



GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES

West End Neighborhood Development

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7:00pm

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



Officers present:

Tony McNeal, President

John Mitchell, 1st VP

Sherria Saafir, Treasurer

Carolyn Sims, Secretary

Terry Ross, Parliamentarian

Kim Scott, Past President

Call to Order – 7:07pm

Introduction: Tony McNeal, President

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Mike Sims, 2nd Emily Herman

Vote: 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body.

Motion carried.

Adoption of the December 2018 Meeting Minutes – motion by Mike Sims; 2nd Mike Lopez

Vote: 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body.

Motion carried.

Guest Presentations:

Nick Purdy, President of Wild Heaven Brewery

Decatur based brewery building out a new brewery and taproom in the Lee + White space across from Monday Night Garage. There was a 6-month delay on the project and the plan details have been changed. The restaurant program has been expanded, offering more food

options than originally planned. No table service will be offered, but offerings will include hand-held foods such as tacos. Additionally, an event space has been incorporated for public use. Any public organization that serves or is part of West End may use the event space for free (beer/beverages will be extra cost).

Beer served in the taproom will be made in the new brewery facility (West End local!) Construction of the space should be completed by end of February. They had hoped to be open in time for the Super Bowl, however it was noted that due to the current government shutdown, the required federal brewing permit has been slow to obtain. New expected opening date is sometime in late March.

Wild Heaven Brewery is excited to be a part of the community and hopes to hire/staff directly from the community. There is currently (and will continue) to be a 24-hr security person as part of Lee + White. Security is not business specific, but covers all the Lee + White district.

Wild Heaven Announcement: Currently looking for a highly qualified brewer who lives in the neighborhood to serve as their assistant brewer. Inquiries can be sent directly to Wild Heaven. <https://wildheavenbeer.com/contact/>

President's Report

Tony McNeal, President

Committees: It is very important that everyone participate and volunteer for a committee. WEND runs on committee participation. Please consider joining a committee this year!

Youth Workforce (*Ayanna Dunston*): Youth Workforce received a grant through the neighborhood fund to offer students paid internships in West End and Westview. 10 students will be nominated through schools; 5 through the community. Students will benefit from job opportunity and skills development. There will be a Facebook post with questions for nominations, offering opportunities, or input for workshops that will be offered to the students. Skills or expertise in resume writing, HR, interviews, professional presentation, communication skills, etc. will be very helpful for these students. Please consider contributing your time and experience to this great opportunity or serving as a mentor.

Statement of Financial Position

Sherria Saafir, Treasurer

December 2018 Financial Statement:

Beginning balance \$32,074.36

Ending balance \$35,161.68

2019 Budget Overview:

Expected revenue: \$53, 871.00

Projected Expenses:

Events: \$34,397.65

PR/Marketing: \$1,420.19
Preservation & Urban Design: \$864.00
Beautification & Environmental Health: \$9,847.00
Membership: \$2,618.75
Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch: \$2,075.00
Total Projected Expenses: \$51,222.59

President McNeal noted a sponsorship from NPU-T for \$500, not represented in the current budget, and asked if anyone would like to amend the budget to add the additional NPU-T sponsorship/grant.

Motion to accept the 2019 budget with the amended NPU-T grant.

Motion: Mike Sims, 2nd Handy Johnson

Vote: 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Motion carries. The motion was approved by the General Body.

Committee Reports

Public Relations & Marketing: There was no activity on this last year (nobody volunteered or Chaired). Please volunteer!

Preservation & Urban Design, Kathy Woodcock (Co-Chair)

Committee's primary function is to meet with neighbors and contractors to ensure compliance with historic ordinances. Committee goes before the COA Urban Design commission.

Noted: Determinations are NOT based in emotion; based purely on the regulations. Committee will report unpermitted work.

- Meets every 2 weeks (about)
- Meets at Monday Night Garage, 6:30pm

Dec reports: 3 reviews at Urban Design this week.

Zoning, Land Use & Code Enforcement, Walter Slaton (Chair)

Committee focuses on zoning and subareas, and issues associated with zoning. Also, this committee considers applications for liquor licenses or variances. All applications are considered on a case-by-case basis, making the most important function of the committee the interaction between the planning office, the NPU-T planner, NPU-T chair and this committee.

Noted: Immediate need for a volunteer to serve in Code Enforcement. Someone to be out at the grassroots level (working with Beautification committee) for betterment of the neighborhood.

For code enforcement issues, you are encouraged to report it yourself, but you may also notify this Committee. (You may report code violations anonymously.)

Code Enforcement Contact: Contact the Bureau of Code Compliance at 404.330.6190, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 am and 5:00 pm. to speak with a customer service representative. You may also call **311** to file a complaint 24 hours a day if you are located within the city limits of Atlanta.

Email or Fax—[Print this form](#) and fax it to 404.979.4868 or send the form to the Bureau of Code Compliance at codesrequests@atlantaga.gov.

Action Item: Zoning Committee recommendation is to support the requested liquor license for Wild Heaven.

Motion to support:

Vote: 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

The motion was approved by the General Body. Motion carries.

Guest announcement: Kennesaw State University – Prof. of Architecture and Urban Design. Working in West End conducting a research study focused on asking residents and business people about the character of West End. (Ex: What is valuable to you in the community? Where do you visit? What do you like/don't like?) Research goal is to obtain an insider view of the West End through resident surveys and interviews. Student researchers on the project will be combining an outsider's view (their own) and resident input. Urban design students will meet with the community and focus on buildable areas of WE to develop urban design concepts (street/façade). This will result in a finished project from the research that could be used by the WE for an urban design plan for implementation in the area (potential benefit).

Passing out surveys (IRB approved research). Surveys will take 15-20 mins. Offering 4-\$25 Amazon gifts cards, and 1-\$50 gift card as compensation. Raffle style.

Beautification & Environmental Health, Handy Johnson (Chair)

This committee conducts clean-up campaigns, maintains a relationship with the City, and works to reduce trash & litter in the community, which are constant issues. During wintertime, the Committee is focusing on targeted areas, one specific area that needs special attention, rather than general clean-up. In Spring, the focus will revert to normal pick up schedule, which are held on the Saturday after the general body meeting and one other date in the month (as determined). Committee meets about once every 2 months. Areas of focus this year: elimination of vertical ivy from big trees and check invasive plants in the area (pest plants). If you are interested, please join!

Announcement from Committee member, Barbara Mislan - We are having a big clean-up for MLK Service Day on Dargan Place. City of Atlanta is bringing a dumpster in anticipation of a big clean up. Please join in the effort on January 12th at 9am. Meet at Dargan Place corner.

Education, Kim Scott (Chair)

The purpose of this Committee is to support the Washington cluster of the Atlanta school district.

Initiative from last year: \$1500 scholarship award.

Coat drive and school supply drive.

There are also opportunities for volunteering with students as well as a reading program with students. Please consider volunteering.

Public Safety, Terry Ross

(APD Officer was not present).

No details to report from WEND neighborhood level. No details on Neighborhood Crime Watch, but it does serve as a good deterrent to crime.

APD is offering a citizens police academy later this month to provide education to people interested in neighborhood watch activities.

More information: <http://www.atlantapd.org/community/citizen-police-academy>

Finance Committee, Tony McNeal

The Finance committee audits the Executive board and is in need of members. If you have expertise in auditing/budgeting, please join.

Membership & Community Relations, John Mitchell

This Committee is the group you interact with when you come to the meeting (check in/attendance documentation), and also represents the neighborhood at events (ex: table set ups). This Committee also organizes/puts on popular neighborhood social events, like porch parties, etc. Also focuses on increasing/growing membership.

Events, Tony McNeal

This is the biggest committee on WEND. This Committee plans and manages several annual events, including the Summer Concert, the West End Tour of Homes, Halloween/Trick-or-Treating coordination, working with Atlanta Streets Alive, and the West End Holiday Party. Serving on this Committee is fun but does include a lot of work!

New Business, Wrap-up, and Announcements:

Announcements:

Brent Brewer – MARTA meeting at Lindbergh station about the proposed name change of the West End Station. Meeting will include a vote on whether the name should change or not.

Marta Board has been vague on the name change. NPU-T Transportation Chair has been attending meetings for information. Stance on the name change has been communicated (WEND does not support the change).

Meeting is on Thursday afternoon at Lindbergh station.

Noted discussion: This is not the first time the name change has been proposed. In fact, it is the 3rd time. The West End Station name recognition remains important for neighborhood identification.

Lisa.steines@engelvoelkers.com – Transportation Chair of NPU-T. You may reach out to her for additional comments.

Brent Brewer – A birthday party for Kebbi Williams is today. The party at Gallery 992 is in celebration of his birthday as well as serving as a fundraiser for Music in the Park (in May this year).

Terry Ross – West End Merchant Coalition (between Lawton and Lee street) RDA business tenants can apply for up to \$25k for improvements to storefronts. Up to \$10k for property owners.

More information on Jan 15th 6-8pm @ Goodrum Enterprises 1176 RDA (food will be served)

Adjourned at: 8:20pm