



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2014**

Meeting Called to order at 7:03 by Vice-President Octavia Vogel.
Prayer by Rebecca Cater

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve: (Didn't see who it was) Second: Kendall

7 yay, 0 opposed.

Old Business

- Westview Summer Solstice – June 21, 2014. Pat Perdeu. Asking for everyone hands on to help out. Only 3 or 4 people have been meeting to prepare for the festival. We have tickets, but didn't get them out early enough. Both Octavia and she have their hands full. Presold tickets are \$5, at the door it will be \$7. They would like everyone to take 5 tickets and sell them. We all have to contribute to make it work. She also asked for people to take posters and get them put up in the local businesses. The Morehouse gentlemen that are here are going to help as well.

John Perdeu also spoke about the fact that it's a fund-raising event. Suggest that people buy a ticket even if they aren't sure they're going to be coming; treat it as a donation.

Pat Perdeu reminded the men from Morehouse that they could also participate in the BBQ cookoff like Morehouse has in the past.

John pointed out that the meat is supplied for them.

Pat said that there is no fee to attend the festival; the ticket is for sampling the BBQ and voting on them.

Kendall offered to pay the BBQ entry fee if Morehouse wants to participate. He also offered to let Morehouse use his BBQ pit.

New Business

- South Gordon speed bumps-Leslie Ellsworth - Attempted to get speed humps back in 2009. Morehouse helped get some. But she only has 31 of the 93 that she needs. And the city has told her she needs them by the end of July. The city requires signatures from the landowners, not tenants. We've had two children hit in the past year and a half. People have been clocked going 55 mph. The city's plan is to put in 8 speed humps. She pointed out that speed humps do slow down fire engines, but only by .3 seconds per speed hump.

She is leaving the petition with Rebecca for people to sign. Also, the city wants to get updated information on homeowners, because their tax records are out of date. There is also information about the speed humps if they want to take it home with them and read about the pros and cons. She is leaving envelopes that people can use.

Kendall asked why they have to have it by the end of July. Leslie said she didn't know why.

She is hoping that if she can send certified letters to the owners of vacant houses, so they can show due diligence to the city.

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

BEAUTIFICATION

No report.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Kendall: August 5th is National Night Out. It's a combined effort of the police and the community that lives here to prevent crime in the community. An opportunity to get together and talk about options for reducing crime. Usually it is held at Waters and S. Olympian Way. Usually starts around 7:00 (around 7:00 - 9:00). More information will be available next month.

Pat asked if he had abandoned the idea of having a yard sale.

Kendall said no, but he's thinking about possibly having an auction instead. And he said he needs to schedule a meeting about that, and that would be after the Solstice.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rebecca: T-Shirts are available for sale at \$12 each. The proceeds go to benefit the community. We currently have 44 dues paying members. We have newsletters; if you haven't received one yet, you can pick one up tonight.

We have ten signs that we need people to volunteer to place.

- Leslie volunteered to be one of the sign people.
- Jacincia Williams (on Stokes on the side of the pocket park) volunteered as well.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No update from Darrick.

Police/Public Safety

Lt. J Ellis.

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All officers involved in the Dunkin Donuts shooting are back on duty. There was a pursuit. The person came up this way and was confronted at Dunkin Donuts. Shootout occurred. Suspect was shot, fled the scene and caused an accident, and was apprehended. Only one person was involved in the pursuit. Started with a robbery, and there were multiple people involved.

Crime statistics: deceptive. Showing crimes down quite a bit. The number of burglaries on there is inaccurate though. It says 6, and there were more. There were 8 this week that he knows of, so he knows that number is off. Asking people to be aware. There will be a new beat officer. Unfortunately, three officers resigned recently. But there will be beat officers in cars this week.

Bruce noticed bike patrols. Asked if that was going to be normal. He said it should be. It's a Day/Evening watch. No bicycles on morning watch. We do have a curfew car we run as well.

John asked about the person that was shot and asked if he knew the condition. Lt. Ellis said no.

Leslie asked if the burglaries are in a particular area. He said they are beat-wide. He thinks there were 2 or 3 specifically in this neighborhood. He does not believe there have been any arrests. Says they're usually caught from fingerprints, and it can take a long time for them to come back. Also, as the victim you won't know if a fingerprint match was found.

Jacincia asked the typical response time. He said it was from several minutes to mutiple hours. Sometimes the next day. Also, the calls are triaged based on the severity of the call. And life always supercedes property.

YOUTH OUTREACH

David discussed the video production yesterday for the Mellow Mushroom contest. We have won one of the prizes: two entries into the Peachtree Road Race. We are entered for the grand prize. The people at Mellow Mushroom are very excited about the video.

Pat said that two children are going to be in the Lego program at Morehouse. Starts on the 16th. So let her know if you have children in middle school. For the children in high school, to keep them busy, they're trying to give them a stipend over the summer.

Pat gave a brief history of having children come to their house, and some of the plans for the summer. Field trips, etc. Suggested that people bring books over as well.

Bruce requested donations for people to help defray the cost of food that the Perdews serve.

David said that he is checking on whether there's a problem with the kids using the entries for the Peachtree Road Race. Nick and Zion Franklin have expressed interest. If that's going to be feasible, then we should check with other kids.

Octavia asked where books can be brought.

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GARDEN COMMITTEE

Westview Garden will be taking part in the Park Ride next Saturday. Coming around 5pm. Around 55 people. Just taking a tour, and taking a break there. Giving them flyers at that point.

David asked if there will be tickets there and a big sign. Octavia said there could be.

ZONING/CODE ENFORFCEMENT COMMITTEE

There's a place where a stump was ground down and the sidewalk is torn up. They talked to someone, and he said he wasn't sure he ground it down to the root. In order for that to be fixed city woudl have to come out.

Approx: In front of 1559 Olympian. Right at the light pole. Bruce took down that information.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Not present.

Community Concerns/Questions/Announcements

Someone else said there used to be big old trees that tore up the sidewalk. All dirt. When the city comes through paving, it doesn't get paved in our area. It's on Ontario next to the pocket park.

David pointed out that sidewalks aren't officially the city's repsonsibility. Officially it's the homeowner's responsibility. She asked if it would be worth trying to get them to do it, since they did sidewalks on E, W Ontario and Stokes. David said it doesn't hurt to ask.

When is the next Solstice meeting? June 4th at 7:00pm at 1540 Olympian Circle Southwest.

On June 14th there is a preview on Muse Street at 10am. So you can come help clean it up.

Submitted by Rebecca Cater, Membership Committee
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Pat: It's exciting to see so many people at the meeting. She also asked Octavia to explain about the Yahoo group. Octavia did.

Gwendolyn Cane: Wanted to introduce the Summer of Miracle Visitors, who will be working in Westview (10 youth) and in West End neighborhood development association. They are tasked with introducing Legos as a fundamental tool to teach engineering basics.

- Jonathan Cam
- Joseph Bell
- Michael Butler
- Christopher Bostick
- Christopher Phillips
- Kyle Hill
- Hugh Gale
- Adante White

Ali Carter with Andre Dickens office: has money for the Summer Solstice. \$100. New web site has launched: <http://Opportunities4Atlanta.com> Enabling web site for parents; activities for children, programs that are free or have waivers, etc. Has some bugs, but they're working on it. If you have a program, we would love to get that information. You can email me at aacarter@atlantaga.gov

Reminded people to come see Pat at the table about tickets.

Reminded people again to see Rebecca about the speed hump petition, t-shirts and membership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.