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**COMMITTEES**

**Environmental Health and  
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**Finance**

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**Public and Media Relations**

**Public Safety**

**Zoning, Land Use and Code  
Enforcement**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**West End Neighborhood Development**

February 6, 2018, 7pm

West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 1040 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd.

The meeting was called to order by President Tony McNeal at 7:06pm.

**Officers Present:**

- Marquise "Tony" McNeal, President
- John Mitchell, 1st Vice President
- Denise Blake, 2nd Vice President
- Sherria Saafir, Treasurer
- John Ishmael, Secretary
- Kimberly Carlisle, Parliamentarian

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

President Tony McNeal welcomed the group and asked officers present to introduce themselves.

**ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

A motion was made by Alisha Thym to approve the evening's agenda as presented. Kathy Woodcock seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

As they were tabled in January 2018, the December 2017 minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made by Naquia Mitchell to approve the December 2017 minutes. Alisha Thym seconded the motion. The December 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

The January 2018 minutes were also presented for approval. A motion was made by Larry Carter to approve the minutes. Caleb Racicot seconded the motion. The January 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

- MUSIC IN THE PARK – Brent Brewer came before the body to announce MITP's April 22nd street closure and activity event. RDA will be closed from Lee Street to Langhorn, similarly to last year's Atlanta Streets Alive.
- SRPF A/Lee & White Courtyard Market Liquor License – Brian Heinze presented the proposed courtyard license request for the Lee & White development. In the enclosed area, patrons would be allowed to purchase alcoholic beverages from one business and carry and consume to another location within the courtyard boundaries. Drinks cannot be

taken off-property nor can outside drinks be brought in. Each individual business within the boundaries would have to apply for its own liquor license. The courtyard hours would end at 11pm Sunday through Thursday and midnight on weekends. The WEND general body recommended to approve the request – 31 voted to approve; one abstained.

### **RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

- Byron Amos, Atlanta Board of Education – Byron spoke briefly about an Atlanta Public Schools Equity task force, charged with examining equity and parity among all APS schools – both north and south of I-20. For more details, residents can contact Byron at [bamos@atlantapublicschools.us](mailto:bamos@atlantapublicschools.us) or 404.587.6811.
- Atlanta Police Department representatives reported that overall crime is down from the previous month. Burglaries at the mall continue. Additionally, there have been thefts reported of renovation materials. For further information, residents can contact Detective Williams at 404.472.3708.

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Tony McNeal’s remarks focused on encouraging members to join committees to handle the project-based work of the organization. Now’s the time to pay your membership dues for 2018!

1. A Regular Member is any resident who lives in West End. Annual Dues are \$20 per calendar year. A Regular Member must pay his/her Annual Dues by March 31 of the current calendar year. Any new candidate for membership must pay his/her Annual Dues at the time of notification of his/her intent to become a Regular Member or no later than the next Regular Meeting.
2. An Associate Member is any residential or commercial property owner who espouses and promotes the goals and objectives of WEND but who does not reside in West End. Annual Dues are \$50 per calendar year.
3. A Sponsor Member is an organization or business that espouses and promotes the goals and objectives of WEND and may or may not reside or operate in West End. Annual Dues are \$100 per calendar year or a minimum of \$100 in in-kind services per calendar year.

Dues may be paid at the next general body meeting on February 6, 2018, or online at <http://atlantawestend.com/join-wend/>.

### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

Treasurer Sherria Saafir provided the following update: Current Balance - \$36,397.72

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch**

Kimberly Carlisle announced a public safety meeting on February 13 at Lean Draft House

#### **Education**

No report. Chairperson needed for this committee.

### **Environmental Health and Beautification**

Handy Johnson has reached out to the Beltline and to APS regarding the Lawton Street side of Brown Middle School. There is a pending maintenance contract for the Lowery traffic islands. Vacant lots need lots of attention. The monthly neighborhood cleanup schedule will be provided shortly.

### **Zoning**

Walter Slaton reported that this committee keeps neighbors informed on zoning changes and variances. Members interested in joining this committee can reach Walter at [wslaton@gmail.com](mailto:wslaton@gmail.com).

### **Preservation and Urban Design**

Caleb Racicot reported that there are few applications so far, but several more are forthcoming. With the weather warming up, there is a lot of illegal renovation activity; a number of stop-work orders have been initiated. Any resident has the right to inquire about work permits approved for any property by calling Urban Design Commission at 404.330.6145 or by visiting Accela Atlanta at [https://aca3.accela.com/atlanta\\_ga/](https://aca3.accela.com/atlanta_ga/).

Committee co-chair Kathy Woodcock announced that Handy Johnson received the 2017 Keystone Award for his long-standing work in West End historic preservation. Congratulations, Handy!

### **Membership Concerns/Community Relations**

There are currently 67 paid members. The year's first porch party will take place at the Wren's Nest the second weekend in March.

### **Bylaws**

The bylaws committee has completed its proposed revisions. They will be circulated to all members in their entirety shortly.

### **Next Meeting**

March 6, 2018, 7pm – West Hunter Street Baptist Church

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.