

Eastside Concerned Citizens, Inc.
Neighborhood Resident Meeting
Minutes – January 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order promptly at 11:00 am by our president, Mr. Freddie Patrick. A moment of silence was observed.

The agenda was followed as written:

Community Resource Representatives Update:

Police Department:

Cpl Willet Williams stated that cars are being broken into in the 800 block of Bolton Street. Williams requested that he be called to report these incidents. There are numerous amounts of night time robberies in the neighborhood. He emphasized that people need to stop speeding on Henry and Anderson Street and should keep the speed limit at 55 or below unless you want to be ticketed, particularly on Truman Parkway near the hospital area on the curve. Willet stated that this is the hotspot.

Cpl Williams asked Freddie to send a letter to Alderman regarding hotspots and officers sitting there to do their reports to deter criminal activities.

Disturbances such as loud music or playing basketball during late night hours are against city ordinances and are subject to fines. Williams stated that a warning is issued initially, but after the 2nd time will warrant a court appearance. If you need a police officer, you should call 911.

Sanitation – People should refrain from putting building materials such as concrete, sheetrock, construction materials or wood on the lawn behind dumpster for pick up as those items will not be picked up. Items such as washers, dryers, furniture, tree limbs, will only be picked up on the 4th Saturday of the month. The sanitation department's contact number is 651-6582 or 311. Note: Bulk pick up starts on the 4th Saturday of the month and ends on the following Friday.

Officials Update:

Mary Osborne, Alderman Jackson was not able to attend due to illness. TAD (Tax Allocation District) – President will be evaluated to guard against problems in evacuation. City officials Redefining of what neighborhood coordinators duties will be done. Coordinators need to teach neighborhoods or how to assist residents with issues on how to address them. Ms. Osborne will be unavailable due to special projects after the MLK parade.

Keep Savannah Beautiful:

Nathaniel Glover stated that Tyrone Daughtry had a heart attack. A get well card will be sent to him. Community services will be doing a physical analysis of houses in the area next week. 250 houses in the neighborhood will be surveyed and condition of those houses will be documented. A cleanliness report will be done annually. Thereafter CBDG grants will be available at the same time. Railroads are going to be repaired on Gwinnett where the overpass is located. The phone book collection program is scheduled between February and March. All residents are asked to give old phone books to the schools as it will help with funding. This year, Mr. Glover will be working with the neighborhoods on this in Mr. Daughtry's absence.

The following six programs will be implemented:

1. Recycle Christmas trees
2. Recycle phone books
3. Beautification project – tree limbs
4. Adopt a street project – Additional plants will be purchased
5. Adopt a spot project
6. Tree lawns project – Dog woods are available now

Absentee ballots – February 5, 2008 is the GA elections (municipal ballots).

Freddie announced and introduced the new board members for 2008-2010.

Door prizes were issued to residents with ECCI membership cards.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Centra Lambert