



## **GENERAL BODY MEETING AGENDA**

### **West End Neighborhood Development**

Tuesday, January 7th, 2020, 7:00 PM

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



#### 2020 Officers:

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#### **INTRODUCTION (Tony McNeal, President)**

**7:09 PM**

- Call to Order
- Welcome and adoption of agenda
  - o *Motion to adopt agenda – Cami Gibson moved, Alan Babilinski 2<sup>nd</sup>, 23 in favor - 0 opposed - 0 abstentions. Motion carries.*
- Approval of December 2019 General Body Minutes
  - o *Cami Gibson moved, James Cusick 2<sup>nd</sup>, 26 in favor – 0 opposed – 2 abstentions. Motion carries.*

#### **GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

**7:10-7:30 PM**

- Principal Crooms & Dr. Ball, Brown Middle School
  - o Great things are happening at Brown! Despite decreasing enrollment after Kennedy Middle School opened in Vine City, the school has come a long way regarding student persistence and achievement data. Every student has a laptop with a hot spot in order to bridge the achievement gap and work toward 21<sup>st</sup> century learning outcomes. Seeking STEM certification this year, 95% of teachers are trained in coding. Computer Science department just received a \$25,000 grant from the Georgia DoE, became a school of distinction. They are very

appreciative of the coat drive that the education committee spearheaded. They have used the Beltline as their learning lab.

- 6<sup>th</sup> graders are working to prevent storm water runoff, partnering with Atlanta Watershed to learn how to mark drains. Every student is learning to code in their watershed partnership.
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders are working on preserving wildlife and plant life along the Beltline trail.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders are working alongside Georgia Tech to create solar lighting along the Beltline.
- Amir Tejane, LRB\_ BP Food Mart, 516 Lee Street
  - Liquor license ownership change. Changing ownership requires a letter of support from WEND for the license to change hands. Only beer and wine sold, not liquor. Recommendation from Zoning Committee is to support the applicant. *Motion to support, 28 in favor, 3 opposed, 3 abstentions.*

## RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

7:30 – 7:40 PM

- Daud A. Sheikh, Lieutenant, Atlanta City Police Department, Email: [Dsheikh@atlantaga.gov](mailto:Dsheikh@atlantaga.gov), Office: (404) 756-1903, Cell: (404) 617-8099
  - Major Murphy was promoted to Deputy Chief.
  - Cold weather, increased car theft. Home renovations are still being targeted, people need to secure their items during renovations and write down their serial numbers.
  - Burglar who was breaking into food marts and stealing cigarettes has been identified through DNA.
  - Police horse has been donated to the APD and is in training
  - APD has a new “no chase” policy
- Demetrius Myatt, Chief of Staff, Councilwoman Clela Winslow’s Office
  - The West End Arts Center is not closing, but \$1 Million has been placed in the budget to revitalize it. It will be closed temporarily for renovations. Funds came out of city budget.
  - The city is hiring for the Census. For more information, call. 404-330-6047
- Sargent Carter, MARTA Police
  - Snatch thefts are very high on the Southbound train. Juveniles have been the primary perpetrators. They recommend that someone who witnesses a crime on the MARTA train use the intercom on the train which will notify the conductor. Phones are being stolen on trains, right when doors are about to close. People are being taken advantage of when they are on their way home.

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

7:30 – 7:50 PM

- Placemaker’s Grant
  - Huge milestone achieved – selected two artists who will submit final designs for our local Placemaker murals. West End was selected by the City of Atlanta to have a “Placemaking project” – we chose two intersections where we would have murals created on the street that represent the community.

- 2020 Budget – Sherria Saafir, Treasurer
  - \$57,671 Expected Revenue
  - \$57,405 Expected Expenses
  - All revenue will come from events, the largest being the annual concert
  - Expenses: Events Committee - \$38,600, PR & Marketing: \$2,800, Preservation and Urban Design \$864, Education \$2,000, Beautification \$10,300, Membership at \$2,600
  - *Motion to approve 2020 Budget, Caleb moved, Cami 2<sup>nd</sup>, 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion carries.*
- 1107 Ralph David Abernathy – West End Food Mart
  - New owner came to previous meeting to request a letter of support for their change of liquor license. LRB deferred the case. At least 300 incidents of violence or crime on the property since 2017. We recommend that neighbors attend next LRB meeting to pressure Council to not approve change of ownership, due to the constant violent crimes.

## **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**7:50-7:55 PM**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**7:55-8:20 PM**

- We recommend that neighbors get involved and join a committee!
- Public Relations & Marketing
  - We don't currently have a chair but really need one. Could use a lot of help with social media and marketing.
- Preservation & Urban Design
  - Ensures that West End residents are adhering to city and federal historic guidelines. Meet every two weeks with applicants to review certificate of appropriateness. Go to urban design commission meetings and express the official position of Wend on applications. Decisions are based on the law and historic regulations.
- Zoning, Land Use & Code Enforcement
  - Work with applications and ZRB (Zoning Review Board) to ensure that codes are adhered to. Meet last Monday of every month.
- Beautification & Environmental Health
  - Cleans up the community, coordinates trash pickups and cleanup campaigns. Maintains grounds and liaises with the Department of Public Works to keep them abreast to maintenance issues. Cleanups are generally scheduled on Saturdays after the Wend Meeting. Hosting cleanup on MLK day.
- Education
  - Seeking a new Chair. They have been very active this year – hosted events with all 7 schools in the Washington Cluster. 2 successful fundraising events – raised \$3,000 for the schools. Hosted supply drives and uniform drives.
- Public Safety
  - Not functional this year. Could potentially plan neighborhood watch and public safety forums.
- Finance

- Not functional this year, but is supposed to audit Wend's finances quarterly.
- Membership Concerns and Community Relations
  - 62 new members in 2020! Committee records membership. Needs volunteers for membership drives.
- Events
  - Seeking homes for Annual Tour of Homes as well as sponsors for the event. Plans large scale events for the organization throughout the year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS, WRAP-UP, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**8:20-8:30 PM**

- Wetoursatl.org offers free tours of the West End by appointment.
- New Pharmacy – Total Food and Pharmacy inside of the Chase Bank. Two Pharmacists from CVS opened their own Pharmacy. They are hosting workouts on Sundays. Prescription delivery is available.
- Grief support is available on the third Thursday of the month at 6PM at Willie Watkins Funeral Home
- Wend is partnering with Morehouse to employ an intern who volunteers in local schools through mentoring and literacy support.

#### **ADJOURN**

**8:32 PM**