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## COMMITTEES

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## MEETING MINUTES

West End Neighborhood Development

April 7, 2015 7pm - West End Library

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Parmer at 7:00pm.

### Officers Present

Kimberly Parmer, President  
Tony McNeal, First Vice President  
Alisha Thym, Second Vice President  
Jason Tutt, Treasurer

### Officers Absent

Naquia Harris, Secretary (bereavement)

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The 2015 Officers introduced themselves, followed by meeting attendees and guests.

### ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Adoption of evening's agenda motioned by Latasha Thym and seconded by Carl Nes. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members were given an opportunity to review March's meeting minutes before the adoption of minutes took place. Denise Blake posed a question regarding meeting minutes date. Note: date stated was February 2015 and should have been March 2015. Denise Blake made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes with the corrected date and Melissa K. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Jason Tutt provided the financial statement sharing that the security patrol account was opened at Wells Fargo bank during the month of March 2015. Jason Tutt also shared that Capital City Bank is now First Citizens Bank and the current available balance is \$13,513.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- 7:08 PM President Kimberly Parmer discussed last month's vote on the Infrastructure Bond passed and how it affects West End Historic District as well as the commercial district with sidewalk improvements, road work infrastructure, etc. Joanne Rhone shared that Holderness near Lucile and Oak was not repaired during past bond work and hoped that it would be included in the new bond project list. President Kimberly Parmer shared that the final District 4 project list provided by Councilmember Winslow will be emailed to the general body.
  - 7:10 PM Alisha Thym provided updates on our April 19, 2015 West End Atlanta Streets Alive event including street closures for neighbors and time of event. Alisha Thym also requested neighbors and business owners to participate as activity partners for the event and to register online. She also expressed the need for volunteers at Rose Circle Park Kid's Station and the WEND booth.

## **GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

- 7:15 PM Andrae Gates, representative of Willie Watkins Funeral Home invited the community to their community festival which has taken place for 23 years at Howell Park. Mr. Gates provided street closure and festival updates. Peeples Street from Ralph David Abernathy to Howell Place will be closed from 12PM-6PM with an expectation of at least 1200 guests.
- 7:18 PM Talia Faloa of the Malcom X Festival committee which has held its festival at West End Park for 26 years, shared that it is a two day festival, May 16-17 from 12 PM- 8 PM. Festivities will take place mostly on the grass area near the baseball field. Setup will begin at 8 AM and security will arrive around 7AM. Vendors will park at Good Shepherd Church parking lot and Atlanta Police Department will be at the corner of Lucille and Lawton. Festival is to expect 1900 guests. It was stated that residential parking be maintained on streets surrounding West End Park i.e. Dargan Place, Oak Street, West End Place and Lawton Street.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Public Safety**

- 7:21 PM Atlanta Police Department representative Investigator Townes shared crime statistics regarding assaults and burglar. Both are down in comparison with last year about this time in March 2014. Larceny is down by 29%. The department encourages car owners to practice clean car habits and remove GPS, cell phones, laptops, bags, and any other items that might be appealing to onlookers.
- 7:24 PM Alisha Thym gave a push for WEND members and Historic District neighbors to join the West End Security Patrol (WESP), a neighborhood patrol performed by a uniformed Atlanta Police officer consisting of home visits, patrol of WESP homes, vacation patrol, and all around piece of mind. Interested persons should email Alisha Thym for more information.

## **Education**

- 7:26 PM Aaron Eide of the Education committee provided updates on WCAG's (Washington Cluster Advocacy Group) last meeting at Brown Middle School which was March 8, 2015. The upcoming renovation breaks ground over the summer and will not involve any exterior renovations to the main 1924 school building. However, the bulk of the work will include interior renovations and will yield a new cafeteria, media center, restrooms, locker room, track, softball field, and bus lot. Mr. Eide expressed that WCAG will continue to push smaller classroom sizes, wrap around services and community shared space similar to other schools in Atlanta, as well as recommend a STEM focus. Brown Middle School students will reside at Kennedy during the renovation work. Mr. Eide also shared information regarding The Local School Governance Team (LSGT) a school council to be comprised of majority parents, four parents from Brown Middle, students, principal, and community members to make decisions for overall school.
  - Stephanie Tobben, WEND member, presented to the general body information on the Education Challenge, a grant opportunity for schools to receive up to \$10k. Deadline is April 22, 2015.

## **Beautification**

- 7:40 PM Beautification committee's cleanup will occur on Saturday, April 11, 2015 with Trees Atlanta tree pruning and mulching and clean up along the Atlanta Streets Alive main route. Meet up is at West End Marta Station 8:30 AM south parking lot for cleanup and tree pruners meet across the street from Brown Middle School near parking lot with Trees Atlanta at 9 AM.
  - Stacey Walford gave updates on Yard of the Month which is an opportunity to highlight neighbors with beautiful front and or back lawns. Winners are judged on total exterior of property.

## **Preservation and Urban Design**

- 7:54 PM Preservation and Urban Design committee chair, Kathi Woodcock along with Robert Thompson invited the general body to a kick off to Atlanta Streets Alive event, a rededication of the historic district status on April 18, 2015 at The Wrens Nest. The event is from 12 PM- 3 PM, is free and refreshments will be served.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 8:31 PM Cleta Winslow reiterated legislation on store window signage for West End businesses. Councilwoman Winslow also shared that construction on Fire Station 7 has begun and will house EMS trucks and overtime, eventually be a full service fire station.
- 8:45 PM President Kimberly Parmer reiterated announcements of upcoming events in the neighborhood for the month of April 2015 and encouraged WEND members to participate.

**Next Meeting**

May 5th, 2015, 7pm – West End Library

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Naquia Harris".

Naquia Harris, Secretary  
West End Neighborhood Development, Inc.