



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Gabriel. Mr. Gambrell was not present so we did not have an opening prayer, rather a moment of silence.

Approval of the Minutes – Because March minutes were not available, we reviewed them at the May meeting to review and approve:

John motioned to approve

Patrick seconded the motion

11 yea, 0 nay. March minutes approved.

April minutes to be reviewed in June.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

Zone 4 Police – Sgt Oliver

If an officer says he cannot help you, ask to speak with a supervisor: they must come out to see you. Officers should always offer their badge number and name.

OLD BUSINESS

Committees – Amendments to the ByLaws to be drafted for June to include descriptions for new committees.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Solstice: June 22nd from 2pm to 8pm on Muse Street. Cookout, BBQ contest; Adair Park and Capitol View are competing this year. We still need volunteers! There will be a brief meeting following the meeting tonight to discuss opportunities.

-are in need of a griller to represent Westview! Anyone interested should speak with Ayana.

Joe Fischer will be designating a day each month for community members to get together to work on community projects like cleanup, park maintenance and small projects, etc. Joe will be having these events every 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am. June 8th will be the first date working. He will send out an email to the WCO group to discuss the upcoming June project.

Rachel Peterson from Liberated Tech: Registered, non-profit technology cooperative to open in Southwest Atlanta; they are pushing hard to open this summer so youth finishing school can be helped to find a job. It is a recycling center where people can drop off old computer eqpt. Volunteers get refurbished into functioning PCs. Those volunteers get a free computer in return. The other computers are sold at a low price. Also will have tech classes. Check us out at www.liberatedtech.org. Will have a tax-exempt non-profit status soon. They're asking to have a \$5 pledge toward the kickstart of the group. Looking for PCs with dual core processors, laptops 2006 or newer, keyboards, mice, printers, etc. A complete list of needs is on the website.

The new representative for HouseProud, Free Walker, introduced himself. Reviewed work they've been doing in our community. Asked that if anyone knows of an elderly homeowner in the neighborhood who needs help with house upkeep, to let him know. Also, not just skilled volunteers now, but any motivated volunteer who would like to learn how and help on a house is welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John - concern for garbage at South Gordon and Ackridge; Scott said to call sanitations department to clean it up; they are supposed to clean it if it is in the public right of way.

404.330.6333 Department of Sanitations

Scott - would it be useful for us to create a Facebook Group (different from the Westview page) for info/input primarily for our internal use in the community? We would still have to use Yahoo for people who do not Facebook. Scott volunteered to create the group. Ayana: also remember that Westview has a twitter account which is linked to our Facebook Page.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Committee - John and the committee is working on plantings at this time. Ayana suggested that the community can help take care of the triangle parks. John would welcome the help!

Code Enforcement –

Development Committee – Patrick Berry – Beltline portion is set to open in May. This will connect to the line at the Hampton trail that has a playground. All the way at the end of Westlake; also the first southwest Beltline planning meeting happened on April 15th. If you're interested, make sure to attend the Beltline meetings to get involved.

Litter Committee – no representatives were present.

Membership Committee – Paola will be working on sending a get well card for ill members of the community; Pat brought a card for members to sign for Mr. Gambrell.; Scott Smith was presented the "Outstanding Community Member of the Year for 2012".

Safety Committee – Darrick had no report.

Garden Committee –

Youth Committee – Last month the TFA group took the Westview Youth to visit the Civil Right Museum in Albany.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm by Ayana, followed by refreshments and socializing, provided by the Membership Committee.