

MINUTES WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, INC. GENERAL MEETING

November 5, 2013

The WEND, Inc. General Meeting was held Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at the West End Library branch. Madam President Kim Parmer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Board Members Present

Kimberly Parmer, President; John Pavlin, 2nd Vice President; Carl Nes, Treasurer; Angela Brown, Secretary; Terry Ross, Membership

Kimberly Parmer presented the November agenda and the minutes was voted upon and accepted by the body with minor changes. Second Vice President, John Pavlin, established a quorum.

GUEST APPEARANCES

West End LCI Project—Contact person is Michael Frierson – mfrierson@atlantaga.gov – 404.330.6254.

Three Current projects – RDA Project, Harries Homes (Collegetown), and Lowery

- From I-20 to MLK
- Doing pavers
- Finishing Utility Poles with shirt
- Stripping at intersections

Second Project – RDA Streetscape Project

- Clock Tower
- Lee and RDA & RDA and Lowery
- Panels are going in and sidewalk mirrors going in the sidewalk to tell the history of the West End Village

Third Project

- Another Feature Wall and retaining wall with West End Logo
- At the Island, may move the crosswalk because of the danger of trying to cross
- Will keep the trees and plantings there

Resident suggested that they gate the island as a possibility and extend the island and also Emergency Call Boxes along Oak and Lucille and consider putting lighting in that area. There was an lighting assessment done by Clete Winslow so Kimberly will inquire – Michael will check into it.

Call Public Works - 404.330.6333 for any problem and West End quad is swept Oct, Feb, and June. Neighbors would like a schedule of when sweeping will occur.

ELECTIONS

Joel McBee – Presented the slate of officers and ballots were passed out

President – Kimberly Parmer

1st Vice President - Alisha Smith and Terry Ross

2nd Vice President – Angela Brown

Treasure – Open

Secretary – Denise Blake

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Report

—Presented by Lieutenant Hampton- crhamptonr@atlantaga.gov. Commercial robberies are up but overall crime is down by 17%. Not unusual because of the holiday season — "snatch and grabs" especially because of holiday season. Also, West End Mall continues to drive crime in the area. Copies of the crime report are available on line - http://www.atlantapd.org/

- The City of Atlanta is on 10 hour shifts to cover any overlap.
- Resident reported young people openly smoking weed in public. Lieutenant Zizi is over that department and will pass on the report
- Resident reported that visibility is now down because of Jagg Grant but there still should be presence here
- Resident reported that kids on White Street were unruly and threatening residents and only saw officer an hour later. 911 calls are done on priority. Lieutenant also suggested that follow-up 911 with a call to the precinct – between White and Peeples at Rose Circles.
- Resident offers a warning that we be careful in being hit from behind in the early morning hours
- Precinct Phone number is 404.756.1903

Education — John attended APS board member and the board seemed to be unaware that they were closing Brown Middle School. Will try to get Bryon to come to a WEND meeting. Patchwork is allegedly operating illegally at Brown Middle School. They have livestock (chickens) and they have put in a well. Residents are concerned if it was possible to turn Brown into an elementary. They are entrenching themselves into the area. Need volunteers to go to meeting. Resident also raised that we need to figure out about the numerous community gardens and some regulations. A copy of Patchwork's lease agreement has been requested from APS as well as the permit. A resident spoke who was involved in the negotiation of the lease in the beginning and the well was federally funded and they had to go through APS and are in compliance with their lease.

Zoning and Land Use – Jarvis Gray, Senior from Morehouse College intern has been great and that reported three illegal group homes. Please email at wendinc@gmail if you see anything illegal-email both WEND and Code Enforcement.

The Island is already happening so we need to vote on new project. The \$1,000 Love Your Block Grant was awarded to WEND and must be spent by November 29, 2013. WEND was presented with 4 projects where the grant could now be spent – 1. Rose Circle 2. Lowery Exit planting, 3. WEND Toppers and 4. Trash Cans. The Toppers passed and it was further voted on and passed that the Toppers would be sold at a reduced price of \$35.00

Congratulations to 967 Oglethorpe for being the yard of the month!

Finance/Treasurer

- See attached report orally presented by Carl Nes presented Treasurer Report and Carl thanked WEND for allowing him to serve as the treasurer over the past year.

Membership - Terry Ross, membership chair could not be present but thanked Na Na and Ebony and Doug for the Porch Parties on September 21, 2013 from 12-8pm.

PR/Media – No Report

Preservation and Urban Design -No Report

FOR THE GOOD OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Atlanta Streets Alive will take place in the West End for 2014 on April 20, 2013. The co-chair is Robert who gave a full report and Denise Blake is the chair. You are welcome to attend the planning meetings every other Monday at a location in the West End. Contact deniseblake@bellsouth.net.

Christmas Party will take place at 680 Peeples. The Christmas Party Planning is underway. Mr. Graham Jackson, classical pianist, has again been confirmed for entertainment—need check for \$300. A check, in the amount of \$300 for party expenses was approved by the body for the purchase of i.e. bathroom supplies for host home, starter food, nametags and markers, beverages and alcohol, and ancillary party sup-plies. I completed and returned a detailed expense report after the event will be submitted by Denise Blake. Still need donations and elegant party hors d'oeuvres that can serve at least 12 people. Contact Denise deniseblake@bellsouth.net if you are interested in helping with the Christmas party.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at pm. The next formal meeting is **Tuesday**, **December 3**, **2013 at 7:00 pm at the West End Library**.

Submitted by Angela Brown, Secretary of WEND, INC
