



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 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 October minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, Ayana Gabriel made a motion to accept the minutes as written. This was seconded by Leslie Ellsworth.  
Vote – Yes: 12, No: 0 → Motion Carries

**POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES**

**Zone 4 Police** – Lt. David Ferguson provided an overview of crimes related to the Westview neighborhood and answered resident questions and concerns. Major Rodney Bryant spoke about making quality of life issues a priority for 2013.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Stokes Avenue Community Park/Hands on Atlanta Day** – Ayana Gabriel spoke about the Hands on Atlanta Day that took place on Saturday, October 6th. Hands on Atlanta provided an additional \$500 grant for landscaping. Residents cleaned up the lot and planted new trees, shrubs, and flowers.

**WCO Election** – Officer elections will take place at the December meeting. At the October meeting Ayana Gabriel had been nominated for President and Claudia Hicks had been nominated for Treasurer.

Patrick Berry nominated Raymond Gambrell for Chaplain. Mr. Gambrell accepted the nomination. John Perdew nominated Josef Fisher for Vice President. Mr. Fisher accepted the nomination. Scott nominated himself for Assistant Treasurer. Ayana Gabriel nominated Sherry Bailey for Assistant Secretary. Ms. Bailey accepted the nomination. Ayana Gabriel nominated Leslie Ellsworth for Secretary. Ms. Ellsworth accepted the nomination. Mark Malaguerra nominated Evelyn Battle for Parliamentarian. Ms. Battle accepted the nomination.

**Westview Fall Hike** – Kendal Carey spoke about the scheduled WCO hike on Sunday, November 11th at Sweetwater Creek State Park. The hike will be approx. 3 hours. Residents should meet at Calvary United Methodist Church at 1:30pm. Dress appropriately and bring water and a light snack. The park entry fee is \$5 per vehicle. The weather is scheduled to be 70F and sunny. Call or email Kendal at 404-788-3431 or kenscarey@yahoo.com.

**Community Yard Sale** – Dada Beecher spoke about the neighborhood-wide yard sale, which will take place on Saturday, November 10th from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Participants are encouraged to be setup at 9:00am. Annie Evans has been advertising the event on Craigslist, the Patch, and other online outlets. All proceeds go to the WCO. Ayana Gabriel additionally encouraged residents to donate items to the Youth of Westview – half of the proceeds from the sales will go towards their program.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Holiday Celebration** – The annual WCO holiday luncheon will take place on Saturday, December 15th at 2:00pm at Fire Station 17. The WCO will donate a ham and turkey. Scott Smith volunteered to cook the turkey. Residents should sign up to bring side dishes and can drop off starting at 1:00pm.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NPU-T** – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, November 14th, 2012 at 7:00pm at Empire Board of Realtists, 686 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd., SW Atlanta, GA 30310.

**Trees Atlanta October Planting/HouseProud** – On Saturday, October 27th Trees Atlanta held another planting in the neighborhood. Volunteers planted trees along Stokes Avenue and in yards along East Ontario Avenue. Two trees are left that can be planted in the community. Contact Scott Smith if you are interested.

Jonathan Kidwell from HouseProud spoke about volunteers painting the house at 534 Ontario Avenue. Siding will be replaced at the back of the house.

**November 6th Election** – Please remember to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, November 6th, 2012.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Beautification Committee** – John Davis reported the Beautification Committee cut grass in the neighborhood pocket parks and weeded on the BeltLine overpass at R.D. Abernathy Blvd.

**Litter Committee** – The adoption agreement was ratified with the Atlanta BeltLine. A program orientation will take place, followed by monthly clean-ups.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

**Community Garden** – John Perdeu announced the community garden has been cleaned up and strawberries have been planted. Some open beds are still available. Plans are in place to beautify the entry into the garden.

**Westview Neighbor** – Ayana Gabriel announced a fall version of the newsletter is scheduled to be distributed.

**Neighbor Recognition** – Pat Perdeu wanted to recognize Evelyn Battle for cleaning up trash along Rogers Avenue on a weekly basis.

**Mural** – Abbey Henderson inquired if children could paint on the Denny's wall since the Living Walls Conference did not do so.

## **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](http://www.westviewatlanta.com).

No dues were collected.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm by Chaplain Gambrell.