



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Smith at 7:00pm.

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

**Approval of the Minutes** – Raymond Gambrell motioned to approve the November meeting minutes. John Davis seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 9, No: 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

**“Go West” Events** – December 12th will be a day of Westview activities: 1) A 5k fundraising walk for KIPP STRIVE Academy at 9:30am (meeting and \$10 registration at KIPP), 2) the BeltLine Groundbreaking Ceremony at Lucile Avenue and Muse Street at noon, 3) the annual WCO holiday party at Fire Station #17 immediately following the groundbreaking (a sign-up sheet was passed around to sponsor food items), and 4) a joint cocktail party with WEND at the Hammonds House Museum at 7:00pm.

**Operation Neighborhood Take Back** – Neighbors walked door-to-door on South Gordon Street, Westwood Avenue, and Rogers Avenue with Zone 4 Community Prosecutor LaDawn Blackett-Jones and a police vehicle to pass out public safety and neighborhood organization information. A photograph was taken in front of a recently shutdown drug house.

**501(c)(3)** – The WCO needs to re-write the Articles of Incorporation in order to turn the organization into a tax-exempt non-profit. Carol Cornelius motioned for the WCO to pursue the 501(c)(3) status. John Davis seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 15, No: 0

**BeltLine Update** – Surveying and work has begun on the Westview Cemetery end of the BeltLine trail. Weeds have been cleared along the old railroad tracks to make a hiking path. The organization is searching for funds to build out Enota Park.

**Westview T-Shirts** – Call Assistant Treasurer Pat Michaels at (617) 771-2006 to arrange paying for or picking up your ordered Westview t-shirt.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Land Inventory** – Devon Lambert (404-681-2800 x5483, dlambert@morehouse.edu) from Morehouse’s Community Revitalization Initiative handed out maps of a Westview land survey carried out by them. Neighbors should contact Devon with any corrections. Devon will email Scott Smith the collected information to help the Development Committee with creating the Westview Master Plan.

**1620 Westwood CourtWatch Results** – The three defendants (Gail Tigner, Travis Tigner, and Extravious Tigner) arrested at the property took a non-negotiated plea deal and have been banished from Zone 4 for 10 years. They have received 1-3 years in jail and the remaining balance will be served on intensive probation.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cleta Winslow Holiday Party** – Cleta Winslow will host a holiday party at Space (1310 White Street) on December 10th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

**Morehouse Holiday Party** – The annual Morehouse holiday party has been postponed until January.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

**Neighborhood Watch** – Darrick Young encouraged neighbors to form a neighborhood watch on their street. Police officer Lillian Robinson can additionally perform a security check on your house.

**Code Enforcement** – President Scott Smith advised when to call code enforcement.

**Shopping Carts** – The ongoing problems about Kroger shopping carts abandoned in the neighborhood was discussed.

**Illegal Car Repair** – A neighbor expressed concern about illegal car repairs being performed at 1786 Rogers Avenue.

**Speeding** – Cars consistently speed through the neighborhood. It was suggested the WCO could rent a speed laser gun from PEDS to survey speeding cars on various Westview streets.

\$68.00 of dues were collected by Treasurer Tonyel Stewart. Please remember you can also pay dues online at [www.westviewatlanta.com](http://www.westviewatlanta.com).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

*Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Secretary*