

# Westview Community Organization Monthly Meeting Minutes December 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Berry following a moment of silence.

**Approval of the Minutes** – Copies of the November minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, Claudia Hicks made a motion to accept the minutes as written. This was seconded by Kendal Carey.

Vote - Yes: 11, No: 0 → Motion Carries

### POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

No officers were present.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**2013 Officer Elections** – Nominations for the 2013 Westview Community Organization Officers were taken in October and November.

President – Ayana Gabriel Vice President – Josef Fischer Secretary – Leslie Ellsworth Assistant Secretary – Sherry Bailey Treasurer – Claudia Hicks Assistant Treasurer – Scott Smith Parliamentarian – Evelyn Battle Chaplain – Raymond Gambrell

John Davis made a motion to approve the 2013 roster as presented above. Mary Nelloms seconded the motion.

Vote - Yes: 12, No: 0 → Motion Carries

**Holiday Celebration** – The annual WCO holiday luncheon will take place on Saturday, December 15th at 2:30pm 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 1:30pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2013 Annual Membership/Dues Drive** – Ayana Gabriel spoke about John Perdew, Pat Perdew, and Abbey Henderson heading up the membership drive in 2013. Discussion about property taxes and solid waste services for the Stoke Avenue Community Park took place.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Councilmember Bond's Office** – Councilmember Bond's office has been approached by neighbors about concerns over dumping at Marler Way. Kristina Garcia-Buñuel, Councilmember Bond's aide, came on behalf of the Councilmember and explained the alley behind the houses

have been abandoned by the city and are now considered the responsibility of the homeowners. None the less she will look into getting the work detail program to clean up the dumping. Further discussion took place regarding abandoned alleyways, sidewalks, and speed humps.

Ms. Garcia-Buñuel additional announced legislation introduced by Councilmember Bond had passed. The ordinance requires establishments to report gross food and gross alcohol sales at time of alcohol license renewal. Councilmember Bond is working on additional legislation which would revoke alcohol licenses for a specified number of days in addition to a fine from alcohol law violators.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thanksgiving Donations Recap** – Patrick Berry wanted to thank all the people who donated towards the Thanksgiving food baskets, which were collected through a partnership with The Big Apple Inn.

**NPU-T** – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, December 12th, 2012 at 7:00pm at Empire Board of Realtists, 686 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd., SW Atlanta, GA 30310. A potluck Christmas celebration will take place at the end of the meeting.

**Calvary United Methodist Church** – The church's second annual Christmas concert will take place on Saturday, December 15th at 6:00pm. On December 23rd at 9:00am Calvary will host "A journey through Bethlehem" followed by a breakfast.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Beautification Committee** – John Davis announced fall plantings have begun at the South Gordon and R. D. Abernathy triangles. Call John Davis at 404-758-7639 to volunteer.

**Litter Committee** – Kwabena Nkromo announced Park Pride is hosting an orientation on Wednesday, December 5th at 4:00pm at the intersection of Muse Street and Oak Street.

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

**School Truancy** – Scott Smith encouraged residents to take note when children are truant and call 911 to report juveniles who are on the street during school hours.

**Morehouse Intern** – Demario Hunter, a Junior at Morehouse College, will be this school year's WCO intern.

### **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 adjourned at 8:00pm.