



Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2015

10/5/2015

Octavia Vogel (President) opened the meeting at 7:05 PM

In attendance: 39

**Main Meeting**

Invocation

Chaplain Saifa gave the invocation.

Modifications to Agenda

No modifications to the agenda.

Abbey motioned to accept, Saifa seconded. 18 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Minutes

No edits.

Kendal motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Kyiomi seconded. 17 ayes, no abstentions or nays.

Police / Public Safety

Brand new to zone 4.

Lt. Lyon. Morning commander.

Lt. Dorian Graham. Evening commander.

Lyon spent 8 years as patrol in Zone 4. Have been here for 1.5 weeks. Lyon expects to be the person we'll see for a while from now on. Stolen vehicles and larceny from vehicles. Make sure you don't leave keys in your car when warming it up. Theft from vehicles is the other big one.

Juvenile crime is the big problem right now. 16 and under aren't allowed to be out after 11pm. Parents can be cited as well.

Owner of barber shop asked about the speed on the street. They have a traffic team. Lt. will talk to them.

Abby asked if people are taking into account the fact that teenagers don't have good decision making skills. Is anyone considering that?

He emphasized that as the law enforcement arm, they are concerned with enforcement regardless of the age. But there are various groups that handle them differently based on their age once they're in the system.

Ms. Catherine pointed out that there are new faces every time we have a meeting. Also wanted to let them know that we are behind them 100%. Lt. Lyon said that he is assigned to this, so he should be here every time.

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Old Business

- Last meeting there was a question about the guidelines in the bylaws for the speakers. Those terms have been in the bylaws since 2001. If you have questions about the bylaws or want copies, send email to Octavia at [olvogel@yahoo.com](mailto:olvogel@yahoo.com).
- Setting a budget for correspondence. Wanted to have a few minutes to discuss setting that. Octavia suggests ~\$250/year. That would support 10 families at \$25/year.

Kyiomotioned, John seconded it. 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

### New Business

- Wanted to recognize Barbara Chambers for the great work that she has done. She has been involved since 1974. Served as president, special events chair. Used to hold annual fire anniversary for our firefighters every year. Has been involved with the Atlanta History Center. Has been a great asset. Octavia presented her with a certificate. Are going to be partnering with Calvary to honor her and other neighbors on Sunday at 11am.
- Ms. Battle heading up nomination committee. Ms. Chambers will be helping her. please submit information to Ms. Battle. You can call her at 404-753-5455. If you are interested in running, please reach out to her.
- We will be hosting a special meeting (public meeting). Currently scheduled for October 26th, 7:00 to 8:30pm. This is a community input meeting. Related to neighborhood commercial zoning. Trying to see if Kipp Strive can host it. We will provide location vs. Facebook page and Yahoo group, and Octavia will make some calls. City will come out and share information. Email Octavia for information about legislation.

### Treasurer's Report

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- Summer Solstice. I was given \$1000 that day from a lady in the front booth. She said that was "day of" ticket sales. Kiyomi gave me \$85. I considered that pre-ticket sales. From PayPal, transferred \$850 to our bank account. CT Martin gave \$250 twice. Clela Winslow gave \$150. Mary Jane (the tv show) gave \$1000. Total of \$3585. Expenses:
  - Ms. D's: \$300 for meat.
  - Administrative fees (advertising, porta-potty, permit, signs (\$247).
  - Security - \$2160, because it's a state route.
  - Total: \$3290.
  - Profit: \$291.08.

As of today: \$7169.71

### Committee Reports

#### Beautification

John gave his report. He said that someone had asked about getting the crepe myrtles pruned in the Ontario triangle. Ms. Chambers noted that that is the city's responsibility. John asked her to help him contact the right person.

#### Business Committee

Businesses will participate in the Halloween walk. That will be October 31st from 2 to 6. Participating businesses will be marked with balloons.

Calvary is having trunk-or-treat that day, from 5 to 7.

A new neighbor, Chantelle reached out to the city about sidewalks. Octavia noted that the city just passed legislation saying that the city is responsible for sidewalks, not homeowners. Talk to Jacinta or Ms. Chambers about who to contact.

## Public Safety

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Reminder: keep valuables out of sight and not in the car.

On the incident at Denny's: there was no report on it. Appeared to be a "phantom victim". They got the number of the "victim", and it wasn't a good number. The person asked why people kept calling her. They researched calls to 911. They weren't found. None of the information about the event was found.

## Westview Commercial District Assoc

Assoc started to address issues with the commercial corridor. Other neighborhoods have strong business associations as well as neighborhood organizations. Kyiomi is the president. Ms. D. is the vp. Ron from the Barber Loft. Keitra is treasure. Crystal Naseer from Kipp serves on the board. Meetings are third Monday of each month.

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We do have vacancies in our commercial district.

Saifa asked: for businesses that want to rent on the strip, what do they need before trying to rent.

Kyiomi: Important to attend meetings regarding zoning. For instance, we may be talking about a distance requirement. Example: for the barbershop. We have two barbershops in that corridor. May be talking about a distance requirement based on the type of business. If you are thinking about starting a business, it would be good to come and see what kinds of ordinances are being proposed.

Ms. Chambers: From now on, no committee organized outside of the Westview meeting. Last month the meetings overlapped.

Kyiomi: Respectfully, the business association is completely separate.

Ms. Chambers: so why are you here?

Kyiomi: Because I'm in the neighborhood, and this information affects the community. Also, the city says that we do have to have engagement with the community for that zoning meeting. The precedent has been set in other neighborhoods: there is always a separate business association that is not affiliated with the neighborhood organization.

Saifa: I feel like there is a dynamic in this meeting that has come out. I feel like the dissension comes at the expense of respect. As a member of the WCO, if there is any dissension, I would ask that it be done with respect.

## Youth

Ms. Catherine. We are still getting over our camp. We got permission from Kroger for having the youth clean up. So we will need something on letterhead from this group stating what our agenda is. I will be getting with the secretary to get that kind of letter.

Octavia: I will be working with you on what the letter says, since I have to sign it.

Ms. Catherine: We want vests that say "Westview Youth", because we want them to be identified. I was thinking we could start at Kroger, work down S. Gordon, and serve them pizza. And perhaps we give them gift cards. Bring 4 or 5 bags of trash and get a gift card. At the camp, we got a lot of outside kids. Really want to make sure we're wrapping our arms around our youth in our neighborhood. I would like to know who lives here. not sure about day yet. Would like volunteers to join a committee. Please reach out to John to help cut the grass.

## Garden

Abiodun "Abbey" Henderson

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This Saturday first garden workday. October 10th. Food catered. Volunteers are coming. Music. We will lay out framework for how the garden will look. Watershed has a green empowerment section. Will send someone out to develop a retention pond and use for irrigation in the garden.

Mulch still available for collecting.

Soil has been tested and is great because of previous efforts in the garden.

### Membership

Rebecca Cater

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Had 58 members last year So we still need more we have ad rates for the newsletter. contact me for more info on ads. Octavia brought signs that were woodburned. Working on cost.

### Development

Kyomi is giving the report for Patrick and Steffi.

Intown SWATL bus tour came through with developers and talked about density and discussed healthy eating options.

Showed off WPC and Mrs. D's.

Coming up: Neighborhood Commercial Zoning: RDA is a neighborhood commercial district. We will discuss streetscape projects, onstreet parking, bike lane. We would like the street to be more walkable. Opportunity to give feedback for what you want on October 26.

Westside Beltline Trail Update. Installing steel beams to support the wall on the Beltline.

Motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes made by kiy9omi

### Community Affairs/ Special Events

Bruce not here. No report.

### Zoning and Code Enforcement

CJ Scott

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CJ not here. No report.

### Community Concerns/Questions/Announcements

- School Governance Jacinta: Discussion about Opportunity school district. Each school will have local school governance team with two community members. Elected positions, election will be in January. You can submit your interest in different schools. Connelly is second-worst elementary school in APS. We have flyers for that.
- New people introduced themselves.
- Realtor: A lot of people from New York to Florida are interested in moving into the area.

### Important Upcoming Dates

- See agenda.

### Adjournment

Ms. Battle has a form for people to put their name down for different positions. Elections will be at the WCO meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Contact Information

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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](mailto:vmoores@atlantaga.gov)
- Pastor Willie Clyde from Pathways: 404-274-1810