



MEETING MINUTES

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West End Neighborhood Development

December 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Parmer at 7:07pm.

Board Members Present

Kimberly Parmer, President; John Pavlin, First Vice President; Angela Brown, Second Vice President-Elect; Carl Nes, Treasurer; Denise Blake, Secretary-Elect

Approval of Agenda

Once a quorum was established, the meeting agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 5, 2013 meeting were presented. No vote on approval was taken at this time.

Presentations

Ms. Cynthia Watts, owner of 698 Queen Street, gave a presentation about her property. The property is a four-unit multifamily building with a three car garage. Earlier this year, a tree fell on the property, destroying approximately five feet of the property's retaining wall. Since repairs have to be made, Ms. Watts wishes to take the opportunity to make adjustments to be able to accommodate parking in all three bays of the existing garage. Heretofore, only two cars have been able to enter and exit the garage at any time, due to the narrow driveway and ingress/egress to the garage.

A five-foot portion of the retaining wall will be rebuilt. Additional concrete will be poured to widen the existing driveway to allow three cars to fully utilize the garage. The driveway opening of 18' will stay the same. There will be no changes to the sidewalk.

The area where the tree was and the damaged concrete will be repaved. The lot coverage will increase from 55% to 60%. Pictures depicting the affected areas of the property were circulated among WEND members.

The plan detailed here was voted on and accepted by the WEND general membership on December 3, 2013. Ms. Watts will go before the Urban Design Commission later in December.

Committee Reports

Public Safety

Lt. Hampton, Zone 4's CID Commander presented the crime report from the Atlanta Police Department. There were four aggravated assaults in November, up from zero in October, but overall, crime is down 4% from this time last year.

APD has been alerted to issues at the basketball courts by Rose Circle. Officer Schroner is checking on these issues.

Neighbors applauded APD for more visible police presence in recent weeks.

A WEND member expressed concern about the speed at which APD officers drive down West End Place. Lt. Hampton made note and will alert area officers. Lt. Hampton can be reached at crhampton@atlantaga.gov.

Beautification

- Atlanta's Department of Public Works is maintaining the traffic island in front of the Exxon station. A tree will be planted in memory of Brenda Arrington.
- Patchwork City Farms has a lease with APD to house a working farm at Brown Middle School. They also had a chicken coop with about 40 chickens, which was in violation of their lease agreement. The coop was asked to be removed.
- The streetscape work along Ralph David Abernathy Blvd. is planned to be completed in time for Atlanta Streets Alive, scheduled for Sunday, April 20, 2014.

Education

John Pavlin reported that Brown Middle School will not close next year for renovation, as previously reported. However, starting next year, they will undergo extensive renovations while the school will remain open. The cafeteria will be demolished and rebuilt, along with a pre-performance space. An athletic track and softball field will be installed.

Finance

Treasurer Carl Nes presented his report for the month of November 2013. WEND received a \$500 contribution from Global Net Access to support our annual holiday parties. A total of \$859 has been advanced for the holiday party. Funds have been allocated for beverages, food, security, entertainment, paper goods, and ancillary supplies.

Announcements

- Denise Blake reminded WEND members of the holiday party on Saturday, December 7 from 7 to 11pm at the home of Scott and Teresa Hollis. There will also be children's party on Saturday, December 14 from 4 to 6pm at the home of Richard and Amanda Mullins – 573 Holderness Street. Questions may be directed to Beth McBee at beth.mcbee@gmail.com.
- The Hilliard Family - As you may know, Marion Hilliard of 1170 Oglethorpe recently underwent a limb amputation. A raffle is underway to help with the family's

expenses. Tickets are \$10 and may be obtained from Barbara Williams (viviangeorge@mindspring.com).

- Atlanta Streets Alive will be held in West End on Sunday, April 20, 2014. Additional details will be shared with WEND members at the January 2014 meeting. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Denise Blake at deniseblake@bellsouth.net.

Next Meeting

January 7, 2014, 7pm, West End Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.