



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Berry following an invocation by Chaplain Gambrell.

Approval of the Minutes – Copies of the March minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, Raymond Gambrell made a motion to accept the minutes with changes as necessary. This was seconded by Claudia Hicks. Vote – Yes: 11, No: 0 → Motion Carries

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES

Zone 4 Police – Captain Gibbs reminded residents that the majority of Westview residents are located in Beat 404, and a small portion of residents are located in Beat 401. Beat 404 Officer Smallwood (morning watch) and Beat 401 Officer Warren (evening watch) introduced themselves to neighbors.

OLD BUSINESS

Stokes Avenue Community Park Update – Patrick Berry gave a history of how the WCO acquired the property. The WCO has been approved for two grants: The “NPU-T” grant will fund a picket fence. The “Love Your Block” grant will fund a picnic table, as well as the landscaping plan proposed at the December 2011 meeting. Discussion took place regarding securing the picnic table.

Spring Clean-Up in April – Kendal Carey spoke about the upcoming April spring clean-ups. Residents are encouraged to help out one day or all three days. Meet-ups take place at 9:00am at KIPP STRIVE Academy (1444 Lucile Ave):
Saturday, April 7th – Tire Recycling & Fence Installation Day
Saturday, April 14th – Trash/Junk Day
Saturday, April 21st – Weed Control Day

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Solstice Festival 2012 – Ayana Gabriel announced the June 23, 2012 Summer Solstice Festival. Volunteers are encouraged to start signing up. Pat Perdeu introduced a Washington High School student, Miss Barber, who will help connect youth and seniors at the festival.

Westview Youth Lawn Care Program – John Perdeu announced the Youth of Westview will be starting a lawn mowing program over the summer. The children will wear special distinguishing t-shirts. The goal is to teach the children the responsibility of earning money.

Westview Neighbor Benefit Party – Pat Perdeu announced a “Mix and Mingle” fundraising event for the *Westview Neighbor* newsletter will take place at SPACE Atlanta (1310 White Street, Atlanta, GA 30310) on Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 6:30pm to

9:30pm. The evening will feature live entertainment by Andy Cain Griffen Jr., a silent auction, and a book sale/signing with author/poet/songstress Valerie Jean Respass. A flyer was distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Fest 2012 – West End Neighborhood Development President, Carl Nes, came to speak about West Fest. A concert will take place on Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 6:00pm to 11:00pm at the Wren's Nest, featuring Julie Dexter, Kebbie Williams, and DJ Ron Martin. Tickets are \$25. A tour of 11 homes will additionally take place from 10:00am to 5:00pm for \$20. More information: www.atlantawestend.com.

Westview Newsletter – Ayana Gabriel announced the March/April edition of the newsletter will start to be distributed and thanked newsletter distributors for passing the newsletters out. Contact Ayana Gabriel at agabriel1908@yahoo.com to volunteer or for advertising opportunities.

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

E-Campus – Dada Beecher announced libraries have online tutors via the E-Campus program. Dada will walk children to the library on Peoples Street at 10:00am on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. The program can be accessed from anywhere, as long as you have a library card.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee – Dada Beecher announced the Membership Committee will host a yard sale in May.

Litter Committee – Kwabena Nkromo announced the committee will launch a "Keep Westview Beautiful" campaign. The committee will also partner with the BeltLine to keep the BeltLine corridor clean.

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.

\$10.00 in dues were collected by Assistant Treasurer Claudia Hicks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.