



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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Gabriel following a moment of silence and a prayer by Mr. Gambrel in honor of the Westview youth who recently took his own life.

Approval of the Minutes – we will review September and October meeting minutes.

Ken motioned to approve Sept minutes
Steffi seconded that motion
10 – yea
0- Nay
motion passes

Steffi motioned to approve Oct minutes
John seconded that motion
10 – yea
0- Nay
motion passes

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Holiday Dinner December 14, 2013 1pm-4pm

- a. **Annual Holiday Potluck** at the Westview fire station; next month there will be a signup for dishes needed that we will have out. Ken Carey will confirm a date with Captain Doug.

Items needed: Turkey, Ham, Bottled water, Sides, Desserts

Provided a signup sheet for those who would like to provide a dish. Contact Ken if you'd like to donate some food: 404.788.3431 or email at kenscarey@yahoo.com

Also, we will be collecting food for the family of the young boy who took his life. You can drop off this donation at Ken's house before that date b/n 7pm and 9:30pm. Ken's address is 525 Westmeath Drive.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Speed Hump Project** – Leslie Ellsworth of South Gordon St is working with student volunteers at Morehouse to get speedhumps installed for the stretch of S. Gordon from RDA to Westmeath. The city has approved them for this stretch if they can collect 66% of property owners' signatures along that stretch. If you would like to volunteer to help get these signatures, or if you own property on this stretch, please contact leslie at leslie.gage@gmail.com or you can meet up with her team Saturday, November 9 at 11 am at her house to canvass the street for signatures. She's at 1631 South Gordon where Manson meets Gordon.
- B. Zoning Enforcement Committee Chair** – new chair Bruce Williams
 - a. Pls see Ayana or Bruce if you would like report a house for code violation
- C. Membership Committee Chair** – new chair Rebecca Cater.
 - a. See Ayana or Rebecca if you would like to join the membership committee
- D. 2014 WCO Officer Nominations:**
 - a. President Ayana,
 - b. Vice-President Jamie, Octavia
 - c. Secretary David Cater
 - d. Assistant Secretary Sherry
 - e. Treasurer Claudia
 - f. Asst Treasurer Abby, Josef
 - g. Chaplain Jamie
 - h. Parliamentarian Evelyn Battle, Josef

Police/Public Safety: No police representative present so no report

Treasury Report: Claudia was not present; no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Development Committee: Patrick has spoken with the director of Community Landbank authority discussing removing liens against "phantom properties" with *no legitimate owner*. DC will keep us updated on the progress of this in city council.

Beautification: 10/11/2013 did a cleanup at 1385 RDA and bus stop across from Kroger; grass was cut at Willard and S Gordon; flowers will be ready for planting in mid-November; 10/22 weeds removed from Olympian Cir triangle; grass was then cut; apple tree pruned at 1635 Westwood Ave

Community Affairs/Special events: planning a cleanup day on 11/16 – will meet at Marler and Rogers. Bring gloves; WCO will provide trash bags.

Garden Committee: on 10/28 volunteers from the ATL Comm Food Bank came out and helped the committee mulch and clear overgrowth from the community garden on S Gordon. 3 beds of kale are ready for harvesting and available for any community member who would like to partake.

Also, the GC would like to start a community compost. If you're interested in contributing, you can get a kitchen compost that the GC will pick up each Saturday morning to take to the garden. Also, please drop off the bags of leaves you rake up at 1439 S Gordon (location of the comm garden)

Meetings to work on the garden will be later on Saturdays from now on at 11am to avoid the cold.

Their goal is to build a chicken coop by end of January 2014 for community egg provider.

Love Your Block Grant of \$1000 was awarded to WCO – with that money we've had a rain barrel seminar with Wawa, we're building a shed with rain barrel catchment system.

Membership Committee: no additional info

Youth Outreach: July had a successful youth group, and since then there have been many collaborations with the Garden Committee; this November kicks off the regular junior youth group committee (middle school age group); there will be another intensive youth camp this November. If you are interested in youth outreach the week before Thanksgiving, please reach out to Jamie.

Safety Committee: just remember to be mindful of your surroundings and fellow neighbors; if you are not satisfied with the police response, be sure to call their supervisor and FILE A REPORT.

Zoning/Code Enforcement Committee: no additional info

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Omar Hakeem – property owner since 1996 (1456, 1560, 1617 South Gordon owner): also just purchased commercial property next door to Methodist Church. Omar can provide up to 4 signatures for S Gordon speed hump project!

Mr. Hakeem is also heading a non-profit that takes over abandoned commercial buildings and populates it with programs for community youth.

Workshop: Spirituality and Community – discussions on reconciliation, confrontation; non-denominational; Morehouse Leadership Building this Saturday, November 9th from 10am to noon.

Tomorrow is voting day! Don't forget to vote, November 5th, 2013

First time attendees/new neighbors introduced themselves.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

DUES: No dues were collected.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm by Ayana with a poem called "God's Child" written and recited by a new community member Robert. Then Mr. Gambrell gave the final benediction.

Submitted by Leslie Gage Ellsworth, Secretary

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