



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2015**

5/4/2015

David Cater (Secretary) opened the meeting at 7:10 PM

In attendance: 50

**Main Meeting**

Invocation

Invocation by chaplain, Saifa.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes printed out to review.

Police / Public Safety

Sgt. Bunyan is here. Stats compared to last year. :

- Homicides percentage is good.
- Rape: 0%
- Burglaries: up 200%. Actual number is 2. Last year was 0.
- Residentail burglaries: down 63%.
- Vehicle larcenies: up 700%. Last year had 1, this year have 8.
- Larcenices from vehicles: down 20%.
- Auto theft: up 100%.

He just came from zone 6. In zone 6, didn't have the kind of energy and camaraderie they have here. Zone 4 is very large. As a supervisor, Sgt. Bunyan is also answering calls.

There are a lot of young officers. He knows the first response can be long. But most of the officers that police this area are not from here. They came here. So they have to bring up addresses on GPS. And sometimes just driving there takes 10 minutes. Once all factors are taken into account, it can be 15+ minutes to get to the call. Once they do show up, though, he asks that his officers be able to handle the call rather than being abused and yelled at.

They are starting a new traffic unit starting yesterday. That should help with people not being able to commit crimes without any police presence. But they are only on duty for particular hours (12pm to 8pm). And criminals know those hours too.

Remember: call something in as soon as you see it. Second, secure yourself. Don't leave items in the vehicle.

[Octavia arrived to take over the meeting]

J Scott brought up sky firing and the reports he has made. How can we get some action on that? Who can we speak to?

Sgt. Bunyan has the same question about why they don't have more units operating at night.

Octavia asks others to ask further questions in the hall.

### Barbershop 3

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Starting to prepare on RDA. Filming on 1500 block of RDA at Mr. Quinn's furniture shop. Near Westview Pizza, Good Hair, and the opposite side of that street. Will be making preparations until shooting begins on May 18th. Filming for 4 days. Location is East Ontario to West Ontario.

- Don't anticipate much impact on the 18th. Intermittent traffic control after 7pm.
- T, Wed, Th will repeat that pattern.
- Then will step away for a few days.
- Then will come back on Tuesday, 5/26 and will film night scenes. Will have a closure on the street from 9am till 4pm, and then 7pm to 5am.
- When closure is there, there will be a detour route. Will be distributing a letter this week that includes all of the details just mentioned. Email, city will have it available, and there will be guys putting them on each doorstep within a 3 block radius of the film location. The letter will contain Clint's email and phone number. I encourage you to reach out and ask any questions you have.

Rebecca asks if they would like to join the WCO. He said he would get her information.

Abbey asks if there is any information about being extras. Clint says he doesn't believe they've locked in the extras casting company. Generally there is a Facebook group and you can submit photos there.

Sherry pointed out that there is a Facebook Neighbors page as well.

Clint also pointed out that they plan on taking lanes on East Ontario for working trucks.

Capucine pointed out that there are no driveways on parts of the street, so be mindful that for some houses the street parking is the only parking.

### New Business

- America Raves

Beverly Rhodes, CEO  
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Youth program. In existence for 12 years. Have had some national exposure. Have been in Westview/West End since 2013.

We are in the process of making a movie. It's an HIV awareness movie. GA State has done a lot of research. Found that 30310 has the highest rate of infection in the city of Atlanta. Since 2010, 50% of newest infections are among teenagers. A goal is to empower young people. They are very smart, but they don't take HIV seriously.

The movie will focus on a young man actually dealing with the reality of living with HIV, from finding out he has it to dealing with the ramifications.

Here tonight because they want to do the filming in this community. They want to recruit young people to be part of the filming. Will be working on a promotional video in the next week. Hoping to get some funding and get the movie into movie theaters, not just on DVD.

Looking for young people from 12 to 18, for positions in front of and behind the camera. There is no charge to be involved. And right now we are only looking for extras; the main characters have been selected. The information will go

out as soon as they are ready to start finding additional people. Right now the focus is on the promotional video. So far have raised enough money to get through casting and do some initial preparation work.

- Urban Waters Federal Partnership

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Proctor Creek watershed basin is one of the sites picked by the EPA. Mayors and urban leaders noted that urban communities need to be more involved in the environmental movement. Proctor Creek watershed basin is in West Atlanta.

That urban watershed basin "deserves to have a shot at housing opportunities to look at how waters have been backed up, how flooding has increased since the build up downtown". Various developments have created impervious surfaces, causing issues with the Chatahoochee.

Al is one of the people selected to come out and interact with the communities. Includes 9 partner NPUs and 4 connected NPUs. 38 connected community organizations and 9 connected community organizations. Kicked this off 5/1.

Looking for various leaders in the community to deliver their communication and translate that into public policy.

What is the immediate impact on the neighborhoods around here? Atlanta has not done an assessment about 9 point source funding. They know how it comes off a building, but not how it runs through the street. An immediate assessment to get that data affects us because we don't have it available.

Time frame for the effort: between May 1st and November 30th. 7 round table discussions, a townhall meeting, and a community forum. Will get a letter requesting our community organization to host a town hall meeting or round table meeting.

### Old Business

- Solstice 2015 update - Kiyomi is the chair. June 20th 2015 from 11 till 8 is the Summer Solstice. This is the 8th annual festival. Anyone interested in registering can go to the Westview web site or the Facebook page. Text 678-777-6810 if you have questions. Please share the link.

### More Barbershop 3: Facade Improvement

Cleta Winslow is here to discuss the facade improvement on the store along RDA. Ali Carter joined in to explain. They will be doing permanent facade improvements along there.

Motion to extend by 15 minutes: J Scott, seconded by Saifa. 27 ayes.

Clint showed the facade. New windows, double doors, concrete wall along the bottom, aluminum siding. Will also put an awning at Westview Pizza. Will repaint the Westview storefront as well. Have arranged for that awning to be permanent as well.

Steffi: Currently there is a section that comes in.

Clint: That section will stay. Where you have a couple of doors with a block in between, now you'll have glass windows and a door.

Motion to approve the plans, leave them there and ex: Bruce moves, Sherry seconds the motion. 33 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

Cleta discussed some legislation related to West End. Patrick Berry pointed out that while we have been discussing that for a long time, we should have our own effort on rezoning rather than tagging onto West End's legislation. Cleta agreed; felt like they shouldn't try to include Westview, because we may have different stipulations.

Cleta is also honorary chairperson for West End Arts and Jazz Festival. Any artists that want to participate, there is a meeting at Star Theater in West End on 5/16. On the 17th of May at the Wren's Nest, some jazz artists will be there (2pm till 7pm). Cost of the tickets is between \$20 and \$25.

#### Treasurer's Report

Kendal Carey - No report.

#### Committee Reports

##### Beautification

John gave his report. Uploaded to DropBox.

##### Business Committee

Keitra - Discussed ways to fund Solstice. Discussed a "companion" rather than a checkout sheet. The handout will have an ad alongside every grill-off participant. So everyone's ad will be seen by everyone who pays for their ticket. \$25 to advertise. Business card size.

##### Community Affairs/ Special Events

Buce -

- Atlanta Streets Alive was on the 19th. Weather prevented a big participation. We have leftover water that will be going to the Solstice.
- August 4th we are registered for National Night Out.
- San Pedro Community Garden in the Olympians - This Saturday 9am until ?. Garden blessing at noon. Live music and refreshments.
- Bruce had flyers available listing farmer's markets that double SNAP dollars.

##### Development

Patrick Berry - One quick update. The mural with Michael Jones is progressing, but slowly. The permit takes longer than the grant application. Ultimately council people will have to introduce legislation to have it approved by full council.

##### Garden

Abiodun "Abbey" Henderson  
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Garden got bulldozed. Owned by FDIC. Various neighbors put in a bid for the land. The bid was accepted. Waiting for them to sign the paperwork. Abbey had gotten an email from Zillow saying it was listed for \$25,000. Checked with the listing agent, and they said they have to do that, even though they have our bid.

A crowdfunding campaign is being worked on by J Scott and David Washington. At San Pedro garden this weekend.

Thanks for J. Scott for helping secure the shed.

##### Membership

Rebecca Cater  
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28 members. We are in desperate need of your membership funding. We are also taking ads in the newsletter. Information on the ads is on the Westview Atlanta web site. Cannot stress enough how much we need funding. We are on a shoestring budget. Membership is \$20 per household. We also have t-shirts and stickers for sale. You can pay online.

Also want to compliment the neighborhood: over 50 people here tonight.

#### Public Safety

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Darrick arrived after this point in the agenda.

#### Youth

Catherine Aaron  
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We are on track. Just need to know by a show of hands how many people live in our neighborhood. We need to be asking the kids about joining the camp.

Also, Westview youth went with Teach for America to Albany. Pat Perdue is working with the mothers in the neighborhood. Trying to create some "me time" for the mothers. Please identify mothers and give their names to Ms. Pat or Ms. Catherine.

Ages for the camp: 8 to 17.

David asked about something to hand to the children to give to their parents. Catherine pointed him to the web site.

#### Zoning and Code Enforcement

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House showed to be owned by the city of Atlanta has been reported and they're working on it. No response yet.

Pat said there is a house on Gordon. Paid the children to cut the lawn. Has been vacant. Sherry said she would find the address.

#### Community Concerns/Questions/Announcements

New people introduce themselves.

- Stefan Roberts and Regina Roberts. on Kennolia..
- Ali from Knoxville TN. On Lovington.
- Tanner. Hoping to buy the house that Sherry and Steve redid on Ontario.
- Vanessa Smith. Habitat Home.
- Beverly Rhodes. Just returned in 2014.
- Family on S. Gordon that have been here for years. Ashley and her mother.
- Ravon Lewis. Moved in last month. Kennolia.
- Pastor John. Trying to find a house here in Westview. Currently in Vine City. Hoping they found one that will work out. Official church launch on June 7th. Hoping to move in tomorrow.

Abbey said that Abbey (real estate) said they had to remove the playground at the church because of safety concerns. Working with Kaboom to try to get it replaced.

Ms. Celery - My house is next to the garden that was bulldozed. You were talking about it last month. Been in the community for over 30 years. We are in and out of the house. We know it needs some work. Trying to get funding to fix it. Got upset when you started looking at putting chickens in there; didn't consult people around the garden.

Ali Carter introduced himself.

#### Important Upcoming Dates

- Pathways to a Better Community (PAC) - Wednesday, Weekly Free lunch from 11:30 - 1pm
- May 16, 10-6pm Community Day, with health fair, games and food. Details tba later.
- May 30th, jazz event that Ali Carter announced.
- June 20, 3 pm Summer Solstice
- June 29 – July 24 Westview STEAM Camp

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

#### Contact Information

[www.westviewatlanta.com](http://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](mailto:vmoore@atlantaga.gov)
- Pastor Willie Clyde from Pathways: 404-274-1810