

# Westview Community Organization

DATE: January 4, 2021

Calvary United Methodist Church  
1471 Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard

## 1. Call to Order – 7:02 pm

## 2. Reflective Thoughts – Rosalyn Lamb

- a. Rosalyn shared a scripture from the book of Micah chapter 6 verse 8.

## 3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- a. The minutes were read and there were no objections. Therefore, they were approved.

## 4. Zone 4 Public Safety Update –

- a. Toya Lester introduced herself as the chair for the public safety committee for 2021. She announced that if anyone wants to volunteer to send her an email at [publicsafety@westviewatlanta.org](mailto:publicsafety@westviewatlanta.org)
- b. Jason briefly mentioned the two million dollars being allocated for Buckhead due to the rise of crime in the area. In addition, he discussed how we have the same crime occurring in our neighborhood and appealed to the community to dial into city council to voice concerns.
- c. Captain Jeff Cantin informed the community that there is an issue with auto thefts in the area. In addition, he mentioned there is a 23% decrease in crime due to the lockdown. However, Zone 4 leads in violent crimes, with there being 41 homicides to date.
- d. Jason inquired about who should call in the community when there is a crime. Specifically, he asked if the victim or a neighbor who witnesses the crime should call. Captain Cantin made it clear that the call should be made to 911 by the victim and neighbors. This is necessary to ensure the calls are documented. This shows there is a need in our area when funds are allocated.
- e. Captain Cantin's contact information: Jeff Cantin  
Atlanta Police Department Zone 4  
JCantin@atlantaga.gov

## 5. Treasurer's Report –

- a. Current balance

ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$4663.88
NOVEMBER INCOME/EXPENSES:
INCOME \$220 (MEMBERSHIP DUES/DONATION)
INCOME \$90 WESTVIEW MERCH
ADMINISTRATIVE: -\$150
SOUNDCLOUD: -\$16 (ORAL HISTORIES)
EXPECTED INCOME: 2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES
COMMUNITY GRANT \$2250 (NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
CITIZENSHIP)
EXPECTED EXPENDITURES: NORMAL ADMIN EXPENSES

## 6. Old Business

### a. Westview Votes

- i. Jill Alikonis provided an update on Westview Votes Committee. The following are highlights:
  - 1200 doors knocked on at least three times
  - GA 55 provided voting boxes with essentials needed for election day
  - GA 55 planned for food trucks to be near voting precincts to accommodate voters and there is a house in Grant Park that has snacks, water, etc.

## 7. New Business

### a. NPU T COVID Forum

- i. On January 14, 2021 NPU, in partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine and Meharry Medical College will host this forum to discuss the COVID-19 vaccine and a rise in cases.
- ii. Jason will ask Kim Scott, the NPU chair to set up an email where the community can submit questions.

### b. 2021 Legislative Update

- i. **State Rep. Elect Stacey Evans-** Representative Evans discussed the following:
  - Committed to follow up with GA State Patrol about following local ordinances regarding high-speed chases
  - Encouraged the community to contact her office regarding road concerns, as she is our DOT liaison
  - Possible changes to election laws such as: Republican leadership wanting to get rid of the excuse free absentee ballot voting & possible instant run-off election balloting process
  - Contact information: Stacey Evans  
Website: [staceyevans.com](http://staceyevans.com)  
Email: [stacey@staceyevans.com](mailto:stacey@staceyevans.com)  
Phone number: 404-275-4135
- ii. **State Senator Elect Sonya Halpern-** Senator Halpern was not in attendance at this meeting.

### c. Fulton County Commission

- i. **Commissioner Natalie Hall-** Commissioner Hall was not in attendance at this meeting.

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. **Communication & Events-** There is no leadership for this committee. A leader and

volunteers are needed. Jason will monitor this committee until leadership is in place.

- b. Beautification-** Winston Mitchell-Scott will lead this committee. Contact him at [beautification@westviewatlanta.org](mailto:beautification@westviewatlanta.org) to volunteer.
- c. Vintage Westview Activists-** Robyn Turner will lead this committee. Contact her at [advocacy@westviewatlanta.org](mailto:advocacy@westviewatlanta.org) to volunteer.
- d. Engagement and Development-** Shayna Barley will lead this committee. Contact her at [development@westviewatlanta.org](mailto:development@westviewatlanta.org) to volunteer.
- e. NPU and Advocacy-** Rides to the Polls
  - Email nputatl@gmail to secure a ride to the polls
  - Contact Jason and he will provide contact information for Voice over Vote organization to secure a ride to the polls
  - Catch a Lyft- Get a free ride to the polls by using the code GA vote to live
- f. Youth and Education-** There is no leadership for this committee. A leader and volunteers are needed. Jason will monitor this committee until leadership is in place. \*Kimberly Boykin has expressed interest in working on this committee\*
- g. Zoning and Public Safety-** There is no leadership for this committee. A leader and volunteers are needed. Jason will monitor this committee until leadership is in place.
- h. Executive-** The executive committee will look into reconstituting community events and recreating community banners and flags before Spring.

## 9. Community Concerns, Questions and Announcements

- a. There were no community concerns, questions, or announcements.

## 10. Adjournment – 8:05 pm

### Community Reminders

- 1/13 NPU-T Meeting 7pm via zoom
- 1/14 NPU T COVID 19 Forum 7pm
  - 2/1 February WCO Meeting