



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 9, 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 August Safety Meeting minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, David Cater made a motion to accept the minutes as written. This was seconded by Ken Carey.

Vote – Yes: 8 No: 0 → Motion Carries

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

OLD BUSINESS

Enota Park: Eminent domain ordinance was passed 12-0 at the city. The WCO collected 500 signatures and 30 independent emails in support of the motion! As a result, the beltline is now very eager to increase their dialogue with the community which will help us in progressing the development and maintenance of OUR beltline.

NEW BUSINESS

Police/Public Safety: Ayana's update: spoke with neighbors regarding trouble spots in our neighborhood. Captain Gibbs looked into Rogers drug house, but there were only 3 reports ever filed on it. COMMUNITY: we need to be better about providing detailed info for reports for EACH incident or it will go largely unnoticed.

-if police say "we already looked into this property", you say "I'd like another report filed" so that it gets into the system

-if the "problem house" is not where the event occurs, call 911 and report IN DETAIL that you have "witnessed suspicious activity" and then provide details of the event and individuals involved. If they refuse to send someone, ASK TO SPEAK WITH A SUPERVISOR IMMEDIATELY!

Bruce is compiling a database of all the events that are reported in our neighborhood so the detailed info you gather on an event can be shared with him and he will add it to the database.

Garden Festival at 1439 South Gordon Street on September 28th.

Fall Hike: Ken Carey will be hosting this year's annual Fall Hike at Sweetwater Park on October 19th. There is a \$5/car entry fee. Those attending will meet at the South Gordon community garden at 1pm the day of. Those interested can call Kendall for more info.

Committee Reports:

Development Committee – Patrick Berry (co-chair) announced the \$18.5M grant received for the SW Trail. The entire project will be a \$43M, and additional funds have been raised from public and private donations.

Meanwhile, the historic neighborhood designation paperwork is ongoing and being headed up by Chad Carlson.

Treasury Report: Claudia not present

Beautification: Ms. Chambers offered up a request that we get a letter sent out to the owners or sellers of the "Fried Rice King" at RDA and Cascade to maintain their property. There is a constant litter and vandalism problem here. Ayana offered to call the owner and followup.

Community Affairs/Special events: no report

Garden Committee: some plots are still available in the community garden for fall plantings!

-also, September rain barrels event "Barrels of Fun" from noon to 3pm at the community garden
-Saturday morning "prayers in the pocket park" each Saturday on stokes ave at 8:30am.

Membership Committee: Bruce is open to suggestions and needs direction on ways to increase community membership; he will be setting up a canvas of the neighborhood to gather more members and will need volunteers. Email to follow.

Youth Outreach: Currently looking into future collaboration with Wawa.

GUEST

Fulton County Commissioner Darnell came to speak regarding her main community issues:

1. Public Health – focus on asthma, HIV/AIDS and education
2. Mental (Behavioral) Health
3. Library funding

Remember, the Affordable Care Act ("Obama Care") begins October 1st. you must enroll starting then if you are currently uninsured. For more info, call Commissioner Darnell at 404.612.8222 or email her at m.darnell@fultoncountyga.gov

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.

No dues were collected.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm by Ayana Gabriel.