

West End Association May 2011 Minutes

West End Association Minutes for May Meeting: May 10, 2011

Attendees:

Mark Lively, Pres.
Susan Morris, VP
Eric Elliott, Treasurer
Kristi Marion, Sec.
George Bryan
David Phillips
David Poythress
Stan Hill
Kathleen Ramich
Dan McLaughlin
Clare Fader
Andrew Leslie
Officer Boise, Guest Speaker
Sgt. Murphy, Guest Speaker

New Business-

Guest speakers Sgt. Murphy and Officer Boise addressed the WEA concerns about car and home break-ins.

Sgt. Murphy & Officer Boise cover most of our area of West End from the hours of 3:30 PM-1:50AM. Sgt. Murphy's Desk #: 773-7776

They said they have not seen a rise in house break-ins, however, summer time often brings more crime. They offered the following prevention tips:

Officer Boise pointed out that if someone calls in about a suspicious-looking person, it would be more helpful if the caller could describe the location and direction the person was traveling, as well as a full description of clothing and what about the person's behavior seemed suspicious. Also, leave a number so police can call back to ask questions.

As for home invasions, house alarms are the best deterrent, dogs, video cameras, motion sensor lights, light-timers, ask neighbors to keep an eye out, even prickly bushes under windows help. Keep bushes trimmed back so there are fewer places to hide.

Record your serial numbers, take photos and even adding a number to bikes with a Dremel tool, etc. will help in recovering stolen property, just NOT your SSN.

Car break-ins - Do not leave valuables, GPS, bags (even empty) in car.

David Poythress asked for stats regarding West End crime. Sgt. Murphy will send these to Pres. Mark Lively.

Old Business-

The April Minutes were reviewed and the following corrections noted: The WEA is actually not up to date on all of its federal paperwork for non-profit status.

Traffic Calming:

Mark Lively presented drawings of mountable islands with plantings, stamped rocks and granite curbing proposed for West End Blvd in front of Hanes Park.

George Bryan pointed out that there is a bus stop at the Daniel Boone marker island.

Kathleen Ramich suggested a crosswalk be installed to the Daniel Boone marker bus stop.

David Poythress requested that the Traffic Calming Committee look into having the stamped curbs done in a “cobblestone” style.

Eric Elliott moved that the WEA move forward with the Traffic Calming Plan and apply for a COA from the HRC. Andrew Lively seconded. None opposed.

At 8:35pm Mark Lively made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clare Fader seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

Eric Elliott provided a long list of treasurer's notes (see Drop Box for report).

Susan Morris made a motion to hold up to \$2,000 for the base for the West End ArtsFest outdoor sculpture. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

Eric Elliott noted that only 33 neighbors have paid their dues.

Advertisers for the West End newsletter must pay by June 15th.

HRC News:

David Poythress attended the HRC meeting. Three representatives from the West End had issues with the proposed new YMCA signage.

Susan Morris made a motion and Board Members present voted to join the WEA Winston-Salem Neighborhood Alliance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.