



## MEETING MINUTES

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### COMMITTEES

#### Beautification

**Finance**  
Jayson Clifton

**Membership**  
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**Preservation and Urban Design**  
Handy Johnson  
Barbara Williams

**Public Relations/Media**

**Public Safety**

**Zoning and Land Use**

### West End Neighborhood Development

January 14, 2014(rescheduled from January 7, 2014 due to weather)

West End Library

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

### 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.

### Overview of Meeting Protocols and Procedures

New Parliamentarian, Tony McNeal, provided a brief overview on WEND's goals for conducting general body meetings this year. We will focus on protocols observed in Roberts Rules of Order, and will try to streamline meeting length by assigning much of the organization's work to committees.

### Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes from Last Meeting

A motion was made by Steven Barlow to approve the evening's agenda and the December 3, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Alethea Parker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

### REPORTS

#### Financial Report

No finance report was presented at this meeting. There remain a number of transition items to be completed between last year's treasurer and our 2014 treasurer. We anticipate a full report for the February 2014 meeting. Treasurer Alena Harrison 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](http://www.atlantawestend.com). A \$1 credit card convenience charge will be applied to online payments.

### **President's Report**

President Parmer provided an overview of her vision for WEND in 2014. A summary of her report is presented below:

Historic West End...Live, Work, Play  
A Sustainable Green Community

### **Moving FORWARD**

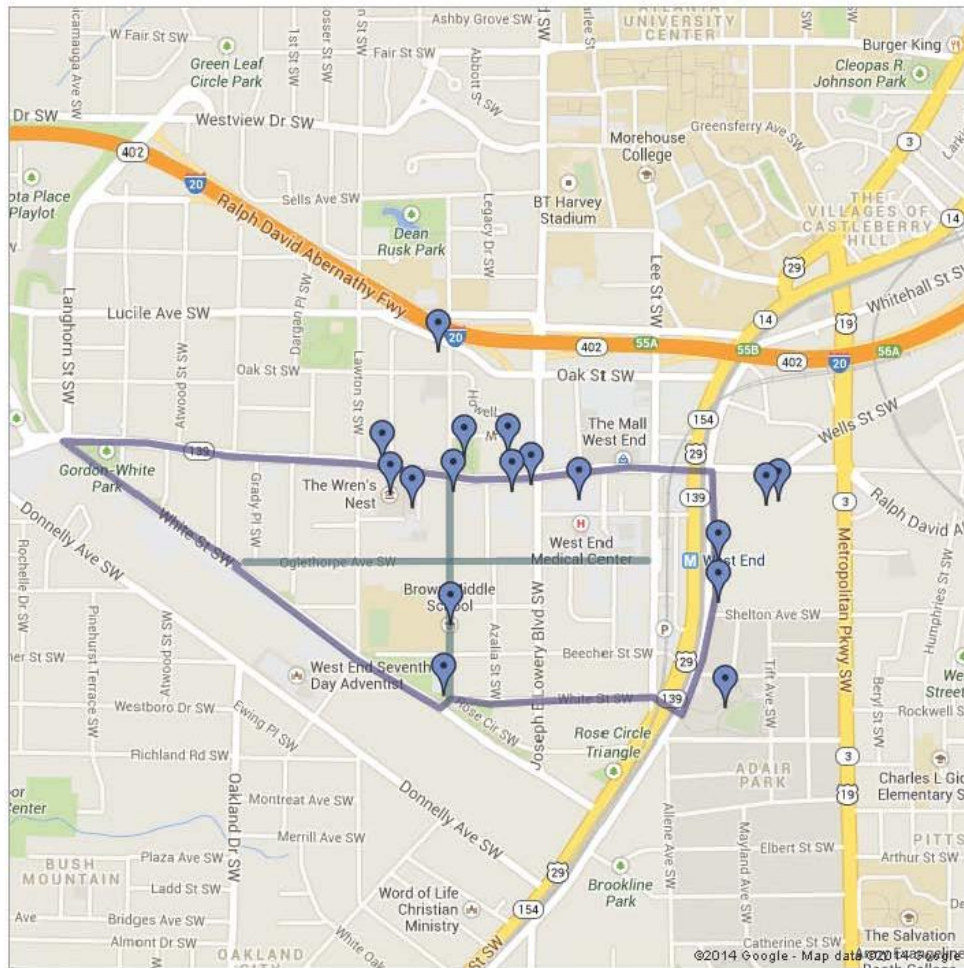
Take 2001 LCI report and develop a condensed marketing plan for Historic West End. Use plan to engage commercial businesses that our demographic frequent on a consistent basis. This will require diligently fostering a relationship with the West End Merchants coalition. As well as engage businesses with WEND and possibly amend the historic district guidelines to include commercial development.

Participate in the following Quality of Life Projects:

1. Retrofit Atlanta- community based campaign
2. Keep West End Beautiful - trash campaign/neighborhood clean up
3. Park Pride & Beltline - park grants for upkeep or total renovation of West End Park, Howell Park and Rose Circle Garden
4. MARTA/COA Dept of Public Works - traffic analysis study for traffic calming devices and removing MARTA bus routes off residential streets. Buses would be on perimeter of historic district.
5. Engage State & local resources for the following improvements to our district
  - A. Street Lighting Assessment & replacement.
  - B. Public Safety - National night out, Zone 4 meeting, revisit neighborhood patrol.
  - C. Streetscapes - improved sidewalks, street sweeping quotes & landscaping.
  - D. State representatives for GDOT entry and exit ramp beautification
  - E. APS Board - Brown Middle School improvements
6. Develop composting and/or recycling program i.e. Tire recycling for playground matting

### **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. A map of the event's route was included on the back of this meeting's agenda and is also included



**Historic West End Streets Alive**

below:

**Membership**

A welcome basket has been created to provide to new residents of Historic West End. Items include: information on WEND, a water bottle, popcorn, soda, bumper sticker, coupons, and a copy of OWEN. It was suggested to add a copy of our historic guidelines. Please contact Alisha Thym if you would like to add anything to the new resident welcome kit.

**Announcements and A&A**

- Steven Barlow raised questions of the Beautification Committee regarding refreshing the lighting and address sign poles on Peoples and Oglethorpe Streets. President Parmer indicated that the City is in the process of replacing street lighting based on a community audit performed last year. Karl Barnes added that the decorative light poles along this corridor are no longer manufactured. We will make an appeal for lighting to be address in other parts of the neighborhood.
- Alena Harrison reminded the body that WEND merchandise is available for purchase. The prices have dropped for WEND banners and street toppers.

WEND t-shirts are also available. Learn more and make your purchase at [www.atlantawestend.com](http://www.atlantawestend.com).

- There was a question about bulk item and yard debris pickup. In some areas of our neighborhood, there hasn't been a pickup in over a month. President Parmer provided the following number to call - 404.523.0632; the department manager's name is Calvin Stevens.
- Neighbors referenced a number of nonconforming business uses in the Historic district including a hair salon, day care center, and rooming houses. The Zoning and Land Use Committee will follow up on these violations. President Parmer also indicated that we are looking into finding pro bono legal representation to help us review and amend our bylaws, and to help assist with other legal violations in the community.

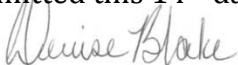
### **Next Meeting**

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

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014



Denise Blake, Secretary  
West End Neighborhood Development, Inc.