



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2012**

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 June minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, Raymond Gambrell made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. This was seconded by John Davis.
Vote – Yes: 7, No: 0 → Motion Carries

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

Zone 4 Police – Patrick Berry informed of a recent crime that happened in an adjacent neighborhood.

Captain Stacey Gibbs provided an overview of crimes related to the Westview neighborhood and answered resident questions and concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

Stokes Avenue Community Park Update – Patrick Berry informed the remaining “Love Your Block” grant money will purchase grass seed, which will be planted in the fall.

Summer Solstice Celebration Recap – Ayana Gabriel announced the Summer Solstice Celebration has been the biggest event yet. She announced Claiborne and Jaime from Beecher-Donnelly won the “Best Ribs” title and Carl and Scott from West End won the “Best Chicken” title. She thanked all volunteers and participants and asked for someone to step up to head next year’s event.

BeltLine Adoption – Kwabena Nkromo announced enough people had signed up to participate in the BeltLine adoption for the BeltLine corridor between I-20 and Greenwich Street. Rob Brawner from the BeltLine Partnership gave a history and overview of the adoption process. He additionally informed the police department has received funding for BeltLine patrolling. Neighbors interested in volunteering with the committee should contact Kwabena at kwabena.nkromo@gmail.com.

John Perdew made a motion for the WCO to turn in an application to adopt section 5 of the BeltLine corridor. Raymond Gambrell seconded the motion.
Vote – Yes: 11, No: 0 → Motion Carries

NEW BUSINESS

Westview Summer Splash – Kendal Carey announced a Westview getaway to the Chattahoochee River on Saturday, July 28, 2012 for a rafting trip. A raft costs \$120 and accommodates six people. The outfitters will provide the raft, paddles, and life jackets. Kendal said people aged 15 and older can participate. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian. Interested neighbors should contact Kendal at kenscary@yahoo.com by Friday, July 13, 2012.

National Night Out – Kendal Carey announced National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the intersection of South Olympian Way and Waters Drive (southern Westview). National Night Out is a national event to promote public safety. Rep. Rashad Taylor will donate soda and the WCO will donate water and hot dogs. Volunteers are asked to donate buns, chips, ice, and coolers. Contact Kendal at kenscary@yahoo.com to donate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPU-T – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy, 1444 Lucile Avenue.

Southwest BeltLine 5K – Rob Brawner announced the southwest BeltLine 5K will take place on Saturday, July 14, 2012. Patrick Berry informed a group of Westview residents calling themselves the “Westview Warriors” had already signed up to represent the neighborhood. Informational brochures were made available.

Primary/Special Election – On July 31, 2012 voting will take place where residents will determine if a penny tax will be implemented to fund the transportation referendum. Voting will additionally take place for primary seats.

Rep. Rashad Taylor - Rashad Taylor informed Georgia had received \$140 million from the federal government to target neighborhoods hit hard by foreclosures, but unfortunately the money has been redirected by the governor towards a rural development program. Rep. Taylor additionally answered resident questions regarding his recent MARTA vote.

Senator Vincent Fort – Vincent Fort spoke about his stance on the upcoming transportation referendum vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Litter Committee – Kwabena Nkromo wants to speak with the Fulton County District Attorney’s office about the possible connection of illegally posted “buy junk vehicle” signs on telephone polls and the problem with metal theft. Captain Stacey Gibbs informed a new law went into affect on July 1, 2012 that makes it more challenging for metal thief’s to be paid cash by metal recyclers.

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 8:13pm.