

**February 2017 West End Association Meeting Minutes:**

02.28.2017 at the West End Room of the YMCA / Started 6PM

Attendees:

Mark Lively  
John Merschel  
David Elam  
Clint Buss  
Bill Gibson  
Becky Gibson  
Carol Moore  
Toni Phillips  
Keith Stone  
Kristina McElhinney  
Dan Bradley  
Rob Ulhrey  
Stan Hill  
Frank Johnson  
George Bryan / delayed

Minutes approved from meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Treasurer's report – not reviewed as no changes since last meeting.

Board Positions: Discussion was held concerning the inclusion of new members to board positions, the continued participation of former board members ending 2-year terms as well as fulfillment of open positions. To maintain the momentum of the West End Association's efforts, Mark Lively agreed to fulfill the functional role of Board President. Jo Ann Mount (though not present) was in agreement and was approved as Vice President knowing that her position includes President Elect status. Clint Buss was approved as Secretary. George Bryan agreed to remain Treasurer. Frank Johnson, Dan Bradley and John Merschel remain board members and are in the middle of their 2-year terms now. The board position vacated by Clint Buss was filled by new board member Keith Stone. The position vacated by Toni & David Phillips was filled by new board members Brian & Kristina McElhinney. The position held by Kristin Haaf who has been too busy with other pursuits to remain as active as she wished was mid-term at this time and has been filled by Carol & Ralph Moore.

Hanes Park: A printed and bound copy of the current plan was delivered for review. The materials are also available online. The timeline of the project was reviewed to provide some context for where this phase-1 construction project falls into the overall scope of the original bond. The WEA finds the current plan acceptable and will speak in support of it, but would like to see some mechanism created to review the work as it is done to be sure it follows the plan. A volunteer group of interested parties was suggested as that oversight mechanism. The WEA does intend however to ask that as many trees as possible be left in place.

Grace Park: Becky Gibson suggested that a landscape architect be consulted to make an informed recommendation for replacing the non-historic brick wall that was recently removed by the city. Attendees seemed open to the idea of a hedge, iron fence or other

elements congruous with the historic portions of the park but agreed that a profession recommendation would be the next logical step.

Membership: George provided an update on the membership drive. 82 Individual and 11 Business memberships are current while the goal remains 120. George provided a map of 2017 versus 2016 household memberships and asked that folks reach out to anyone on their street that has not yet renewed.

Spring Park: Keith Stone spoke on the continued struggle to get something done about the continued water diversion / sewer overflow problems at Spring Park. He has seen the current city plan which includes measures to slow the fall of water over the 50' descent. He asked that the WEA to participate in a meeting with the city on the subject slated for June.