



Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2015

7/6/2015

Octavia Vogel (President) opened the meeting at 7:11 PM

In attendance:

Main Meeting

Invocation

Skip the invocation (no chaplain).

Approval of Minutes

Kiyomi motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. CJ Scott seconded. 13 ayes, no abstentions or nays.

Old Business

- Ayana stepped down as president. Bylaws say that if president vacates his or her president the vice-president will assume the role. On June 30th we had an election for vice-president. Executive committee voted for Jacinta to become vice-president. No questions asked about the proceedings.
- Jacinta Williams introduced herself and gave information about her background.
- Octavia thanked Kiyomi for her work on the Solstice. 140 votes were cast.

New Business

- Capucin asked to speak to us. She has been in touch with Keep Atlanta Beautiful and the Dept of Solid Waste about getting trash cans installed in the neighborhood. She has been attempting to do trash pickups on the streets. Lots of food and snack garbage on RDA near the Ontarios. Apparently Keep Atlanta Beautiful has a list, and we are now part of the list. They are willing to provide trash bags and latex gloves. John Davis is planning on organizing a clean up in the next week or two at Cascade and Rogers. Capucin plans on being able to pick up the equipment.

Other suggestions for trash can locations:

- Rogers and Cascade
- Stokes and Westmeath

Apparently it is not possible to install signs without the city's permission. CJ Scott is going to check on that.

Dan Calvert who is here to discuss parks said he could submit a work order to the park department to get a trash can at Ontario Park.

Gloria Smith from Pat Garder's office. She suggested we follow up on who is going to pick up the trash.

- Veggie Tastes - Kiyomi and Naime are making a presentation. One of the initiatives the EC discussed is Health and Wellness. This event promotes that. Vegan and vegetarian chefs come out and give presentations: cooking demos, activities for the kids, etc. It will be September 19th at Westview Studios in the parking lot. They are still working on the time. TheVeggieTaste.com is the website.
- Rose Circle Park Improvements. Daniel Calvert from the Parks Department. Presenting the proposal. Going before the urban design commission on Thursday, and they are asking for our support. He would like to get our input. They worked with the "Friends of the Park" group. Going to be using \$100,000 grant at the park to redo the park.

Playground, benches, trashcans, basketball court, etc. The swingset is non-ADA compliant. Rose Circle park is in West End off White St going towards Lee Street at the start of the Beltline. Near Brown Middle School.

Trying to make it as inclusive as possible. 2-5 playset, and 5-12 playset. He displayed a rendering of what the park would look like.

Abbey: What is the plan on the basketball court?

Dan: We won't tear it out. We hope to do resurfacing, fencing, seating, etc.

Ms. Battle: How many children will this support?

Dan: I've seen a similar park support 30 children at recess.

David C: Time frame?

Dan: Waiting for release of money and going before the commission. We hope to have the money in the fall, and it should take a week or two for implementation.

Ms. Battle: What qualifies for the grant?

Dan: Demographics, income and areas where we want to stabilize the area.

Darrick: Would you be a good person to talk to if we hope to do something similar in our area?

Dan: Yes.

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Octavia asked for a motion to provide a letter of recommendation.

Steffi made a motion to send a letter of support to proceed with the playground. Catherine Aaron seconded it.

Ms. Battle said he doesn't seem to need our support.

Octavia called the vote. 21 aye, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion carries. Octavia said she would email the letter to Dan. s

- Update on Westside Trail. Octavia discussed this. There was a meeting about health planning that would be desired in this area. There will be another meeting at the end of this month. Please submit your suggestions for health planning on the Westside trail. Send them to info@westviewatlanta.com.

Louis Ali suggested not overlooking activities on the Eastside trail.

Abbey: We have people here that do yoga. Could the people here participate and be funded. Octavia said they didn't get into funding. The next meeting we will find out more information about funding. So she asked people to send information about people and companies that have health planning because we would like to utilize local people where possible.

CJ asked if the program might affect the hard infrastructure of the trail. Octavia said it would not

- Trees Atlanta will be doing a tour of the Westside trail portion of the Beltline. Thursday July 9th a tour will begin at 9am till 10:30am. Half a mile walk with several stops. The purpose is to get feedback on the tour itself. The tour will be planned to start at Muse and Lucile. Kay Wallace 404-431-2603 is the contact for information about the tour.

Treasurer's Report

Kendal Carey - This was probably the most prosperous Solstice. Had sales of > \$1100. Still calculating the expenses. He will let us know by the web site what the final tally is going to be.

As of right now, we have close to \$8000 in our coffers.

The executive committee discussed having a tailgate fundraiser. Ken is planning on putting up a tv and watching the Falcons football game. Morehouse football games aren't televised. The current plan is to do that sometime in October. Sell hot dogs and burgers. The current plan is to have it at Ken's house because he can use his own electricity.

CJ asked if we would need a tent. Suggested Ken could reach out to him if necessary.

Abby noted that we were thinking about Denny's in the hopes of getting more foot traffic. Ken noted that Denny's asked where we were going to get the electricity. Kiyomi noted that the owner of Denny's was very grumpy during the Solstice and was not accommodating.

Octavia suggested that if you have any additional questions or input that you can contact Kendall directly.

kenscarey@yahoo.com

Crime Prevention Unit

Another office is here and gave his contact information:

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Atlanta Police Department, zone 4
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Contact him for anything related to community watch, community policing issues, etc. This month they are having their second city-wide neighborhood watch training. The Neighborhood Watch training has changed. To be a certified neighborhood watch, you have to accumulate points. 50 points for the regular community, 20 or 25 for a senior community. You have to attend training during the year.

July 23rd and 25th will be the training (two-days). Civic Center is the first one, and Public Safety Headquarters (226 Peachtree St) is the second day. Enter on the Pryor St side. If you are planning on attending you need to register. They will feed people. And they need to account for parking.

This year National Night Out will be on August 4th. If you plan on having something, please register. He brought flyers for National Night Out registration.

Note that people are stealing rims and tires now. Consider getting tire locks. He suggested NOT leaving your vehicle open in the hopes someone won't break in. He doesn't want it to be too easy. Also, don't leave anything in your vehicle.

On Recycling: the majority of the recycling the neighborhood is "contaminated". Everything is not recyclable. The people that pick it up are not allowed to separate. If you mix it, it becomes contaminated and they won't pick it up. He posted a list on NextDoor of what is recyclable and what isn't.

Police / Public Safety

Sgt R. Anaya - Sector supervisor. Burglaries, car breakins are trending. They are looking for identity theft in a lot of cases.

Any questions, comments or concerns, see them in the hall.

Committee Reports

Beautification

John gave his report. The report has been uploaded to DropBox.

Membership

Rebecca Cater
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39 members. Membership is \$20. Still looking on people to assist with delivering newsletters. The newsletter is accepting ads. If you have suggestions for an article see Rebecca.

Catherine noted that she never sees a newsletter.

Steffi noted that this is SBC's first birthday.

Public Safety

Darrick Young
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Darrick reiterated what the officer said: don't leave items in your car.

Development

Patrick: 2 quick updates.

- Councilmember CT Martin finally got the legislation passed. Turns out they passed it on June 1st but his aide didn't realize that. Michael Jones will be painting the mural. WCO received a grant of \$2499 to put the mural up.
- There is a collective of SW Atlanta neighborhoods working on development. Striving for healthy food options, development, etc. The president of Adair Park started the group. They have started doing cash mobs. Bowling night at Metro Lanes was the first one. Schedule (will be online)
 - Bocard pizza: 7/8-7/12
 - Dee's Cafe: 8/1-8/2 breakfast and brunch
 - Kimber's Cafe Carribean : 8/13-8/15
 - Mustard Seed: 8/26-8/29

"I love Intown SW Atlanta" is the Facebook page to keep an eye on this.

Youth

Catherine Aaron
678-508-5547

STEAM Camp is going really well. An average of 38 kids attending the camp. Kevin noted that we could use volunteers for certain things. David made a special request for adults to help with corralling kids who aren't interested in working on technology to play games or something.

Abbey also made a request for drivers as well as people to help facilitate games during recess.

8:14. Octavia needs a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. CJ motioned, Bruce seconded. 27 ayes, 0 nays.

Garden

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We signed a contract a month ago. It expired because the FDIC wasn't able to get the environmental inspection done. We resigned another contract. Waiting on a response back. That contract expires July 15th. Abbey suggested putting more pressure on them if nothing happens by then. The Habesha group is still committed to helping us build the garden back up. A soil test was done and the soil is great.

There is a Gofundme.com/WestviewGarden fund-raising campaign for raising money for the garden.

Capucin asked if we could throw a fundraiser just for the garden. Abbey said that would be great.

Zoning and Code Enforcement

CJ Scott is the new chair. 14 houses that he found that are not in compliance. Citizens' Gateway Account. You can enter a code and find out what's going on at that address. Some of those can take 2 years. This will give us the ability to see where that address is in the process. There will be a single email you can send email to for Westview code issues. CJ will be able to pass that on when he leaves the job. Hopes to have a complete survey soon.

CJ will be reaching out to code enforcement for the city to the contact he has.

Community Affairs/ Special Events

Bruce noted that we are planning on participating in National Night Out.

Business Committee

Keitra is not here.

Community Concerns/Questions/Announcements

- Rebecca saw a post online that West End Marta station is going to be selling fresh fruits and vegetables. Starts next Friday. Steffi says she believes it ends at 6.

Important Upcoming Dates

- June 29 – July 24 Westview STEAM Camp
- September 19th - The Veggie Taste
- August 5th - National Night Out

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

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: vmoores@atlantaga.gov
- Pastor Willie Clyde from Pathways: 404-274-1810