

April 2017 West End Association Meeting Minutes:

04.25.2017 at the West End Room of the YMCA / Started 6PM

Attendees:

JoAnn Mount
Mark Lively
Walter Fox
Clint Buss
Carol Moore
Brenda Penny
PJ Lenihan
Keith Stone
Brian McElhinney
Dan Bradley
Frank Johnson

Minutes - from February 28th and March 28th meetings were approved. There was one question without correction to clarify why new subcommittees had been formed. Posting the most recent Minutes online in a "For Review" folder was agreed upon and prior months will be moved to the appropriate year after approval.

Treasurer's report – showing WEA Profit & Loss report (Jan-Mar 2017) was reviewed. Checking stands at \$16,515.84 and Money Market at \$21,101.72. Discussion held on Homes Tour profit versus more limited info in the info in the Profit & Loss report period. A \$150 donation to YMCA was confirmed. Mark noted that business advertising has increased. WEA now has 86-Individual /13-Business memberships. There was discussion of public and private meeting and event-spaces in or around the neighborhood as different types meetings are held.

Committee Status Items

- Homes tour should be its own standing committee that does not have to break/reform every other year. This will allow them to build and maintain relationships with sponsors as well as provide more continuity in the planning and execution of such an important event.
- Beautification - Resident PJ Lenihan initiated the project last Fall, discussed improvements to one or more common areas. Committee may need to meet at other times to organize with Brian, Carol (board members) and other interested parties The idea of having residents nominate areas was also mentioned. Project budget-ranges were discussed and ranged from \$400-500 up to \$1000 or more depending on area size and condition. Resident participation is key.
- Communication – agreed to discuss alternatives to current Yahoo functionality.
- Social – Carol asked about frequency and timing of Music in the Park / Sundays at Grace Court events. Decided one a month, avoiding as many conflicts as possible, on Sundays in July, August and September. Contact to city to reserve the park and contact to residents with interest in possible artists was mentioned.

HRC – Two cases were present and quickly mentioned as not being major items, but two new cases had just appeared on the HRC site this same day. John will attend and if

the new cases warrant board discussion, and email chain will be started to form a WEA consensus opinion.

Duke Energy Street Lighting – was discussed at multiple points through the meeting with several stories of when/where changes were made and what technologies may exist as possible alternatives. Duke provided their official policy, but Mark agreed to reach back to his contact there to ask if other options exist. Specifically color/brightness and any form of shielding/baffling to control shadow effectively while still serving the function of street lighting.

Upcoming May 2017 Meeting – should have NC DOT and Local WS Transportation officials present to discuss the detour routes and how they will affect the neighborhood.

Upcoming June 2017 Meeting – should have someone present (Keith Huff?) to discuss the plan to resolve the erosion problem / sink hole formation at Spring Park. Some agreement between the property owners at the neighboring apartment complex and the city has been reached, providing forward momentum on this long standing issue.

Later Meeting in 2017? Hanes Park update may be possible if city deadlines are met and the project begins in a timely manner.

Resident Walter Fox mentioned retaining wall repair on Jersey Avenue nearing completion and requested input on whether a planting strip would be desired. The adjacent block has Dogwoods in the planting-strip that replaced the former Cherry trees which had caused substantial sidewalk buckling over the years. He was advised to work through the city but that some residents may have contacts to help him avoid issues getting the work done appropriately.

Official WEA Functions – were discussed, particularly the Conflict of Interest statement which should be completed annually and a better Budget creation / review / approval process.

Meeting concluded about 7:30PM