

Westview Community Organization Monthly Meeting Minutes August 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Berry followed by a moment of silence.

Approval of the Minutes – Copies of the July minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, John Davis made a motion to accept the minutes as written. This was seconded by Claudia Hicks. Vote – Yes: 8, No: $0 \rightarrow$ Motion Carries

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Stokes Avenue Community Park – Patrick Berry informed an additional \$500 "Love Your Block" grant will be available if the WCO participates in the Hands on Atlanta Day on October 6, 2012. He additionally informed no property taxes will be due on the property because the Land Bank owned the land on January 1, 2012. In 2013 the WCO will submit an application to turn the land into official green space and have any future property taxes exempt. Kwabena Nkromo has volunteered to do a soil test for planting purposes.

National Night Out – Kendal Carey reminded 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 (in southern Westview). National Night Out is a national event to promote public safety. There will be hot dogs and beverages, as well as games for children. Volunteers are asked to donate hot dog buns and school supplies.

BeltLine Adoption – Kwabena Nkromo provided a recap about the Litter Committee's commitment to adopt the BeltLine corridor between I-20 and Greenwich Street. Volunteers are asked to sign the adoption agreement. The first workday is schedules for August 25, 2012 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Neighbors interested in volunteering with the committee should contact Kwabena at kwabena.nkromo@gmail.com.

NEW BUSINESS

MRC and NC Zoning Ordinances – Two ordinances affecting Westview will be presented at the August 8, 2012 NPU-T meeting. Ordinance Z-12-16 was written to create the "Cascade Avenue-Beecher Street Neighborhood Commercial District" (NC) and ordinance Z-12-17 was written to rezone the area around Cascade Avenue and Ralph David Abernathy Blvd to "Mixed Residential Commercial" (MRC). The ordinances are in line with the Westview Master Plan (2011), BeltLine Master Plan (2010), and Campbellton-Cascade Corridor Plan (2006). Neighbors interested in further participation are encouraged to provide feedback at the NPU meeting. **Legal Shield** – Rikita Burch and Chris Duane from Legal Shield provided information about the legal services their company provides. For more information visit www.rburchassociates.com or call (770) 851-4303.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living Walls Conference 2012 – The Living Walls Conference will take place in August around the City of Atlanta and will feature over 20 street artists from around the world. This year's event will feature all female artists. The official locations will be announced on Thursday, August 16, 2012 and are scheduled to include the Westview neighborhood. Neighbors suggested continuing the mural efforts in the future.

John Perdew made a motion to pursue future mural efforts. Pat Perdew seconded the motion.

Vote – Yes: 13, No: $0 \rightarrow$ Motion Carries

NPU-T – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 7:00pm at Empire Board of Realtists, 686 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd., SW Atlanta, GA 30310.

Olympian Clean-Up – Pat Perdew wanted to recognize Ms. Lilly for her efforts in cleaning up the Olympian Circle triangle. Patrick Berry informed of efforts to focus on the southern part of the neighborhood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Committee – The Beautification Committee had a clean-up along Lucile Avenue on July 7, 2012. A future clean-up is planned for the intersection of Ralph David Abernathy Blvd and Cascade Avenue.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

West Ontario Community Garden – Abi Henderson announced they could use mulch and compost for the WO garden.

Deals Water Issues – Evelyn Battle raised concerns about the continued water stream from the Deals parking lot onto Westwood Avenue. Kwabena Nkromo also raised concerns about rain water collecting at Cascade and Rogers Avenue.

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 8:18pm.