



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm 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 April minutes were not available at the last meeting, we reviewed them at the June meeting to review and approve:

Sherry motioned to approve to April minutes

Claudia and John seconded the motion

10 yea, 0 nay. April minutes approved.

John motioned to approve to May minutes

Haddi Mae and Barbara seconded the motion

9 yea, 0 nay. May minutes approved.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

Zone 4 Police – Sgt Oliver boliver@atlantaga.gov 404.762.1903 precinct

Sgt Oliver's cell (ONLY TO BE CALLED DURING SUN-THURS 3PM TO 11PM PLEASE!!!) 678.571.6138

Crime comp from May 2012 to May 2013. Please contact Leslie Ellsworth for a copy at leslie.gage@gmail.com

Sgt Oliver asks Westview community members to be wary of theft of items like phones and other "mac products" since there is a place at Greenbriar Mall where they can sell these goods for money. At this time, there are more cell phones being stolen than wallets in the area.

Sgt Oliver says IF YOU SEE STRANGERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, CALL 911! This is the best way to PREVENT burglaries/robberies. Never hesitate to call 911. If you want to be anonymous, tell them so during the 911 call and the police will not come to your house.

There will be unit patrol on the Beltline in this area.

Please know that dirt bikes, 4 wheelers, or ATV's are illegal to have on public streets and parks. You will get a ticket if you are caught on one.

Neither Tractors nor trailers are allowed to park on the streets in this neighborhood. If you see them, call 911 and they will be towed and ticketed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Solstice: June 22nd from 2pm to 8pm on Muse Street. Cookout, BBQ contest;



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Adair Park and Capitol View are competing this year. **We still need volunteers!** This is our annual neighborhood festival and this is our 7th year! Dada is co-chairing this committee with Ayana. At this time, volunteers are needed at all capacities. Typically, you may sign up for one thing, but may be used for other things as well. The sickle cell foundation will come and do free testing, the fire station will be a part of the festivities. \$40 per booth for vendors (non-refundable) - interested vendors should contact Dada or can sign up on the Summer Solstice website which can be found at: <http://www.westviewatlanta.com/community-organization/westview-summer-solstice-celebration/>

- a week before we will need volunteers to go and pick up trash at the site for the festival (Muse Street)
- the morning of we will need volunteers to set up. volunteers needed for 2 hour blocks. we need A LOT of volunteers for this!! (welcome tent, DJ setup, tables etc.)
- we need someone to help manage the vendors starting at a 10am.
- we need someone to help manage the BBQ-ers starting at a 10am.
- we have Adair Park and West End grillers (6 total) but no confirmed Westview grillers. Who will represent?
- we always need someone at the welcome tent throughout the day. this will be in 2 hour block shifts (2 people at least is ideal at a time)
- cleanup
- the weekend of June 15th we will need volunteers to pass out flyers for the Summer Solstice

Joe Fischer needs volunteers for the Saturday volunteer day is 1) to disperse mulch to get it out of the front of the Stokes Community Park 2) staining of the fence around the community park. Please contact Joe if you are interested in volunteering. **This will be the second Saturday of this month and volunteers will meet in front of the Stokes Community Park at 9am.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Jackson of the Southwest Methodist Church has a community outreach to provide lunches to hungry kids daily for the summer. Donations for these lunches are needed such as bread, chips, lunch boxes. This begins Thursday, 6/7 and it will be done throughout the summer until August 1st. For more info or to contribute, contact jackson356@bellsouth.net or call her at 404.761.1422.

Council Member Winslow spoke on community updates:

- youth ages 18-24 Urban League; orientation Tuesday and Thursday, June 4th and June 6th 10am to noon at 100 Edgewood Ave, Ste 600 in the United Way Building. this is a training program for repeat offenders. Council Member Winslow can have volunteers canvas Westview during the day to get the word out on this opportunity; Tracey Mosley Interim Director: phone: 404.659.6586
- back to school event at West End Mall (either July 20th or July 27th, not confirmed yet). more info to come.

Renard Johnson to announce his candidacy for APS Atlanta Board of Education. He is currently running unopposed. This fall in November is the election day.

- Abby asked about the law that allows kids over 16 years of age can drop out of school - this needs to be addressed
- Abby thinks it would be great if the School Board teams up with the successful youth organizations such as Imhotep to learn what works with their program to successfully engage the community youth

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Committee - John and the committee cut the grass bi-weekly at Ontario Park and the triangle at Willard/S Gordon. They have chosen flowers to be planted at the gardens for the summer, and they have removed the spring flowers. Several flower beds were mulched toward the end of the month. Volunteers are needed to help with the flower plantings.



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Code Enforcement – the chairs were not present so no report was made.

Development Committee – the chairs were not present so no report was made.

Litter Committee – Trying to finalize a date for another belt line cleanup at the end of the month. more info to come.

Membership Committee – Planning on a community gathering; more info to be provided in the next couple of days by John and Pat Perdeu.

Treasury - Claudia collected one \$20 membership check last month. The treasury account is currently at \$4237.61.

Safety Committee – the chairs were not present so no report was made.

Garden Committee – the chairs were not present so no report was made.

Youth Committee – Last month the Youth committee and TFA took a group of students to Ga Tech. Looking into planning a couple of trips this summer. It would probably be an overnight trip, although the destination is not yet finalized. Also looking at the option of having a few youth gatherings over the summer in the neighborhood. More info to come as the idea develops.

June 15th is a garden work day planned at the community vegetable garden - The Community FoodBank will provide refreshments for the volunteers. Kids will help with this and they can team up to help hand out flyers for the Summer Solstice as well. Also, the kids will be selling the vegetables they planted at the community garden at the morning of June 22nd to the community. There will also be a week long summer camp in July. There will be an afternoon art class and a morning and will run 8am to 3pm the week of July 8th. If anyone would like to contribute any of these opportunities, please contact Nydia nsid8801@gmail.com or call Abby at 678.458.3089

The tire collection day will be the second Saturday of July (the 13th). Ken Carey is coordinating this. We will meet at the Stokes Community Park.

Motion to extend meeting 10 minutes

Claudia motioned to extend the meeting

Ken seconded the motion

14 yay 0 nay

The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm by Ayana.

1 monthly senior membership was collected at the meeting.



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Submitted by Leslie Gage Ellsworth, Secretary