



**MINUTES
WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, INC.
GENERAL MEETING
August 6, 2013**

The WEND, Inc. General Meeting was held Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at the West End Library branch. Madam President Kim Parmer called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attendees signed the attendance roster. Officers, members, and guests introduced themselves to the collective body.

Board Members Present

Kimberly Parmer, President; John Pavlin, 2nd Vice President; Carl Nes, Treasurer; Angela Brown, Secretary; Terry Ross, Membership

Kimberly Parmer presented the August agenda and the agenda was voted upon and accepted by the body without changes.

A quorum was established by 2nd Vice President, John Pavlin.

GUEST APPEARANCES

Malcolm X Festival 2013 – Rescheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 31st – Sept 1st 11am -7pm at the West End Park (corner of Lawton and Lucile). Parking should not be an issue this year – they are using Lottie Watkins and other lots in the area. For more info – www.malcolmxfestival.com (770) 987.9390.

Principle Tiauna Crooms of Brown Middle School was welcomed. She wants to work together the community and have the community work with her. Problems with redistricting at Brown meant that fights were often at the end of the school year. This year they will have an APS 404.802.2000 – Truancy Officer. It is about educating students. Want students to know they are “our children.” Teacher student ratio is 34:1 with 830 students in their enrollment. There are 5 floating teachers – so overcrowding is an issue. Need the voice of the community at the board meeting.

A Neighbor stated that there is a problem with church parking at Brown Mill School. It was suggested by principle to invite the pastor to WEND to discuss the concerns.

Matthew Garbett of Atlanta Bicycle Coalition would like to do - *Atlanta Streets Alive* in the West End. It is an event in the 4th year that is a time to come out and invite people to walk, bike, and for business to set up café vending outside. Everything is free and everything is about the street. They want to bring the event to the West End in May. They are thinking about Lee, Peeples, or Abernathy Streets. Neighborhood keeps ½ the profit if beer will be sold, but totally up to the community. Atlanta Live will happen September 8th on Peachtree and Oct 6th in the Highlands. There will be about 3 miles of closure. Time is from 2-6 with ½ hour before and after. Neighborhood is notified and police are at every section in case of emergency. Motion was made to accept the proposal to have Atlanta Alive happen in the West End. Motion passed unanimously.

Percy Jackson of the West End is again organizing the **West End Community Yard Sale** – August 17-18, there are currently 19 families signed up and would like for 25 families at least. It is a great event to showcase the neighborhood. In years past, it was paid for by organizers. This year the organizers are asking for \$300.00 in

reimbursement fees for balloons, printing, and yard signs. The event is Saturday, August 17th from 8am-5pm and August 18th from 12-5pm. Advertisement will be in Creative Loafing, Facebook, Website, etc.—all free advertisement. A map will be made of all the sites. A motion was made that, “Percy is fronted two hundred dollars, and do the additional balance of the cost after the event with the receipts.” Motion was second, discussed, and Passed 15 to 6.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Report –Presented by Captain Charles Hampton who is the new person replacing Officer Lt. Bogolin who is now at the airport and will no longer serve West End Community.

- Crime stat report was given to President, community requested oral presentation next month from new officer.
- Captain reported that West End does receive extra officers, yet there has been a proliferation of crime among juveniles across the city and 30% increase specifically in West End.
- Precinct Phone number is 404.756.1903

PR/Media – No Report

Education – No Report (see principle report above)

Finance/Treasurer – See attached report orally presented by Carl New

Preservation and Urban Design –No Report

Zoning and Land Use – No Report

Membership

- Terry Ross, membership chair made an appeal that the committee was still trying to increase membership with a party in September, about the third weekend. Dee Dee volunteered Brenda Arrington’s porch although no electricity, Membership committee is welcome to use it and it would be a great way to honor Brenda.

Beautification

- **Love your Block Grant** – work will start in September 2013; will use Doug Fosterine who lives on Lawton Place as landscape.
- **Rose Circle** – there will be roses planted (will email Doug’s proposal). Motion was made not to exceed current proposal of \$1800 and was properly second. Discussion pursued. Not passed 8 to 11
- **Volunteers** put up 20 more street toppers
- **Yard of the Month** – went to the McBees

FOR THE GOOD OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- **Tri-West 5 on 5 Basketball Tournament** – The Basketball tournament will take place at the West End Park as a way to engage and do something with Youth in the neighborhood. It will take place September 7, 14, and 21 – Gift card of \$350.00 etc. will be given out to winner.
- Steven Barlow announced to Call Pat Gardner’s office if you want the ramps cut. He called and complained until he was able to get a response. He wants other neighbors to do the same.

- State Representative Mable Thomas introduced herself and stated she was there for the neighborhood.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. The next formal meeting is **Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the West End Library.**

Submitted by Angela Brown, Secretary of WEND, INC_____