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COMMITTEES

Beautification

Finance

Membership

Preservation and Urban Design

Public Relations/Media

Public Safety

Zoning and Land Use

MEETING MINUTES

West End Neighborhood Development

June 3, 2014, 7pm - West End Library

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

Officers Present

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

Officers Absent

Alena Harrison, *Treasurer*

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. Yolanda Bell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kathi Woodcock made note of a few requested edits to the May 2014 meeting minutes. These changes are reflected in the official approved May 2014 minutes. A motion was made by Kathi Woodcok to approve the May 6, 2014, meeting minutes with the noted corrections. Cami Gibson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Secretary Denise Blake presented the statement of financial position in the absence of Treasurer Alena Harrison.

- WEND’s bank balance is \$17,959.06.
- During May 2014, WEND received total revenue in the amount of \$1373.50 in membership dues, concert ticket sales, donations, and merchandise sales.
- During May 2014, there were total expenses in the amount of \$1128.73 for printing of OWEN, concert expenses, and printing of WEND merchandise.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Parmer indicated that she’s concentrating on making our historic district more green and sustainable. She also desires to distinguish Historic West End from the remaining 30310 ZIP code. She asked neighbors to consider, *What improvement projects can we bring into our community?*

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Mayor’s Office of Cultural Affairs

Mr. Eddie Granderson spoke to the membership about proposed signage to enhance the West End History Walk laid in the streetscape from Lee Street to Joseph E. Lowery Blvd. alongside the West End Mall. The streetscape project began in 2010 and depicts the history of West End. However, it’s a horizontal piece of art on the ground’s surface and there is currently no signage to direct viewers to the streetcape artwork. Mr. Granderson is working within City Hall to regain funds to provide ongoing maintenance of the artwork and to use accompanying signage to describe the work and address historical inaccuracies. Partial funding has been secured from the office of Councilwoman Clela Winslow.

WEND’s Beautification Committee will work with Mr. Granderson on this phase of the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Zone 4’s Sgt. King provided a brief crime report for our area for the period May 11, 2014 to June 3, 2014:

	2013	2014
Homicide	0	1
Rape	0	0
Robbery	7	4
Aggravated Assault	4	2
Burglary – non-res	4	2
Burglary – residential	7	2
Larceny – from vehicle	6	7
Larceny – non vehicle	23	13
Auto Theft	10	4
Total	61	35

Member concerns:

- APD officers were urged to display more sensitivity to victims of crime in our community
- Community policing is welcomed and needed in Historic West End

- We need better communications and response times from auto theft unit
- Neighbors are asked to indicate any interest in reviving our neighborhood security patrol

Education Committee

- The NFL may have donated funds to revitalize the track at Brown Middle School; WEND is investigating the validity of this report
- Brown Middle School was allocated \$10 million for renovations; there may be additional funds brought over from Kennedy Middle School's allocation, now that Kennedy will be closed.

Beautification Committee

Chairperson Carlton Walker indicated that we will have monthly cleanups in the neighborhood. The next one will be June 14, 2014. Contact Carlton at carltonwalker1@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Zoning Committee

Illegal signage continues to appear on neighborhood light poles and trees. Violators can be reported to Keep Atlanta Beautiful (www.KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org).

Membership Committee

You can still pay your dues! Membership is \$20 for the year and includes some new friends, great activities, and exposure to all things West End. New members, please make sure Alisha Thym (amsmith44@gmail.com) has your contact information so you can receive a WEND welcome basket!

Preservation Committee

Four stop-work orders were issued in May to contractors/renovators not adhering to Historic District guidelines. If you see something out of order, please contact a WEND officer of preservation committee member.

The Atlanta Urban Design Commission approved the Habitat for Humanity home proposed for Oak Street, but pulled plans for the one on Holderness Street. The next UDC meeting will be held Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 4pm, City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue, 2nd floor City Council Chambers.

Concert Committee (ad hoc)

Tony McNeal reminded everyone that tickets are for sale for the June 21st concert at The Wren's Nest. Visit www.atlantawestend.com for more info. There will be a prize for the best table decoration!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Macedonia Vickerson appeared as a representative for Senator Non Orrock, District 36, and thanked everyone who voted in the primary election

last month. Senator Orrock has been reelected to her post.

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- Our neighbors in Westview will host their annual Summer Solstice on Saturday, June 21st. Visit www.westviewatlanta.com for more info, including the grill-off competition.
- The West End Farmer's Market is held every Sunday afternoon, 2 to 6pm, at The Wren's Nest
- The James Orange Park and Recreation Center in Oakland City is hosting a free day camp for kids 5-12, June 4 – July 23, 2014, M/W/F from 1:00 to 4:00pm – 404.756.1858
- The City of Atlanta will host a six-week Citizen's Fire Academy – Wednesday evenings, 6pm to 9pm, July 9 – August 20, 2014. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in activities ranging from emergency medical services to special rescue operations, which includes spending time at fire stations and responding to emergency calls. wedwards@atlantaga.gov
- Camp EQUIP football camp for kids 7-13. June 16-19, 2014, 10am to 3pm at Grady High School. www.kidsandpros.com
- Run-off elections will be held July 22, 2014.

Next Meeting

July 1, 2014, 7pm, West End Library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted this 3rd day of June 2014



Denise Blake, Secretary

West End Neighborhood Development, Inc.