



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Gabriel followed by a moment of prayer from Chaplain Gambrel.

**Approval of the Minutes** – Copies of the January minutes were distributed at the meeting. Following a review by the general body, Pat Perdew made a motion to accept the minutes as written. This was seconded by Claudia and Pippy.

Vote – Yes: 13 No: 0 → Motion Carries

**POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/COA SERVICES**

**Zone 4 Police** – Sgt. B. Oliver provided an overview of crimes related to the Westview neighborhood and covered differences in crimes between this time last year and this year and presented crime statistics for our neighborhood over the month of January. Sgt. Oliver answered resident questions and concerns. He can be reached at [boliver@atlantaga.gov](mailto:boliver@atlantaga.gov). His hours are Sun-Thurs from 2pm – 11pm as supervisor to the beat officers. Residents may e-mail or call the precinct if they need to speak with him. In case of an emergency, or if you need the police immediately, dial 911.

Ken Carey brought up the issue of gun safety and whether the City of Atlanta was planning on giving safety classes to citizens to which Sgt. Oliver stated that they had no plans for it at this time. Sgt. Oliver discussed the legality of having a gun on your person and in your home. He also stressed the importance of calling 911 when you see anything or anyone unusual in the neighborhood. Better to be safe than sorry.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2013 Membership drive is currently in progress. Dues are \$5.00 per month per household (\$60.00 for the full year) and \$2.00 per month for seniors (\$24.00 for the full year). A lovely Westview sign designed by Ken Carey is available for those who pay their full year dues before March 1.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Pat Perdew spoke about the importance of block captain and possibly coordinating block parties and offering incentives to recruit block captains.

Pat Perdew also asked that neighbors put their birthday on the calendar so that we can be sure to celebrate.

Erica D. Smith, code enforcement solicitor for City of Atlanta Zone 4, spoke to the community. She prosecutes code enforcement violations including public works violations, quality of life crimes, etc. She introduced a new program with over 200 officers to enforce code and aggressively pursue code violations. She can be reached at [edsmith@atlantaga.gov](mailto:edsmith@atlantaga.gov) or 404-658-7947 for problems with the code enforcement system but not the code violations themselves. She fielded questions from neighbors on how we as a neighborhood can help their office and gave examples of the difference between zoning, code, noise, police, department of revenue, and environmental violations.

CT Martin who represents District 10 answered questions pertaining to problems with speeding and the difficulty in obtaining speed humps through the Public Works Dept. Councilman Martin asked that neighbors send the requests directly to his office.

Beltline Cleanup was discussed by Kwabena Nkromo. Our neighborhood has adopted a portion of the Beltline and are planning the monthly cleanup on February 17 from 2-4 p.m. They will be meeting at the entrance to the Beltline at the intersection of Muse and Oak St. focusing on cleaning up trash while the invasive species of plants are dormant. During the warmer months, the invasive species removal will be more of a focus.

Problem proposed to CT Martin by Pat Perdew about poor lighting on S. Gordon and how to go about getting more streetlights. Some streets only have lighting on one side of the street making it dangerous for people walking and children playing in the neighborhood.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NPU-T** – The next Neighborhood Planning Unit T meeting is on February 13th, 2013 at 7:00pm at Empire Board of Realtors, 686 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd., SW Atlanta, GA 30310.

Atlanta Beltline Meeting – President Gabriel encouraged attendance on Thursday February 7, 2013 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Atlanta Metropolitan College at 1630 Metropolitan Pkwy SW, Atlanta, GA 30310

Newsletters are ready for January/February. Anyone wishing to help distribute, please contact Ashley Kirby

Rezoning Meeting February 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Atlanta City Hall for the Cascade Corridor rezoning

President Gabriel moved for an extra 15 minutes be added to the meeting John Davis moved that we approve the extra 15 minutes Patrick Berry seconded. Votes 12/Yes 0 /No– Motion Carried

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Development Committee** – Patrick Berry announced that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will take place Tuesday, February 19 at 8:00 p.m. at 471 East Ontario. This committee is in charge of the neighborhood master plan. Come prepared to work, this is an action committee.

**Safety Committee** – See Darrick Young if you are interested in becoming a block captain. Ms. Battle asked that a list of duties to be performed by a block captain be sent out to the group so that interested parties can decide whether or not they are up to fulfill the duties.

**Beautification Committee** – John Davis will supply a written report for the Beautification Committee

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

### **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).

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm with a moment of prayer by Chaplain Gambrell.