



## **GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES**

### **West End Neighborhood Development**

Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting



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

**7:04 PM**

- Call to Order
- Welcome and adoption of agenda
  - o Kimberly Carlisle moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Ross, Vote: 19 in favor – 0 opposed – 0 abstentions. *Motion carries.*
- Approval of December General Body Meeting Minutes
  - o Kim Scott moved, Terry Ross 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: 19 in favor – 0 opposed – 0 abstentions. *Motion carries.*

### **GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

**7:05-7:45 PM**

- City of Atlanta Departmental Representatives
  - o Uptick in violent crime in the West End. Multiple carjackings. Females are being targeted.
  - o Please ensure that neighbors are obeying speeding laws.
  - o Neighbor inquired about an increase in gunshots and car break-ins.
  - o Neighbors inquired about increased presence on Lucile and Atwood.
  - o For direct patrol requests, call the precinct: 404-756-1903
  - o Neighbors expressed concerns about street racing near Lee+White and on Langhorn.

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- Atlanta Police is revisiting their no-chase policy which will be unveiled soon.
- Frank Redding, 516 Lee Street
  - “Hardy’s” BP Station change of ownership. It is a full-service convenient store. They will be changing the beer and wine license ownership.
  - Board Members inquired about neighborly engagement and community involvement.
  - LRB is set for the first meeting date in January.
  - Mr. Redding takes the cleanliness of the property very seriously.
  - Recommendation from committee is to support the change of ownership.
- Beth Cooper, Big Door Properties, White Street Development, Z-20-065
  - White Street Rezoning project. “White Street Project” Z-20-065.
  - 1.36 acres that have been purchased already by Big Door Properties. Currently vacant land.
  - Seeking rezoning from R4A to PDH.
  - Hope to build 7 single family homes, a community garden and public space.
  - Neighbors have expressed concerns about water backing up and flooding in that area. Developers have meet with watershed to create a stormwater management plan and development will be designed to mitigate the water problem.
  - Developers have met with WEND historic preservation committee as UDC in an effort to maintain aesthetic consistency.
  - Taller houses will sit lower on the hill so as not to tower over the other houses on the street.
  - Neighbors have expressed concerns about parking.
    - By ordinance there is no requirement to add parking because of proximity to MARTA. Nonetheless, 14 parking spaces were added to the site plan.
  - HoA will maintain responsibility for employing a local farmer and maintaining the green space and garden.
  - Neighbors expressed concerns about compatibility with historic regulations.
  - 2 zoom calls have been held with neighbors to discuss the plans and have dialogue about concerns.
  - Neighbors have expressed concerns about exclusivity of the development, and that it will feel like a sub-division, particularly in reference to the common area.
  - The developers are open to receiving additional conditions from the neighborhood.
  - Developers explained that the rezoning will allow for greenspace and a community garden. Technically, the current zoning allows for 10 dwellings – 5 homes and 5 ADUs, but the developers are only building 7 dwellings.
  - Neighbors expressed concerns about what type of development would be built on the property if it is not rezoned.

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

**7:45 – 7:55 PM**

#### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**7:55– 7:50 PM**

- Community Impact Grant

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- \$4,000 grant split between all the neighborhoods within NPU-T.
- WEND needs to decide what we want to do with the funds.
- Motion to utilize grant funds to purchase trashcans for the neighborhood:  
Motion, Mike Sims. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberly Carlisle. Vote: *29 in favor – 0 opposed – 0 abstentions. Motion carries.*

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

7:50-7:55 PM

WEND December 2020 Financial Statement			
	Date		
	<u>Income</u>	Description	Amount
	12/17/2020	Deposit from Paypal (WEND merchandise/dues)	\$ 299.04
	12/28/2020	Deposit from Paypal (WEND merchandise/dues)	\$ 49.89
			\$ 348.93
	<u>Expenses</u>		
	12/4/2020	Deposit to CashApp: GoogleSuite	\$ 36.00
	12/17/2020	Deposit to CashApp: WEND contribution to NPUT Virtual Learning Center	\$ 300.00
	12/17/2020	Deposit to CashApp: Georgia Landscape & Tree (November maintenance)	\$ 375.00
	12/28/2020	Check #1709: Payment to Susan Cobb for Beautification/Cleaup Supplies	\$ 55.94
			\$ 766.94
	Income less Expenses		\$ (418.01)
	Beginning Balance		\$ 27,151.16
	Ending Balance		\$ 26,733.15

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

7:55-8:20 PM

- Preservation & Urban Design
  - o 891 White Street was not built to what the UDC approved.
  - o Email [wendpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:wendpreservation@gmail.com) to get involved with historic preservation matters.
- Zoning, Land Use & Code Enforcement
  - o Josh Marx, Prestwick Companies, 565 Hopkins Street Rezoning
    - Looking to rezone from MRC-1C/R4 to MRC1.
    - Multi-family developer that primarily focuses on affordable housing developments. They are green building certified.
    - This will be 6<sup>th</sup> affordable housing development of theirs on the Beltline.
    - Currently a parking lot of Cornerstone Church. Church is selling parking lot so that affordable housing can be built.
    - 4 stories above retail at corner of Hopkins and RDA. 68 units for people 55 and over. 57 will be affordable, 11 will be market rate.
    - They have completed a transitional height plan study.
    - 1-2 bedroom units.
    - Site does not sit within the Historic District.
    - Developers will return to a future meeting for further discussion.
  - o White Street Development Rezoning
    - Recommendation from zoning committee is to defer a vote until the zoning and preservation committee can solidify conditions by which the developer must adhere.
    - Vote to defer the vote until next month: 23 – 0 opposed – 0 abstentions. *Motion carries.*
  - o Contact Walter Slaton, [wslaton@gmail.com](mailto:wslaton@gmail.com) with any concerns regarding zoning issues.
- Economic Development
- Beautification & Environmental Health
  - o Cleanup this Saturday, January 9th at 9:00 AM. Meet at Lean Draft House.
- Education
  - o Committee is focused on serving as a liaison between WEND and the three district schools in the West End.
  - o Launched a school supply drive in partnership with the Overlook to provide supplies to support in-person as well as virtual learning. The drive will run through MLK Day.
  - o <https://www.thinglink.com/scene/1396375784762900483>
  - o The Overlook Climbing Gym gave out guest passes to anyone who made donations to the supply drive via Venmo. This effort yielded more than \$600.
  - o The Education Committee will bring school leadership back to the WEND meeting to give updates on how to get involved in the neighborhood schools.
- Public Safety
- Finance
- Membership Concerns and Community Relations
  - o 39 paid members. **Members must pay prior to the beginning of a meeting** in order to be eligible to vote. Membership dues are \$20.
- Events

## NEW BUSINESS, WRAP-UP, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:20-8:30 PM

- NPU-T Meets every second Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

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**8:30 PM**