



Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2014

12/1/2014

Ayana (President) opened the meeting at 7:07 PM.

Main Meeting

Invocation

Started with a moment of silence since the chaplain is not here.

Approval of Minutes

No discussion. Ken motioned, John seconded. Approved: 25ayes. 0 nays. 0 abstentions.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

a. Cavalry UMC Christmas Concert and Men's Day

Rhett Jackson, a member of Cavalry: Wanted to invite us to annual Christmas concert. 12/13 @ 6:00pm. Rehearsal this Saturday at 12:30 if you want to sing.

December 14th, 2014 @ 11am is Men's Day. Topic this year is "United We Stand". Speaker: Tony Vaughn. He plays colonel on Meet the Browns. Inviting all the men, and invite you to bring a man.

b. 2015 Officer Elections

Ayana: is going to pass out the ballots so people know who is on there. Please wait to vote. The people on the ballot are going to say a few words.

President: Ayana has been president for the past two years and would like to be president again. We had a great year this year and it's because we have really great people on the committee. A couple of things we have accomplished in 2014:

- o Completed garden shed with the grant this year
- o New business committee
- o Secured \$11k grant to expand the STEAM camp
- o Had the highest membership participation since I've been in the WCO
- o Most active year on development this year

Vice-President: Octavia Vogel

Secretary: David Cater

Asst Secretary: Kyomi Rollins

Treasurer: Kendall Carey

Assistant Treasurer: Jacinta Williams

Chaplain: Sean Wall.

Parliamentarian: Elijah Tutt, Catherine Aaron.

Catherine Aaron withdrew her name for consideration.

Jamie Fischer's name was added to the ballot for chaplain. She is not here.

Someone asked if you have to be at the meeting to accept a position.

Someone asked who can vote. Anyone who is a property owner, business owner, or resident of Westview.

Someone asked about what would happen if Sean Wall wins, since he said he didn't know what chaplain would entail. Would someone train him?

Someone asked if there are roles and responsibilities of the different positions. If there is a person on the ballot, then it seems like there should be roles and responsibilities for that person. Ayana confirmed that those are in the bylaws.

No other questions. You can vote.

Ms. Battle and Ms. Dolores are counting the ballots.

Police / Public Safety

Lt. J Ellis: Nothing real major. Back off 12-hour shifts after Ferguson decisions. Up in vehicle larcenies and pedestrian robberies. Best way to combat vehicle larcenies is outdoor lighthing and making sure cars are empty of everything. On morning watch, increase in ped robberies. No arrests yet. Some are narcotic related. Others are people walking from Marta and coming home. These are "legit" people that are getting robbed. Keep cell phone in pocket. Beats headphones, purses are being snatched. Have a flashlight.

Rogers and Cascade. House with junk and trash. Quality of Life officer has taken pictures and forwarded it to public works to be cleaned up. Don't know anything beyond that. 792 Cascade; ongoing problem with that club. Shut them down three times and it's still open. License and Permits has been forwarded that information. Hopefully they will pull that. PD doesn't control alcohol permits. Cite and refer; that's all we can do. That's at Beecher and Cascade. Have served alcohol after hours. Manager arrested twice. There was also a shooting and a homicide.

?: Rogers Ave continues to be a drag strip.

Eli: S. Gordon is also a problem.

Sean: What's the process for traffic slowing. To get speed bumps?

?: We are already working on that.

Jay: Quality of life officer?

Lt. Ellis: Officer Character.

Jay: What do you think has changed with the burglaries?

Lt. Ellis: I think it's people getting gifts.

Steffi: A note: Not a good idea to put a flat-screen tv cardboard box out on the curb.

Treasurer's Report

Claudia is not here. She submitted her report via email. Current balance: \$3447.86. We had no expenditures or any activity in past month.

Committee Reports

Beautification

John gave his report. See DropBox for the PDF of the report.

Business Committee

Keitra unable to be here (sick). Ayana reported: Some of the businesses donated food and money to the Thanksgiving dinner that was sponsored by Pathways, Calvary, and some of the people in this room.

Community Affairs/ Special Events

Kendall Carey:

- Kickball in West End Park on November 8th.
- Sweetwater Creek Park hike on November 22nd.

Upcoming Events:

- December 13, 2:00 pm WCO Holiday Potluck Dinner, Firestation 17, 1489 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd.

Let Kendall know if you want to bring something.

- Cups
- Napkins
- Desserts
- Drinks
- Bread
- Tables and Chairs

Hattie has two tables and chairs she can offer. Elijah has three.

Sammie volunteered to bring cups and napkins.

Jacinta and Jay offered to bring desserts.

Sammie said he would also bring drinks (5 or 6 liters of soda)

Steffi suggested bringing food in a container you can leave, because we leave the leftovers for the firefighters.

WCO will provide the turkey.

Email kenscarey@yahoo.com if you want to bring anything else.

Marcia said she would bring bread.

Octavia said she would bring cornbread.

Ken announced that he will not be the special events coordinator going forward. However, he can help whoever becomes the special events coordinator with cleanups, solstice, National Night Out, etc.

Darrick: I believe Keitra volunteered and Tamara.

Ayana: We actually have more. Described the way committee chairs are appointed.

Shawniqa motioned to extend the meeting to 8:30. Seconded. 28 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

Development

Patrick Berry: Tomorrow at 6:30 at the old Boys and Girls club (down Donnelly behind Kroger), the Beltline is holding a meeting to introduce the neighborhood to the contractor working on the Westside trail. 6:30pm till 8:00pm at the community center (Life Center) where the old Boys and Girls Club used to be. On the second floor.

Emailed with the city lawyer to find out about progress on Enota Park. They still have the two parcels remaining. Tomorrow they have a phone call with a special master, which is the person assigned to overhear the people that own the property and the city arguing what it's worth. The other parcel is more difficult because the owner passed away, and they're trying to find out who is the descendant. City is going through due diligence to ensure the one person they could find is the correct person. So it's possible that all parcels will be acquired by the end of this year.

Jay and Sammie are joining the development committee.

Garden

Abbey: Planted swiss chard, broccoli and kale. We'll be planting some more because I feel like we're going to have a long winter. These are greens that can grow during the winter in Georgia. Hopefully we'll get some more beds planted soon. This Saturday Abbey will be out there between 11 and 4. Someone that is a farming expert (connection through Ms. Pat: Chris Chaperon) has reached out to help make the garden better.

Membership

Rebecca: Currently have 59 members. For 2014, \$30 you can join and get a t-shirt. Limited sizes. And you get a sticker. If you would like a sticker or t-shirt separately see me.

December 9th, 7:00-8:00pm. 1540 Rogers Ave is the next quarterly meeting. If you are interested in helping with membership ideas, that would be the time to come. Have talked about porch banners/flags, hoodies, etc.

Elijah: Where are you looking at the hoodies? Darrel Allen is on the corner of MLK. Behind Westview Cemetery. He does stuff for Willie Watkins, and does t-shirts for them.

Membership is putting together the newsletter, and we need help to distribute it. If anyone is interested in helping organize advertising for the newsletter, that would be great.

Bruce: Dues are January to December?

Rebecca: Yes.

Ready to Announce Election Results

Evelyn Battle is announcing the results. Saving the ballots for the committee to go through. Some ballots I considered invalid due to the fact that if a person was running and you circled, and you wrote in a name, I counted the one that was circled. Or if a person was running for a particular office and you wrote it somewhere else, I didn't count that.

- President: 34 votes.
- Vice-President: 35 votes.
- Secretary: 34 votes.
- Asst Secretary: 32 votes.
- Treasurer: 32 votes.
- Asst Treasurer: 33 votes.
- Chaplain: 25 votes for Sean. 7 for Jamie.
- Parliamentarian : 31 votes.

Public Safety

Darrick: Our committee contributed \$100 to the holiday party.

Youth

Bruce: Ms. Catherine is working with the young people. Has spoken with a number of the businesses. Has talked about young people owning particular streets, keeping it clean, etc. We'll know who is responsible for a particular street. If you brought cans, they are collecting cans for that.

David: Spoke about the stipends for the youth, and the request to have people commit those funds.

Octavia: Grant. We have to turn in a grant assessment form (narrative of what we plan to do) and budget to the Neighborhood Fund by Saturday. We will get that in by Thursday. We were assigned a coach, and we have been in contact with him. He's going to help us with a fundraising plan and a leadership plan.

Ms. Catherine: You can leave cans at the front door.

Zoning and Code Enforcement

Bruce: As of 12/1, every record I'm aware of that we've reported has been input in the code enforcement system. If you have a specific address we can look it up and see on my laptop. Everything we've talked about has been put into the system. If you have another address, you can report that to me as well.

Shawniqa: At the end of Wellington there's a lot filled with kudzu, etc. It's not someone's property. How do I reach the city to get them to come and clean it.

Bruce: That would be public works. If you give me the nearest address to me, we can look up the parcel and report that to them.

Bruce: There are 4 ways to report:

- Phone number
- Fax number to send forms
- Online form
- Fill out form and FedEx it

I have also prepared some information you can look at about what is considered a code violation.

Community Concerns/Questions/Announcements

New people:

- Erica: I represent my family. We're the Colliers. We just officially moved in today.
- Josh: I'm looking to be a first time homeowner soon, possibly in your neighborhood.
- Marcia Wilkerson: Keeping a house for someone who lives on Westwood. Been here about a year now. Even if I'm here temporarily, I like to contribute.
- Brandon Blackshire: Westwood Ave. White picket fence, a couple houses up from Darrick. Hoping to become more active in the community.
- Sammie: I am an official lawyer now. Been here since 2008.
- Krista: Michael Jones and I live on Rogers. Have been here about a year. Looking forward to being more active.
- Kevin Carrol: Also live on Rogers. Bought in September. Been here a couple of months. Looking forward to being more a part of the neighborhood.

Important Upcoming Dates

- December 6, 7:00 till 11:00. WEND annual holiday party. 730 Peoples St. They ask you to bring a dish. Great way to meet neighbors in broader community.
- December 13, 2:00 pm. WCO Holiday Dinner, Firestation 17, 1489 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd Westview Community Organization, Inc. • 481 West Ontario Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30310
- December 13, 6:00 pm. Cavalry UMC Christmas Concert
- December 14th, 11:00am is Men's Day at Calvary church.
- Every Wed 11:30 till 1 at Pathways, the Perdue Foundation along with the church and now Calvary feed people. Afterwards help people meet social services needs

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12/1/2014 8:32 PM

Contact Information

www.westviewatlanta.com

Frequently Called Numbers:

- Zone 4 Police: 404-756-1903
- Pothole Posse: 404-768-4653
- Code Enforcement: 404-330-6190
- Sanitation: 404-330-6333
- Tax Assessor: 404-612-6440
- Watershed Mgmt: 404-658-6500