

Westview Community Organization Monthly Meeting Minutes January 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Jacinta Williams

Number of people in attendance: 26

Invocation

There was no invocation

Adoption of Agenda:

Orlando motioned to adopt the January 2017 agenda

Cappucine seconded that motion

18 ayes

0 nays

0 abstentions

Motion passes

Approval of Minutes:

Orlando motioned to approve the December 2016 minutes

Cappucine seconded that motion

18 ayes

0 nays

0 abstentions

Motion passes

Police/Public Safety:

- Doesn't have an accurate report this month
- Black Hyundai Sedan
 - 11 year old shoved off of hoverboard on 12/28 and it was stolen on Stokes Ave. Classified as a strong arm robbery. Happened in the afternoon
- 1500 Block of RDA- altercation and pistol was fired 3 times near victim's feet and then ran away. Known in the area but not have been identified.
- Break-ins to houses
 - A few on S. Gordon in the last couple of weeks. Both houses were vacant with 1 being renovated. Alarm went off on renovated property and was able to catch the perpetrator. Advice from Lt. Lyons is to call alarm company and change settings so they call police first.
- Of the 19 cars stolen in Zone 4 in the last 20 days, 12 of them were vehicles left running with keys in them. Reminder: don't leave your car running.
- Crime in zone 4 down 30% last week (weather has an impact on this)
- Major Moore is no longer with Zone 4. We have a brand new major. Major Terrell Griffin. His email address is tgriffin@atlantaga.gov

- Neighborhood is not considered a hot spot in zone given volume of crime
- Lt. Lyons may no longer come to community meetings due to change in shift but will continue to come until told by major to no longer and then will switch to new lieutenant.
- Crime overall is down.

Unfinished Business

- 2017 Elections:
 - Jacinta announced we held elections in Dec 16 for 17 new officers
 - Elected officers introduced themselves
 - Open Positions: Chaplin, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary.
 - Thomas is interested but needs to check with his employer. Will follow up with Jacinta offline.

New Business

- Jacinta informed community members about the purpose of committees and asked community members to be open to volunteering on a committee to help drive the community's initiatives forward.
- Committee Chairpersons:
 - Beautification: Mrs. Delores
 - Business: Kiyomi Rollins
 - Membership: unfilled
 - Community Affairs/Special Events: Kendall Carey
 - Public Safety: Darrick Young
 - Youth: Catherine Aaron
 - Development: Patrick Berry
 - Zoning & Code Enforcement: unfilled
 - Garden: Abidoun Henderson

Treasurer's Report

- December Total Balance: \$4,590.33
 - Upcoming Expenses: EC Retreat and Renewal Fees

Committee Reports

- Beautification: Mrs. Delores 12.14 pruned and weeded small bed on S. Gordon and used the last 2 leaf bags. 12.20 raked and cleaned up leaves. Still need members to join for future projects i.e. Willard Ave. Water valves are attached to assist with water shortages. The drought caused a personal water bill overage of \$13. Orlando is interested in efforts to keep Westwood St. clean (Dollar Tree area). Darrick suggests that we reach out to the respective companies, but the issue might be related to neighboring properties (per Orlando).
- Business: Kyomi is out. Report skipped.
- Community Affairs/Special Events: Kendall reports some expected planned activities are Community / Game night in Jan. Community Yard Sales, Hikes, etc. Committee

is seeking members for help in planning. Kendall would like to reinstate seasonal cleanup efforts. Kendall's contact information is 404.788.3431 (c),
kenscarey@outlook.com

- Development: Patrick the complete streets project w/ the beltline has been delayed due to contract negotiations with the contractor. Expected to be completed by the end of winter. Kendall does not believe speed bumps will be placed on Westmeath, and suggest Stop Signs. Per Patrick, Stop Signs are not used for a speed deterrent but Kendall can reach out to ATL 311/Public Works. Speed bumps require signatures of the homeowner (not the resident which may differ) and a traffic study.
- Garden: Abby is out. Report skipped. Jacinta spoke on garden committee initiatives.
- Membership: No membership chair but Capucine has been taking over the newsletter. She can be reached at lalacapucine@gmail.com
- Public Safety: Darrick Young he reports there has been a spotted rapist in the area who is still at large (as of 1.8.2017) but will research further as a neighbor believes he might have been apprehended – darrickyong2000@yahoo.com, 314.435.9088.
- Youth: Mrs. Catherine is out. Report skipped. Jacinta spoke on youth committee initiatives.
- Zoning and Code Enforcement: No committee or chairperson. Responsible for identifying violations in coding and housing and reporting them.
- New Members: Steven Smith & Megan Guttire* – Ontario, Mackeen* & Tamela Eltheridge – Altoona

Community Concerns/Announcements

- Orlando brought up recent break-ins. Suggested not leaving valuables in cars, utilize off street parking, and keep driveways lit.
- Michael asked about leaf pick up and wondered what to do about leaves as it seems to be inconsistent. Jacinta advised they should go out with weekly pickup and there is a schedule for street sweeping. Louis advised the schedule is online at public works website.
- Keitra – new business (Marrydy's in Ashview Heights), more details to follow but a flyer was passed out. Anyone interested or with information about home cooks, etc should reach out to Keitra.
- Fri & Pheonix (Darrick's kids) selling Girl Scout cookies. \$4 each, except the gluten free cookies.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.