

## **GENERAL BODY MEETING AGENDA**

## **West End Neighborhood Development**

Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 7:00 PM Virtual Meeting

#### 2020 Officers:



Marquise "Tony" McNeal, President – president@atlantawestend.com

John Mitchell, 1st Vice President – firstvp@atlantawestend.com

Kimberly Carlisle, 2nd Vice President – secondvp@atlantawestend.com

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Terry Ross, Parliamentarian – t-ross01@hotmail.com

Jules Connolly, Recording Secretary – recordingsecretary@atlantawestend.com

Kim Scott, Past President – kimscottmanagement@gmail.com







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

7:06 PM

- Call to Order
  - Attendees will be muted upon arrival. They can raise their hand and vote yes or no using buttons. Press \*9 to raise hand and to vote if you are calling in. Chat will be monitored.
- Welcome and adoption of agenda
  - Kim Carlisle Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kami Nelson. 26 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstentions.
     Motion carries.
- Approval of March 2020 General Body Minutes
  - Motion to approve March 2020 General Body Meeting Minutes.
  - Troy moved. Kami Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup>. 28 in favor 3 opposed 0 abstentions. Motion carries.

## GUEST PRESENTATIONS

7:05-7:45 PM

- Public Officials
  - Officer Katrina Brayboy Code Enforcement violations should be submitted via 311, or reach out to her directly. <u>Kubrayboy@atlantaga.gov</u>
  - Major Tyus, Zone 4 Police Maj:

- Rest assured, officers are still working. Officers are not making arrests unless in the case of violent crime.
- Officers addressed the drag racing incident over the weekend at West End Mall within 3 minutes. They are planning to increase security presence at the Mall.
- There was a shooting at 978 Peeples St that was related to drug activity.
- Neighbors expressed concern about increased incidence of shootings, and that those shots aren't being recorded by the police.
- Neighbors asked about APD enforcement of social distancing APD is receiving frequent calls about it. Officers are encouraging social distancing, but are not making arrests.
- They have an officer who is circling to address the youth selling water on highway off ramps.
- Commissioner Natalie Hall:
  - Board of Commissioners meeting will take place tomorrow, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM via Zoom. They will vote on a resolution to assist smaller municipalities.
  - 10 million dollars were allocated to nonprofits to help with Covid-19
  - She will send a follow-up list of resources to distribute to the community.
  - There are ample resources for seniors, including curbside delivery meals.
  - There have been reported incidents of Absentee ballots having difficulty, but are being resolved
  - Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority They provide rent/mortgage/utility assistance.
- Atlanta 311 Yusef McCaskill:
  - Non-Emergency Call Center for City of Atlanta
  - Call report potholes, leaks in the street, etc.
  - They are running pretty normally as a virtual call center
  - Mon-Fri 7a-7pm, dial 311 (within city limits) or 404-546-0311 or Atl311@atlantaga.gov
  - Can also submit service requests via all forms of social media.
  - Text ATLSTRONG to 888777 to receive Covid-19 updates via text
- City of Atlanta Departmental Representatives

#### **RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

7:45 - 7:55 PM

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

7:55-7:50 PM

- Treasurer Appointment
  - Sherria Saafir stepped down as Treasurer after having a baby in April. WEND identified Carolyn Sims to fill her role to the completion of Sherria's term.
  - Motion to appoint Carolyn Sims as Treasurer of Board.
  - James Cusick moved, Mike Sims 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: 34 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstentions. Motion carries.

- Covid-19 Updates
  - We hope everyone is staying safe and staying home! Resources have been provided via social media. Feel free to reach out to WEND directly if there are ways we can support our neighbors during this difficult time.

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

7:50-7:55 PM

WEND April 2020 Financial Statement			
	Date		
	<u>Income</u>	Description	Amount
	4/29/2020	Deposit from Paypal (merchandise/Banners)	59.6
			\$ 59.60
	Expenses		
	4/10/2020	Deposit to CashApp: Website Hosting	\$ 300.00
			\$ 300.00
	Income less Expenses		\$ (240.40)
	Beginning Balance		\$ 32,648.25
	Ending Balance		\$ 32,407.85

COMMITTEE REPORTS 7:55-8:20 PM

- Public Relations & Marketing
- Preservation & Urban Design
  - Caleb Racicot: Issues certificates of appropriateness for house construction projects.
  - O During Covid, more than a dozen stop work orders have been issued because there has been an uptick in illegal work during the pandemic.
  - Feel free to reach out to the committee to set up a meeting with the about potential construction projects. <u>Wendpreservation@gmail.com</u>
    - Staff approved construction projects can still be approved remotely during this time.
- Zoning, Land Use & Code Enforcement
  - Walter Slaton Malcolm X Festival has been rescheduled to next year due to Covid
- Economic Development
- Beautification & Environmental Health
  - Last beautification meeting was cancelled due to Covid, but they will be working to identify new projects. They will meet on Sunday at the library at 10:30 to discuss next steps.
  - Atlanta Bicycle Coalition would like to work with WEND
- Education
  - Committee reached out to the three schools within the West End (Jones, Brown and Washington) in April to inquire about what they need during this difficult time. Brown and Jones responded saying that they each have 15-25 families in need.
  - They plan to push out a community support campaign to provide hygiene products and food supplies to families in need. They plan to provide an amazon list where neighbors can purchase items directly.
  - Dr. Lisa Herring is the candidate for Superintendent for APS. She has a history of supporting families who have experienced home instability. She is also a champion of the arts. She is a strong proponent of changing the narrative around our schools.
- Public Safety
- Finance
- Membership Concerns and Community Relations
  - o 75 paid members
  - As a reminder, please sign in with full name. If you are calling in from a phone number, please email Tony at <u>wendinc@gmail.com</u> and provide your phone number so it can be captured.
- Events
  - o All events for 2020 have been cancelled until further notice.

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

8:20-8:30 PM

- May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM, virtual candidate's forum sponsored by NPUs

- NPU T meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month
- Be in touch with Tony to ensure that you are receiving WEND correspondence from committees
- BeltlineRailNow is sponsoring a candidate's forum
- Neighbor expressed concern about the gate adjacent to Brown Middle School being locked all summer. Executive Board and NPUT will be looking into it.

ADJOURN 8:27 PM