



## **WEND GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES**

West End Neighborhood Development Inc

Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 7:00pm

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



### 2019 Officers:

Marquise "Tony" McNeal, *President* - [president@atlantawestend.com](mailto:president@atlantawestend.com)

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#### Officers present:

Tony McNeal – President

John Mitchell – 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Kimberly Carlisle – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Sherria Saafir – Treasurer

Terry Ross - Parliamentarian

Introduction: President Tony McNeal

Call to Order – 7:06pm

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Marvin Nesbit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jules Connolly

Vote: 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

Adoption of the September 2019 General Body Minutes – Motion by Kimberly Carlisle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marvin Nesbit

Vote: 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

WEND 2020 Executive Committee Elections (Sonja Roberts – Recording Secretary):  
Elections for two-year terms scheduled to take effect in January 2020. The positions and candidates up for election:

- President: Tony McNeal – Vote results: 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Kimberly Carlisle – Vote results: 31 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions
- Recording Secretary: Jules Connolly – Vote results: 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

### **Guest Presentations**

#### **Ackerman & Co. – Courtyard Market Liquor License**

Change of ownership for existing license permitting patrons to legally take alcoholic beverages purchased from licensed businesses on the property into a common courtyard area

Motion to add Traxx Artist & Event Facility to guest presentation list – Motion by Kimberly Carlisle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Cobb

Vote: 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

#### **Traxx Artist & Event Facility (Walter Jordan) – Request for Liquor License**

The facility formerly known as the Star Theater. Address 840 Ralph David Abernathy.

#### **West End Farmers Market (Deborah Williams) – Request for Letter of Support**

The market started in Gordon White Park on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to run through November 26<sup>th</sup> every Saturday from 10am to 2pm

### **Recognition of Public Officials**

Lieutenant Shekh – Atlanta PD

Robbery occurred on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 498 Atwood Street. Victim's camera and other belongings taken.

Car break-ins increasing.

Request for increased police presence at Stop 'n Shop convenience store at 75 Lee Street. Open container drinking, loitering, and illegal dumping.

Request for increased police presence at 435 Atwood Street. The building is dilapidated. Criminal activity observed. Prostitution and loitering occurring.

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

Placemaker's Grant (John Mitchell): Provided language for artist Request for Proposals to solicit artwork. The RFP process is scheduled to end after a 6-week open period which falls in mid-November. Once the proposal process closes artwork submissions will be reviewed and selections will be made. The installation of the selected artwork is slated to occur during the first quarter of 2020.

Appointment of Corresponding Secretary (Tony McNeal): Current corresponding secretary (Carolyn Sims) unable to attend WEND general body meetings due to personal family issues. The Executive Board has appointed a replacement, Emily Herman, to take over the role to fill the current absence of the position.

Motion to appoint Emily Herman as corresponding secretary whose term is scheduled to end in 2021.

Vote: 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

## **Statement of Financial Position – Sherria Saafir**

Month of September

Beginning: \$33,800

Income: \$19,399

Expenses: \$16,103

End of Month: \$37,096

## **Committee Reports**

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

**Preservation and Urban Design** – Caleb Racicot/Kathy Woodcock

The committee reviews certificates of appropriateness (permits to ensure conformity of historic district regulations.) Meetings occur as often as twice a month. Potential meeting scheduled to occur October 2<sup>nd</sup> to review new home construction at 451 Atwood. Also, under review is an addition of a porch to a home at 891 White Street.

List of properties currently associated with 'stop work' orders identified for sale:

- 1161 Lucille Avenue
- 421 Atwood Street
- 1285 Greenwich Street
- 1152 Eggleston
- 689 Grady Place
- 1252 Sells Avenue
- 380 Atwood Street
- 1298 Lucille Avenue

**Zoning, Land Use, and Code Enforcement** – Tony McNeal (in place of Walter Slaton)  
Recommendation by Executive Board to support transfer of courtyard liquor license from Stream Reality to Ackerman & Co.

Vote: 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

Recommendation by Zoning Committee to support permit to operate West End Farmers Market in Gordon White park

Vote: 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

Recommendation by Zoning Committee to support request by Traxx Artist & Event Facility for liquor license

Vote: 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

**Environmental Health and Beautification** – Handy Johnson

Next pickup scheduled for Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 11am meeting at the Boxcar parking lot of Lee + White. The pickup is being done in conjunction with 'The Race' scheduled to impact the neighborhood. There is a request for 'team leads' from the neighborhood to participate.

**Education** – Susan Cobb

Organizing an initiative to generate funds to purchase school supplies after Christmas break. The committee generated nearly \$1200 from raffle tickets sold at the WEND Candlelight concert. The committee generated \$200 from '30310' T-shirts sold during Atlanta Streets Alive event.

**Public Safety** – No report given

**Finance** – No report given

**Membership Concerns and Community Relations** – 120+ paid WEND members

Events scheduled to occur in October:

- Kids Halloween: Map indicating houses participating on Halloween scheduled to be prepared and distributed
- Adult Fall Porch Party: Proposed to occur at firehouse on Whitehall

Announcements:

- West End Merchants Coalition (Terry Ross) – The City of Atlanta through HUD provided \$20,000 in grant money to 14 business on Ralph David Abernathy to improve their façade. Also, eight businesses received \$2,500 mini-grants to improve their facades as well.
- NPU-T (Terry Ross) – Meets October 9<sup>th</sup> in either the ASW community room or the Wild Heaven Brewing weather depending

- West Hunter Street Baptist Church (Terry Ross) – Joshua’s Mobile Food – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month needs volunteers from 8am to 12pm to assist in handing out food. The next event is scheduled to occur on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- State Representative Pat Gardner’s Office (Gloria Smith) – The Georgia Legislature internship program is accepting applications for college interns through October 11<sup>th</sup> at [www.legis.georgia.gov](http://www.legis.georgia.gov) or via contact with Representative Gardener (office: 404-656-0265)
- BeltLine Tax Allocation Committee (Kimberly Copeland) – The 1/2 cent tax increase to support MARTA and bring transit to the BeltLine most likely will not happen due to a phase in scheduled to occur by 2023 but the Atlanta BeltLine Inc is slated to be dissolved by that timeframe thus eliminating the requirement. A march is scheduled to occur at the Old 4<sup>th</sup> Ward skatepark from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24p