



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
October 1, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Vice President Gabriel followed by a prayer by the WCO Chaplain, Raymond Gambrell.

There were no minutes from the September meeting to review.

Sgt. Hines from Zone 4 was present to take concerns from the community. He outlined that there were a few checkpoints that have been conducted.

**Old business**

At 7:05 a quorum was established.

Questions were asked concerning speeding and parking issues (especially around the school construction).

Council member Winslow asked for the common locations where individuals park illegally. Vice Chair Gabriel committed to getting the list to the council member.

Council member Winslow expressed her thanks to member of the community who met with Kroger recently as it has resulted in several significant changes at the store in terms of operation, staffing and condition.

Mr. Jackson from Calvary UMC spoke about an application that the church has made with the city concerning a permit that has been filed to erect a handicap ramp. This item was deferred from the September meeting due to a lack of a quorum. A variance is required because the Beltline criteria requires a 30 foot setback and such a setback is not possible given the layout of the church and the available space on the property.

Scott Smith made a motion to approve the application for a variance. This was seconded by Raymond Gambrell.

Yes: • 13. No: 0. Motion Carries

Kendall Carey spoke about the planned work day at the Stokes Community Park. This will be a Hands On Atlanta project and will begin at 9am. The primary project will be to plant grass at the Stokes Park.

Pat Perdew spoke about another project being conducted at the community garden starting at 11:30.

Ms. Battle asked about working with the city to getting dirt and debris cleared away from the sidewalks. Joe Fisher volunteered to help clear the sidewalks on the October 6th work day.

Claudia Hicks made a motion to send a letter to Council Member Martin to task members from the department of public works to assist with clearing the sidewalks on Westwood. This was seconded by Evelyn Battle.

• The vote: yes: 13. No: 0. Motion carries.

**New business**

1. Nominations for 2013 Officers
  - A. Vice President Gabriel asked for nominations for officers for 2013
    - a. Current president Patrick Berry has indicated his intention to step down at the end of his current term.
    - b. Pat Perdew nominated Ayana Gabriel

1. Ms Gabriel accepted
  - c. Mark Malaguerra nominate Kendal Carey for Vice President
    1. mr. Carey declined
  - d. Mark Malaguerra nominated Claudia Hicks for treasure
    1. ms. Hicks accepted
  - e. Other officer positions remain open for nomination
2. Westview Fall hike
  - A. Mr. Carey spoke about plans to sponsor a hiking event this fall.
    - a. The event will be planned for a day in November in a state park.
1. Further details are being worked out.
2. Community wide yard sale
  - A. Annie Evans spoke about plans for a community wide yard sale on November 10.
3. Membership Drive
  - A. There will be a membership drive from November 10th through the week before Thanksgiving.
    - a. This event will also include a food drive with the donations being given to senior citizens in the community.
4. Announcements:
  - A. The NPU-T meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10th at the board of realists
  - B. A new Indian Restaurant opened at 1550 RDA. Several neighbors attended the opening event and spoke highly of the food.
  - C. Atlanta Rise Fellowship
    - a. Samuel Wakefield spoke about the teacher fellowship program that includes upcoming plans to partner with communities in NPU-T.
      1. This is a community partnership initiative being sponsored through Teach For America.
    - b. The program will run for 8 months and is scheduled to conclude in May of 2013.
    - c. October 19-20 will be a series of kick off events which will include a community dinner @ KIPP Strive at 6pm.
  - D. American Income Life Insurance
    - a. Ms. Holiday spoke about her company's program that gives free or reduced services including:
      1. Accidental death and dismemberment
      2. Partner's card for eye care services
      3. Prescription discounts
      4. Hearing
      5. Chiropractic
      6. Child safe kit
      7. The services are available through donations and grants that are made on behalf of the organization.
5. Announcements
  - A. There were discussions about the Litter Committee and how to get engaged. The discussion was also held around areas of focus.
  - B. Ms. brown-collier from Calvary UMC spoke about their 2013 plans and invited input for ways to partner with the Westview Community.
  - C. Ms. Henry from My New Life Foundation spoke about her organization that offers support services for mothers who are coming through the court system for drug offenses. There's currently a shortage of transitional housing
    - a. They organization has acquired the property at 1607 RDA for use by individuals in the program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm with a prayer by Chaplain Gambrell.