



## **WEND GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES**

West End Neighborhood Development Inc

Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 7:00pm

1040 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd. SW,  
Atlanta, GA 30310



### 2019 Officers:

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### WEND General Body Meeting

Tuesday August 6, 2019

#### Officers present:

Tony McNeal – President

John Mitchell – 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Sherria Saafir – Treasurer

Introduction: President Tony McNeal

Call to Order – 7:06pm

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Daniel Vasquez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Davida Huntley

Vote: 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

Adoption of the July 2019 General Body Minutes – Motion by Daniel Vasquez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Davida Huntley

Vote: 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

## **Guest Presentations**

### **Danielle Williams – Willie Watkins Taste of West End**

Howell Park

Saturday, September 28, 2019 – 6pm to 10pm

Networking with businesses in Southwest area/West End Area

Restaurants, Vendors, STD testing, Low-income family services, Josea Feed the Hungry

Requesting a letter of support from WEND

### **Donray Von, Ryan Gravel – West End Mall SPI-21 2A Amendment**

Proposing change to zoning amendment raising the height restriction on the north side of the site from a maximum height of 72 feet to 225 feet comparable with other parcels in the commercial district.

Local example of a building with proposed height of 225 feet is 'The Met'. The proposed edit is being requested for subarea 1 only.

## **Recognition of Public Officials**

Presentations by public officials did not occur; Public officials were participating in National Night Out activities

## **President's Report – Tony McNeal**

YouWork Grant (Tony McNeal): YouWork program work completed. Community Foundation of Atlanta encouraged WEND to apply for the program again. Due to the amount of effort and resources needed, WEND currently contemplating whether to apply in the next application phase or the 2021 application phase

Placemaker's Grant (John Mitchell): Currently waiting on feedback from the city regarding the approvals needed to move forward with site implementation

Tour of Homes Financial Report – Sherria Saafir

Income: \$10,684

Expenses: \$2,312

Net Income: \$8,371

Statement of Financial Position – Sherria Saafir

Month of July

Beginning: \$35,298

Income: \$6,143

Expenses: \$15,859

End of Month: \$25,583

## **Committee Reports**

**Public and Media Relations** – No report given

**Preservation and Urban Design** – Caleb Racicot

No applications currently in need of review. A couple of stop work issues due to illegally painted brick, historic windows removed, and/or construction not identified on the plan

**Zoning, Land Use, and Code Enforcement** – Walter Slaton

Recommendation to support application for change to subarea 1 to change the maximum height from 72 to 225 feet with setbacks on RDA

Vote: 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

Recommendation to support Willie Watkins Taste of West End

Vote: 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

Encouraged attendance at NPU-T meeting scheduled to occur on August 14<sup>th</sup> when the official vote is scheduled to take place

**Environmental Health and Beautification** – Handy Johnson

No Saturday morning trash pickup scheduled due to heat and success of midweek pickups.

Next pickup scheduled for Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Lee + White with activity to conclude at Wild Heaven. Pickup participants receive one free beer.

**Education** – Heather Sharpe

Welcome Back to School activities scheduled for teachers. Bringing coffee and cookies as a thank you for returning to support students

Beginning planning for January supply drive

Washington High School open house: Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1pm to 3pm

Brown Middle School open house: Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 3pm to 5pm

M. Agnes Jones open house: Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 5pm to 7pm

Atlanta Public Schools 'Back to School Bash' held at the Georgia World Congress Center, Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 1pm

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (Westview) 'Back to School Bash', Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>,  
11am to 1pm

**Public Safety** – No report given

**Finance** – No report given

**Membership Concerns and Community Relations** – Sonja Roberts

114 paid members

Dues can be paid via the 'Join Us' link on atlantawestend.com

\$20 per person not per household.

Voting eligibility: Must be a paid member and have attended two of past four meetings.

Sign name not 'X' when signing in to acknowledge attendance.

Events scheduled to occur in August:

- National Night Out: August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Rose Circle Park

Announcements:

- West End Livable Centers Initiative Survey – Supplemental survey of questions from meeting. (westendlci.com)
- Atlanta Streets Alive – September 29, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 7:54p