



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Berry following an invocation by Chaplain Gambrell.

Approval of the Minutes – Copies of the December minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, Mark Malaguerra made a motion to accept the minutes as published. This was seconded by Raymond Gambrell. Vote – Yes: 9, No: 0 → Motion Carries

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

Zone 4 Police - Lt. David Ferguson reminded that a Beat re-alignment recently took place. He additionally provided an overview of crimes related to the Westview neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS

1556 Stokes Ave. – The WCO is scheduled to be deeded the property from UCDC in January. The WCO applied for a grant through the NPU-T/City of Atlanta and has been rewarded money to put a fence around the property. The WCO will additionally re-apply for the second round of the “Love Your Block” grant.

Olympian Park Application – The Atlanta Development Authority/Park Pride informed the WCO that it will not currently take on the park conversion project. Scott Smith suggested the community should reach out to the property owners to have the land donated. Patrick Berry added that the City’s short term project plan included the potential park, but listed it as “private funding.”

Dues Drive – Members who pay dues in full in January will receive a free t-shirt. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$10. Membership is \$60, or \$24 for seniors. Payments can also be made online at www.westviewatlanta.com.

Westview Newsletter – Kisha Solomon, Earl Picard, and Ayana Gabriel intend to kick off the bi-monthly Westview newsletter in February. The news team will work with neighborhood children on a neighbor spotlight column. Businesses are sought for advertising, and neighbors are encouraged to provide story ideas and pass out newsletters. Contact Ayana Gabriel at agabriel1908@yahoo.com for advertising opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS

Game Night – The Westview Community Organization and Calvary United Methodist Church are hosting a joint “Game Night” (Monopoly, Checkers, Uno, etc) on Saturday, January 14 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to stay for Calvary’s “Saturday Night Live talent show afterwards from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPU-T – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7:00pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy, 1444 Lucile Avenue.

Prayer Brunch – On February 11 at 10:00am John and Pat Perdew will host a prayer brunch for neighborhood children, their parents, and neighbors.

KIPP STRIVE Primary – Mark Malaguerra encouraged members to read the cover story of “Our West End Newsletter” about the addition of a Primary school on the KIPP STRIVE campus.

Economic Development – April Patton opened a uniform store at 1527 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd. She is additionally working on opening “The Big Apple Inn” across the street, an eatery specializing in pig ear sandwiches, ice cream, and coffee. Mark Malaguerra additionally informed of the newly opened “Norma’s Jamaican Restaurant” at 1550 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd.

Marshall’s Closing – Marshall’s in the Kroger CitiCenter complex will be closing on February 4th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Committee – Anyone interested in joining the Beautification Committee should call John Davis at 404-758-7639.

Community Garden – Contact Scott Smith at scotttingsbari@aol.com if you are interested in a bed in the South Gordon Street community garden.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

None.

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.

\$479.00 in dues were collected by Assistant Treasurer Claudia Hicks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.