

Westview Community Organization
March 4, 2019

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called at 7:01pm

2. Reflective Thoughts

- a. Moment of silence called for members of our community that have passed away

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion to approve minutes by Kiyomi, seconded by Brenda Scales
- b. Approved: 26
- c. Opposed: 0
- d. Abstentions: 1

4. Zone 4 Public Safety Update

- a. Lt. Wagamen
- b. Last 28 day cycle for the entire zone , not all crimes are Westview specific
 - i. 21 reported crimes
 - 1. 2 agg assaults
 - a. 1 shooting
 - i. 763 Cascade Ave
 - b. DV incident
 - 2. 5 Burglaries
 - a. One individual left their door unlocked twice
 - 3. 5 vehicle larcenies reported
 - a. REMINDER: Remove personal items from vehicles or hide them outside of view
 - 4. 8 non-vehicle larcenies
- c. Can we get some feedback on the murder at the Dollar Tree on Feb 28th
 - i. A woman was shot and killed
 - ii. There is a warrant out for the individuals arrest, it was not a random crime
- d. What happened at the Dollar Tree in late Jan? The officer is going to get some additional information on that crime.
- e. APD Website has a link that will breakdown up to date crime stats

5. Treasurers Report

- a. Report reviewed in meeting
- b. Motion to accept by Hiari, Seconded by Eduardo
- c. Approved: 38
- d. Opposed: 0
- e. Abstentions: 0

6. Old Business

- a. John Davis Park Dedication
 - i. Ontario Circle will be renamed John Davis Park on Wednesday April 10 at 11am
- b. Renew Atlanta
 - i. Meetings are happening now
 - ii. Next meeting Grady High School on March 7th
 - iii. If you have not attended, please try to attend. The city has pitted community against community to fight for the complete streets projects we were previously promised.
 - iiii. There were multiple scenarios proposed at the round one meeting
 - v. Round two is a repeat of round one, but narrowed the list of Complete Street Projects

Street Projects

- vi. Some of our intersections and streets in SW Atlanta are some of the most dangerous in the city but are being removed from the project plans because of attendance.
- vii. As of right now- Cascade Phase 2, which will impact Westview, has been defunded.
- viii. If you attend the meeting on the 7th
 - 1. please split up to get voices in each breakout group
 - 2. Cascade Phase 2 should be moved to Priority
 - 3. Langhorn has been completely deprioritize and we can be vocal enough to get it back on the plan
 - 4. Encourage and advocate that Lionel Hampton Trail be connected to the Beltline through Westview
 - 5. Traffic Signals were removed around Brown Middle School- We need to make this another priority

7. New Business

- a. ZRB Application Z-19-011-1369 RDA
 - i. No Representative for the application
 - ii. Corner of Muse and RDA
 - iii. The historic horse barn- the applicant wants to use the horse barn as a food service location
 - iiii. It will be reported to the NPU that there was no representative and until they come before the community we will not support any application
 - v. The application is to rezone the entire plot of land, not only to add a food service
 - vi. The complete rezoning could allow a slippery slope, it would be rezoned to Mixed Residential Commercial, and the community would lose all say over what the land could be used for
- b. Westview Oral History Project
 - i. GSU project
 - ii. A program that can be used going forward
 - iii. The interest is in making sure this project is sustainable.
 - iiii. GSU Student will be doing training with community members on how to record oral histories and make them an item for consumption, with a focus on the youth
 - v. Steven Garcia, from GSU was present to discuss the project
 - vi. Pilot is aimed at collecting and sharing stories from Westview Residents
 - vii. The students do not want to impose what they think the history is, they want all that information to come out of the community
 - viii. The end goal is to have the contents of the interviews recorded, interpretive texts, photos, newspaper clipping, etc. With an emphasis on Westview retaining its own history
 - ix. For neighbors who submitted a name, there are practical restrictions on the students, because of the constraints of a semester. The goal is to get at least 5 per semester, with prioritization on neighbors who are again and have lived in the community for long lengths of time
 - x. The goal is that this will eventually contain as many voices as possible from the community
 - xi. Nominations are still open via the Google Doc or send directly to Jake and Candace development@westviewatlanta.org
 - xii. As this becomes an ongoing thing, the WCO would like to have some additional support. If you are interested in helping, please let Jake and Candice know
- c. Repair the World
 - i. A national Jewish non-profit that opened in Atlanta in September
 - ii. The goal is to connect people with meaningful volunteer opportunities
 - iii. One of their projects is Food Justice, and through this they met Alex

- from the Westview Community Garden
- iiii. They are currently gather volunteers for community gardens around Atlanta, and they want to the Westview Community Garden to the rotation
- v. They also have a fellowship program, 4 spots allocated for this year
 1. A full time, 11 month opportunity
 2. Ages 21-26 and authorized to work in the US
 3. Placed with two partner organization
 - a. Food Justice
 - b. Housing Justice
 - c. Education Justice
 - d. Criminal Justice
 4. Applications are currently open. Housing, insurance and stipend are offered. Starts in Aug 2019

d. Master Plan Ad Hoc

- i. Official call for an Ad Hoc committee to update the Westview Mater Plan
- ii. Please see Jason or email him if you want to be involved-
president@westviewatlanta.org
- iii. Committee will be announced and seated in April followed by targeted community work plans so we all have a voice in the updated plan
- iiii. Final document to be compiled in September and presented in the October meeting to the community and, at the latest, a Vote on the plan in November
- v. Ideas: Speeding, street lights, Cascade commercial corridor, sidewalks, flooding, stop signs- innovative ideas to help us with some large scale issues
- vi. Also keep calling 311 to make requests

8. Committee Reports

a. Beautification

- i. Community Clean up March 16th 9-11 am, meet at Ms. Delores' house
- ii. Chattahoochee River Keepers have helped organize the installation of two storm water planting systems
 1. 1554 RDA
 2. 1483 Westwood
 3. 8-10 Volunteers- Please let Hiari know if you are interested
- iii. Mowing and Maintaining our circles
 1. Working with the youth for opportunities to help maintain them
- iiii. First planting for the spring will be April 20th

b. Events and Communications

i. Membership Drive

1. Door to door and canvassing
2. Deadline to sign up to be a WCO member is March 31 via the website or through a board member
3. Porch Party on March 30th
 - a. Address will be posted closer to the date
4. Garage Sale and Chili Cookoff Will be at the Corner Grocery- Look for updates
5. The community is moving away from Mail Chimp
 - a. If you are a member you are already on the email list, and if you do not want to be a member you can still sign up for updates via the WCO website
6. Limited Edition Westview Merch will be available at the porch parties and other events

c. Engagement and Development

- i. Vine Crew started- please share information with neighbors
 1. Finished entire alley between S Gordon and Stokes
 2. Working to schedule another session before its too warm and the vines take over

- d. NPU and Advocacy
 - i. Any resident that is in need of help or assistance with Utility Bills
 - 1. 404-320-0166
 - ii. Seniors in need of furnace repairs, there is a qualification application
 - 1. 404-872-0167
 - iii. Ignite
 - 1. Camp for girls with a purpose to recruit girls our of high school to intern and train for the fire department
 - iiii. New legislation to increase the business license fee was not approved by city council
- e. Youth and Education
 - i. Community Career Fair
 - 1. NOT a job fair
 - 2. March 20th 6:30-9pm at Kipp Strive
 - 3. Please fill out the doc link via FB or reach out to Youth@wetviewatlanta.org if you want to participate
 - 4. Youth of the Month was presented with an award at the community meeting, honored for his entrepreneurship
- f. Zoning and Public
 - i. Major Griffin is our zone commander
 - ii. Only issue he wanted to address- 763 Cascade Ave (Cascade and Beecher)
 - iii. He has a meeting with the owner to address a lot of issues surrounding that complex. There are approximately 4-5 youth that are being monitored by the truancy officers and Zone 4 because of their behavior.
 - iiii. Can we get an update on Slutty Vegan and the traffic on East Ontario
 - 1. Residents are having issues with parking, vehicle being hit and individuals relieving themselves, knocking on residents doors asking if they can use private restrooms, and pedestrian traffic being forced into the street because the sidewalks are congested
 - 2. He has directed the community to work with Andrea Boone to help resolve some of the issues
 - 3. Zone 4 and ATL Plus are writing parking tickets. Blocking and parking in driveways is a towable offence
 - v. Speeding on residential streets is an issue
 - vi. Why are officers telling individuals who called the police on them.
 - 1. This should be anonymous
 - vii. Concerns around dirt bikes, without lights or safety gear zipping up and down streets
- g. Senior Council Ad Hoc
 - i. Vintage Westview Activists
 - ii. Open to any members of the community 55+
 - iii. Advocating for services and activities for these community members
 - iiii. 525 Westmeath Dr (Kendalls House) March 29 2-3 pm - 404-788-3431
 - v. Wednesdays in March 55+ community members get free coffee from Koinonia
- h. Housing Ad Hoc
 - i. Not Present
- i. Executive
 - i. Mayors Forum
 - 1. CT Martin/Adamsville Rec Center March 19th 630pm
 - 2. Show up and make the Mayor answer our questions
 - ii. Atlanta Streets Alive will return to SW Atlanta this fall
 - 1. Link in event to vote on the route
 - iii. Flooding in the neighborhood
 - 1. Wet winter, rain for the next 3 weeks based on the forecast

2. Please email development@westviewatlanta.org and 311 if you see flooding with a description, photos or videos
 - a. There is an app for 311
 3. Send photos of the Cascade Green House to 311 if you see people loitering
- iiii. D Café
1. Chef Elliot is doing a pop up all month long 4-8pm
- v. Westview Corner Grocery and Koinonia are hiring and would like to hire from within the community
- j. Westview Community Garden Management Plan
- i. Urban garden use permit deadline is March 5th
 - ii. Alex would like to acknowledge that we have had questions around seniors and special needs access to the garden and he is working with the city for an ATV to help get residents around the garden
 - iii. Plan is to put an organic food forest in the garden
- 9. Community Concerns, Questions, and Announcement**
- a. Who is responsible for cleaning the alleys?
 - i. These are full of debris, and are part of the flooding issues in the community
 - ii. The WCO is working to clean these slowly, but they are a dumping ground
 - b. Art as Therapy
 - i. Located at the church at Stokes and RDA a7
- 10. Adjournment**
- a. Meeting adjourned 8:26