

West End Association August 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mark Lively, Pres. Susan Morris, VP, Kevin Nunley, Treas. Kristi Marion, Sec. Dan McLaughlin, Cathy McLaughlin, George Bryan, Stan Hill, Sarah Williamson, Daniel Yohannes, Frank Johnson, Robin Voiers, Dr. Margaret Herman, Bill Gibson, Richard Atwood, Lynne Linett

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

Treasurer's Report:

Kevin Nunley reported that we had one new membership. Otherwise, there was no change in the financial balances.

New Business:

Homes Tour:

Sarah Williamson, Co-Chair gave an update on the Tour of Homes. They are recruiting sponsors and homes for the tour and she asked Michael Klotz <klotzmm@wfu.edu> members present ask their neighbors and consider participating. They are particularly looking for homes of historic significance and interesting use of space. Dan McLaughlin proposed a kick-off brunch the morning of the Tour, perhaps at Spring House Restaurant. The next committee meeting will be Sunday, August 19th at the home of Dan & Cathy McLaughlin.

Newsletter:

Claudine Von Grunebaum will provide an article about the Friends of the Library. Sarah Williamson will provide a list of volunteer needs for the upcoming newsletter. Mark Lively reported that volunteers are needed to deliver newsletters for two routes and will write a plea for the newsletter. George Bryan has many documents pertaining to the West End neighborhood and plans to send some to be documented in the New Winston Museum and the Carolina Room of the Central Library. He will submit a request for more photos and documents from residents to do the same. Content for the newsletter should be sent to Mary Jane Skelly by Sunday, August 19, 2012.

Sister Neighborhood:

Mark Lively said he had received a request from the West End neighborhood of Atlanta, asking if our West End neighborhood might be interested in becoming their "sister city" or neighborhood. He will follow up to see what such a

relationship would entail.

Old Business-

RJR High Stadium Business:

The Board and attendees discussed Proposed Text Amendment- Case #UDO-233, which would reinstate the Planning Board's Zoning Ordinance, Chapter B, Article II-Zoning Districts, Official Zoning Maps, and Uses, 2-5 Use Conditions,

2-5.69 SCHOOL, PUBLIC (A)(4): Parking For Stadiums in GMA 1 and 2. A Special Use Permit from the Elected Body in accordance with Section B.6-1.5 must be granted for new stadiums and stadium expansions with more than a total of 1,500 seats in GMA 1 and 2 unless there is adequate off-street parking on the school site to meet a one space per four seat parking requirement.

West End Resident and attorney, Bill Gibson reviewed the amendment and recommended that the WEA Board support the amendment according to the bylaws of the WEA.

Much discussion followed regarding the meaning of the amendment and the process through which such an amendment would be recommended, approved (or not) up the chain. George Bryan noted that the amendment was already in existence, but was removed for a special circumstance for Glen High School and that by supporting the ordinance, we would be supporting other neighborhood interests as well in future planning by setting a precedent. Sarah Williamson asked if other neighborhoods have also voted to support UDO-233 and George Bryan said they had. Frank Johnson voiced concern that supporting the parking hearing amendment would create a public perception that the WEA opposed the stadium as a whole. Board members were urged to consider the logic of the amendment, transparency of planning and how it would be beneficial to our neighborhood and disregard emotional arguments when considering how to vote.

Sarah Williamson moved that the West End Association recommend that the planning board adopt text amendment UDO-233.

Stan Hill asked that she amend her motion so that the WEA actually prepares a document recommending it. She agreed and the official motion was amended to read:

Sarah Williamson moved that the West End Association recommend via letter from its President, Mark Lively, with input from the board members, that the planning board adopt text amendment UDO-233.

Daniel Yohannes seconded the motion. All were in favor except Frank

Johnson, who opposed.

Neighborhood Picnic/Food Drive: Susan Morris reported that the Second Harvest Food Bank is in a food crisis and will run out of food within the week if many donations are not received. In response, a neighborhood picnic is planned at Hanes Park this Sunday, August 19th from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Canned goods and monetary donations will be collected, as well as a "porch pickup" of donations left on neighborhood porches at 5pm. Just email your address to westender@yahoo.com for pickup.

September Meeting: Our September meeting will be held Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in West End Room of the YMCA. Guest speaker will be Tim Grant of Forsyth County Parks and Recreation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.