



**Westview Community Organization  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2016**

2/01/2016

Octavia Vogel (President) opened the meeting at 7:03 PM

In attendance: 23

**Main Meeting**

Invocation

Melvin Bray (chaplain) did invocation.

Approval of Minutes-18 ayes, no abstentions or nays.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda – 14 ayes, no abstentions or nays.

Motion for WSB TV to film meeting– 19 ayes, no abstentions or nays.

March WCO Meeting

- Jim Elgar from Caesar Mitchell's Office – Has different signage for "SLOW DOWN" citywide initiative for traffic calming; Neighbors can sign up online and via the hash tag #atlantaslowdown

Public Work Presentation – Traffic Study Results

- Katina Alexander, Public Works – the community could not meet 75% petition requirement on S. Gordon, an ordinance was introduced by CT Martin to override it so that speed humps may be installed on S. Gordon and Rogers.

Traffic Calming Measure Description

- Flat top Speed Table – most effective measure with reflective striping
- A bulb out on one side of the street
- Mini traffic circle
- Speed Cushion
- Entrance treatment & Mid-Block Choker
- Median
- Warning/Direction Signs
- Traffic Signals promote highway safety, provide warning & guidance
- The traffic study examined the data necessary to warrant a multiway stop – studied 4 intersections within the community. Enough data was found to support installation of a four way stop at S Gordon. Results will be in 30 days.
- City of Atlanta developed a criterion for installation of Multi Way stop on streets.
  - The criteria for installation of a four-way stop includes:
    - 5 or more accidents reported
    - 85% of vehicles exceeding 40mph
- Studies have shown that multiway stops do not control speeds & degrade air quality & speeds increase after stop is made. Safety of pedestrians is decreased and stop signs increase noise levels.

Costs and number of speed tables to be installed in Westview

- South Gordon – 65k/13 speed tables
- Rogers Avenue- 65K/13 speed tables
- Any traffic signs will be installed in advance of the speed humps.

#### Questions

- Darrick - - Westwood was supposed to be included as well.
  - KA-Legislation today was to override the petition requirement. An amendment can be submitted.
- Leslie – Idea of timeline on how to amend the legislation?
  - KA- An amendment may be not be an option because of the legislation process
  - Jim Elgar – Next Wednesday the legislation will be voted on by council & in two weeks it will reviewed by the mayor. There is the option to study Westwood separately and introduce another ordinance to address issues
- Kevin – how long will it take for the installation?
  - KA- Mayor has 7 days to review legislation once its passed then a request for bids will go out for speed humps installation. The projects are slated to be completed by June 30.
- Eric Singleton- Where are we on the project list?
  - KA – You are on the list first
- Leslie – Why the speed cushions vs speed humps
  - Public Works – this project is still in draft format & can be updated with feedback from the community
- Leslie- We have been trying to get signatures for speed humps and not tacked down cushions
- Darrick – Can you forward presentation to us
  - Public Works- Yes.
- Patrick – Request for Public Works & City of Atlanta to review our Master Plan
- Kevin Carroll – why is the cost the same for both types of traffic calming options?
  - PW Rep- the numbers in the presentation are just estimates. Final cost won't be known until a contractor is identified
- Jacinta- What is the rational for considering the speed table option based on the similar costs.
  - PW Rep -We are considering speed tables so that fire trucks and ambulances accessing those streets will not have reduced response times and bikes will be able to get through unobstructed
- Elijah – Any measure to have any traffic calming options in the neighborhood will be welcomed.
- Chad- What would the maintenance be & what is the plan
  - PW Rep- speed tables would be maintained by public works
- Eric- Caution for bikes is public safety matter vs public works. We prefer to have speed humps
  - PW Rep – We have limited resources
- Eric- With limited resources, the speed tables should be off the table based on the cost
- The fire department is in favor of speed cushions. Speed humps slow down the fire trucks by 12 seconds per hump when responding to calls.
- Chad- How do other neighborhoods have speed humps without the same concerns from fire department?
  - Question not answered
- Eric- Would the speed cushions allow a SUV to pass through
  - Fire Chief- Cars would not be able to pass because the wheel base is not wide enough.
- CJ Scott- Motion to install speed humps vs speed cushions
  - Chad – 2nd –
  - 23 voted 7 motion carries; 1 Vote Abstained
- Treasures Report
  - Michael Jones payment was finally remitted
  - Working on getting taxes paid
- Beautification

- Request for help with beautification committee.
- Received an estimate for trees pruned. \$475.00
- Police Report
  - Last Month vs Last Year, Crime is down 85% city wide. Zone 4 is down 10%
  - House Burglaries – 3 in last month
  - Leave the Lights On
  - LT Lyons –Do not leave your keys in the car. My contact info is 404.293.5991 and [glyons@atlantaga.gov](mailto:glyons@atlantaga.gov).  
If you see something call 911. Keep your outdoor lights on.
  - Officer Sheppard – Community Outreach
- Membership
  - Rebecca – Invitation for Membership
- Development
  - Patrick – April 1 is deadline for Homeowners Tax Exemption

Meeting adjourned at 8:00