



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Gabriel. Mr. Gambrell was not in so we did not have an opening prayer.

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

Vote – Yes: 10 No: 0 → Motion Carries

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

Zone 4 Police – Officer Philemon of the Juvenile Repeat Offender Department Zone 4

New initiative, to reduce crime we are trying to engage repeat offenders with officers; going after juveniles; used to be problematic dealing with juveniles because they wouldn't stay in jail. Now, they create file with DOB, guardian, location where they hang out, who they hang out with. They will follow the juveniles. When they go to jail, inquire with probation officer to make sure they know the parents, where they go to school. Probation office must be informed if they are going to school; verify on a weekly basis on school attendance. Offer them a program available in the city or neighborhood like big brother for example, mentoring program to keep them off the street. Westview is asked to know their neighbors, and the kids, show that you care. Do not hesitate to call the police for suspicious activity. CALL 911. For those who are "beyond help", they will collect info on these kids with other jurisdictions so that if they commit crime in other jurisdictions they can get a warrant to arrest them. They will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. If they commit a crime outside of Fulton county, we can provide warrant for their arrest based on file on them rather than other jurisdiction releasing them to parents.

JUVENILE REPEAT OFFENDER

Call 911 if you know of a crime committed.

JP – can we call on this program or police force for "scaring straight" program or equivalent?

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Major Bryant: working diligently to reduce crime; actively tracking burglars; some juvenile activity with this; have made some arrests – gang unit, burglarly unit,

tsimmons@atlantaga.gov ask her for westview crime

Lt. Ski – new to zone 4; Jsokloski@atlantaga.gov 404.520.5038

OLD BUSINESS

2013 membership drive – Dues are extremely important to youth programs, cleanup, and many events and activities we have throughout the year. \$5/household; \$2/household for seniors (55 and over). If you pay your membership in full, you get a handmade Westview sign made by Ken. Pay in cash or by check; make out to Westview Community Organization

Beltline Cleanup – Kwabena – it was cold. Trash removal and invasive species removal (trash in the dormant months, invasive species removal during growing months). We want to do it once a month, so it will be the first Sunday of the month. The next one will be Sunday, April 7th 2013, 2pm and they will meet at the church.

NEW BUSINESS

Red, Bike and Green – Westview Community Cycle Fix It

Danielle Kayar – Zarah Allabanza “Red, Bike and Green” – group of urban black cyclists who want to improve economic, culture

“love your block” grant – want to get a fix it space for bikes at RDA and Westview Ave. promote cycling and a healthy lifestyle, community board, benches. They have \$700; need to finish project by June. We want community buy in.

We do a monthly ride and cycle education to get riders out to neighborhood; promote local businesses, etc.

Concrete base; octagon; benches; community board – with glass, mosaic piece; collaborating now with artists. Need the okay from the cemetery because they own that lot. Water fountain there?

Need to connect with Development Committee since we have a neighborhood development plan

Lakisha Lake – Behavioral Health Clinic

Free of charge for anyone over the age of 6 who receives Medicaid can receive help from them regarding anger management, substance abuse; therapy once a week; life coach; 2 visits per week.

- behavioral assessment
- establish a relationship
- family sessions

Patrick – what about minors? What if parents don't care about getting them these services?

LL – guardian/parent would have to sign off on it, but wouldn't necessarily need to participate in the program.

Danielle – what staff do you have for this?

LL – we are well staffed and we check in weekly to ensure that the connection with the cases is sound.

Steffi motions that we extend meeting for 15 mins

John/Claudia second

16 – yay 0 – opposed; motion passes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Solstice – Ayana sent around a signup sheet for the planning committee for the event; need to start soon!

We need a committee chair for **zoning and code enforcement**. This individual would head up code enforcement in our neighborhood. If you are interested, speak with President Gabriel after the meeting or email her.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee – Pat Perdew is planning the spring block parties; need more members

Youth Organization – trying to find things for the kids to do this summer; if you know of Morehouse programs, please let the Perdew's know. Going to Albany civil rights museum, to the beach, to the camp; if you are interested in sponsoring a child for this summer, contact the Perdews!

-February event: the Perdews 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 are prepping the islands to be cut down and prepped for spring.

Development Committee - had the first dev committee meeting; this Sunday, March 10th they are meeting at Beltline to walk through neighborhood to discuss physical sites 2:30pm; we will be meeting behind the Fulton County Center on the beltline next to the bench.

Litter Committee – Kwabena reviewed this month's cleanup; thanked Damarion for his help in coordinating

Safety Committee – if you're interested in being a block captain, contact Darrick Young.

Volunteer in service – “domestic peace corps”.

404-873-6208 pat@patgardner.org Representative Pat Gardner rep was here
Gloria Smith 404-523-0071 missgloria@bellsouth.net
Rep Gardner will be doing a tire cleanup in several neighborhoods this spring
Major concern is redistricting of zone and the prioritizing of Marta funds

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

None.

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 8:08pm by Chaplain Gambrell.