

**MINUTES**  
**WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, INC.**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**March 5, 2013**

The WEND, Inc. General Meeting was held Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at the West End Library branch. Kristina Nadreau called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**Board Members Present**

Kristina Nadreau, President; John Pavlin, 1st Vice President; Kimberly Palmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Carl Nes, Treasurer; Angela Brown, Secretary; Cathy Witt, Parliamentarian

The Agenda was modified and approved with changes.

The February 2013 minutes were not called for approved. The March agenda was presented by Kristina Nadreau, not reviewed by the full body and was not voted upon or accepted by the body.

**PRESENTERS**

**New Owners of State at Lee & White Street** - will renovate whole store and take care of problems around the gas station. Will do better than the Chevron on Metropolitan, which is well lit and beautiful. Completion will take place within the year.

**24<sup>th</sup> Malcolm X Festival** – will take place May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at no cost. They have made arrangements with APS, Dean Russ and Lottie Watkins to us their parking. Oak Street will be blocked. Clean up will take place 1 block radius. Requested to have Dargan Place blocked off

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- Gave updated stat report on crime, crime is up slightly
- Major counterfeit bust at Mall across the street from West End Mall – question about revolving door on this issue
- Applications given for those interested in serving on Citizen Review. Classes run for 7-10 weeks can find at [www.atlantapd.org](http://www.atlantapd.org). Classes start April 17, 2013
- Continue to look out for your neighbors
- Please don't leave your car w/keys running unattended
- keep cars clean, feel it say something – keep crime down
- Continue to look out for your neighbors

**Harmony Exercise** - Leesa Kellum presented an invigoration exercise and that we should embrace conflict and welcome everyone to come and work. Developed simple ground rules

**R-E-S-P-E-C-T**

R – **Respond** that you hear me

E – **Ear** to listen

S – **Sensitive** – Be sensitive to what others are saying

P – **Preparation** – come prepared and don't waste our time; be **Proactive** to things; **Progress** report and update between meetings; **Participation** in this meeting

E – **Encourage** each other; **Enthusiastic** about working for the neighborhood; **Embrace** each other in meeting and walking down the street

C – **Compassion** towards each other; **Civility** towards each other

T – **Thoughtful** of others ideas, Time

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Introduced new Chairs to WEND

- Jason Clifton, Finance
- Walter Slaughter and Kay Wallace, Co-chairs - Public Relations.
- Terry Ross, Membership

President requested that someone volunteer to table at the Malcolm X Festival.

President went over literature at the back of the room

Alena has banner and tee shirts for sale

Handy has WEND poster and West End guidelines available

Carl has West End Markers available

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As presented by Carl Nes see attached report of finances – Income and Expenditure Report.

**PR/Media** –we still have tee shirts for sell \$10.00. President, Kristina Nadreau appointed Kay Wallace as Co-chair - Public Relations

**Education** – No Report

**Membership** – John Pavlin – March 31<sup>st</sup> is the final day to pay membership dues in order to run for office in 2014. Membership is 20.00 or 40.00 household. Dues go to good causes

**Finance** - President Kristina Nadreau appointed Jason Clifton, as chair of Finance Committee

**Preservation and Urban Design** – Handy, 690 Grady Place is up for restoration. 685 Grady also went before Preservation. Remember guidelines for paving yards. Alleyways are owned by both property owners. He will not attend next hearing, but WEND's position has been clearly stated and submitted to the body.

## **Environmental Health and Beautification**

- Tour of Homes – Toby and team did a good tour on last year and two homes sold as a result. Tour is now being held June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> this year. Volunteers are needed for homes, would like

the history of the home. Houses do not have to be perfect – need about 10-12 homes. We have a concert after the Tour at the Wrens Nest, chaired by Kimberly Palmer.

- Yard of the Month Project -

**Zoning and Land Use** – On Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, Cathy Whit and Barbara Williams attended the Zoning Review Board meeting at City Hall. RDA to Langhorn to Hopkins Street will be rezoned to mix use. Have to be careful because it does butt up to West End historic district. Cathy talked about the overwhelming process of getting properties cleaned up and will report more at next meeting.

549 Hopkins is an illegal operation. Cathy will be there for court date on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Egg Hunt** - March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 is an egg hunt with children to come out and enjoy stuffing eggs on the Friday night before on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm at 1070 Oak Street. It is a great event of people coming together. People can drop off candy. They are asking WEND to donate less than \$100.00 for egg hunt. Hunt is for children under 11 years old. There is a special space for children under 3 years. Motion moved and carried to support and give less than \$100.00 for event.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Cleta Winslow**

- Neighborhood Jazz series on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm at Gordon White Park
- City of Atlanta working on 311 call center for non-emergency
- The illegal group homes in the neighborhood now have State of Georgia is involved. Properties are at 549 Hopkins and 1356 Lucille.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: WHAT'S IN THE GOOD OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD?**

- Ms. Bennett announced that on March 22, 2013 at 7:00 pm the Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center and Bookstore will host Olympic Gold Medalist Gabrielle Douglas as she shares her story and signs copies of her book. Admission is the purchase of her book for two children and one adult.
- WEND full body members requested that WEND purchase four books to be donated to West End library and that Brown Middle School select 8 students to attend Gabby's visit to the Shrine. A Motion was made, moved, second, and passed that "the ex. committee consider the expenditure to make the purchase of four books and that the books will go to library."
- **Music in the Park**, May 12<sup>th</sup> Kebbi Williams asked for support of this event
- **Space Bar and Lounge** - Located on White Street offers 25% off on Wednesdays to Historic West End Neighbors
- [www.preserveatlanta.com](http://www.preserveatlanta.com) – see for all free events, March 9-24.
- Homeowners workshop May 5<sup>th</sup> by Georgia Trust at their office
- On tomorrow, March 6, 2012 Brenda is in hospice care – WEND paused for a moment of silence on her behalf.

## **NEXT MEETING**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm. The next formal meeting is **Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the West End Library.**

Submitted by Angela Brown, Secretary of WEND, INC\_\_\_\_\_