



## **WEND GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES**

West End Neighborhood Development Inc  
Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 7:00pm  
1040 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd. SW,  
Atlanta, GA 30310



### 2019 Officers:

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#### Officers present:

Tony McNeal – President

John Mitchell – 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Sherria Saafir – Treasurer

Terry Ross - Parliamentarian

Introduction: President Tony McNeal

Call to Order – 7:07pm

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Caleb Racicot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Jenkins

Vote: 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

Adoption of the November 2019 General Body Minutes – Motion by Tonya Simmons, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Caleb Racicot

Vote: 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

## **Guest Presentations**

### **West End Food Mart – Liquor License**

Request of support for liquor license due to business change of ownership. Address 1107  
Ralph David Abernathy.

### **Carter (Adam Parker) – Community Updates**

Three projects being developed close to West End:

- Apartment complex: Project developed as partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine. 187 housing units, 40,000 sq. feet of office space, 2,500 sq. feet of retail space, YMCA health and wellness center, and a Morehouse affiliated health clinic. Project open to public. Scheduled to be completed in summer 2020.
- The Met (former Metropolitan Lofts): Performing site improvements and signing leases with tenants (recently signed James Beard award winning BBQ restaurateur Rodney Scott)
- Youth Center for Atlanta Police Foundation: Offer safe space for neighborhood kids. Current project being developed on Metropolitan Parkway by the Met to serve South Atlanta neighborhoods.

## **Recognition of Public Officials**

Sergeant Buckley – Atlanta PD, Zone 4 Investigations

Crime down in comparison to last year. Advising against leaving car running unattended while warming the engine. Anticipating a potential uptick in crime during winter due to it getting darker outside earlier.

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

Placemaker's Grant (John Mitchell): The Request for Proposal artwork submission process is set to close at noon, Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Artists would receive \$2,000 per selected design.

WEND Holiday Party (Tony McNeal): December 7, 2019, 7pm to 11pm at Wild Heaven Beer Brewery & Gardens. (1010 White Street) WEND members receive free entry for food and beverages. Non-members \$12 donation at the door.

Statement of Financial Position – Sherria Saafir  
Month of November  
Beginning: \$37,900  
Income: \$519  
Expenses: \$1,942  
End of Month: \$36,478

## **Committee Reports**

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

**Preservation and Urban Design** – Caleb Racicot

The committee reviews requests for property changes to ensure conformity to historic district regulations. Upcoming meeting scheduled to occur December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to review new home construction at 369 Hopkins and 415 Atwood. Also under review is a rezoning application to build additional housing on industrial White Street.

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

Recommendation by Zoning Committee not to support West End liquor license

Vote: 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body

**Environmental Health and Beautification** – Handy Johnson

Next neighborhood pickup will occur in 2020. Date to be determined.

**Education** – Heather Sharpe and Susan Cobb

Collected funds to provide Washington cluster schools with supplies identified on their needs list. The committee will deliver supplies to the schools in mid-January. Request for donations of coats in conjunction with the WEND holiday party. Coats for kids ranging from elementary through high school ages.

- Brown Middle School hosting fine arts exposition, December 12, 2019 at 6:00pm
- Washington cluster fine arts exposition, December 18, 2019 at 6:00pm

**Public Safety** – No report given

**Finance** – No report given

**Membership Concerns and Community Relations** – 112 paid WEND members; 2020 dues available to be paid online via the WEND website. Make sure to sign in with initials (not 'X') when signing in for meeting attendance.

Events scheduled to occur in December:

- Kids Holiday party: Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm

Announcements:

- West End Merchants Coalition (Linc Bennett) – Opening of art gallery at the Shrine of the Black Madonna (948 Ralph David Abernathy) on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 6:00pm.
- NPU-T (Terry Ross) – Next meeting scheduled to occur at Lee + White community room on December 11, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06p