



**MINUTES**  
**WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, INC.**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**March 6th, 2012**

The WEND, Inc. General Meeting was held Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2012, at the West End Library branch. Carl Nes, President called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendees signed the attendance roster. Officers, members and guests introduced themselves to the collective body.

**Board Members Present**

Carl Nes, President  
John Pavlin, 1st Vice President  
Barbara Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Danielle Carney, Treasurer  
Alena Harrison, Secretary

**Parliamentarian**

Cathy Witt

The February 2012 minutes were reviewed by the body and accepted into the record. President Nes presented the agenda verbally and the agenda was accepted with minor revisions.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

As presented

**Finance Committee** is strictly advisory with below their proposed duties

- Establish 501c3 status
- Check accuracy of monthly finance statements along with reconciling bank statements/receipts
- Prepare and adopt a budget to submit to the board in October
- Examination of current accounting procedures of organizations and recommendations for improvements
- 5 member committee (Treasurer/Vice Chair) and (3 people not on ex committee)

Structure of the Finance committee - more information forthcoming (where the treasurer is the chair of the committee)

The general body would like to have a special finance committee meeting

Budget – as presented

- Vonda mention that \$10,000 +/- is appropriated toward the Tour of Homes/Concert
- Danielle would like to have the remaining 2011 holiday funds around \$60 rolled into the 2012 holiday budget
- The budget is a guide and can be amended

- There was a motion (those that voted) to have a separate meeting to discuss the budget prior to final approval and bring there concerns/recommendations to the general body that carried
- There was a motion to approve the budget as presented that didn't carry.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety Report** – as presented by Lt. Joel Bogolin.

- 61 arrest in February
- Crime down 23% from this time last year
- No arrest regarding the homicide on Altoona
- If you notice panhandlers please call 911

**Security Patrol** – A vote was approved to go on the recommendation of the ex committee and disband the security patrol until further notice.

- \$1300 +/- currently in account
- 1 patrol in 2012
- 19 Official Members (There will be communication with the WESP member to decide what to do with there payments already received in 2012)

**Education** – Contact: John Pavlin [pavlinjohn@gmail.com](mailto:pavlinjohn@gmail.com)

- Members are needed
- The members will each take a interest in the schools and provide updates as needed
  - John (Washington High School) \* Monica (Brown) \* Beth (Kindezi)
- Education committee would like to highlight achievements of area students and teachers in OWEN and feature more educational content in OWEN
- Open enrollment is currently underway at Kindezi (Feb 1 – Mar 31)  
<http://www.kindezi.org/>

**Preservation and Urban Design** – Contact: Handy Johnson [handyj46@yahoo.com](mailto:handyj46@yahoo.com)

- City is proposing to demolition a building in WE at corner 355 Hopkins, committee is looking at petitioning the city not to tear it down. Hearing March 14
- Handy would like us to send a letter to express our disapproval of the demolitions of the Daily World News. There is a meeting March 7 at Firestation # 6 at 6:30pm
- A motion was passed to draft a letter supporting the historic preservation for the Daily World News
- Still working on Firestation # 7

**Membership** – Contact: John Pavlin [pavlinjohn@gmail.com](mailto:pavlinjohn@gmail.com)

- Currently in need of things to add to membership package (coupons, etc) and they should be ready in April
- Dues are now due \$20
- John did a raffle to for current members

**PR/Media** – Contact: Alena Harrison [alena\\_harrison@hotmail.com](mailto:alena_harrison@hotmail.com) or Andrea Robinson [arcole\\_85@msn.com](mailto:arcole_85@msn.com)

- Standing meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month
- Volunteers are needed for the Concert

- Continue to promote OWEN and the West End Brand

**Zoning & Land Use** - Contact Cathy Witt [cwitt0704@comcast.net](mailto:cwitt0704@comcast.net)

- Developed a violation form to be more organized when contacting the city
- They currently have a spreadsheet for keeping track of issues
- Looking to have a email address to send requests into
- Asking for people to be vigilant in regards to permits within our Historic Districts
- Georgia Power shut down a house on Hopkins where people were stealing electricity

**Beautifications** – Contact Toby Jackson [essence77@comcast.net](mailto:essence77@comcast.net)

- Please remember to remove signs that maybe be posted on trees, light poles, etc as they are illegal. If you are really vigilant take a moment to call those numbers and tell the people that we don't want their illegal signs in our neighborhoods.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Contact Beth McBee [Beth.McBee@gmail.com](mailto:Beth.McBee@gmail.com)

- April 7<sup>th</sup> 10 am West End Park
- They are in need of monetary donations/wrapped candy/stuff to stuff the eggs and volunteers.

**Concert** –

- May 5 at the Wren's Nest from 7 – 11 pm
- Tickets \$25
- More information forthcoming

**By-Laws** –

- Using benchmarks from other neighborhoods
- Have regular schedule meetings
- Items they are looking to review
  - Financial policy
  - What counts as a member in good standing
  - Election process

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Byron Amos – APS School Redistricting** 404-587-6811 [bamos@atlantapublicschools.us](mailto:bamos@atlantapublicschools.us)

- 260 from Kennedy will be going in Brown which will result in a 22:1 student/teacher ratio
- 4 SR team meetings where the superintendent will present the plan for the school closures
- March will be about 80 meeting concerning the redistricting
- They haven't begun the research aspect that it will have on the communities
- Parks close 2013/2014 school year (Price and Sylvan will get the students)
- Concession
  - Parks allowed to stay open an additional year
  - Bethune is closing
  - Kennedy will be repurposed
- There will be a city of Atlanta traffic pattern done
- Brown will be over capacity and will need to be expanded in the next 4-5 years
  - Would like to find some other building so they we aren't using trailers

### **Malcolm X Festival**

- May 19 -20
- 3k-6k expected attendance
- Setup starts at 8am for vendors Hours Sat/Sun 11am – 7pm
- Parking – talking to different businesses to help with parking
  - YMCA/Hammond House – agreed
  - Good Sheppard Church
  - Shrine of Black Madonna
- Security – Will have City of Atlanta police (overnight will have full security patrol)
- Sanitation – 2 day sanitation crew

### **West End Farmers Market**

- Southwest Atlanta Growers Co-Op (non-profit)
- Tentative Start May 6
- Will be model after Grant Park and East Atlanta held at the Wren's Nest
- Asking for an approval because they will need a special use permit to go before the NPU-T in addition to a farmers market permit
- Motion to recommend the Farmers Mkt be held at the Wren's Nest at May 6 (motion carries)

### **Patchwork Farms –**

- Locations at Brown's Middle School (leased) and Shrine of the Black Madonna (Atwood)
- CSA – partnership between community and farmers (can buy a share at the beginning of the year)
- <http://patchworkcityfarms.weebly.com>

### **Castleberry Hill** – Eric Morrisey

- 2nd Friday Art Stroll Castleberry Hills (March 9)
- Phoenix Flies
  - March 10 and 11. Tours are at Noon and 3pm each day.
  - Meet at 211 Peters Street. Reservations 404-221-0201
- [Castleberryhill.org](http://Castleberryhill.org)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please remember to get involved in one of WEND's standing committees, for more information please contact Barbara Williams - [viviangeorge@mindspring.com](mailto:viviangeorge@mindspring.com)

5/3 Bank Grand Opening March 17<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm in the Kroger Citi Center parking lot

### **NEXT MEETING**

This meeting was adjourned at 8.58 pm.

The next formal meeting is **Tuesday, April 3th, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the West End Library.**

Submitted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012

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by Alena Harrison  
Secretary, W.E.N.D., Inc.