

Beecher-Donnelly Community Association Monthly Meeting Minutes - 8/19/2008

Recorded by Chen Chang, Secretary

Introductions

Attending residents introduced themselves. President, Cheryl Bobo and Secretary, Chen Chang conducted the meeting. Vice-President, April Anderson, was absent due to being out of town.

HouseProud

Jonathon Kidwell of Atlanta Community ToolBank (<http://atlanta.toolbank.org>) was invited to speak about the HouseProud program. General information about the program:

- No cost home repairs for senior homeowners (60 year or older) or disabled homeowners
- Government sponsored program
- Work done by contractors and skilled volunteers
- Paperwork required:
 - Government issued photo ID
 - Copy of income for all occupants
 - Copy of home owner insurance
 - Copy of utility bill
- Repairs can take up to 4 months
- Couple of weeks wait time once application is filled out

Additional information is available at <http://www.houseproudatl.org> .

Questions can be directed to:

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West End Security Patrol

John Pavline was invited to speak about West End Security Patrol. General information about the program:

- Beecher-Donnelly is currently considered part of the greater West End area and therefore Beecher-Donnelly residents are qualified to participate in this program.
- Patrol is conducted by paid off-duty Atlanta Police Department officers
- Members will receive a sign to post in front yard.
- One time \$10 sign fee
- Payment options: \$25/month, \$70 per quarter per household or \$115 per quarter per business.

More information available at: <http://atlantawestend.com/myjoomla/content/view/40/93/>

The Salvation Army Donnelly Avenue Boys & Girls Club, Atlanta

Steve Wilson of the Salvation Army Donnelly Avenue Boys & Girls Club spoke regarding their offerings. General information about the club:

- Club is here to prevent kids for participating in illegal activity.
- Provides activities for kids 6-18 years of age
- Residents are encouraged to send kids to the club or volunteer at the club
- Club open until 8:30pm
- Membership fee is \$25 for the year
- Pickup from schools costs \$20 per month per family
- Summer programs also available

NPU-T

Nia Knowles, NPU-T Public Relations Officer, spoke regarding NPU-T. General information about NPU-T:

- NPU-T second Wednesday of every month at Shrine of the Black Madonna
- If interested, can volunteer for committees

Questions can be directed to:

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More information about NPU-T can be found at <http://www.nputatlanta.org/>.

Beecher-Donnelly Community Association Communication Committee

President, Cheryl Bobo, spoke about the creation of the community's first committee. The community committee serves to provide a means for uniting the community through effective communication. Activities include flyer distribution, phone calls, posting signs for the association. Ms. Bobo asked for volunteers to sign up. Thank you to the following volunteer who signed up:

- Sandra Steele

Tommy Hutchinson suggested that a suggestion box be made available at the meetings so people can turn in notes with their comments/suggestions.

Several residents agreed that it would be helpful to have signs posted on street corners the week of the monthly meetings to remind people.

CVC Urban Farm

President, Cheryl Bobo, spoke about the CVC Urban Farm at 779 Atwood. General information regarding the farm:

- Shares available for purchase.
- Shareholder entitled to 13 week harvest.
- Harvest are on Sundays

A sample basket with fresh produce was raffled off to one lucky winner.