



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2011**

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

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

**Approval of the Minutes** – Mark Malaguerra motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Raymond Gambrell seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 9, No: 0 → Motion Carries

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Code Enforcement Court Watch** – Scott Smith informed that 1640 Rogers Ave and 1616 Derry Ave were in Code Enforcement Court. 10 neighbors came out for the first hearing on February 8, and 5 neighbors came to the follow-up hearing on March 1. The property owner of 1640 Rogers Ave has since applied for a demolition permit. The property owner of 1616 Derry Ave will be back in court on Tuesday, March 15 at 8:00am at City of Atlanta Municipal Court, Courtroom 3B.

Scott additionally informed that public input via the web on ACCELA has been turned off within the last 60 days. He also asked neighbors to inform him of any illegal auto repairs to so they can be reported to the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Votes/NPU-T** – At the February meeting the WCO voted to support the Special Use Permit for the childcare center expansion at 1629 Beecher Street and the letter of recommendation for KIPP to expand to serve elementary aged kids. NPU-T voted to support both as well.

**CDP Participation** – Patrick Berry gave an overview of what a Comprehensive Development Plan is, which the City of Atlanta is currently working on. To parallel the city's efforts, Westview wants to ensure the Westview Master Plan gets implemented at the same time. Limited copies of a Westview Master Plan draft were available at the meeting. People with computer access were urged to download a PDF version of the plan from [www.westviewatlanta.com](http://www.westviewatlanta.com). Feedback should be submitted no later than Monday, March 28th, 2011 to [info@westviewatlanta.com](mailto:info@westviewatlanta.com) or (404) 755-1255. A vote for the final Westview Master Plan will be taken at the April WCO meeting.

**Historic Preservation** – Chad Carlson, a historian with the Georgia Department of Transportation living on Rogers Ave, informed that he would like to pursue the National Register of Historic Places district designation on behalf of the neighborhood. Chad will bring the preliminary submission form to the April meeting for a vote.

**Community Garden** – Scott Smith informed that the 2011 gardening season is getting started. Garden beds are still available. Contact Scott at [scotttingsbari@aol.com](mailto:scotttingsbari@aol.com) or (404) 752-6423 if you would like to participate.

Ato Ribeiro from Morehouse College informed that students from the Bonner Office plan on having around 20 volunteers help clean up the garden on Saturday, March 26th, 2011.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Police Report** – Lieutenant Boyd (raboyd@atlantaga.gov) left a crime report with Scott Smith. The lieutenant reminded neighbors that juveniles have a curfew of 11pm on weeknights and midnight on weekends. Major Bryant additionally informed that Zone 4 has seen the largest amount of crime in reduction the city. The Major explained that other cities do not count stealing a candy bar the same way as at Atlanta does; making it appear like Atlanta has higher crime than other big metros. Major Bryant additional informed that a Beat will be added between West End and Oakland City.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**BP at Cascade/Donnelly** – Mark Malaguerra, the Zoning and Land Use Chair from NPU-T, informed that the BP at the corner of Cascade Ave and Donnelly Ave has applied to re-zone from auto repair to a convenience store use. The property lies right outside of Westview's boundaries.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NPU-T** – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, March 9th, 2011 at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy, 1444 Lucile Ave.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Special Events** – A 2011 events calendar was handed out. Coordinators are needed for the June Westview Summer Solstice Festival.

**Beautification** – John Davis will purchase grass seed for the triangle parks.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

**Trees Atlanta** – Chad Carlson said an Elm tree was left over from the Trees Atlanta planting and is looking for a location to plant it.

**Barking Hound Village/Animal Control** – Claudia Hicks would like a speaker to come out and talk about the stray dogs at a future meeting.

**Trespassing/littering** – A neighbor complained that juveniles are the cause of littering and illegal trespassing around McAllister Street.

## **DUES**

**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](http://www.westviewatlanta.com).

\$165.00 of dues were collected by Assistant Treasurer Claudia Hicks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.