

MINUTES WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, INC. GENERAL MEETING October 2, 2012

The WEND, Inc. General Meeting was held Tuesday, October 2nd 2012, at the West End Library branch. Carl Nes, President 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

Carl Nes, President
John Pavlin, 1st Vice President
Barbara Williams, 2nd Vice President
Ewelina Mieszkalska, Treasurer
Alena Harrison, Secretary

Parliamentarian

Cathy Witt

The September 2012 minutes were reviewed by the body and accepted with no amendments. President Nes presented the agenda verbally and the agenda was accepted with no amendments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As presented

Refunded security patrol checks will be going in the mail this week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Public Safety Report</u> – as presented by Major. Bryant

- Decrease in crime, it's the lowest in quite some time.
 - The JAG Grant has been suspended as of 10/2/12
 - West End Mall has hired new security and the Major has met with them
- Continue to look out for your neighbors
- Please don't leave your car w/keys running unattended
- The police continue to work on the removal of panhandlers
- Contact Keep Atlanta Beautiful so they can be aware of illegal sign posting

PR/Media -

- T-Shirts are available for \$10
- Atlanta Streets Alive We continue to work to bring them to West End, their next event is Oct 7. www.atlantastreetsalive.com

Zoning & Land Use -

• An email and phone number have been created for complaints.

- o wendlandcode@gmail.com 404-946-3895
- Almost finish in great detail the spreadsheets, look for in Nov. Rezoning –
 Beecher/Cascade letter drafted regarding concerns that will back up against the
 Historic District (parking/traffic). Cleta was not involved in the planning meeting but they
 certainly would like input from the West End community.
- Oglethorpe Incident Fence/Driveway paving no permit, permits aren't being displayed. Call Cleta's office regarding non-permitted renovations 404.330.6047
- Major Davis will follow up on what the police need to be doing on these issues.
- NPU-T peds.org keeping the neighborhood safe.

Education – Brown Middle School –Angela Williams – 700 students at school with the Kennedy school merger. Brown is asking WEND to become partners with the school (mentor, positive attitudes, quality of life, they have several clubs/organizations for you to get involved). Next PTA meeting is October 4th at 6pm 765 Peeples St.

Membership – Membership packets are available

Beautification

- Tree Planting Oct 6 Meetup 8am at Greenwich/Holderness
- Neighborhood cleanup Oct 13 Meetup 8am Wren's Nest

<u>Urban Design</u> – 653 Peeples St in violation because of a driveway they placed in their front yard and use as a parking pad. Negotiations ongoing with homeowners/historic people downtown

<u>By-Laws</u> – The revisions of the by-laws were presented and items in bold are additions, as well as no deletions of current by-laws.

AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Holiday Party</u> - 2012 Holiday Party will be held Dec 1 at Leesa Kellam's home. This year's budget is \$500 with a goal to raise \$300 for donation; also volunteers are needed, please contact Carl Nes if interested in joining the committee.

Yard Sale Update –25 Homes \$145 donation to Breast Cancer Awareness

2013 WEND Election will be held at the Nov 2012 meeting - Please contact Joel McBee joel.mcbee@ge.com 404.304.1541 if you would like to nominate someone. Also each candidate would need to make a brief presentation before the body.

<u>Website</u> – Dreamstudio will partner with Kevin P and Chris Crane with the website launching before the Nov 2012 meeting. The body vote if favor of spending \$850 for development of the website with a \$50 monthly recurring fee. Ad revenue from the website will be split between WEND /Dreamstudio over \$250.

Nan Orock A bill regarding charter schools is on the ballet 404.524.5999

<u>Winslow Report –</u> LCI is coming during Q1 of 2013. Cleta's office is working with the homeless across from forestation #7 near the railroad tracks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Holiday Party is Dec 1st at Leesa Kellam's home

NEXT MEETING

This meeting was adjourned at 8.50 pm.

The next formal meeting is **Tuesday**, **Nov 6th**, **2012 at 7:00 pm at the West End Library**. Submitted this 3rd day of October 2012

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