



MINUTES
WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, INC.
GENERAL MEETING
August 6, 2013

The WEND, Inc. General Meeting was held Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at the West End Library branch. Madam President Kim Parmer called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 October agenda and the minutes was voted upon and accepted by the body without changes. Second Vice President, John Pavlin, established a quorum.

GUEST APPEARANCES

West End LCI Project—Ralph David Abernathy between Lee and Joseph E. Lowery – Streetscape Project – They have established a Punch list and Kimberly invited them to come to WEND to present work they are doing.

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The contractor is Precision 2000 Inc. Project updates will be posted monthly at www.atlantaga.gov.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Report –Presented by Sergeant Oliver - boliver@atlantaga.gov. reported that some crimes are down but larceny is up by 100%. Copies of the crime report are available on line - <http://www.atlantapd.org/>

- The City of Atlanta is moving to 10 hour shifts – so the bad guys are taking advantage of the fact that there are shift changes but they are working two hours longer to cover.
- APD is also using motorcycle and they have gang unit as well.
- There will be a meeting with NPU chairs to drive around and see neighborhood.
- Be careful when you are pumping gas – make sure you lock your cars while pumping gas.
- We do have mental ill persons in neighborhood who appear “half-necked”. Sergeant Oliver says that’s not illegal but call anyway.
- Sergeant Oliver again reported that they are working on people sleeping in Howell Park, Dean Rusk Park, Marta Bus stop, and CVS steps and the panhandlers at the eastbound exits have increased especially during the daytime. Residents want to know how the process work in getting the park cleaned up. Yes, police do see it and it is up to the residents to say who should or should not be in the park so please call.

No one is allowed to sleep in the park. Therefore, residents please call and after 11pm, no one can be in the park – sleep or not. **Precinct Phone number is 404.756.1903**

Zoning and Land Use – Jarvis Gray, Senior from Morehouse College will work with WEND on the previously compiled

Finance/Treasurer – See attached report orally presented by Carl Nes presented Treasurer Report and report that Jason has filed all necessary reports but has caught WEND up. There is a question if WEND was ever a 501(c)3 and we will be up to date. Jayson requested the tax id number associated with the 501(c)3. Carl and Carl Barnes has agreed to look for the information. If information can be verified then WEND then we will apply to active non-profit status. WEND is a (c)4, which is still a non-profit –just not

Beautification Alisha has agreed to work with Beautification Committee.

Resident raised issues of ramps. GDOT is cleaning the ramps but what about garbage cans being placed. The median planting will take place by mid-October. WEND has secured a contractor to move the historic marker. Concrete slab will be poured this week.

Residents also raised the issue of planting trees (many done by Trees Atlanta) in West End. Resident raised the issue to going to Popeye's and other businesses to support WEND. Also would like to ask businesses that are remodeling if they would consider adopting a historic design when remodeling.

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Steven Barlow won the yard of the month. Congrats!

Education – Members of WED attended the PTSA and found out that Brown Middle is closing next year. There does seem to be a long-range plan. So there is a need to redesign Brown. There are also issues with Washington High School. Resident proposed that WEND will need to have connects with Kids First and reach out to Byron Amos and Courtney English. APS website does post the agenda. Need volunteers to go to meeting. APS has a **Truancy Officer – 404.802.2000.**

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

President's Report – Introduced Nomination Committee which consists of Joel, Carl, and Handy. Secretary asked that a women be added to the nomination committee. No one volunteered.

- Erica and Ebony will take the lead on doing a Halloween/Candy Park – send info to www.wendinc@gmail.com for posting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Atlanta Bicycle Coalition would like to do - Atlanta Streets Alive in the West End for 2014 will be June 1st WEND is encouraged to attend other events to see
- We are losing Alena to Chi-Town. But want to thank her for ALL her work and dedication to the neighborhood.
- Holiday Party is 1st Saturday in December at 685 Peoples Street, will meet with owner for plans. Denise will chair party again this year.
- Space offers 25% on Wednesdays to Historic West End Neighbors

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm. The next formal meeting is **Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the West End Library.**

Submitted by Angela Brown, Secretary of WEND, INC _____