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WEST END NEWS

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ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

GETTING UNDER WAY

Committees are forming for the new year so now is the time to get involved. The main purpose of this newsletter is to acquaint you with the committees and their function and to let you know who to contact if you're interested in working with any of them. All of them need enthusiastic people with ideas and energy. Even if you can contribute only a small amount of time, that would be welcome!

NEIGHBORHOOD APPEARANCE-- At the first meeting, the members of this committee had so many ideas about what needs to be done in the West End that we decided that in order to be effective we must have a focus which this year will be TREES--both the preservation of large, old trees through the enactment of a tree ordinance and the planting of new trees through cooperation with the city horticulturalist and with the garden council. Other ideas include: a watchdog committee which will alert us to possible destruction of valuable buildings or flora, investigation of the possibility for historic zoning, hiring of a landscape architect for planning the whole West End, cleanup of YM and YW, improvement of Hanes Park and Grace Court. If you are interested in working on this

committee contact Barbara Smitherman or Renate Evans.

MEMBERSHIP-- Formerly called "Neighborhood Development" the Membership committee proposes the following charter:

Obtain membership representation by all segments of the West End
In pursuing our charter the following assignments were made for membership solicitation:

- Business--Bruce Anderson
- Churches--Dave Evans
- Other Institutions--Rich Teague
- Elderly--
- General Residents--Entire Committee

We also plan to compile an annual membership list, welcome new residents, feature a neighborhood business each month in the newsletter. Please go by and welcome our new neighbors:

Betty Wade and her three sons
Malcom, Jeff, and Scott
821 West End Blvd. 725-9935

Call Rich Teague 748-1843 if you know of other new residents or if you would like to work with this committee.

BUDGET AND FINANCE-- The purpose of this committee is to prepare a budget for both short and long term

goals from dues and special events and to advise the Board of budget implications of all items it is considering. If you are interested in working with this group, contact Allen Moore.

development. (See article on some results of this committee's activities later in the newsletter). Contact Paul Shepard if you would like to work on this.

PROJECTS-- We shall investigate, plan, and recommend special projects which will benefit the West End. We are interested in projects which

- 1. benefit at least a segment if not all of the West End
- 2. involve large member participation
- 3. have a life cycle of not more than two years
- 4. fall outside the jurisdiction of other committees.

BLOCK CAPTAIN STRUCTURE-- Formidable title! but the idea is really quite simple. They feel that if we have a "captain" on each block to work directly with the Board that the entire mechanism will run more smoothly and that more people will be involved in the work. If you have ideas on how this system should be structured so that it will work efficiently, contact Carlie Hughes 727-1020.

We will develop a two-year plan which will be revised during the first quarter of each year. The plan will include projects recommended as well as the estimated time, money, and manpower to carry it out and, in some cases, the revenue it will yield. No expenditures will be made for projects until 80% of projected necessary funds are available. If you are interested in working on this committee, contact Stephanie Mitchell.

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION-- The very large tasks of data gathering and analysis which went into the West End Plan is over. Work remains, however, in fine-tuning with the City Staff and receiving further suggestions from everyone involved. Following through the various processes to ultimate adoption and implementation will require effort and diligence. Contact Paul Shepard if you'd like to help.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES-- This committee will plan and carry out events throughout the year to promote fun and friendship among West End Neighborhood folks. Traditional activities include one or two concerts in Grace Court Park during the summer, a pot luck supper in the fall, and a Christmas party. The committee will plan new events as they seem appropriate. Anyone interested in helping on the Social Activities Committee may contact Judy Aanstad at work 723-7961, at home 748-8455. We will have an organizing meeting soon.

RENOVATION FINANCE-- This committee will work with city officials and a consortium of local Savings & Loan institutions to explore the availability of private low-interest home improvement financing for the West End. Contact Thorns Craven if you are interested in this project.

PUBLIC RELATIONS-- The purpose of this committee is to complete the remaining work on the West End Slide Program and to present it wherever it may enhance public awareness of the West End and attract new residents and to develop a leaflet-type brochure about our neighborhood. If you are interested in working with this committee call Bill Harper or Don Kirk.

WEST END SOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO HUD

The city of Winston-Salem presented its Community Development Application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) April 17th. If approved, West End South will continue as a C.D. neighborhood and receive additional funds beginning July 1st.

WEST END SOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-- This committee works as liason between the neighborhood and the Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Staffs to insure that grants will be available for continued

West End South is slated to receive \$456,200 (including \$150,000 from the Section 312 Program) for

the continuation of its low-interest (3%) loan program and the creation of a grant program (with no payment required) for low-income elderly owner-occupants. This should be more than enough to fund the existing loan demand of 22 applicants who have not yet received their renovation loans. Future loan applications will be processed only to the extent that funds are available and new applicants must qualify under new income guidelines.

The grant program is available to any C.D. neighborhood owner-occupant who is at least 62 years old (for a married couple, at least one of the two must be 62 or older), has an income of $\frac{1}{2}$ the median or less (1-person: no more than \$5550/yr; 2-person: no more than \$6300/yr), and is currently spending 25% or more of income on the household or household-related items (utilities, maintenance, etc.). The grant program will give the owner up to \$5000 for renovation and repairs, which does not have to be paid back so long as the property stays in the same hands for at least 5 years. Our West End South Community Development Committee worked very hard to have this program enacted and hopes that our senior citizens take advantage of it.

Other financial resources are now being sought as there are still several houses in West End South available for purchase and renovation. F.N.M.A. (Fannie May) has approved the neighborhood for 95% first mortgage financing. And a loan consortium among private banks, who will provide loans at an interest rate of 6% to 7%, is still a real possibility.

Public works improvements for West End South, previously approved at \$30,000, was omitted from the C.D. application pending the results of a public works needs survey. One has now been completed, but only included unpaved streets and water line improvements needed where the streets are unpaved. Efforts are now being made to broaden the scope of the public works survey and again earmark \$30,000 for the upgrading of substandard water lines and for other improvements needed in the neighborhood.

The water line improvements needed are set forth in our West End Neighborhood Plan (pp. 37-38) and cover areas not only in West End

South but the rest of the West End as well. Funding from the Utilities Commission would be desirable as this could conserve C.D. resources and apply to the West End as a whole.

For further information on the program in West End South, please call the chairman of our committee, Paul Shepard (home: 722-8253; office: 723-5576).

BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVES WEST END SOUTH'S PETITION FOR ZONING CHANGE ON FIRST STREET

The petition of the West End South Community Development Committee and M.I. Lumley to rezone approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land on the south side of First Street came before the Board of Aldermen April 2nd and was unanimously approved. The change from B-3 (business) to R-2 (medium-density residential) is part of our West End Neighborhood Plan and the community development plan for West End South which sought to stabilize the pattern of zoning on First Street.

The property involved is half of the house at 1224 W. First Street (the other half was already zoned R-2) and the Lumley house at 1218 W. First Street. The Lumley house is a dilapidated 4-unit building which has been vacant for over 20 years. Without the zoning change, it could have only been used for business and not residential purposes. Jules Smythe, a resident and contractor in the West End, has bought the property and, with the help of a Community Development grant and low-interest loan, will renovate it and live in one of the four units.

WEST END PLAN

The latest word from city staff is that the draft of their recommendation on the West End Neighborhood Plan is nearing completion and will be published and circulated by

early May.

Once the draft is circulated, a period of thirty days will be reserved for additional public comment. This will give the West End Association and interested persons an opportunity to again consider plans for our neighborhood before the final staff recommendation is prepared and submitted to the City-County Planning Board.

It is too early at this point to project the date on which the Planning Board will consider the West End Neighborhood Plan, but we hope to have a definite date by next month's newsletter.

BOARD ACTIVITIES

We are glad to have Judy Land back in town and a member of the Board with her husband, Ken.

The next Board meeting is May 15th at the YMCA. See you there!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Special thanks to those who contributed articles to this newsletter--Paul Shepard, Judy Aanstad, Rich Teague, Ron Little, Stephanie Mitchell. The success of this newsletter depends on you, so if you know of something which will interest West-Endians, write it up and bring it to my house

1315 Brookstown Ave.

Also--if anyone has a secretary or at least a typewriter he could contribute to this enterprise I would appreciate it. My typewriter is so old the gears have lost their teeth. No tabs or margins!
--Becky Gibson 724-0776

Pabst Blue Ribbon Bicycle Race

The Pabst Blue Ribbon Bicycle Race was sponsored by Pabst Brewing Company and Parrott Distributing Company with the assistance of The West End Association, The West Highlands Neighborhood, and WSJS/WTQR Radio for the benefit of the Northwestern Lung Association. About 400 people turned out for the Second Annual Race in Hanes Park. Many of those

involved in the Bike Race now speak of this course as one of the sought after courses in the Southeast.

In addition, the event proved to be an enjoyable gathering for many of our Neighborhood due to the gracious hospitality of Mrs. Daniel Edwards whose backyard was the scene of "refreshments", talented preparation of Knockwurst and Kraut by Pete and Barbara Smithmen, German "umpah"band and the generosity of Pabst and Parrott Distributing Company. The potential for even greater benefit to the Neighborhood and the Northwest Lung Association was clearly demonstrated.

The following are a few of the many who contributed to the great success:

- Leon Parrott, Parrott Distributing Co.,
- Ken Putman, Pabst Blue Ribbon, Pete and Barbara Smitherman, David & Renate Evans;
- Rence & Barbara Callahan, Paul & Colin Shepard, Chuck & Liz Hotchkiss, Thorns Craven,
- Bob Cross, Gene Holt, Ann Ring, Greg Bean,
- Dr. Bert Kalet, Gary Moore, Ted Garrison,
- Walker Douglas, Patrick Daves, Gary Fleming,
- Gene Gillian, Tim & Helen Poe, Don Hutchinson,
- Ed Stewart, Dean & Janet York, Danny Reaves,
- Dick Stons, Larry Hudspeth, Mrs. Ann Freeman,
- Rick & Linda Bell, Dan Fuller, Pat Daves, Wayn Greene, Bill Crawford, Bill Mollman, Ann Minard, Kevin Keyes, Charles Umberger, Mark Mosley, Judy Aanstad, Haggi Russ, Sun Printing,
- John Matesta, Harold Dunevad, Owen Taylor,
- Jean & Brad Raoshenbug, Moth & Carlie Hoghes,
- Stephanie & John Mitchel, Mr. & Mrs. William Box, Frank & Bea Johnston, Hayes Kennedy,
- Angela Pittman, Mel Murray, Whit East & Central YMCA West End Blvd. Judi Wallace,
- Drew Carthy, Rex Holder, Curtis Bostein,
- Rob Davis, Chief Surratt, Nick Jamison,
- Forsyth County Rescue Squad, Gurley Hollar,
- and a special thanks to Mitch & Linda Shore (Heart Racing Club).