



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President John Davis at 7:00pm.

Invocation – The invocation was presented by the Assistant Chaplain, Raymond Gambrell.

Approval of the Minutes – Raymond Gambrell motioned to approve the minutes. Mark Malaguerra seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 10, No: 0, Abstain: 0

OLD BUSINESS

Thanksgiving Service Project – Scott Smith asked members for donations to go towards the Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless program, as well as the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The WCO will contribute a small donation from its account. Additionally Shawnika Anderson volunteered to organize a box for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program.

NPU-T Officer Nominations – The following Westview neighbors were nominated for NPU-T positions: Aston Thompson for Vice Chair, Scott Smith for Secretary, and Patrick Berry for Treasurer. Voting takes place on November 12, 2008. NPU-T meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at The Shrine of the Black Madonna (946 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd). Residents have to meet attendance requirements to be eligible to vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Gardening – Stephanie Radbill introduced herself as the new Chair of the NPU-T Urban Agriculture Committee and invited neighbors to join her at the Community Gardening Fall Summit on November 15th to learn about growing a food garden. The Atlanta Community Food Bank will be one of the guest speakers. Flyers were provided.

Christmas Dinner – John Davis will ask Barbara Chambers to spearhead the annual WCO Christmas Dinner at Fire Station #17. Due to Barbara's absence Selery Heard will start the project. Mark Malaguerra suggested having the celebration on a different date than Morehouse's Christmas Carol Concert, which Gwen Cain said would take place the weekend of December 6th. There were additional concerns that the fire station may not be able to host due to the city's cutbacks since the fire station is taken out of service during the event. Scott Smith will email neighbors and John Davis will phone neighbors about the yet to be determined date.

2009 WCO Dues – The Executive Committee suggests moving to an annual WCO dues collection rather than a monthly basis to help future budgeting. This will make collections easier for the Treasurers and avoid neighbors forgetting to bring cash to the monthly meetings. The matter will be brought up again in 2009 when such changes should occur.

New Neighbors – Westview has recently gained some new neighbors: Pat Michaels on East Ontario, Lynn Caldwell on Willard, and Brent Danner on Westwood introduced themselves. Darek on Westwood said he would move in soon with his daughter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eckerd/RiteAid Property – Evelyn Battle has spoken with the real estate agent. They are trying to get a new tenant in the space and are scheduled to come out every two weeks to clean the property. Evelyn has volunteered to come up with a flyer to remind neighbors not to litter. John Davis will help with printing.

Voting – Gwen Cain reminded everyone to vote on November 4th. Steffi Langer-Berry reminded not to wear candidate's promotional items as you may be turned away for "campaigning."

Mortgage Fraud – Morehouse will host a screening of the mortgage fraud documentary "When A House Is Not A Home" followed by a panel discussion on November 13th at 7:00pm at the Leadership Center.

Public Safety Meeting – The NPU-T Public Safety Meeting will take place at the Westview Community Lofts on November 5th at 7:00pm.

ToolBank Tool Rush – The Tool Rush will take place November 8th from 9:00am to 1:00pm at 55 Dremon Street. Early shopping from 8:00am to 9:00am for \$10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee – The Development Committee met with Councilmember CT Martin to discuss the possibility of funds to beautify the RDA commercial corridor.

Code Enforcement – Dakarta has been re-assigned to Westview. Let Scott Smith know about any code enforcement related issues. It takes a long time for the process, but we have to try.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

Crime – Mark Malaguerra reminded that due to the bad economy and the holiday season to take extra precautions and measures against possible break-ins. Get to know your neighbors! Call 911 when you see suspicious activity. Scott Smith added to contact him if you're interested in setting up a video camera and a monitoring service. Even if the camera is destroyed the images will already be online.

West Ontario Sidewalks – Selery Heard inquired about the sidewalks going around trees on West Ontario. Scott Smith explained this had to be done to prevent the trees from being cut down. Parking will be limited to one side of the street. This should also help to slow down speeders.

Amir Farokhi – Amir is running for the City Council at Large 2 seat and introduced himself to neighbors, noting that Westview is a neighborhood gem and that he is excited to see the excellent neighborhood leadership.

Rooming House – Raymond Gambrell raised concern over possible rooming houses being built out on Lucile Avenue. Scott Smith said unfortunately no action can be taken until the houses are occupied.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Assistant Chaplain Raymond Gambrell at 7:50pm. \$18.00 of monthly dues were collected.

Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Assistant Secretary