



**Westview Community Organization
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2015**

3/2/2015

Ayana (President) opened the meeting at 7:04 PM

In attendance: 38

Main Meeting

Invocation

Chaplain is not present. Moment of silence instead.

Approval of Minutes

Orlando motioned to approve. Eric seconded. 10 ayes, none opposed.

Police / Public Safety

Lt. J Ellis: Crime stats down in everything. jellis@atlantaga.gov. The speed control box had to be moved, and it's going back to zone 1.

Sammie asked if the officers could be a little more prevelant, perhaps on the flat part of the street, regardless of whether they're running radar.

They just got purchase orders for bikes for a bike patrol. They do not know what the patrol will be like on the SW Connector trail.

Old Business

- Infrastructure Bond vote is happening on March 17th. The WCO is supporting this vote. Westview is slated to get a couple of million dollars. This is the result of several years of planning and lobbying. Early voting can be done at Adamsville Natatorium. There are other locations as well. You can go to mvp.sos.ga.gov to verify your voting registration status with the secretary of state.

New Business

- Alan Holmes - Code Enforcement Commission started this year to address issues with abandoned homes. The discussion has focused on using a part of the law that could be more effective but hasn't been used: Article V. They are also recommending a training session be held by representatives from counties that are actively using Article V. They are also recommending that once the property is cleaned and closed, give the owners 90 days to get caught up on property taxes (move more swiftly). Alan would also suggest that we write to councilmembers requesting that Article V be used exclusively. That may affect whether or not they actually accept the recommendations.

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Treasurer's Report

If anyone has receipts, please provide them to me so I can reimburse you. I'll have a balance next time.

Committee Reports

Beautification

John reported on activity this past month and upcoming plans. The report has been uploaded to DropBox.

John requested that some pruning be done of some trees (Ontario Park). Ayana asked Kendal to check the budget.

Eric suggested that we share expenses by using the same pruner and perhaps getting a better price.

Rebecca requested that the pruner not butcher crepe myrtles.

Community Affairs/ Special Events

- Calvary United Methodist Church and Pathways will be working together to offer food throughout the summer for young people. The schedule is being worked out now.
- Atlanta Streets Alive is coming back to West End on April 15th. There will be a special events meeting at Bruce's apartment on 3/28 at 2pm (1540 Olympian Circle SW).
- John Perdue will be receiving a proclamation from the house declaring a John Perdue Day at the capital. There will be a presentation of the proclamation. There may be a reception. That will be on Thursday the 19th. On March 22nd there will be a fundraiser at the Hammond House.
- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Perdue Foundation sponsors lunch at Pathways Church.
- The Atlanta Preservation Center's Phoenix Flies Celebration is this month. Here is their description: "Atlanta's historic built environment of buildings, landscapes and neighborhoods is an integral part of the City's culture and economy. The Phoenix Flies Celebration provides an opportunity to learn about, celebrate and strengthen these assets to the benefit of all." The celebration includes several FREE history/preservation events in and around Westview.
 - Westview Cemetery Self-Guided Tour - Daily, Saturday, March 7, 2015 through Saturday, March 21, 2015, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - Westview Cemetery Guided Tour - Daily, Wednesday, March 18 – Saturday, March 21, 2015, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 - Westview Cemetery Guided Tour - Daily, Thursday, March 19 – Saturday, March 21, 2015, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
 - Wren's Nest House Tours - Saturday, March 7, 2015 and Saturday, March 21, 2015, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
 - Hammonds House Guided Tour - Saturday, March 7, 2015 and Saturday, March 21, 2015, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

People can get more info about the events by checking out the events calendar on <http://www.westviewatlanta.com> .

- One of the neighbors in Westview is interested in working with the Boys and Girls club to help support our Westview youth. They have started talking to a woman at the Woolfolk Boys and Girls Club just across Beecher about them providing a safe location where the kids can go. They are considering working with existing Boys and Girls programs, or possibly starting a program with Westview volunteers. Boys and Girls Club parent meeting on 3/10 at 6pm.

W W Woolfolk Boys & Girls Club
1642 Richland Rd SW
Atlanta, GA 30311

Business Committee

Keitra referred people to Kiyomi. She is having a grand reopening on 3/14 from 7:00ish to 9:00ish. Moving next door to Westview Pizze and Michael Jones' studio.

Westview Pizza now open Tuesday through Sunday.

Development

Sammie provided an update. The development committee met with new members. Sammie works with the Atlanta Regional Commission. Spoke with a colleague about the application for the Historic Register. She is willing to write the application and partner with GA State; there is a class that is devoted to getting communities on the National Register list.

Another place to potentially get money for sidewalks is the Westlake LCI. It is up for renewal. We can potentially get them to move their boundaries down to help connect to the beltline. I will spearhead that effort.

Kiyomi also spoke as a member of the Development Committee. There is a basketball court of sorts in the greenspace between the Olympians. The city's opinion is that there is enough green space and the kids can go to the golf course. But the kids have created the court. The goal is to have a social media campaign. And the idea is to get the neighborhood involved; show the kids playing on this piece of land.

Sammie: Westside trail bridge will be going down soon.

Garden

Abiodun "Abbey" Henderson
404-914-4682
The garden is located on S. Gordon St.

Garden chair is not here.

Membership

Rebecca Cater
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Encouraged neighbors to join the organization. There is a meeting at Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00pm at 1540 Rogers Ave SW. The newsletter is a big task, and there isn't enough support. It would be nice to have someone spearhead distribution. If someone could take that task and get newsletters out, that would be fantastic. We are also working on getting advertisements. Keitra through the Business Committee is working on getting advertisements. Contact her if you want to advertise.

Dues \$20 per household for a year. There are 19 members so far. There are t-shirts for sale. We also have Westview stickers for sale.

Erica asked about household decals. Rebecca said she would like someone to spearhead that as well.

Public Safety

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There is Neighborhood Watch Safety Training 3/21 from 8:45am till 1:30pm at Public Safety Headquarters downtown (226 Peachtree). It is being put on by the Atlanta Police Department. Email Darrick for more information.

Youth

Catherine Aaron
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Octavia gave history of the STEAM camp and information about the tracks. You can donate on the web site. There is also a supply list and a request to sponsor a child.

Motion at 8:06:19 PM to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Sammie motion, Rebecca seconded. 29 aye. None opposed.

Zoning and Code Enforcement

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Got some clarification on rooming houses. Any home zoned as a single family home that has more than 6 unrelated people in the same house is considered a rooming house. Or if an extra kitchen has been added to a home that is a single-family home (and that aren't permitted to have an extra kitchen), that could be considered a rooming house. They said they would not provide a list of houses that are permitted. They said we should report the ones we suspect, and they will tell us if they are permitted. If you know of one and don't want to report it yourself, you can email Sherry and she will report it for you.

Community Concerns/Questions/Announcements

New people introduced themselves.

Brian Cooke and Michelle - Last time my wife and I were able to attend, we asked about a property on Cascade and Olympian. It is completely demolished. Thank you to anyone and everyone involved.

Important Upcoming Dates

- March 17. Vote in the special election on the City of Atlanta Infrastructure Bond Referendum

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Contact Information

www.westviewatlanta.com

Frequently Called Numbers:

- Zone 4 Police: 404-756-1903
- Pothole Posse: 404-768-4653
- Code Enforcement: 404-330-6190
- Sanitation: 404-330-6333
- Tax Assessor: 404-612-6440
- Watershed Mgmt: 404-658-6500
- Major Vince Moore: vmoore@atlantaga.gov
- Pastor Willie Clyde from Pathways: 404-274-1810