



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Smith at 7:02pm.

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

Approval of the Minutes – Raymond Gambrell motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. John Davis seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 15, No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

Community Garden Update – Spaces are still available. Some beds have already been built. A garden bed costs \$25 per season. Contact Scott Smith at 404-460-9047 if you want to participate.

Development Planning Workshop – The master plan workshop will take place on Saturday, May 15 at noon at KIPP STRIVE Academy (1444 Lucile Ave). The workshop will include planning and discussion topics ranging from sidewalks to the BeltLine.

June Cookout/Westview Centennial – On June 26 the WCO will join forces with the BeltLine to host the third annual BBQ. The BeltLine will host a 5k run starting at 9:00am. Registration will be free. Tentatively the event will be held at KIPP STRIVE Academy. The celebration will start off with an opening ceremony followed by a cook-off. Need volunteers for: Calling for donations, food cooking and food supplies, advertisement. Please contact Ayana Gabriel to volunteer at 404-345-3209 or agabriel1908@yahoo.com.

Replacement of Officers (Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Chaplain) – Vote to ratify Clementine Malta-Bey into the Assistant Chaplain position. Vote – Yes: 22, No: 0. The position of Assistant Treasurer has not been filled.

BeltLine: The BeltLine held a planning workshop for Enota Park on April 22. Copies of two proposed park options were passed out.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Pete Hayley – The owner of 1556 Stokes Ave has agreed to deed the property to UCDC. UCDC would work with the community to tear down the house and turn it over to the WCO to turn into a pocket park. Details are being worked out. UCDC would cover the demolition cost of approx. \$7,000-9,000. KaBOOM may have grants for playground equipment. Claudia Hicks motioned to allow the Executive Committee to work with UCDC on the 1556 Stokes Ave project. Ayana Gabriel seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 16, No: 0

UCDC's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) property, 1501 Stokes Ave, will start being renovated within the month. Potential home-buyers are already lined up.

Analysis continues on the Lucile Ave apartment building. The plan would be to renovate the property through NSP and make them available to middle-income renters.

Police Reports – Lt. Steed (Zone 4 Evening Watch Commander) came to speak about Zone 4 related crime. Four new under-cover officers have been assigned to suppress burglaries. Five to six bike patrol officers are scheduled to start by June.

Insp. Robinson provided Andrew Jackson with information for Augusts' National Night Out.

Rashad Taylor – Gun laws have been loosened. (Call the Governor's office at 404-656-1776 if you want him to veto the gun bill.) Texting while driving is illegal. Neighbors should inform Rep. Taylor of MARTA bus routes that need to be saved from funding cuts. A vote to add taxes for trauma funding will be on the November ballot.

Vincent Fort –Restrictions on MARTA's money spending methods has been lifted for 3 years. An additional \$1.5 million in educational funding has been cut. \$11 million has been awarded to build a new science building at Atlanta Metro College.

Morehouse Revitalization Task Force – Gwen Cain announced Morehouse is hosting a public safety meeting on May 13.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BeltLine Fun Run – Neighbor Chin is organizing a BeltLine Fun Run on May 23.

West Fest – Neighboring West End is hosting West Fest. More info at www.atlantawestfest.com. The calendar of events is as follows:

Friday, May 7: Concert at the Wren's Nest from 7-11pm featuring Avery Sunshine and Elliot Holden, \$25

Saturday, May 8: Dog Parade at 11am, Festival and Artist Market 11am-6pm, Tour of Homes from 12-6pm, \$15

Sunday, May 9: Tour of Homes from 1-6pm. Combo concert and tour tickets are \$35.

1651 South Gordon – Public Safety Co-Chair Darrick Young announced that the previous nuisance issue has been addressed.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

Dilapidated Houses – 565 Westmeath Drive and 529 Westmeath Drive.

Dues - \$5 per family per month or \$2 per senior citizen family per month. Dues can be also be paid by credit card/PayPal at www.westviewatlanta.com. \$211.00 of dues were collected by Treasurer Tonyel Stewart.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Steffi Langer-Berry, Secretary