

**West End Association
February 7, 2012
Annual Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Mark Lively, Pres.
Susan Morris, VP
Eric Elliott, Treas.
Kristi Marion, Sec.
Cathy McLaughlin
George Bryan
Wanda & John Merschel
Mary Jane Skelly
Michael Klotz
Daniel Yohannes
Jake Wharton
Stan Hill
David Phillips
Clare Fader
Brenda Penny
Bill & Becky Gibson
Bill Wilson, Sr.
Alton Absher
Tara Realbuto
Sara Giustini
Elizabeth Madace
Andrew Leslie

West End Association President, Mark Lively called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report:

Eric presented handouts and a slide show reviewing the budget in great detail. (See the West End Association Drop Box for the financial report). Bill Gibson moved to approve the budget. Brenda Penny seconded. All approved. None opposed.

New Business:

Nearly everyone present renewed their WEA membership dues (\$20), which is required to vote for the incoming board. President Mark Lively said thank you and farewell to board members who are finishing their terms:

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Clare Fader
David & Toni Phillips
Alton & Kristin Absher

Lively also offered many thanks to Treasurer Eric Elliott for his tireless efforts in trying to set straight the IRS on our 501(c) (3) status.

Bill Gibson offered that he is grateful for the young influx of new neighbors who “get” our historic neighborhood.

New neighbor and association member Tara Realbuto expressed concerns about sidewalk and road conditions, drug paraphernalia on the sidewalks, as well as some traffic issues on West End Boulevard, where her car and others have been sideswiped by speeding passersby. She proposed a stop sign at the intersection of West End Boulevard and Jarvis. Susan Morris referred her to the “311” line to City Link for any holes and uncapped pipes. Further discussion ensued about who to contact and how to proceed with traffic calming.

Old Business-

Eric updated us on our ongoing attempt to reestablish our 501(c)(3) status. Wanda Merschel asked if we are also trying to make the reinstatement retroactive to 1993 when it was erroneously dissolved by the IRS, since the West End Association is the oldest neighborhood association 501(c)(3) in the country and that is worth protecting. Eric responded yes and that he would have our attorney reiterate that with the IRS agent.

Eric reviewed several areas in which membership dues benefits our neighborhood and its residents. Our goal for paid memberships is 100. We are currently at 50.

Slate of Board New Board Members:

Mary Jane Skelly & Michael Klotz
Kevin Nunley
George Bryan & Ann Doherty
Dan & Cathy McLaughlin

Susan Morris moved that we vote yes to the entire slate. Daniel Yohannes seconded. Members voted unanimously in favor. None opposed. The new board members were warmly welcomed. A board meeting will be scheduled prior to the next Association meeting, date tba.

March Meeting: Our March meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2012 in West End Room of the YMCA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.