



## **GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES**

West End Neighborhood Development

Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 7:00pm

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



Officers present:

Tony McNeal, *President*

John Mitchell, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

Carolyn Sims, *Secretary*

Terry Ross, *Parliamentarian*

Sonja Roberts, *Recording Secretary*

Kim Scott, *Past President*



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### **CALL TO ORDER**

**7:05 PM**

Introduction: Tony McNeal, President

*Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Mike Sims, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tonya Simmons*

*Vote: 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions*

*The motion was approved by the General Body.*

*Motion carried.*

*Adoption of the March 2019 General Body Meeting Minutes – Motion by Tonya Simmons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Sims*

*Vote: 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions*

*The motion to correct Marshall Thomas name and was approved by the General Body.*

*Motion carried.*

### **GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

**Andre Gates, Willie Watkins Festival**

- 27<sup>th</sup> annual Willie Watkins Festival at Howell Park

- 1-6 pm, May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Weekend
- Free food (This Is It BBQ) Media partner, V103
- Carriage rides also available.
- Family friendly event...bring the family!

#### **Watani Tyehimba, Malcolm X Festival**

- 30<sup>th</sup> annual event
- May 18-19 West End Park
- Food/vendors will be on site

### **RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

#### **Cleta Winslow's Office, District 4**

**Marshall Thomas** - 404-330-6047

- City Wide Semi-Annual Tire RoundUp, first 3 Saturdays of April 8am-4pm
- No commercial tires – No limit
- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Hartsfield Jackson Incinerator (James Jackson Parkway)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday drop at The Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM), Hill St.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Greenbriar Mall drop

Also, City policy has changed on bulk pickup. Now you call 3-1-1 and you schedule your pickup. You get 12 pickups per year. If you don't call and just leave at the curb, you will be ticketed/fined up to \$350.

#### **Detective Williams, Zone 4**

Mostly seeing residential burglaries (appliance theft),

Auto thefts are up, but this is likely due to the theft occurring in other zones and then the stolen vehicle is driven into Zone 4.

All other crime stats are reportedly down.

- Please remember to register your appliance serial numbers
- *Community/attendee comments:*
  - *Drug sales at 1107 RDA are increasingly an issue*
  - *Concerns about response times to burglaries*
  - *Concern about the panhandling/begging at the 20 entrance/exit ramps. What plan is the plan to curb aggressive panhandling? (Notes as a Quality of Life Unit APD issue).*
  - *Concern over stolen packages off porch. Video footage and photos of the incident. Police reported to ask the victim "Do we really have to file a report?" The response does not seem adequately concerned with the crime.*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Tony McNeal, President

**YouWork (John Mitchell):** Just wrapped up several weeks of workshops with the kids involved. Moving forward, kids are now at the point to be able to interview with the prospective internships to start the internships over the next 6-8 weeks of the program. Local businesses include West End print shop, Koinonia Coffee, Good Hair Shop, Area West, West End Soccer in the Streets, Clutch Bike Shop, and Hammonds House.

11 kids total participating. Accepted 15, but some have dropped off.

**Placemaker's Grant: (No new updates)** The Placemaker's Committee recently met with Stream Realty (owners/developers of Lee + White) and City representatives to discuss the planned mural project at the intersection of Joseph E. Lowery and White. Stream/Lee + White have said they don't have any conflicting plans for the intersection (curb cuts, etc) and will support whatever the neighborhood/committee wants to do. We are waiting on some information from the City on survey and financial planning and will begin reaching out to artists in the next few months(ish). There are plans for another community meeting for community feedback and input.

### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

Carolyn Sims

March 2019 Financial Statement:

Beginning balance \$ 37,133.25

Ending balance \$35,675.52

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Relations & Marketing:** We have volunteers! Be on the lookout for social media posts and updates.

**Preservation & Urban Design (Mike Sims):** Multiple cases have been reviewed. Next meeting is next week at MNG 6:30

#### **Zoning, Land Use & Code Enforcement (Walter Slaton):**

Recommendation to support the Willie Watkins Festival. 14 in favor – 0 opposed – 0 abstentions.

Motion carries.

Recommending support of the Malcom X Festival. 16 in favor – 0 opposed – 0 abstentions.

Motion carries.

Code enforcement: Vacant lot with a large fallen tree. – House on Oak St. has code enforcement violations and squatters, -- House on Peebles with active sewage line

dumping into the yard and street (recommendation to call 311 -- 311 also has an app if you have a smart phone. Code enforcement [coderequests@atlantaga.gov](mailto:coderequests@atlantaga.gov) )

**Beautification & Environmental Health (Jules Connelly):** If you see tires or have tires, please put them on the curb/street. You can call or text 512-514-4650 with an address of where the tires are.

Last month, there was a large successful cleanup near Dargan and West End Park.

Received help from the Correctional Dept. with the cleanup.

**Education (Heather Sharp):** New Chair! So far, one committee meeting that brainstormed mission and goal.

**Public Safety:** This committee currently needs a Chair. If you are interested in serving, please contact WEND.

**Finance Committee:** This committee currently needs a Chair. If you are interested in serving, please contact WEND.

**Membership & Community Relations (Carlton Walker):** Total of 90 paid members for 2019. Please encourage neighbors to join WEND and get involved.

**Events:** This committee currently needs a Chair. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Ester Egg Hunt – West End Park 4/13 at 10am. Night before will be a volunteer egg stuffing.

May – Spring yard sale. More information to follow.

June – Tour of Homes! June 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-10. If you are interested in being on the tour (your house be featured) please contact Tony or [wendinc@gmail.com](mailto:wendinc@gmail.com)

### **NEW BUSINESS, WRAP-UP, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Food Well Alliance SOIL Festival will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm.  
<http://www.foodwellalliance.org/soil-fest-2019>

Sarah Bennington (Blue Cypress Consulting) – Participating in the green infrastructure challenge

Outdoor Activity Center - has a creek running through the property and is eligible for participation.

5:30-6:30pm on April 11<sup>th</sup> - Please come to the public community input meeting.

Outdoor Activity Center

1442 Richland Road, Atlanta, GA 30310

**Terry Ross (NPUT):** Meets next Wednesday 4/10, KIPP STRIVE 7pm. Please attend.

Atlanta Beltline is now contracting for artists and vendors.

Breaking Curses Basketball Tournament – May 5<sup>th</sup> in West End Park. 3-on-3 tournament.

**ADJOURNED AT: 8:08 PM**