

Westview Community Organization Monthly Meeting Minutes August 1, 2016

8/01/2016

Octavia Vogel (President) opened the meeting at 7:07 PM

In attendance: 37

Main Meeting

Invocation

Invocation given by Melvin Bray

Approval of Minutes-22 ayes, no abstentions or nays

<u>Motion to Adopt the Agenda –</u> 21 ayes, no abstentions or nays.

August WCO Meeting

- <u>Police Report</u> No police report
- <u>Treasurer's Report</u>
 - o Reviewed Treasurer's Report
- <u>Committee Reports</u>
 - o Youth
 - No report
 - Ms. Catherine will not serve as chair in 2017
 - o Membership:
 - We currently have 57 members!!! The goal for August is to increase it to 60 members.
 - Dues are \$20 per household per calendar year
 - Dues are used to support the solstice, newsletter and holiday dinner
 - Public Safety:
 - There have been a couple of break in throughout the community including the Westview Lofts, W. Ontario and E. Ontario that are being investigated
 - Speed tables have installed on assigned streets, Rogers and Westwood are the remaining streets to be completed, per the letter mailed from Councilman C.T. Martin.
 - I understand there was a party to celebrate the speed bumps. I just ask in the future if I, as the Safety Chair for Westview would be notified and kept in the loop via call, email, or some form of communication

- Special Events: More information about the holiday party forthcoming.
- o Development:
 - Speed hump project-thank you cards for Councilmembers Martin and Mitchell are being circulated through the body for signature
 - Question about process to get speed tables on other streets:
 - How were the streets that received speed tables selected?
 - E. Ontario had the required number of signatures
 - Rogers, S. Gordon and Westwood were selected in response to the accident that resulted in a grandmother and two children being killed
 - Since speed humps have been installed on some streets traffic has been diverted to other and neighbors would like to know how to get them installed on their streets
 - The process for speed humps includes contacting public works and requesting a traffic study and obtaining the signatures of 75% of homeowners on each respective street within 30 days
 - NC Zoning for Westview Commercial Corridor- Councilmember Winslow introduced the legislation earlier this year and it is hung up in the planning department; it is estimated that the zoning will be on NPU-T agenda in September.
 - What is NC Zoning-sets the standards for development of the commercial corridor and it includes parking requirements, the scale of buildings, etc.
 - Muse St- the beltline is building the westside trail and they have determined that the slope along Muse St was too steep so the trees along Muse St have been removed in order to move the slope eastward. The area will be landscaped and new trees will be planted A landscaping plan was requested from the beltline but they do not have one at this time. There is no timeline of when the trees and trail will be reestablished.
 - Enota Park-Trees Atlanta applied for a grant for evasive plant removal earlier in the year and were awarded a \$46,800 grant for covering two years. All work is to be completed by 2018. Enota Park is scheduled to be completed in Phase 1 of the integrated action plan and strategic implementation plan. There are designs listed in the subarea 1 master plan developed five years ago. The design phase of Enota Park will be very detailed. Question from the body about a multipurpose buliding was promised several years ago-the City Of Atlanta will not build anymore community centers because of maintenance costs.
 - Old Fire Station 17-there is a dumpster at this location because the interior will be demolished. This property is owned by Vantage Realty. The space will be repurposed as retail/restaurant space downstairs and office space on the second floor.
- Community Concerns:
 - Kevin Rogers will be moving into Hair Nirvana on 8/20. He is a licensed master barber.
 - Danielle Carney from Council President Mitchells Office- Councilmember Mitchell will be hosting his annual back to business conference. For more information, please visit atlantabacktobusiness.com. Flyers are on the back table. If you have questions, please email Danielle at danielle@atlccp.com.
 - Councilmember Winslow: A homeownership event was held in June and was supported by councilmember Winslow at Kipp Strive. Another homeowner event will be held in October and will feature down payment assistance from BB&T and Fifth Third banks. Atlanta Workforce Development and Councilmember Winslow will provide a career coaching van to churches that have feeding days to do job counseling.

- Question about funds to repair homes-The city has a repair program, the Atlanta Tool Bank also provides resources. Councilmember Winslow will work with elders that need repairs. Contact her at 404.330.6047.
- o New Neighbors: Whitney

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm