



Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2015

2/2/2015

Ayana (President) opened the meeting at 7:04.

In attendance: 44 adults (& 3 infants)

Main Meeting

Invocation

Sean (Chaplain) gave an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Steffi: Says minutes were submitted by Rebecca.

Approved: 20 ayes. 0 nays. 0 abstentions.

Old Business

- a) Infrastructure Bond Referendum, March 17 Vote. Patrick Berry (development chair) reported that RDA has been added to the list of projects for the bond (in conjunction with GDOT). They have agreed to improve infrastructure from Cascade to Westview on RDA. Neighbors are encouraged to vote FOR the bond.
- b) Westview Village Mural. Patrick Berry spoke on Michael Jones' behalf. The grant for the mural (\$2499) needs to be submitted by WCO and there does need to be a vote. If WCO is awarded the grant, the city will need to approve as well.

Motion to support WCO moving forward with applying for a grant for a mural in the Westview Village. Sherry motioned. 29 ayes. 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

New Business

- a) John Onwuchekwa, Blueprint Church - John and Richard Mullen spoke. Moved to Atlanta a few years ago with people from Texas to start a church. Just signed a lease for space in the church that Abbey's company purchased. Catherine Aaron spoke about the conversations with the church about using their space for the STEAM camp next summer. John reported that the renovations for the church should be done in May. John discussed Blueprint Church a bit. They suggested going to <http://www.cornerstoneatl.org> to find out more information about the church.

Treasurer's Report

Kendall: Currently we have \$6741.20 in the account. He encouraged turning in receipts if you have them, and encouraged people to pay their membership dues.

Police / Public Safety

Lt. J Ellis: Reported that he will be switching positions, so someone new will be coming in his place soon. Thefts from vehicle and auto thefts are the main crimes right now. Encouraged people to be mindful about leaving their cars along while they are running. They borrowed a speed detection machine from Zone 1 and put it on Rogers. Rogers Ave is not

a street where they can run radar. The city is trying to figure out how to address scooters and 4-wheelers, because it's becoming a serious problem. They are taunting the police, because of the no-chase policy.

Committee Reports

Beautification

John Davis
404-758-7639

Reported no activity from the Beautification committee.

Business Committee

Keitra
404-538-2372 or call at Westview Pizza at 404-753-4885

Reported that a barbershop and an exotic dancer clothes shop closed. Michael Jones took that store as a studio space.

Community Affairs/ Special Events

Bruce "Jomo" Williams
404-447-5804
jomoglobal@gmail.com

Jomo says we will plan on continuing the same 4 activities as last year, focusing on having events at the same time the city does the same event, to maximize visibility.

- 2 city-wide cleanups (one sponsored by CM Martin, and one sponsored by CM Winslow)
- National Night Out
- Holiday Dinner

Development

Patrick Berry and Steffi Langer-Berry
First meeting of the year will be 2/12 @ 7pm. It will be held at the Gordon St Presbyterian Church.

Michael Jones arrived and said a bit about his inspiration for the mural.

Garden

Abiodun "Abbey" Henderson
404-914-4682
The garden is located on S. Gordon St.

Starting a garden committee with people in it. Please contact her if you are interested in assisting.

Membership

Rebecca Cater
678-350-6927
rebface317@gmail.com

Encouraged neighbors to join the organization. \$20 per household for a year. She listed various projects the dues support.

Public Safety

Darrick Young

314-435-9088

darrickyoung2004@yahoo.com

If you're interested in being a neighborhood ambassador (looking out for neighbors and community) please contact him. He also gave information about the Beecher Hills Elementary school. It is an international baccalureate school. They give tours.

Youth

Catherine Aaron
678-508-5547

Planning a movie on the lawn for the kids (for all ages), perhaps some time in April. Working on connecting with kids in the neighborhood, particularly to sign them up for the camp.

Zoning and Code Enforcement

Sherry Bailey
678-644-5820
sherrybailey68@gmail.com

Had the first committee meeting on 1/28/15, and it was well attended. If you have properties to report that are delapidated, please contact her. One of the goals is to figure out which rooming houses in the neighborhood actually have licenses, and to report the ones that don't. Ali Carter from CM Dickens' office requested that the list of issues be shared with him as well.

Community Concerns/Questions/Announcements

New people introduced themselves.

The new president of Westwood With A Vision came. They meet at Providence Missionary Baptist. Second Tuesday of every month.

Jomo announced that he wants to gather renters and have conversations around moving towards homeownership, if that's their interest. Contact him if you are interested.

Ali Carter - Chief of Staff for CM Andre Dickens
404-548-6480
aacarter@atlantaga.gov

Encouraged the community to spread the word to entrepreneurs about locating in Westview.
Spoke about a grant available for the arts.

Barbara Washington from Clela Winslow's office
bwashington@atlantaga.gov

They need our help with vacant and blighted properties. They will be exploring using Article V to resolve issues with these properties.

Sean discussed the Fort McPherson sale to Tyler Perry. There is a page called "stop the Tyler Perry land grab" that you can go to for more information. Barbara Washington reported that they tried to get a developer to buy into the plan for 4 years, and couldn't get one. They had a developer that came in, and that fell apart. Once it fell apart, no one else came in. Their backs were against the wall, and they needed to make a deal. She encouraged people to come to the community meetings, and continuing to create a dialog. There is still an opportunity to provide input.

Abbey reported that on 544 Langhorn St, Orange Moon Sanctuary has opened. MWF 6:30-7:45 Happy Hour Yoga.

Important Upcoming Dates

- February 11, 7 – 9 pm NPU-T Meeting, 1444 Lucile Ave

- February 19, 6:30 pm 3rd Thursdays Pizza Night! 1550 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd
- March 2, 7 pm WCO Monthly Meeting, 1471 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd
- March 17, 7 pm City of Atlanta Infrastructure Bond Referendum

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 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
- Major Vince Moore: vmoore@atlantaga.gov
- Pastor Willie Clyde from Pathways: 404-274-1810