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**MEETING MINUTES**

**West End Neighborhood Development**

December 2, 2014, 7pm - West End Library

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Parmer at 7:02pm.

**Officers Present**

- Kimberly Parmer, *President*
- Alisha Thym, *First Vice President*
- Angela Brown, *Second Vice President*
- Denise Blake, *Secretary*
- Alena Harrison, *Treasurer*
- Tony McNeal, *Parliamentarian*

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The 2014 officers introduced themselves, followed by meeting attendees and guests.

**ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

A motion was made by Cami Gibson to approve the evening's agenda as presented. Terry Ross seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Cami Gibson to approve the November 4, 2014 minutes as presented. Carl Nes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Alena Harrison provided the statement of financial position.

- WEND's bank balance is \$19,756.52
- During November 2014, WEND received total revenue in the amount of \$159.54. Expenses were \$432.26 and included purchase of WEND banners and porch party needs.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Kim Parmer presented a 2014 year-at-a-glance wrap-up. Among the highlights:

- We now have approximately 100 paid members!
- WEND and our partners successfully planted and mulched over 100 trees in the Historic District
- As part of the Beltline's Annual Run Series, WEND participated and assisted with planning of the Beltline's annual 5K Southwest race

- Consistently managed and coordinated monthly clean-ups. In addition to Councilmember Winslow's office, we established a new relationship with the state department to assist with clean-ups.
- Participant in the Westside Communities Alliance along with Georgia Tech which blends several SW neighborhoods on a variety of community issues
- Created a very informative zoning spreadsheet that details citations and priority. We've reported several illegal zoning violations to the City.
- Provided input on over 10 homes to AUDC and ZRB.
- Reinstated National Night out - a national event to raise public safety awareness and meet new neighbors.
- Organized annual coat drive for Brown Middle school
- Established new relationship with Beltline's Economic Development group to establish new businesses in our district
- Applied and received the NPU T and Love your Block Grants
- WEND planned and hosted ABC's 1st SW route for Atlanta Streets Alive
- Drastically increased visibility on social media sites and will be rolling out our new website
- Fostered relationships with the City, local and state government on the following projects:
  - Park Pride-plantings in Rose Circle and Gordon White Park, landscaping mulching and painting of basketball columns in West End Park
  - Joseph E. Lowery and RDA streetscape plantings
  - Landscaping grant for Joseph E. Lowery exit ramp
  - New/updated residential street lighting i.e. on Oak Street and Oglethorpe
  - GDOT ramp clean-ups and mowing
  - Doggie waste bag stations on Beltline trail at Rose Circle Park and West End Parks
  - Reinstated Beltline trail adoption

Kim also presented to the body that the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition wants to return to Historic West End to co-host Atlanta Streets Alive on Sunday, April 19, 2015. The membership unanimously voted to again welcome ASA to our community. A planning committee is being formed. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Kim Parmer at [kimberlyparmer@bellsouth.net](mailto:kimberlyparmer@bellsouth.net).

Lastly, President Parmer informed the body that the Executive Committee recommends a review of our banking relationship with Capitol City Bank. There was a recent security breach that resulted in WEND being unable to access our account for a week. Additionally, the bank has new leadership and has not exhibited the same level of community partnership with WEND as its predecessor.

An initial conversation has taken place with the manager of the West End Wells Fargo, who committed to holding WEND funds with no fees, supporting neighborhood initiatives such as Atlanta Streets Alive and annual concert, and supplying volunteers for community service projects. Significant discussion ensued with WEND members debating for and against

moving our resources to another bank. Ultimately, a motion was made by Karl Barnes to table a vote on changing to Wells Fargo pending a conversation with Capitol City Bank regarding our concerns. Terry Ross seconded the motion. Fourteen members voted in favor of tabling the matter; two voted against. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Public Safety**

- Major Rodney Bryant provided updates on public safety issues affecting our neighborhood.
- The “porch bandit” suspect has been arrested.
- Current neighborhood public safety challenges are primarily vehicle larceny and auto theft.
- There was a road rage incident at the Family Dollar on RDA resulting in a shooting fatality.
- There was an armed auto theft at 688 Gordon Place
- Neighbors are encouraged to remain vigilant, particularly during this holiday season. Most crimes solved by APD have direct neighborhood involvement.
- **The West End Security Patrol will be reinstated this month!** Sign up using the attached membership form.

### **Education**

Almost 100 coats and accessories were donated to Brown Middle School in November. The principal extends thanks to all West End residents and friends who supported this effort. Our next collective project for Brown will be to assemble school supplies. Details to follow.

### **Beautification**

The last clean-up of the year will take place Saturday, December 13, 2014. Residents should meet in the South parking lot of the West End MARTA station at 8:30am.

### **Preservation and Urban Design**

The committee reported on a number of items being evaluated by Atlanta Urban Design Commission.

- 1223 Oak Street - approved with 13 conditions ; mostly related to windows that should not have been replaced
- 726 Peeples - approved to have an addition added
- 436 Holderness – second story addition denied; working on new plans
- 812 Peeples street – new construction proposed

## **Membership**

- A new committee chair is needed. Contact any WEND officer to volunteer.

## **PR/Communications**

John Mitchell, chairperson, reported that the committee is engaged and is preparing for 2015. Let a member of the committee know if there's anything that you want to know about in our community or if you have suggestions on communications vehicles.

## **Zoning**

Chairperson Alethea Parker reported that there were 162 building permits issued in 30310 for November 2014, but only 82 complaints, a decrease from October. Please continue to visit the City's code enforcement website to log complaints.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WEND's annual holiday party will be held Saturday, December 6. Invitation attached.
- Condolences go out to the family of our neighbor Steven Barlow. Steven lost his father on Thanksgiving night.
- The annual kids' holiday party will take place on Saturday, December 13 from 4-6pm at the home of Scott and Teresa Hollis.

## **Next Meeting**

January 6, 2015, 7pm – West End Library

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Submitted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2014



Denise Blake, Secretary  
West End Neighborhood Development, Inc.

Attachments



WEND INC PRESENTS...WINTER WONDERLAND

# YOU'RE INVITED

TO OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 FROM 7:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

BRING A DISH/DRINK AND COME CELEBRATE WITH US! 730 PEEPLES STREET SOUTHWEST ATLANTA, GA 30310

West End Neighborhood Development, Inc. (WEND)  
Cordially invites you to our

## ANNUAL KIDS HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 13, 2014  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Hollis Residence  
685 Peoples Street  
Atlanta, GA 30310

*Please bring kid-friendly holiday treats to share. Drinks will be provided.*

Santa arrives at 5:00 pm and will tell stories, sing songs, talk to the children, and be available for family pictures

Please R.S.V.P. by December 5th to  
Teresa Hollis at [staera6@gmail.com](mailto:staera6@gmail.com) or  
Beth McBee at [beth.mcbee@gmail.com](mailto:beth.mcbee@gmail.com)



**Security Patrol Membership Form**

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**Member's Name(s) Phone Number**

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**Member Address Email Address**

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**Emergency Contact and Numbers**

**Do you have a security alarm? Yes  No**

**Property Type and Payment Plan: (Please check the appropriate box):**

Residents \$70 for 3 months

Business \$130 for 3 months

**Sign is the property of WEND Public Safety Committee**

**If you are a new member:**

**Please make checks payable to WEND with "security patrol" in the memo field and:**

**Drop or mail them to 694 Peoples Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310**

**Pay online and email the membership form to [amsmith44@gmail.com](mailto:amsmith44@gmail.com) or mail the membership form to above address.**

**If you have any additional questions please email [amsmith44@gmail.com](mailto:amsmith44@gmail.com)**