



GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES

West End Neighborhood Development

Tuesday, March 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

7:04 PM

Introduction: Tony McNeal, President

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Tonya Simmons, 2nd Jules Connolly

Vote: 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body.

Motion carried.

Adoption of the February 2019 General Body Meeting Minutes – Motion by Mike Lopez, 2nd Elliott Walker

Vote: 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body.

Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Rob Hayes, Best End Brewing Company

- Located in the Lee + White development, Best End Brewing Company will be both a full-service restaurant and brewery. It will have a small Beltline connection and is planned for opening sometime early April or May. The menu is planned to be Southeast island food, with an emphasis on seafood.
- Hope to work with local West End gardens/farmers for produce suppliers.
- Estimated/planned hours: Weekdays close at 10pm, weekends closing at 11pm.
- They have a planned community outreach program for cooking with local community children to learn healthy eating/cooking skills.

Tim Schiavone (owner, brewer), Best End Brewing Company

- There will be a diverse brewing plan (lots of variety), a chef's bar and large community seating, with an oyster happy hour planned
- Eat locally, drink globally.

Robert Thompson, WEToursATL

- WEToursATL (Westside Engagement Tours Atlanta) offers 3 distinctively different guided walking tours within the West End community and along the Atlanta BeltLine Westside Trail. Tours focused on PUBLIC ART, HISTORY, or URBAN FARMING.
- WEToursATL provides programming through partner affiliates that encourages exercise, promotes healthy lifestyle choices, and offers medical consultation while fostering community pride and awareness.
- Specifically on the farm tour, swag bucks are given for credit at the farmers market. Tours are held on Saturdays. For groups of 10 or more, a special schedule can be arranged. Family Health Centers of GA is also offering free health screenings for tour participants.
- Currently, 75% of the people taking advantage of the free tours are not from West End/residents of the area. Please come take advantage of this opportunity!
- www.WEToursATL.org

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS**Lt. Sheik, Zone 4, Criminal Investigation Unit**

- See something, say something
- Still have issues of car break-ins.
- Remember the Clean Car Campaign – remove all visible items from your car!
- New Number for Criminal Investigations Unit: 404-546-5160
- You should be contacted within 3 days after you report/call. If you are unhappy with the service, please ask for a supervisor.
- Be aware of “slider crimes” at the gas station (someone sliding into your passenger side to steal while you pump gas). Lock your doors and keep your belongings with you.
- You are encouraged to participate in the criminal justice system; attend court cases and be proactive.
- Community comment on the importance of positive interactions with the community – please remind officers that being open to engaging with community/residents is important.

Rep. Pat Gardner's office

Gloria Smith from Rep. Pat Gardner's office – Wednesday, April 7th is crossover day.

Will come back next month on what passed and what didn't pass.

Contact: Pat Gardner -- Call 404-873-6208 Capital at 404-656-0265

To contact Gloria: missgloriams@bellsouth.net; call: 678-772-4011

Community discussion about homeless encampments under state highway overpasses.
Recommended possible contact: Partner's for Home (with COA), which is about to deploy an outreach team to do work with homeless individuals to help place them in more stable living arrangements.

Questions about any advocating Representative Gardner can do to work towards repairing fences near highway?

Concerns about a house bill intended to strip authority from city regulations on design. (concerns over eventual stripping of historic regulations).

Cleta Winslow's Office, District 4

Marshall Thompson - 404-330-6047

- Stacey Key, 5th district representative contact: 404-310-5040
- State of GA is trying to take over the ATL airport – please be aware
- Renew Atlanta TSPLOST - Meeting at Grady High School @ 6:30 about TSPLOST allocation and complete streets.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tony McNeal, President

YouWork (Ayanna Clark): West End YouWork Internship Program – received grant to place 15 students in the Washington cluster in internships.

Received 24 applications total. Selected 15 students from Booker T. Washington, Brown Middle, and Kipp. Saturday sessions. Anyone who has job readiness or mentorship skills, please volunteer. Specifically, volunteers for working 1 on 1 with kids. Meeting for volunteers at Monday Night Garage at 6:30pm

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

February 2019 Financial Statement:

Beginning balance \$39,478

Ending balance \$37,133

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Preservation & Urban Design (Caleb Racicot): Reminder that the regulations impact houses, but also sites (including retaining walls, sidewalks, etc.) If you are planning to make any repairs, please contact the City of Atlanta Office of Design 404-330-6145. If you are interested in Urban Design, please join for a meeting at 6:30pm at Monday Night Garage on Wed. 3/6

Zoning, Land Use & Code Enforcement (Walter Slaton): Only item for consideration is the Best End Brewing application.

*Best End Brewery liquor license – Motion to support out of committee
27 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
Motion carries.*

FYI: Police Department has taken over code enforcement.

Beautification & Environmental Health (Barbara Mislan): Thank you for everyone who attended the cleanup in January. Another cleanup this Saturday, March 9th at 9am. Dumpster will be dropped off at West End Park near Lucile and Dargan place. Plan to hit problem trash areas. Please attend, including kids. Tables with art materials to hopefully place signs in problem areas to help deter dumping.
Barbara.mislan@gmail.com or Wend Beautification Facebook page for cleanup concerns.

Education: New Chair. Heather Sharp! More info after next meeting. 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 (Carlton): 61 paid members. Please encourage neighbors to join WEND and get involved.

Events: (Need Chair). The first WEND Porch Party of the season will be this Saturday, the 9th of March. 695 Peebles St. from 6-10pm Please bring beverage or light bite to share.

NEW BUSINESS, WRAP-UP, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Prof. from Kennesaw St. University survey from a few months ago for a research study focused on AUC/West End neighborhoods. Meeting Monday 3/11 to discuss needs and wants of community as well as examine student work thus far (meeting from 6:30 – 8:30, dinner provided) location TBD. There are 14 students on research team looking at solutions to preserve the physical and commercial character of the area. Plan to come back May 7th to work on design of certain areas for presentation and feedback. Could also offer help on Placemaking design.

Tony McNeal – In June, we will have the WEND Tour of Homes. Please keep in mind for potential sponsors of the event. If you are interested in being a sponsor, or know someone who would like to be a sponsor, please let us know. Sponsorship perks include advertisement and marketing in materials.

Terry Ross (NPUT): Meets next Wednesday 3/13, KIPP STRIVE 7pm. Please attend.

West End merchant's coalition agreed to participate in the YouWork program.

ADJOURNED AT: 8:19PM