



MEETING MINUTES

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COMMITTEES

Beautification

Finance

Membership

Preservation and Urban Design

Public Relations/Media

Public Safety

Zoning and Land Use

West End Neighborhood Development

February 4, 2014

West End Library

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Parmer at 7:01pm.

Board Members 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 Maurice Gunter to approve the evening's agenda as presented. Carl Nes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kathi Woodcock to approve the January 14, 2014, meeting minutes. Carl Nes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

REPORTS

Financial Report

Treasurer Alena Harrison presented the statement of financial position.

- WEND's balance at the beginning of January was \$17,430.
- During January 2014, WEND received total revenue in the amount of \$594.38 in membership dues and revenue sales.
- During January 2014, there were total expenses in the amount of \$15. End of month balance is \$18,010.18.

Alena reminded members that 2014 dues may be paid at tonight's meeting by cash or check, and that members can

conveniently pay via PayPal at www.atlantawestend.com. A \$1 credit card convenience charge will be applied to online payments.

President's Report

President Parmer revisited her vision for WEND in 2014 (complete summary in January 2014 meeting minutes). She indicated a focus on beautification and an emphasis on marketing Historic West End and improving our commercial corridor.

Public Safety

The public safety report was presented by Lt. Hampton, APD's Zone 4 Commander for Investigations. He presented a breakdown of crime over the last 28 days. There has been an overall reduction in arrests – 35% from last month. There was an increase of larceny from vehicles and auto thefts. Auto thefts typically occur 6pm and into the morning hours; cars are often stolen when owners start their vehicles to warm them up and go back inside. During the last seven days there have only been eight crimes in our beat.

West End residents had the opportunity to share concerns with Lt. Hampton:

- Concern about abandoned truck at Empire Board of Realtists on Oglethorpe and Lowery – no tags. Car on private property is allowed.
- Speeding concern on Lucille, particularly during morning and evening rush hours
- Commendation on doing a good job with panhandlers at I-20 onramps and exit ramps
- Parking on sidewalks – it's illegal (call 911)
- Stray, aggressive dogs – can't be tethered in a yard and if they're running loose, police calls Animal Control. Citations are issued for both offenses. 700 block of Lawton

Atlanta Streets Alive

First Vice President Alisha Thym reminded the body that Atlanta Streets Alive will happen in West End on Sunday, April 20, 2014, from 2pm to 6pm. Volunteers are needed! Let's treat this like the biggest street party ever to occur in Historic West End. All residents should consider themselves hosts to the anticipated 10,000 to 15,000 visitors. Sign up to volunteer at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gEWZeA5xxaBdaZUPzT2zH7KhjqEFBSxFzbfuaeOl-Zc/viewform>.

PRESENTATION OF 2014 BUDGET

President Parmer presented a draft of the 2014 operating budget. Voting members are asked to review this draft (see below) and come prepared to ask questions and vote at the March 4, 2014 WEND meeting.

2014 WEND Proposed Budget

Income

Membership (70 @ \$20)	\$ 1,400.00
Banners (20 @ \$30)	\$ 600.00
Historic Markers (20 @ \$30)	\$ 600.00
Tee Shirts (40 @ \$10)	\$ 400.00
Bumper Stickers (15 @ \$2)	\$ 30.00
Historic Guidelines (10 @ \$20)	\$ 200.00
Donations	\$ 500.00
Tour of Homes (150 @ \$25)	\$ 3,750.00
Concert (200 @ \$25)	\$ 5,500.00
OWEN (6 ed. Ads @ 200/mo)	\$ 1,200.00
Misc Grants	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,180.00

Expenses

Web Host (12 @ \$50)	\$ 600.00
Donations	\$ 400.00
Administrative Expenses (postage/supplies/annual registration/taxes)	\$ 200.00
Beautification Projects	\$ 1,500.00
Concert	\$ 3,500.00
Tour of Homes	\$ 1,200.00
Legal/Professional Services	\$ 250.00
Printing	\$ 400.00
OWEN (6 @364)	\$ 2,184.00
Committee Misc Expenses	\$ 2,500.00
Banner Printing (20 @ \$20)	\$ 400.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 500.00
Tee Shirts Printing	\$ 380.00
Yard Sale	\$ 150.00
Porch Parties	\$ 400.00
Christmas Party (Adult/Kids)	\$ 600.00

TOTAL \$ 15,164.00

Net Addition \$ 16.00

GUEST PRESENTATION

Ms. Cecelia Corbin Hunter discussed renovation plans for 1102 Lawton Place.

Background

- Property Owner-Alicia Hunter; Jointly owned with mother Cecelia Hunter who lives at 675 Lawton Place
- Property in question- 1102 Lawton Place
- Purchased in 2009; found out after that the fact that attic conversion had not been permitted or done incorrectly. Present property is 1 bedroom and 3/4 bathroom.
- Original design- went before UDC; wasn't approved because design called for roof to be raised 2' all around

Revised scope (Present day)

- Correct past attic conversion
- Raise roof by 1'
- Only change roof domer on back; nothing on front
- create master suite with 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom
- Architect-Paul Cheeks, Principal - www.pcheeksarchitects.com 404-622-7555; paul@pcheeksarchitects.com

After minimal discussion and Q&A, including renderings presented by Mr. Cheeks, Carl Nes presented a motion to recommend approval of Ms. Hunter's renovation plans to the Urban Design Commission; Kathi Woodcock seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND Q&A

- President Parmer announced the West End is currently receiving approximately \$3 million in assets in the community, including the new historical streetscapes, lighting, and new brick paving. A neighbor asked if emergency call lights will be installed. President Parmer will check.
- We will have a planting by Trees Atlanta on February 15. Meet at Beecher and Azalia at 9am. A tree will be planted in memory of Brenda Arrington at the Exxon traffic median.
- Traffic control - Will we consider speedbumps on major thoroughfares? A traffic study performed by the City of Atlanta on Rose Circle, Peoples Street and White Street revealed that people are not speeding and we know that they are. WEND will appeal their findings.
- Members discussed a request to remove MARTA buses from Oglethorpe.
- A member requested *No Littering* signs throughout the neighborhood. This will be referred to the beautification committee for investigation.

COMMITTEE ROUNDUP

Second Vice President Angela Brown presented an overview of all eight standing committees and asked members to sign up to participate on at least one committee.

If you'd like to volunteer for a committee, please contact Angela at angelaelizabethbrown@gmail.com.

Next Meeting

March 4, 2014, 7pm, West End Library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Submitted this 4th day of February, 2014



Denise Blake, Secretary

West End Neighborhood Development, Inc.