

West End Association

Minutes for June Meeting: June 10, 2011

Attendees:

Mark Lively, Pres.
Susan Morris, VP
Kristi Marion, Sec.
Tracy Sainte Marie
David Poythress
Meg Zulick
Alton Absher
Sarah Williamson
Toni Phillips

Old Business-

The May Minutes were reviewed. Tracy Sainte Marie moved that they be approved. All agreed.

New Business-

Fourth of July Picnic

The West End Fourth of July Picnic will be held at Hanes Park playground on Monday, July 4th from 11am-1pm. Reservations are not taken, but there are a few picnic tables and we will try to obtain any free ones for food. Otherwise, picnickers should bring blankets and chairs.

Food: The WEA usually provides meat and drinks. Last year Meg Zulick bought the chicken herself. In the past the budget has been \$500. Mark Lively will pick up chicken and ribs and will have lemonade. He offered to have beer available on his porch across the street from Hanes Park at 1417 Brookstown Ave. Neighbors are invited to bring a side dish and/or dessert. President Mark Lively rallied at the suggestion of bringing back the pie baking contest and will write an invitation to bakers for the newsletter.

Activities:

- Pie baking contest (seeking judges)

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- neighborhood children will be invited to decorate and ride their bikes/ trikes/wagons around the sidewalk around the playground area of Hanes Park.
- Toni Phillips will call Fire Dept to bring a truck out for demonstration.
- Tracy will bring membership applications and have newsletters available in hopes that it will encourage neighbors to join the WEA.

Newsletter: Tracy reminded the board that content for the newsletter is due by the 20th of the month.

Pres. Mark Lively will provide a "Letter from the President" and update on current issues. Committees were suggested that would report at WEA meetings and provide content for the newsletter:

- Historic Preservation & Development: Members would attend HRC meetings and Neighborhood Alliance meetings and report back to general meeting and offer update content for newsletter.
- Social Committee: Members would organize monthly socials, welcome new neighbors, Easter Egg hunt, 4th of July picnic, quarterly neighborhood socials.
- Fundraising/Events Committee: Responsible for membership recruitment, Holiday Home Tour, West End ArtsFest, advertising for the newsletter.
- Communications Committee: Responsible for newsletter, editor, distribution manager, website
- Beautification Committee: Organize Clean Up, Garden Club, Community Garden

Ads for newsletter: Cost \$80/year; Inserts \$100 each

Toni Phillips moved that we strike the Business Membership, as we only have one and there are no benefits to being a business member. Susan Morris seconded. None opposed.

HRC News:

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David Poythress attended the HRC meeting. He reported that the Heritage Awards are awarded to remodels or new builds that maintain historic integrity. In the past the City of W-S have funded the awards, but can no longer afford to continue. Preserve Historic Forsyth is going to take over the awards and is raising funds for the event. The West End Association is a member of Preserve Historic Forsyth at \$100, but David Poythress would like for the WEA to consider supporting the event (amount tbd). Preserve Historic Forsyth could present workshops of interest to the WEA group such as window restoration or other workshop.

Historic West End ArtsFest- Sarah Williamson asked if the event is included in the WEA's limited liability insurance coverage? No one was certain. We'll ask if Eric Elliott knows. In the meantime, Sarah will look into the cost of one day event coverage.

No updates on the Brunson Elementary School issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.