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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

November 4, 2014, 7pm - West End Library

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

Officers Present

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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 Cami Gibson to approve the evening's agenda as presented. Alethea Parker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Denise Blake indicated a necessary correction to the minutes as presented. **Michael Johnson and Cathy Witt are eligible to vote and to be considered as 2015 officers.** A motion was made by Terry Ross to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. Angela Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Alena Harrison provided the statement of financial position.

- WEND's bank balance is \$20,078.80.
- During October 2014, WEND received total revenue in the amount of \$49.96. There were no expenses during this period.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kim Parmer reminded the body that an ad hoc economic development committee, spearheaded by Scott Shepherd, is working to put together a package for potential business looking to establish a presence in West End. Some who have expressed interest are A Piece of Cake; Delia's Chicken Sausage; and Sprouts Farmer's Market.

She also reminded the membership that Atlanta BeltLine will have a

groundbreaking ceremony for the Westside Trail on November 12. The trail will link the communities of Washington Park, West End and Adair Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

- Lt. Sinks (resinks@atlantaga.gov), Zone 4's CID Commander and Major Rodney Bryant provided updates on public safety issues affecting our neighborhood.
- There has been an uptick of auto thefts compared to the same period last year.
- There has been a rash of thefts in two corridors – around 858 Oak Street and along the RDA commercial corridor. As we approach the holiday season, residents are encouraged to be vigilant about crime and call 911 with any concerns, including the neighborhood “porch bandit”. Zone 4 is commencing its winter plan with shifting patrols to address, in particular, burglaries and car break-ins.
- Lt. Sinks remarked that Zone 4 is utilizing a software program call PredPol which predicts likely hot spots for criminal activity.
- Those who have signed up for the neighborhood security patrol will soon be contacted regarding payment and officer start date.

Education

WEND is conducting a coat drive for youth in need at Brown Middle School. To donate, please contact any WEND officer to coordinate pick-up.

Beautification

- The Lowery traffic islands have been spruced up. Ongoing maintenance will have to be done by residents. To sign up to help, please contact Carlton Walker (carltonwalker1@yahoo.com).
- TireKingz at 1050 White Street will pick up abandoned tires. Contact them at (404) 755-9902, www.tirekingz.com.
- We need the help of neighbors to continue to take down marketing signs that are placarded on our trees and telephone poles.

Preservation and Urban Design

- AUDC Report: The Commission heard the application for the fence/deck variance for 1047 Oak St. on Oct. 15. Our committee was not aware of the 'illegal' deck that had been built; it was not visible over the 10 ft fencing. The Commission ruled that the fence will be allowed, but at a maximum height of 6 ft. The deck must be reconfigured, with 7 ft that protrudes beyond the side of the house to be removed. The reconfigured deck must be screened from the street view with plant materials, not fencing.

- At the Oct. 22 meeting, the Eide's renovation, at 665 Grady Pl., was finally reviewed and approved.
- The Brown Middle School renovation was described to the AUDC; this is considered a "Review and Comment", as APS is not required to have approval from the AUDC. Aaron Eide, Co-Pres. of Washington Cluster Advocacy Group, was in attendance to review the project.
- An application, following a Stop Work Order, for work at 1231 Lucile Ave, has been deferred until Nov. 12. The contractor had a major disagreement with the Staff Report (which we approved of, wholeheartedly!). He does NOT want to rebuild a chimney he illegally removed, replace the incompatible windows he illegally installed, or repair original siding rather than replace it with the disallowed new (cheap) siding he prefers. A committee representative WILL be at that Nov. 12 meeting!

Membership

- Thank you to Yolanda Bell and The Eide's for the porch parties held on October!

PR/Communications

John Mitchell, chairperson, provided an enthusiastic report of the efforts to date by the PR committee. A number of West End residents are participating in weekly meetings and are working diligently to spread the word on neighborhood happenings and to help dispel misperceptions about our community.

Zoning

Chairperson Alethea Parker shared a report of code violation complaints in our ZIP Code. The committee will continue to track these concerns and will try to share ongoing reports electronically to WEND membership.

ELECTIONS

Candidates were vetted and slated by the nominating committee (see attached ballot). Following brief remarks by each candidate, the vote was taken.

Officers for 2015 are:

Kimberly Parmer, President

Tony McNeal, First Vice President

Alisha Thym, Second Vice President

Naquia Harris, Secretary

Treasurer – Vacant; three persons received write-in nominations. The executive committee, along with the nominating committee will contact each person to determine if they accept their nomination. Next steps will be announced to voters.

The president-elect will appoint a Parliamentarian for 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WEND's annual holiday party will be held Saturday, December 6. Details to follow.

Next Meeting

December 2, 2014, 7pm – West End Library

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Submitted this 4th day of November 2014



Denise Blake, Secretary

West End Neighborhood Development, Inc.

Ballot for 2015 Officers

President	
Kimberly Parmer	<input type="checkbox"/>

First Vice President	
Tony McNeal	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Mitchell	<input type="checkbox"/>

Second Vice President	
Alisha Thym	<input type="checkbox"/>

Secretary	
Naquia Harris	<input type="checkbox"/>

Treasurer	
No Candidate	