

# Heritage Valley Area Community Association

## Minutes

March 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Diane Harden at 12:10 p.m. with prayer led by Parliamentarian Claude Strickland.

The agenda and minutes of the last meeting were approved.

President Diane Harden welcomed members to the meeting and introduced the officers.

**Treasurers Report** - Treasurer Eugene Alford reported that a total of \$7,170.15 was in the treasure.

### **Yard of the Month Committee**

It was reported that Mr. Leon Mathis, Chairperson for the Yard of the Month Committee, who has been ill, was improving. Mr. William Harbour reported that, because of the weather (winter) that the Yard of the Month Committee had been dormant for the last two months, but would resume in April. He explained the procedure to the newcomers.

### **Crime Report**

Sgt. Carroll reported that four (4) arrests had been made on Melvin Drive. He did not have the details as to whether it was in the park. He also reported an attempted theft of a Dodge van. It was not taken; however the ignition was damaged. He also promised to look into the speeding issue along Valley Ridge.

### **Sign Committee**

Mr. Claude Strickland, Chair reported that the company that they had been talking to had gone out of business. He promised a full report at the next meeting.

### **Annual Cleanup**

President Harden announced that the community will hold its annual cleanup and cookout on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. (in lieu of the monthly meeting) The City of Atlanta will furnish the dumpster and Mr. William Harbour graciously offered to have it located in his driveway on Revere Drive.

### **New Business**

President Harden stated that she had met with the principal of Therrell High School and that the community should partner with Therrell to work on certain projects. Ms. LeAnn Patterson, Chair of the Education Committee for NPU-P will be getting back to the community in the Fall. She also stated that the community should support the area youth, and asked that anyone having notable events (graduation, etc.) to let her know so that they could be properly acknowledged.

Mr. Rasheen Hunter, Project Manager for the Mini-block grant reported that we did not receive the grant during this selection process; but that we would be applying again.

Ms. Erica Smith, Deputy Solicitor from the Solicitor's Office was a special guest and she spoke on quality of life issues, with emphasis on **Code Enforcement**. She stated that when there were vacant, abandoned houses in the neighborhood, that a complaint should be lodged. She explained the process of cleaning and closing vacant properties; and the complexities that are involved.

A lengthy discussion ensued, followed by a question and answer period.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel Jacobs, Secretary