



GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES

West End Neighborhood Development

Tuesday, November 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*

Emily Herman, *Secretary*

Sonja Roberts, *Recording Secretary*

Kim Scott, *Past President*



[@AtlantaWestEnd](https://twitter.com/AtlantaWestEnd)



[AtlantaWestEnd](https://www.facebook.com/AtlantaWestEnd)



[AtlantaWestEnd](https://www.instagram.com/AtlantaWestEnd)

CALL TO ORDER

7:07 PM

Introduction: Tony McNeal, President

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Marvin Nesbitt, 2nd Cami Gibson

Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

The motion was approved by the General Body.

Motion carried.

Adoption of the October 2019 General Body Meeting Minutes – Motion by Cami Gibson, 2nd Marvin Nesbitt

Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Motion carried.

Mallory Shirley – 690 Grady Place Variance Request

- Requesting a rear yard setback to 0 ft for ADU in order to construct staircase on ADU.
- There is no alleyway on the land survey.
- She has support from neighbors who are in the process of adding an 8 ft privacy fence on top of a 3 foot wall.
- She has a nonconforming lot.
- There is no easement on the property that the property would sit on.
- Questions were raised about the placement of the ADU, privacy concerns, and reasons for bringing setback to 0.
- Motion was to not support the variance, 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 8 abstentions.

Mia McKinney – West End LCI

- Works for Atlanta LCI and Beltline Masterplan
- Two projects run on the same track that are in the visioning stage, preparing to make recommendations to the city. Project focused on mobility updates, land use and community development.
- There is an 80% to 20% grant matching program through the West End LCI. Top importance is to preserve the history and character of the neighborhood while making it more pedestrian friendly. Beltline is focusing on Lee Street South/Oakland City and Cascade/Beecher neighborhoods. Their hope is to create economically varied retail.
- They are in the writing phase and are seeking input from neighbors. The proposal will be published in December and neighbors can provide feedback following that area.
- Proposals to participate can be submitted directly to the Beltline. Neighbor expressed concern about additional crosswalks. KIPP crosswalk will be prioritized in the immediate future.
- Neighbors expressed growing concern about traffic/speeding danger on Langhorn St. There is a 100 day plan to address concerns, but the plan is to prioritize it based on feasibility. The city can't meet all of the concerns but is aware that Langhorn is a top concern. If it weren't to be included in the plan it would likely be because of funding. Residents are encouraged to repeatedly express concerns to Beltline leadership and Atlanta City Design Office.

Kevin Maher – Place Maker Design, Z-19-095, Rezoning 1247 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd

- Building 9, 3-story townhomes on the corner of Atwood and RDA. None will be designated affordable. They will be outside of the historic district.
- Neighbors expressed concern about the size of the lot and the density.
- Architects are working with UDC and WEND preservation committee to preserve historic character of the façade.
- The current zoning is C1C, they propose going to C1
- City Planning Office suggested placing provisions under the C1C – adding conditions and design controls under C1C
- Motion to support C1C with the condition that commercial uses are restricted. 18 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions.

Daud A. Sheikh, Lieutenant, Atlanta City Police Department

Email: Dsheikh@atlantaga.gov, Office: (404) 756-1903, Cell: (404) 617-8099

- Rough weekend: two homicides in the West End. Intelligence and gang units are working overtime to redirect young people who need additional support. Car break-ins are high. They are implementing a new safety check system.
- There continue to be car break-ins, typically overnight
- Neighbors are asking for an increased presence on Atwood between Greenwich and Lucile as there are concerns about drug usage and prostitution. Stop and Shop at Lee and Beecher is also of concern.
- Concerns about Sells Avenue drag racing, there have been two recent hit-and-runs.
- We encourage neighbors to become more involved in the neighborhood to help mitigate crime and look out for one another
- 8 more officers were added to zone 4.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tony McNeal, President

- Committee chairs must have their budgets in by November 15th. Budgets will be voted on in January 2020.
- **Placemaker's Grant:** Sent out an RFP for painters and artists who are interested in entering submissions for art for the corners of industrial white and Lowry. We still need artists! The chosen artist will receive \$2000. More info available at Atlantawestend.com
- Submission close date is December 9th at noon. The Placemaker's Committee will narrow down the submissions to 3 finalists and bring those designs to the general body. Wendplacemakers2019.com
- **Holiday Party!** Saturday, December 7th, Wild Heaven Brewery, 7-11 PM. Members eat and receive two drink tickets for free.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Preservation & Urban Design: Susan**

Multiple properties with multiple current Stop Work orders on them. Currently listed for sale. Please, if you know people looking at these properties, let them know that there are compliance issues to be aware of:

1161 Lucile

574 Holderness

421 Atwood

Education Committee: No Report

Beautification & Environmental Health (Jules Connolly): Conducting a tire pickup! Reach out to Jules, 512-514-4650 if you have a tire that needs to be picked up.

Membership & Community Relations (Carlton Walker): More than 120 paid members. Please encourage neighbors to join WEND. Please remember – Initial your name when you sign in. Don't just mark an "X" to sign in. You must have attended 2 out of the last 4 meetings in order to vote.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Sherria Saafir

October 2019 Financial Statement:

Income Less Expenses \$803.97

Beginning Balance \$37,096.96

Ending Balance \$37,900.93

NEW BUSINESS, WRAP-UP, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- NPU-T Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 11th at 7:00 PM in the room behind Boxcar.
- A representative is present from the Mayor's office who wants to work with WEND and police officers to combat homelessness in the neighborhood. She raised concerns about people sleeping in tents in parks and wants to partner with WEND to help find solutions for those individuals.
- Come to the WEND Holiday Party!

ADJOURNED AT: 8:37 PM