



Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2015

11/2/2015

Octavia Vogel (President) opened the meeting at 7:02 PM

In attendance: ?? (no count taken)

Main Meeting

Invocation

Chaplain Saifa gave the invocation.

Modifications to Agenda

No modifications to the agenda. 13 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Minutes

No edits.

Kiyomi motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Saifa seconded. 15 ayes, no abstentions or nays.

Unfinished Business

- Elections for WCO on 12/7. You do not have to be a paid member. You have to be a resident or business owner. Evelyn Battle is the chair of the election committee (could not be here tonight). If you are interested in running, email info@westviewatlanta.com. Or contact Ms. Battle @ 404-753-5455. Can sent that information up until November 20th. After that we will be making the ballots.
- Neighborhood Commercial Zoning. Had a meeting last Monday to discuss a change of the Westview commercial district from commercial to neighborhood commercial. Patrick and Steffi will discuss that during their presentation.

Police / Public Safety

Lt. Lyon. Morning watech overnight commander for Zone 4.

Lt. Dorian Graham and Sgt. Crowder. Evening shift.

All recently assigned.

Major Vincent Moore is here as well.

It's wintertime. Property crime is driving crime in the city. Don't leave your car running to get them warmed up. Over 1/3 of auto thefts, the vehicles are stolen with the keys still in them.

At nighttime, leave your lights on.

We look at crime in 7-day and 28-day reporting periods. We compare vs last year at this time. Compared to last year we're down a little bit on everything. 9 theft from auto.

Theft from houses is often appliances. If you're renovating, don't put appliances in until the day the renter is going to move in. If you're putting in AC, don't put it in until the day before.

Major Moore: Other jurisdictions send officers to Zone 4 to learn how to fingerprint. We do get fingerprints from these burglaries. A lot of burglars over here are juveniles; harder to spot. The ones that aren't are easier to spot. If you see a box truck next to a house at night or Sunday, give us a call. They also ring the doorbell to see if people are home. These three officers here are held responsible for the crimes that occur in your area.

Moore: You have a lot of people walking in the streets. We can't allow people to do that. People walk down the street just flipping handles to see if they're open. If you're riding your bike without the proper equipment at night you might get a ticket and maybe arrested. If you're walking in the middle of the street, we will stop you for jaywalking. Purses, bags, cell phones are the top 3 items that people are looking for when stealing from cars.

Look at Juvenile Justice Reform Act. Zone 4 has more students that are suspended from school than any other jurisdiction. We have great truancy officers. Child In Need of Services (CHINS). We want to rally with the school to help get more in-school suspension. Lastly, we're going to have to start targeting people walking at night.

There were objections from several neighbors about the fact that it's difficult to walk on the sidewalks in this neighborhood even when there are sidewalks.

Moore: Note that we're not talking about streets where the sidewalks end or there are no sidewalks.. The streets where we're talking about have sidewalks up and down all the way down. And we're talking about 11pm to 6am. We are neighbors here too. We are making a valid, true effort and we do care. This is about quality of life. We have a lot of officers that live in this community. We have overtime officers that want to come over here because their families are over here. There were 9 crimes in this community last week. That's unacceptable. I want you to know we are working on this.

Chad Carlson: 1709 Rogers Ave. They were running a club or something. One day 6pm till 3am. We had to call around 4 times. Why do we have to keep calling time and time again.

Katrina: And it took 2 hours to come.

Chad: And why flash the lights? They just go inside.

Moore: We have to flash the lights. And we aren't going to cite them or arrest them the first time anyway. As far as response time, don't blame these guys. It comes through 911. I think that's a 3 or 4 priority. That means dispatch within 30 minutes or 1 hour depending on how they qualify it. I have asked them to dispatch the calls anyway. Just because you have time to dispatch them doesn't mean you have to wait. Had that conversation with Director Barret. Also, if they don't come, call back and ask for a supervisor.

Octavia: if you have any other questions, see the officers outside.

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Treasurer's Report

Tailgating fundraiser was successful.

\$5803.45 in the bank at this time.

Kendal Carey

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Committee Reports

Beautification

John gave his report.

If you clean up anything in the neighborhood, call John and let him know. 404-758-7639

Public Safety Meeting Announcement

Josh from West End. Public Safety Meeting. Thursday, Nov 12th. 7:00pm. West Hunter St. Baptist Church. 1040 Ralph David Abernathy. Have gotten confirmations from CM Mitchell, Major Moore, CM Dickens, and others to be there and discuss it with us.

The link will be posted in the West End group.

Development

Steffi Langer-Berry. Patrick and Octavia will be meeting with the Beltline regarding 1385 RDA Blvd, former filling station.

Michael Jones has finished the mural on the building in the Village. We will be closing out that grant.

Neighborhood Commercial district: will be having two more meetings. NC Zoning. Met at Kipp Strive academy for the previous meeting with a representative from the city.

Membership

Rebecca Cater
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Rebecca absent. Octavia read her report:

- Membership currently 46.
- End of last year 58
- Please join at this meeting or through PayPal on line.
- Sticker's available for \$2.
- Newsletters will be delivered between Nov. 13 and Dec 2 with the help of over 25 volunteers!
- Next newsletter comes out in February.
- Consider donating to print the newsletter (cost of over \$1,000 a year) or placing an ad.
- Please sign in and volunteer. Rebecca will connect you to the chairperson for your area of interest.

Public Safety

Darrick Young
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Wednesday, Nov 7th: Public Safety Forum at old firestation at 7pm for 30 minutes. 1384 Ralph David Abernathy. Major Moore and CM Martin will be in attendance.

I am in communication frequently with Maj Moore. So contact me with any concerns you have and I can pass them on.

Garden Report

Abby not in attendance. Octavia read her report. Work in the garden most Saturdays from 10 till 2. You can participate in the composting program. There is a sign at the garden discussing what is acceptable.

Holiday Party, Special Events

12/12 from 12 until 4:30. At Fire station 17. There will be a sign-in sheet at the next meeting. It is a potluck. Bruce Williams will be sending out more information.

Business Committee

Kiyomi. We had officer Britney respond to a call about 2 weeks ago. I had a conversation with her. She had no idea that all of those businesses existed on RDA. A good opportunity to discuss the situation with them, discuss the hours that businesses are open, etc. Darrick, and others, I encourage you to talk to the police officers and establish relationships.

For young people that are walking in the daytime, be aware of what the cheating scandal did to our neighborhood. Young people that are walking around, I talk to them and ask them what they're doing, what their goals are, etc. Ms. D has hired some of them. The point is, support your schools. We have some schools that are struggling. One child I spoke with is having struggles in the literacy area. When the parents I know (Orlando, Darrick, me) go to PTA meetings, we are the only ones there.

Jamie at the coffee shop just opened up.

Jamie: Community Service. Donation basis. We will be there as long as folks support us. T, W, Th night from 6 till 9. He has flyers. Saturday 9 till 1. Sunday 9 till 12. We are a worship fellowship, but we don't worship until 3. We have wifi, music, games and books. We encourage conversation.

Westview Candy Stroll was very successful on Halloween weekend.

Ms. D's cafe has a fish fry on Friday nights. That's part of a fundraiser to have additional seating. Also, Jamie has a First Friday event. Movie this month, spoken word next month, live music in January, etc. We don't serve food. You can get food at Ms. D's and get fish from the fish fry, and then come watch the movie. The Milagro Beanfield War.

Community Concerns/Questions/Announcements

- Kyomi: Kipp Strive in Westview was awarded a national blue ribbon school. Only 9 schools in GA got that. Kipp Strive was the only one in APS.

Important Upcoming Dates

- See agenda.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

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