

Westview Community Organization
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Vice President Gabriel following an invocation by Mr. Gambrell, the WCO Chaplain.

Approval of the Minutes – Copies of the minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, Claudia Hicks made a motion to accept the minutes as published. This was seconded by John Davis.

The Vote: Yes- 9 ; No-0 → Motion Carries

Old Business

1556 Stokes – Pete Hayley, Director of the University Community Development Corporation (UCDC) was present and spoke about the planned activities regarding this property.

- The demolition permit has been issued and the property is expected to be demolished by 15 OCT 11
- UCDC has applied to the Land Bank so that back-taxes can be waived. In order to grant the request, the Land Bank requires a letter of support from the community.
 - *Scott Smith made a motion to authorize the executive committee to submit a letter of support to the land bank. This was seconded by Patrice Capers.*
 - The Vote: Yes-13; No-0 → Motion Carries
- Pete Hayley also advised that the renovations on the apartment building at 1437 Lucile will be complete in October and units ready for rental occupancy in November of 2011.

New Business

Events Committee Chair – Vice President Gabriel introduced the nominee for the position of Chair of the Events Committee. Kendal Carey was present and was able to confirm acceptance of the nomination.

Scott Smith made a motion to accept the appointment of Kendal Carey to the position of Chair of the Events Committee. This was seconded by John Davis

The Vote: Yes-16; No-0 → Motion Carries

Trees Atlanta Westwood Planting – Scott Smith spoke about the event and asked neighbors to come out and help with the planting activities on October 15th and October 22nd. The planting on both days is scheduled from 9a-12pm. Scott also asked any neighbors who want plants in their yards to let him or Kendal Carey know.

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Fall Clean-Up (October 22nd) – Kendal Carey spoke about the plans for the Fall Clean-up and asked for recommendations on areas to target.

2011 Holiday Dinner – Scott Smith spoke about the event and suggested that either December 10 or December 17 be targeted for the date of the event. He will check with the Captain at Fire Station #17 to see which day works better for them. A sign-up sheet will be distributed at the November and December meetings.

Neighborhood Kids Program – John and Pat Perdew introduced the children they have been working with in the neighborhood. Each of the children spoke about their activities, their year in school and what career they would like to have when they grow up.

Police / Public Safety – Major Bryant and Lt. Boyd were present and spoke about current safety issues, recent crime statistics and the planned beat realignment.

- Major Bryant also highlighted that Fort McPherson is now being patrolled by the Atlanta Police Department and falls within the Zone 4 coverage area.
- Major Bryant spoke about the “See Something, Say Something” initiative being promoted by the City of Atlanta. The program encourages all citizens to report any crime or suspicious behavior in an effort to reduce overall crime across the city.
- Major Bryant mentioned that the City’s Video Information Center is now in operation and is the central location that manages all video surveillance for the City of Atlanta.
- A copy of the crime statistics was left with Vice President Gabriel.

Announcements

- Shayla Williams spoke about the 5th/3rd Bank Branch opening at the Kroger Citi-Center on December 27, 2011. The bank will be a full service bank and will be open 7 days a week. Applications are currently being accepted.

Committee Reports

- John Davis provided a copy of the Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes to Vice President Gabriel.

\$24 in dues were collected by assistant treasurer Claudia Hicks

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm