



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Patrick Berry at 7:03pm.

**Invocation** – The invocation was presented by the Assistant Chaplain, Sheryl Brown.

**Approval of the Minutes** – Earl Picard motioned to approve the September meeting minutes. John Davis seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 13, No: 0

Earl Picard motioned to approve the October meeting minutes. Pat Michaels seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 12, No: 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Thanksgiving Senior Dinner** – WCO members have agreed to provide green beans to feed around 300 seniors for the thanksgiving dinner at the Atrium Veranda on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Neighbors donating beans should deliver them to Scott Smith no later than November 22nd.

**Holiday Dinner** – The annual WCO holiday dinner at Fire station #17 will take place on December 12th from 12:00pm until 3:00pm. A food sign-up sheet was passed around.

**Fall Community Clean-Up** – The WCO is partnering with KIPP STRIVE Academy (95 students and 20 parents) to do a community clean-up in the northern section of the neighborhood on November 7th. The kick-off will be at 9:00am at KIPP STRIVE Academy (1444 Lucile Avenue). Councilwoman Clela Winslow has provided a dumpster. Lunch will be provided as a courtesy of KIPP. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

**Operation Neighborhood Take-Back** – Community Prosecutor LaDawn Blackett-Jones and Zone 4 Major Perdue are sponsoring a public safety awareness project. WCO are asked to walk door-to-door on December 5th in the southern section of the neighborhood to speak with residents. The meeting point is the John A. White tennis center at 9:00am.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BeltLine Path** – The Georgia Department of Transportation has released the land for the BeltLine path along Muse Street. Contractors are scheduled to start work in November and are required to finish the project within 180 days. Once work is started the WCO will organize a ground-breaking ceremony along with West End Neighborhood Development.

**501c3 Application** – Nidhi Williams has volunteered to continue the 501c3 paperwork required to receive the federal tax except non-profit status. The non-profit status will allow the WCO to receive more grant money.

**Denny's Community Center** – Father John Lewis has rented two spaces within the Denny's complex that are currently being converted into a cultural/spiritual center. They will engage youth in theater, dance, and music in the evenings and seniors during the day.

Additionally the adjacent space will be turned into an upscale sit-down restaurant, A Taste Of Class.

**Westview Merchant's Coalition** – Father John Lewis is working on starting a business association with the other businesses along Ralph David Abernathy Blvd.

**Westview T-Shirts/Hoodies** – Lisa Ruggs provided samples of the Westview t-shirt and hoodie material. A sign-up sheet was passed around for interested neighbors. T-Shirts cost \$15, hoodies \$30. The shirts can be picked up at the November 7th clean-up.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**Morehouse Revitalization Task Force** – Gwen Cain announced Morehouse has received an Incubator Feasibility Study grant. The goal of the grant is to promote jobs in the AUC area. Gwen also stated some internal reorganization was required to provide us a future intern. Additionally she invited WCO members to attend her Christmas luncheon.

**Court Watch** – Seven community members attended the October 30th Court Watch hearing for the drug house arrests at 1620 Westwood Ave. Two suspects have been released without bond; a third has been given a bond option. The next court date will be in 2 weeks and residents are asked to volunteer as a Court Watcher.

**Georgia Power/Trees Atlanta** – Georgia Power has cut down a number of trees along Ralph David Abernathy due to their pole replacement project. As a result Georgia Power will donate \$6,000 to Trees Atlanta to plant replacement trees around the Denny's property on Ralph David Abernathy.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer** – Tonyel Stewart informed a Treasurer's Report will be available next month once the bank account information has been updated to the current officers.

**Development** – Patrick Berry announced on behalf of Kenny Ellsworth that resident volunteers have been surveying the neighborhood for street, sidewalk, etc conditions. Kenny will compile the information for the Westview Master Plan. A Master Plan workshop date will be announced at the December WCO meeting.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

**Resident Concern** – A neighbor expressed concern about the condition of a house on South Gordon Street and the resident living inside of it. Jonathan Kidwell from HouseProud indicated he could look into helping the resident if they are disabled.

**Dumptruck** – Neighbors expressed concern that a dump pickup truck consistently parked near Westwood and Cascade was causing hazardous driving conditions around the curve.

\$75.00 of dues were collected by Treasurer Tonyel Stewart. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

*Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Secretary*