



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Gabriel following a moment of silence.

Approval of the Minutes – Copies of the December 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 Claudia.

Vote – Yes: 9 No: 0 → Motion Carries

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

Zone 4 Police – Sgt. B. Oliver provided an overview of crimes related to the Westview neighborhood and answered resident questions and concerns. boliver@atlantaga.gov works Sun-Thurs from 2pm – 11pm as supervisor to the beat officers. Residents may e-mail or call the precinct if they need to speak with him. In case of an emergency, or if you need the police immediately, call **911**.

Sgt. Oliver offered to ask Captain Gibbs about the option of bringing in physical security reps to share the latest in security technology to members attending the WCO meeting.

An example discussed was the **Smart 911 system**: registers your cell phone to your home address so that the police can trace the phone to your home and respond if you are disconnected in mid-call. You can also add your household “stats” including residents of your house (people, pets), physical description of each resident, cars at the residence, etc. Neighbors can go to www.smart911.org to register your cell phone and address.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Celebration – Ken spoke about the holiday celebration and its success, thanking all who contributed their time, effort and donations. Pictures have been uploaded to the Westview Facebook page, and Ayana will send pics around to the yahoo neighborhood group.

Pat Perdew discussed the idea of a “scared straight” program for the Westview youth. It was suggested that we bring Major Bryant and Clea Winslow into the next meeting to help develop the concept.

Development Committee – Ayana would like to launch this committee for the purpose of bringing in new businesses, create pocket parks, develop and maintain landscaping, and explore rezoning and cooperation with the city.

John Perdew moved to make a vote for the committee’s creation

Claudia seconded the motion

Aye-15 Nay-0 **Motion Passes**

Litter Committee – Abby gave a synopsis of the committee’s goal to keep the community clean and create a culture for that mindset; the group has adopted a portion of the beltline and are requesting that neighbors come out the 3rd Sunday of the month to support.

Mr. Gambrell asked if the committee can expand the litter pickup to Langhorn as it is part of our community and the first thing you see off of the exit from I-20. Jamie announced that she is working with children of Westview to help with the Litter Community to do a cleanup this Saturday, January 12th ; those interested should talk to Jamie for location and details

John Perdew moved to make a vote

Jamie Fischer seconded the motion

Aye-18 Nay-0 **Motion Passes**

President Gabriel nominated Abby and Kwabena Nkromo act as co-Chairs for the Litter Committee and that Patrick and Steffi act as co-Chairs for the Development Committee

Claudia Hicks moved to make a vote for these nominations
Mr. Gambrell seconded the motion
Aye-17 Nay-1 **Motion Passes**

Steve Bailey is interested in renting a shredder to shred neighborhood tires that are left as refuse. Derrick suggested that we have a tire collection; Ken said we could call Liberty Tire to coordinate a pickup again; Derrick suggested that Steve and Ken partner up. Ayana reminded the groups that the key is that we find a cost neutral option or we must fundraise.

Claudia Hicks collected neighborhood dues reminding everyone that dues are \$60 per household for the year or \$24 per household for seniors. Those who pay in full before March may receive a free 'Westview' sign designed by Kendall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPU-T – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on January 9th, 2013 at 7:00pm at Empire Board of Realtors, 686 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd., SW Atlanta, GA 30310.

There will be a ground breaking event for a new portion of the Beltline Trail. For more info on location and time, contact Steffi Langer-Berry.

John and Pat Perdeu will be holding a meeting for the Children's program at their home this Thursday, January 10th at 6pm; there will be a spaghetti dinner for attendees; neighbors are encouraged to bring a dinner item and learn about this year's plans for the kids

Trees Atlanta MLK Day Planting/HouseProud – On Monday, January 21st Trees Atlanta will hold another planting in the neighborhood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee – Pat Perdeu is planning to run a membership drive for neighborhood member dues. Ken has designed a Westview signage for new community members ("community pride"). The design development of this piece was discussed. The idea of giving the signage piece to each member who pays their community dues in full was discussed.

-February event: the Perdeu's have requested of the church that there be an additional hour of time after the February meeting for a membership drive. The meeting will be followed by membership drive. Members that pay their dues in full by March 1st may receive a Westview placard.
Goals of this year's membership committee: Get block captains; introduce existing block captains.
Seniors \$24 for the whole year

Beautification Committee – John Davis reported for the Beautification Committee; they completed the fall planting in the latter part of December including pansies and removed leaves at the pocket parks. This month the committee will remove leaves along S Gordon parks.

Litter Committee – Abby had a sign up sheet for those interested in partaking in a beltline cleanup the 3rd Sunday of the month, January 20, 2013 from noon to 2pm; Abby to send out more info on the yahoo group.

Safety Committee- Derrick is the committee safety chair and is looking for new people to sign up to be a part of the committee.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

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.

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