriel at agabriel1908@yahoo.com to volunteer or for advertising opportunities.

Westview Business Directory – Morehouse Revitalization Task Force intern Charles Taylor is working on a business directory of the neighborhood. John Perdew advised to include non-brick and mortar businesses and organizations as a phase two project. Scott Smith advised to work on an additional list of services (contractors, roofers, home repair, etc.) recommended by neighbors.

NEW BUSINESS

WEND Guest Speaker – West End Neighborhood Development (WEND) Vice President John Pavlin came to introduce himself and speak about the continued and future collaborations of the WCO and WEND associations. He encouraged residents to support businesses in the area so that future economic development can develop and prosper. Westview and West End commonly work together for projects through Neighborhood Planning Unit T.

Watershed Management – Neighborhood liaison Brent Brewer from the Department of Watershed Management came to speak about the MOST tax, which will be on the ballot on March

6, 2012. The 1% tax has been in place since 2004. Watershed is asking to extend the tax for an additional four years to prevent water fees from increasing for city residents. Brent proceeded to answer resident questions.

Membership Committee – Pat and John Perdew have volunteered to co-chair the Membership Committee. President Patrick Berry read the duties of the committee chair based on the WCO Bylaws.

Wesley Wills made a motion to nominate Pat and John Perdew as Co-Chairs of the Membership Committee. This was seconded by Scott Smith. Vote – Yes: 15, No: 0 → Motion Carries

Community Garden – Scott Smith welcomed neighbors to join the South Gordon Community Garden. Gardeners can work on their own bed and/or the communal garden. The fee for the year is \$25. Contact Scott at scottsingsbari@aol.com if you are interested in joining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPU-T – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy, 1444 Lucile Avenue.

Schools – Kwabena Nkromo informed Southwest and Northwest Atlanta Parents and Partners for Schools (SNAPPS Atlanta) is holding a meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 from 7:00-9:00pm at the APS headquarters, 130 Trinity Ave.

Prayer Brunch – On February 11, 2012 at 10:00am John and Pat Perdew will host a prayer brunch for neighborhood children, their parents, and neighbors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

Deal\$ - Pat Perdew said Deal\$ is a great asset to the community, but it is also a burden due to the overwhelming amount of trash on the property. Patrick Berry suggested contacting the corporate office to raise concerns.

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.

\$137.00 in dues were collected by Assistant Treasurer Claudia Hicks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.