



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Berry following a moment of silence.

Approval of the Minutes – Copies of the April minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, Mark Malaguerra made a motion to accept the minutes with changes as necessary. This was seconded by Kendal Carey.
Vote – Yes: 9, No: 0 → Motion Carries

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

None

GUEST SPEAKER

District 57 Representative – Due to recent redistricting the majority of Westview is now in District 57, represented by Pat Gardner. State Representative Gardner came to introduce herself to neighbors and spoke about her goals in healthcare and MARTA. Representative Gardner can be reached at 404-873-6208 or pat@patgardner.org.
A portion of northeastern Westview is part of District 56 (Representative Kathy Ashe).

OLD BUSINESS

Stokes Avenue Community Park Update – Patrick Berry spoke about the progress that was made with the fence around the property. Thanks to recently receiving the “Love Your Block” grant the WCO will additionally acquire a picnic table and plants. A work day will be scheduled to finish the fence and plant landscaping. Neighbors provided recommendations of how to water the garden and to hire the Youth of Westview to mow the lawn.

Spring Clean-Up Recap – Kendal Carey thanked volunteers who came out during the April spring clean-up days. Ken would like to receive feedback about the pros and cons of the April clean-up at kenscary@yahoo.com.

Summer Solstice Festival 2012 – Ayana Gabriel reminded about the June 23, 2012 Summer Solstice Festival. Volunteers are asked to sign up to cook, set up, kid’s entertainment, and clean-up. Contact Ayana at agabriel1908@yahoo.com.

Westview Neighbor Benefit Party – Pat Perdew announced the “Mix and Mingle” fundraising event for the *Westview Neighbor* newsletter was a success and will make it possible to keep the newsletter being distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

WeCycle – Shawena Dobbins introduced a new organization, WeCycle, which encourages neighbors to ride bicycles. The organization teaches bicycle safety, how to repair and

maintain bicycles, and rents out bicycles. More information at <http://wecycleatlanta.blogspot.com>, (404) 913.3934 or wecycleatl@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blu' Bisque – Miss Cousin announced a children-focused business in nearby College Park where kid's parties can be hosted, pottery and canvas painting classes take place, and kids consignment clothing is sold.

Atlanta Airport International Terminal – Patrick Berry announced the new international terminal at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport will open on May 16, 2012. The new international terminal will be accessible via I-75 while the old domestic terminals will still be accessible via I-85 as usual.

NPU-T – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy, 1444 Lucile Avenue.

Youth of Westview – Pat Perdue announced the kids will spread seeds around the community to make flowers bloom throughout the neighborhood. They will additionally grow food to sell at the local farmer's markets. As a fundraiser they are selling "I help the Westview Youth Keep the Community Clean" yard signs.

Westview Neighbor Newsletter – The next newsletter will feature a contest encouraging children to enter an essay or a photograph with an essay. The winner will be able to join the staff and get their own page featured.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Litter Committee – Kwabena Nkromu acknowledged community members and Morehouse students who came to clean up the BeltLine corridor in April. The committee will continue to pursue adopting the BeltLine in the neighborhood.

Membership Committee – The Membership Committee will canvas the neighborhood to make neighbors aware they are represented by a neighborhood organization.

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.

\$60.00 in dues were collected by Assistant Treasurer Claudia Hicks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.