



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Smith at 7:05pm.

**Invocation** – The invocation was acknowledged with a moment of silence.

**Approval of the Minutes** – Eloise Gleaton motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. John Davis seconded the motion. Vote – Yes: 7, No: 0 → Motion Carries

**POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES**

**Major Bryant** – Major Bryant reported that Westview is his most active community for reporting tips to the police. He additionally answered resident's questions.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Child First USA** – Marcus Wright and Christopher Doomas came to speak with neighbors about the Child First USA program. The program provides services for teens that have dropped out of school. Child First USA tries to identify the vulnerable kids. They have case managers 24 hours a day to be able to respond any time. The WCO will look into partnering with Child First USA. [www.childfirstusa.org](http://www.childfirstusa.org)

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Community Clean-Up** – The WCO had a community clean-up on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilman C.T. Martin sponsored the dumpster. Scott Smith informed neighbors that they should call the city to schedule a bulk trash pickup at (404) 330-6333.

**Community Garden Grant Update** – The WCO was awarded a Neighborhood Fund grant for the community garden from The Community Foundation. Scott Smith and Wesley Wills will meet with the grant coordinator on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CDP Action/Outcomes** – Patrick Berry informed neighbors that a City of Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) meeting took place at KIPP STRIVE Academy on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Additionally the Office of Planning is in the process of writing legislation to have the Westview Master Plan adopted by City Council. Both the city's CDP and the neighborhood's master plan are scheduled for a public hearing on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Open House/West Fest** – Westview is hosting an Open House on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with Committed to Communities. Seven Westview houses will be on the tour. Neighbors are encouraged to be active outside gardening, walking their dogs, and socializing between 9:00am and 2:00pm to make the visitors feel welcome. West End is hosting West Fest: Friday a jazz concert will take place at the Wren's Nest with BYO picnic. Tickets are \$25. Saturday a dog parade will start at 11:00am and end at Gordon-White Park where a festival with vendors and music will take place until 6:00pm. Additionally the Tour of Homes will take place Saturday and Sunday. [atlantawestfest.com](http://atlantawestfest.com)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Summer Solstice Festival** – Westview is holding its 4<sup>th</sup> annual BBQ on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 8:00pm. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the event, cooks for the grill-off, donations, vendors/artists. Contact Ayana Gabriel at agabriel1908@yahoo.com or (404) 753-5510 if you are interested in volunteering.

**National Night Out** – National Night Out is coming up on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Darrick Young will work on putting together the event. Volunteers will be needed.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HouseProud** – HouseProud is in the process building a board of directors in an effort to convert into its own non-profit.

**NPU-T** – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, May 11th, 2011 at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy, 1444 Lucile Ave.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

**Investor Award** – Chad Carlson is asking for the communities blessing to give a plaque to Jim Kelly, an investor who has done a remarkable job of historic house restorations in Westview, preserving the houses and their character.

Chad Carlson made a motion to present Jim Kelly with an award to recognize his efforts of developing and restoring houses in the community. Wesley Wills seconded the motion.

Vote – Yes: 14, No: 0 → Motion Carries

## **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).

\$135.00 of dues were collected by President Scott Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.