



WEST END NEWS

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The petition to rezone the Hill Property from R-1 (offices and high-density residential use) to R-2 (medium-density residential use) will be heard by the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen on Monday, December 18, 1978, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall. For the petition to succeed, we need the support of at least six of the eight aldermen.

All indications are that if we are not successful, the law firm of Hudson, Petree, Stockton, Stockton and Robinson will proceed with the development of a huge office complex of an ultimate size projected to be 54,000 square feet. And, if the law firm expands beyond present expectations, or the property is subsequently sold to a developer with a need or desire for more space, the size could be far greater as there is no limitation under R-1 zoning as to either height or size.

The development as presently projected would encompass about the same square footage as the combined total of all other buildings on Fourth Street between First and Glade, most of which have been recently renovated as single-family dwellings and nearly all of which are now being used for residential purposes. And, the parking needs alone would encompass nearly an acre of this 3.28 acre tract of land which reaches into the very heart and core of the West End.

We cannot help but feel that all our efforts, both past and future, are hanging on balance. It is clear that since the 1972 change of zoning which included most of the West End (but not the Hill Property), the pendulum has swung toward a strong residential neighborhood. The city planning staff has noted this, the rising property values attest to this, and West End residents are living and breathing proof of this. What we fear is defeat when

victory is so important--what we fear is another swing of the pendulum, this one smashing the residential core of our neighborhood.

We have received the support of West End residents and supporters, other neighborhood groups and downtown boosters who can see the broader implications for the Center City, its downtown business district and the preservation of its residential neighborhoods. But this alone is not enough. We need the support of the Board of Aldermen, and a simple majority will not do. The Board is waiting to see our response and for this we need your support and presence on the night of December 18.

Our petition is first on the agenda, so we should not have to wait to be heard. If you have another engagement for that night, please see if you can possibly attend to it some other time as we need everybody in the neighborhood to turn out for the hearing. Let's all gather in the Council Chamber at City Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 18. See you then!

DON'T FORGET.....

- December 12 - Christmas Party, Woman's Club
- December 16 - Tree Decoration, Glade and West End triangle
- December 17 - House Tour
- December 18 - Hill Property Rezoning Petition, City Hall Council Chamber, 7:30 p.m.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS REMINDER

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 16, at 8:00 p.m., at the Woman's Club on West Fourth Street. Madge Bolin and her committee are working to decorate the clubhouse and prepare for the usual array of refreshments which West End residents bring to the party. Give Madge a call at 727-1518 if you want to help out.

In the December issue of West End News which announced the party, mention was made of inviting residents of the West End, particularly older persons, who may have moved out of the neighborhood. To date, no names of such persons have been forthcoming. If you know of persons who once lived in the West End who would enjoy seeing old friends and neighbors, please call Thorns Craven at 725-9832. For older persons who might have difficulty getting to the party, transportation can be arranged.

TREE DECORATION

The annual decoration of the Christmas Tree in the Glade Street triangle by West End children (and some grown-ups) will occur on Saturday afternoon, December 17, at 2:30. You should be making colorful ornaments which can withstand the weather, and stringing cranberries and popcorn for the birds. Bring your friends to this event.

CAROLING

Anyone who wants to go caroling should meet at the Glade Street tree on Tuesday, December 20, at 7:30. Persons who want the carolers to make certain to come by their houses should say something to Thorns Craven, who will pass the message on to the singers. Non-singers should have the home fires burning to invite some chilly people in!

For all the events at Christmas, you are asked to tell your neighbors and see if they won't come along with you. Mailed notices go only to members of the West End Association, and we still don't have 100% membership in the West End. Participation in these happy events of the holidays is a good way to meet your neighbors, and to share in the spirit which makes the West End the great place to live which it is.

WEST END DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

As a Christmas gift to all of us, the Internal Revenue Service has announced that the West End Association, Inc., is a tax-exempt, tax-deductible organization. We got the notification on December 6, and all dues and contributions made to the West End in 1977 can be deducted from your income tax. If you want to make a year-end gift, send it to Jim Fox.

TO EVERYONE: MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!