



MEETING MINUTES

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COMMITTEES

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Public Safety

Zoning and Land Use

West End Neighborhood Development

March 4, 2014

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*
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 Sawyer Gosnell to approve the evening's agenda as presented. LA Thym seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sawyer Gosnell to approve the February 4, 2014, meeting minutes. LA Thym 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 February was \$18,010.18.
- During February 2014, WEND received total revenue in the amount of \$279.73 in membership dues and revenue sales.
- During February 2014, there were total expenses in the amount of \$480. End of month balance is \$17,809.91.

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 expressed her gratitude for our new homeowners as well as new and returning members of WEND. Historic West End is pleased to host Atlanta Streets Alive April 20th from 2-6pm.

Budget

A motion was made by LA Thym to approve the 2014 WEND budget and Maurice Gunter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

COMMITTEES

Public Safety

Maurice Gunter (Chair) – He is continuing to gather information as well as reaching out to the Zone 4 and Zone 1 Majors, along with MARTA Police. He also is scheduled to meet with Tony at Zone 4 to discuss the neighborhood watch schedule.

Remember if you **see something, say something** by calling 911.

The public safety report was presented by Lt. Hampton, APD's Zone 4 Commander for Investigations. There has been an overall reduction in arrests – 43% from last month. Also there was a decrease in crime - last month burglaries were down 70% and overall crime was down 22% year-to-date. Four robberies were reported (two arrests were made and two received no cooperation from victims).

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

- Entrance ramps are still a concern on both the east/west ramps with panhandlers
- A member has a question in regards to the statistics and what are they gauged from (How do we compare to other areas in our zone, etc.?)
 - The Atlanta Police Depart website is a point of reference where it will plot the area and the crimes.
- Commendation on doing a good job when they have been called
- How does APD patrol our area? – the main focus is traffic but each watch commander determines their strategy for policing the area. Lt. Hampton will bring back to staff meeting on March 5th to see about getting foot patrols going.

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/1gEWZeA5xxaBdaZUPzT2zH7KhjqEFBSxFzbfuae>

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There is still time to help with meetings scheduled for Monday March 17th and 31st from 7-8pm at the Sales office of Sky Lofts.

Education

Barbara Williams (interim chair) reported the committee discussed more involvement with Brown Middle School and the charter schools in the area, along with assisting parents with home schooling. PTA dues are \$10 and you can sign up by going to the school office at Brown. Brown Middle School has been earmarked for \$10 million in renovations so please pay close attention and attend the school board meetings if possible.

Beautification

Yard of the Month recognitions will start in April 2014 and the committee will be looking for neat, tidy, clean yards with vibrant colors. The winner will receive the YOTM sign in their yard along with some type of incentive TBD. If you have recommendations please send over by 21st of the month as the winner will be announced by the 1st of each month. Those recommendations can be made to Stacey Walford at Staceyv05@yahoo.com

Cleanups – If you see areas in need of cleanup please send those to wendinc@gmail.com.

Zoning

Aletha Parker (chair) – the committee is here to help with issuing complaints to the City of Atlanta for zoning/code violations (vacant homes, overgrown yards, tenant's complainants, permits, etc). They will also work with neighbors on how to issue a zoning/coding complaint and work toward its resolution. Meetings are scheduled at the West End Library the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6pm. President Parmer reminded the body that the board speaks at the zoning review board meetings those homeowners who are noncompliant.

Memberships

LA Thym and Naquia Harris (Chairs) wanted the body to be on the lookout for new events coming throughout the year, along with a possible 40th celebration for the WEND organization. The committee has already begun handing out welcome baskets to new members. They also brought Krispy Kreme donuts for the body at the March meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Ms. Anamarie Shreeves discussed her company Bedcycle and asked the body to fill out a short survey to gauge the community's interest on recycling mattresses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND Q&A

- The Beltline is hosting FitWit classes on Saturdays at Gordon White Park from 9-10am. All fitness levels are welcomed for this boot camp-style workout.
- Marshall Thomas announced there is a citywide public safety training happening Saturday March 8th from 8:45am – 1:30pm at Public Safety Headquarters, 226 Peachtree St SW.
- A neighbor asked if you visit Dunkin Donuts, take the time to fill out the survey on the bottom of your receipt, as it provides valuable feedback to corporate on how this store is doing.

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Submitted this 7th day of March, 2014



Denise Blake, Secretary

West End Neighborhood Development, Inc.