



GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES

West End Neighborhood Development

Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 7:00pm

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



Officers present:

Tony McNeal, *President*

John Mitchell, *1st Vice President*

Kimberly Carlisle, *2nd Vice President*

Sherria Saafir, *Treasurer*

Carolyn Sims, *Secretary*

Terry Ross, *Parliamentarian*

Sonja Roberts, *Recording Secretary*

Kim Scott, *Past President*



CALL TO ORDER

7:05PM

Introduction: Tony McNeal, President

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Kim Carlisle, 2nd Caleb Racicot

Vote: 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body.

Motion carried.

Adoption of the January 2019 General Body Meeting Minutes – Motion by Mike Sims, 2nd Dayo Lawal

Vote: 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body.

Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

- Josh Humphries, Office of Housing & Community Development, Economic Development Team
 - Storefront Redesign Program –property façade improvement opportunities to corridor businesses
 - Scope: RDA between Lee & Lawton
 - Outreach occurred in December and January to business owners along that corridor.
 - Grant based reimbursement program offering up to 10k in reimbursement. Matching of 50% of investment for owners and mini-grants of up to \$2,500 for renters (requiring a \$200 investment)
 - Program provides basic training on storefront improvements and impact on business.
 - Recommendation packets for grant applications planned for release to participating businesses in early spring.
 - Grant is funded through a federal program through the city.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tony McNeal, President

Special Committees (Tony McNeal): Executive Board created two special sub-committees to officially serve as committees for Yard of the Month and Friends of West End Parks.

WEND Foundation: Application was submitted for The WEND Foundation for recognition by the IRS of exempt status under section 501(c)(3). Volunteers to serve as the founding board members have been selected. Next steps involve determining which WEND activities will transition from WEND to the Foundation in order to better serve the community and attract corporate support. Donations to the foundation will be tax deductible. If you are interested in serving on the Foundation, please contact a WEND representative.

YouWork: The deadline has passed, and we are now in the process of processing applications and expect to get up and going mid-March.

Placemaker's Grant: The Placemaker's Committee recently met with City representatives and the representative from the Trust for Public Land. We are now working with the group on financial planning and will begin reaching out to artists. There are plans for another community meeting for community feedback and input.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Sherria Saafir, Treasurer

January 2019 Financial Statement:

Beginning balance \$35,161

Ending balance \$39,118

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations & Marketing: This committee currently needs a Chair. If you are interested in serving, please contact WEND.

Preservation & Urban Design (Caleb Racicot): Reminder of preservation regulations, Meeting tomorrow night at Monday Night Garage.

Zoning, Land Use & Code Enforcement (Walter Slaton): No major announcements. There will be an AUC Master Plan Community Engagement Meeting from 10 am – noon, Sat. 9th at 227 Roach St. SW. Anyone with concerns or interest is encouraged to attend.

Discussed code enforcement process for parking violations/parking on grass and sidewalks.

Beautification & Environmental Health (Handy Johnson): Great turnout in January for the cleanup. Contrary to past announcements, there will not be a clean-up this Saturday. Trash pick-up schedule will pick up in the spring. **(Jules Connolly):** Coordinated with City of Atlanta and had a dumpster provided. Excellent turn-out and great effort on cleanup. Moving forward, the Committee plans to start focusing on area-specific intense cleanups. Tire-drive will be another focus this spring during the COA tire drives. Reminder that tires are not collected for free with your garbage. Also will be coordinating with the Soccer in the Streets group to work with us in the future.

Discussed the potential for engaging with Brown Middle School to engage students; possibly reach out to the Science or Environmental teachers at the school.

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

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 (Sonja Roberts): Looking for a Chair of Membership. Reviewed dues and WEND membership benefits (neighborhood events). Please note that we are now asking that dues be paid in check or electronically. Please no cash. Also, if you pay through PayPal, please add a note to identify what the payment is for. There are a reported 64 paid members.

Events: (Need Chair) No events are planned for February. The first WEND Porch Party of the season will be on Saturday, the 9th of March. Will send announcements later.

NEW BUSINESS, WRAP-UP, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Terry Ross - NPU-T needs neighbors to help. Please volunteer. TSPLOST need neighbors and community members to come out and advocate at the next meeting.

NPU-T is planning public safety forum this quarter. Just for Zone 4. There will be flyers to follow.

Education. We no longer have a board of education rep. for NPUT. Election will be coming up shortly. Walter is our Zoning Chair.

Next NPU meeting is Feb. 13th at Kipp Strive at 7pm. Please join.

- Haylene Green (the Garden Queen): Please come out this year to help volunteer at her farm. Acquired 4 farms in the area and has a program called "Bridging the Gap" between seniors and youth to foster relationships and growing together. Needs help with building garden boxes – perhaps someone who loves to do woodwork! Sign-up sheet on Facebook and Instagram. www.thegardenqueen.com
- Tony McNeal: Reminder, new restaurant at Lee + White, Boxcar will open March 1st.

ADJOURNED AT: 8:09PM