



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Berry following an invocation by Chaplain Gambrell.

Approval of the Minutes – Copies of the February minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, Ayana Gabriel made a motion to accept the minutes as published. This was seconded by Claudia Hicks. Vote – Yes: 9, No: 0 → Motion Carries

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

Zone 4 Police – Lt. David Ferguson, Sgt. Robert Porter, Chief Ernest Finley, and Captain Stacey Gibbs provided an overview of crimes related to the Westview neighborhood and answered resident questions and concerns. Council members C.T. Martin and Cleeta Winslow were additionally present to answer resident public safety questions.

OLD BUSINESS

KIPP STRIVE Primary – Principal Mini'imah Shaheed and architect Richard Taylor presented the revised plan for the primary school extension. Groundbreaking for the new building will be in April. Enrollment ends on March 15 and 100 kindergartener's will start in the fall 2012.

John Davis made a motion to support KIPP STRIVE Primary. Wesley Wills seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 18, No: 0 → Motion Carries

Watershed Management – The 1% MOST tax, which has been in place since 2004, will be back on the ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. The funds help upgrade the decaying water system in the City of Atlanta, as mandated by the federal government.

Dues Drive – Patrick Berry gave an overview of the January 2012 dues drive.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget 2012 – Patrick Berry presented a proposed budget for 2012 and answered resident questions. Claudia Hicks made a motion to approve the proposed 2012 budget. Raymond Gambrell seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 21, No: 0 → Motion Carries

Litter Committee – Patrick Berry proposed to create a temporary committee headed by Kwabena Nkromo to address the trash around the commercial properties along Cascade Avenue. John Perdew made a motion to allow the President to create the temporary Litter Committee. Pat Perdew seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 23, No: 0 → Motion Carries

Spring Clean-up – Kendal Carey announced April has been marked as the spring “clean-up month” for Westview. Three clean-up’s are scheduled for Saturday, April 7th, 14th, and 21st. Each day will focus on a different task: Saturday, April 7th – Tire Recycling Day, Saturday, April 14th – Trash/Junk Day, Saturday, April 21st – Weed Control Day. Residents are encouraged to help out one day or all three days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Westview Newsletter – Ayana Gabriel acknowledged members who helped to pass out the newsletters. The next newsletter will be released on March 20th. Pat Perdew will host a meet-and-greet on April 14th to raise money for the newsletter. Contact Ayana Gabriel at agabriel1908@yahoo.com to volunteer or for advertising opportunities.

NPU-T – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy, 1444 Lucile Avenue.

Cleta Winslow - Councilmember Winslow will host a Westview and West End business corridor improvement kick-off event on March 20th from 7:30-10:10am at 686 J. E. Lowery Blvd.

Community Garden – The Westview Youth and volunteers will work in the community garden on March 10th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee – Pat Perdew asked to be notified by residents of new neighbors moving in.

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.

\$57.00 in dues were collected by Assistant Treasurer Claudia Hicks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.