



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 4, 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 May minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, Evelyn Battle made a motion to accept the minutes as published. This was seconded by John Davis.

Vote – Yes: 9, No: 0 → Motion Carries

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

Zone 4 Police – Lt. David Ferguson (dmferguson@atlantaga.gov) provided an overview of crimes related to the Westview neighborhood and answered resident questions and concerns. He additionally reminded the curfew for children under 16 is 11:00pm on weekdays and 12:00am on weekends.

OLD BUSINESS

Stokes Avenue Community Park Update – Patrick Berry acknowledged all the volunteers that have helped build the park. He informed the NPU-T grant money has been spent on the picket fence. Funds from the “Love Your Block” grant has been partially spent on plants and a picnic bench. The remaining funds will buy additional plants.

Summer Solstice Celebration 2012 – Ayana Gabriel gave a history of the start of the Summer Solstice Celebration and then informed the event will take place on June 23, 2012 between 2:00pm and 8:00pm along Muse Street, adjacent to the BeltLine path. Volunteers are asked to sign up for set up, grilling, kids and senior entertainment, and clean-up. Contact Ayana at agabriel1908@yahoo.com.

In preparation for the festival a clean-up will take place on Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 10:00am along Muse Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Occupy the Hood Community Garden – Kwabena Nkromo, a member of the Atlanta Food & Farm Network, introduced Abi Henderson, who spoke about being granted permission by the owner to turn 452 West Ontario Avenue into a community garden. The garden will be a communal garden where beds are shared by all participants. Interested participants can contact Abi at (678) 458-3089 or kadeyannah@hotmail.com.

BeltLine Adoption – Kwabena Nkromo announced the Litter Committee is aspiring to adopt the BeltLine portion between I-20 and Greenwich. Neighbors interested in volunteering to clean the BeltLine should contact Kwabena at kwabena.nkromo@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIPP STRIVE Primary Groundbreaking – Patrick Berry announced the groundbreaking for the KIPP STRIVE Primary addition will take place on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 9:00am.

NPU-T – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy, 1444 Lucile Avenue.

Senator Fort – State Senator Vincent Fort presented the WCO with a check for \$300 to help fund the *Westview Neighbor* newsletter. He additionally spoke about current State Capitol issues. Senator Fort can be contacted at (404) 287-7116.

Rashad Taylor – Representative Rashad Taylor reminded that Congress and State Legislature districts have been redrawn following the 2010 Census. Westview is now part of District 57. Representative Taylor announced he will host a townhall meeting regarding the penny tax for the transportation referendum, which will be voted on July 31, 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee – On Sunday, June 17, 2012, the Membership Committee will canvas the southern side of the neighborhood to make neighbors aware of the neighborhood organization.

Beautification Committee – The Beautification Committee has finished its plantings for the season.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

New Neighbors – First time attendees introduced themselves.

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 8:14pm.