



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Gabriel. Mr. Gambrell was not in so we did not have an opening prayer.

Approval of the Minutes – No minutes were available from March. In May we will approve both March and April minutes.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

Zone 4 Police – Sgt Hines

10:30 pm at shift changes there are problems with pedestrian burglaries, mostly on Cascade, at Kroger, and bus stops. Crime expected to increase with spring temperatures. Reminder not to leave valuables in your car.

Gang operating off Lucille/Holderness – Thrash set Blast set gang. TRSB. 17-20s. Went to Washington High. Affiliated with Bloods – will always wear red, bandana in back pockets. Call 911 if you see groups of males dressed as such. They are breaking into cars. May be selling drugs at Denny's. Reminder - do not carry SS cards in wallets.

Parking on sidewalks – precinct is aware of the problem, day watch discussed this in their meetings. Park Atlanta will do spot checks. Ayana asks if we can add parking on sidewalks to their monthly reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Youth Committee & Garden Committee – these are the two most active committees, but are not in the by laws.

Motion to add Youth Committee – Yea – 19, No – 0, Abstain – 0

Motion to add Garden committee – Yea – 17, No – 0, Abstain – 0

Amendments to the ByLaws to be drafted for May to include descriptions of these new committees.

NEW BUSINESS

Trash – Jamie Fisher - Possible motivator to clean up trash is to make it a monthly or quarterly competition.

Scott Smith – competition could be extended to collecting the illegal signs posted throughout the neighborhood.

Ken Carey – we can buy trash cans for the street for individual neighbors to take care of and put that trash in their own herbie curbsies.

Pat Perdew – Youth could be assigned certain streets for accountability and some income for the youth Darrick – we should identify the 5 worst offending areas: Deals, Denny's parking lot (code enforcement), all portal streets (first two blocks of SoGo, EO, WO, Stokes, Rogers, etc), Marler, Akridge, Enota Pl empty lot.

Ken Carey volunteered to organize cleanup – May 4th, 9am, at SoGo community garden. Perdews to provide coffee and doughnuts.

Vote to extend meeting – Yea – 19, No – 0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPU-T meeting is May 4.

Youth field trip for spring break to Albany, GA, to see civil rights landmarks.

Summer Solstice in June 22.

April 20 – Jonathan Kidwell – Mrs. Pippy’s - GABWAA gave a grant to fix her house. Portion of GABWAA to stain and seal pocket park fence next door. House Proud to provide tools, material, labor. 9am at 534 Ontario.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement – Scott Smith – junk vehicles, trash, debris, unsecured houses, herbie curbies left out too long are all viable complaints. 404-330-6190 is code enforcement #. It is important to follow up on code enforcement complaints and go to court hearings. Committee chair position available. In the meantime, block captains can/should help.

Development Committee – Patrick Berry – Beltline implementation plan – all Westview projects are Tier 1, which means they get priority over Tiers 2-4. Apr 25, 630pm – mtg at West Hunter for trail design input.

Litter Committee – Beltline cleanup Sunday the 7th.

Membership Committee – plan to gather names & addresses of residents who have been here 30 years or more to reach out to them

Neighbor of the Year award goes to Scott and Mark – among other things, they donated their truck to the Perdews for many weeks when their vehicle was burglarized

Safety Committee – Darrick brought “Slow Down” signs for neighbors to take.

Garden Committee – Abby – Saturdays at 2pm – youth get together to maintain plots.

Youth Committee – Jamie – ages 5-10 and 11-14 – two groups for spiritual and personal development. Community service is part of this – groups participate in community cleanups.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm by Ayana.