

WLST END NEWS
MARCH, 1980

New West End Board of Directors and Officers Elected - At the annual meeting of the West End Association on February 26th, the officers and other members of the Board of Directors were elected.

Our new Board consist of the following people:

President: Paul C. Shepard, 1406 Jarvis Street
Vice-President: Bill Harper, 909 West End Blvd.
Secretary: Bill Wise, 1113 West End Blvd.
Treasurer: Don Kirk, 1216 Brockstown Avenue

Other Board Members: Rence Callahan, 1142 West End Thorns Craven, 1232 Glade St.
Ann Freeman, 735 West End Mike Page, 529 Jersey Ave.
Ken Little, 1037 West End Alan Moore, 1074 W. 4th St.
Lewis Ward 915 West End
Chuck & Liz Hetchkiss 1029 West End
Jim & Carlie Hughes, 1029 W. 5th St.
Pete & Barbara Smitherman, 1209 Clover Street
Richard & Rolfe Teague, 1129 W. 4th Street
John & Stephanie Mitchell, 1101 Glade Street

Our new Board is there to serve you so please feel free to contact any member in regard to any neighborhood concern, problem or issue.

By-Law Changes - At the general meeting on February 26th, the membership expressed its wishes to amend the by-laws as follows:

1. Members of the Board of Directors, other than the four officers, may now be non-residents, provided they are otherwise qualified members (own property, business, etc.)
2. Members of the Board other than the 4 officers will now serve a 2-year term, with half (6) being elected each year.
3. The required Annual Meeting is now required "within the first 2 months of each calendar year" rather than "the first Wednesday in October".

The membership further expressed its feelings that the term of office of the four officers remain one (1) year.

March 11th West End Board Meeting - The Board, at Tuesday nights meeting, decided that board meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. An abstract of the meeting minutes will be a part of the newsletter which will hit the street the last week of each month. Deadline for articles to be received by the board for each issue will be the 15th of the month. Block Captains will be notified when each issue is ready for pickup at the Rainbow Kewstand.

Other items from this months meeting included a discussion of the parking problem on streets in the YMCA/Hanes Park tennis courts area and the nationally sanctioned bike races scheduled for Hanes Park on May 3rd. Ken Little will attend a meeting on March 18th with representatives of the YMCA, a number of the city administrative departments and civic associations to search for ways to relieve the current traffic congestion and parking problems which promise to become worse when the YMCA completes its planned expansion of facilities and programs. Next months letter will have more information.

March 11th Meeting Minutes - Held at Augsburg Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m., those in attendance were Lewis Ward, Don Kirk, Bill Harper, Stephanie Mitchell, Mike Page, Carlie Hughes, Rence Callahan, Chuck & Liz Hetchkiss, Ken Little, Rich Teague, Bill Wise and Paul Shepard. The board meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Locations will be alternated between public locations and private homes. All meetings are open to all members.

The newsletter will be published the last week of the month with the deadline for all articles to be received being the 15th of the month. Items may be mailed to P.O. Box 161 or be given to any board member. Board members in turn should get the items to Liz Hetchkiss as soon as possible. Block Captains will distribute the newsletter with the Rainbow Kewstand serving as the pickup point. The Rainbow Kewstand is interested in advertising space in the newsletter in exchange for some help on printing or paper cost.

Ken Little reported on the meeting sponsored by WEA, to study the problems caused by the parking overflow from the YMCA and Hanes Park. The meeting was scheduled for 3/3/80 but snow presented a problem and as a result, the attendance was limited to only 5 hardy individuals who quickly agreed to reschedule the meeting for 3/18/80. The YMCA is moving ahead with plans to expand their programs but there is no plan to expand the parking facilities. The meeting on 3/18/80 will explore a number of options for additional parking.

The board approved a proposal to write a letter supporting the mayors efforts to get Federal Grant money for the renovation of the old YMCA building into office space for civic groups such as the Arts Council and the Symphony and to provide physical fitness facilities for use by office workers, the aged and the handicapped. Paul Shepard will write the letter and emphasize our interest in grant money for Grace Park and Hanes park.

It is suggested that we get copies of preservation plans from other areas as general information for our decision on a local preservation plan.

There is a great need in West End for people to serve on the programs, activities and social events committee. We also need 4 people to serve on a committee for the December 1980 House Tour. If you are interested please contact any Board Member.

The March 11th Board Meeting was over at 9:30. The next board meeting will at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

YMCA Parking Problems, etc. - At the invitation of the West End Association, meetings were held on March 3rd and 18th to review the parking situation. The YMCA hosted both meetings attended by representatives of the YMCA, YWCA, City Department of Recreation and Traffic Engineering, West Highlands Neighborhood Association and the City-County Planning Board, with Lance Callahan and Ken Little representing WEA.

The most positive and immediate measures to alleviate the parking burden which the neighborhood now bears will be informing Hanes Park users of the availability of parking behind Wiley School and (summer) between Wiley and Reynolds gym -- both areas very convenient to the tennis courts.

Also, the YMCA announced expansion of its upper parking lot by 40 spaces!! and both Y's will ask their members to use the other Y's parking for overflow.

The YMCA is considering two additions to its present facilities: one for women's health services comparable to Men's Health (steam, sauna, whirlpool, etc.) and additional wall board courts to the north end. While the women's health expansion may be viewed as not creating additional user demand (parking), neighborhood concern over additional parking demand generated by additional wall board courts was expressed.

The YMCA also mentioned that it is considering a waiting list approach to new memberships in several categories and that long-range growth will be in other areas such as Clemmons and King.

City-wide Neighborhood Coalition - The first general meeting of the City-wide Neighborhood Coalition will be held in April of this year and the West End Association will need to select its representative and two alternate representatives at the next Board Meeting. Please think about who might wish to represent the West End Association in the City-wide Neighborhood Coalition and either come to the next meeting or let any Board Member know your suggestion.

In a related matter, the Public Works Committee of the Board of Aldermen at its next regularly scheduled meeting (City Hall, March 21st at 7:30 pm) will be giving further consideration to proposed reforms of the Housing Code and Code Enforcement procedures raised by the City-wide Neighborhood Coalition's Code Enforcement Committee chaired by Paul Shepard who has been the West End Association's acting representative.

Downtown Church Center Needs Your Help

What is it? A group of downtown area churches and neighborhoods who have banded together for the benefit of area residents. Special emphasis is given to helping older adults and young children identify with the downtown area and to support "special" needs of these groups.

Who is it? DCC is supported by eight area churches. Specifically: Augsburg Lutheran, St. Pauls, Winston-Salem Friends Meeting, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Home Norwegian, Calvary Norwegian, and Centenary Methodist. (Christ Norwegian and Green Street Methodist provide specialized help). Neighborhood representation includes Crystal Towers, West Salem, Watkins Street, The West End, and West End South.

What can you do to help? Volunteer to help drive older adults from the area to doctors appointments or maybe a weekly trip to the grocery store - transportation for many of these people is a major problem. Secretarial help is currently needed in the office - if you can type, lend a hand (or two). After school help at the elementary level would be appreciated. Transportation for kids to "Optimist Soccer" practices and games is also needed.

In short, there's a lot that YOU can do if you've got the time and really want to help. Call Gayle Cappel at the center (722-5128) and find out just how you can help get a big job done by volunteering a little time and interest.

Grace Court Park - Through the effort of the Neighborhood Appearance Committee, chaired by Barbara Smitherman, and the cooperation of Wachovia Bank, the West End branch bank across from Grace Park will now have conservative white lettering on the handmade brick walls rather than the large blue and white lighted oval sign. Bank officials expressed a true interest in being good neighbors and have been working on this alternative for some months. The large sign has been removed. We feel very grateful to Wachovia for this fine spirit and ACTION.

Our work on the upgrading of Grace Court Park continues in the planning stage. The overall plan is being designed by Daryl Seifert, city horticulturist, with the assistance of the committee. On March 27th the committee will meet with Daryl Seifert and Nick Jamison, City Recreation and Park Head, to go over possibilities of applying for grant aid to help fund our plan.

Hanes Park - In February a joint delegation of residents from the West End Association and the West Highlands Neighborhood Association, consisting of Martha Harper and Jim Hughes from the West End and Harriet Wyler and Ray Johnson from West Highlands, met with City Recreation Director Nick Jamison and Alderman Jim DeVries to discuss a budget allocation for Hanes Park Playground Development.

The meeting ended with a general agreement that a substantial commitment should be made to secure a budget allocation for improving playground equipment at Hanes Park and specifically providing funds for the purchase and erection of a large wooden structure for children to climb and crawl about, similar in size and scope to those that have been provided in some of the other parks of the city. It was also felt that some funds should be used to enhance the safety of existing swings.

Also discussed was the possibility of providing some picnic facilities (perhaps a picnic table and a charcoal grill). Since the meeting, however, some residents have expressed concern about the potential littering problems associated with picnic facilities. All who are interested in the improvement of Hanes Park are encouraged to become involved in the planning process by contacting our neighborhood representatives in this joint delegation.

New Tennis Pro - The City Department of Recreation has recently hired a tennis pro for Hanes Park Courts -- Phil Blackwelder, a native of Concord, N.C. has worked as a tennis pro in Greensboro for the past two years.

May 3rd Bike Race - The 1980 Michelob Light Olympic Bike Race is off to a fast start. Again this year Mrs. Edwards has been very gracious in letting us use her yard for the beer wagon and West End T-shirts have been ordered. President Paul Shepard will be the Grand Marshal for the party yard. However, we are still in need of volunteers to house the riders as well as volunteers to marshal or watch the race course on the day of the race. If you have a spare cat, bed, or couch, please call Harriet Weiler at 724-2081 or Ron Putnam, the race chairman, at 723-7885.

West End Housing Tour - It's not too early to begin thinking about the second West End Housing Tour scheduled for December of 1980. Please think about this and if you are interested in working on the Housing Tour Committee, or have a friend or neighbor who is interested, please volunteer by coming to our next board meeting or by letting any Board member know of your interest. We hope to get a committee formed to work on this at the April Board meeting.

WEST END SOUTH C.D. COMMITTEE

The West End South C.D. Committee will be conducting a general meeting of West End South residents on April 2nd in order to review the Community Development Program for this section of the West End and to elect new officers of the Committee. The meeting will be held at Ken and Jane Little's house at 1037 West End Blvd. at 7:30 p.m. and a member of the Community Development Department will be present to review the progress that has been made in processing the loan applications, code enforcement and the program in general.

In a related matter, the Public Works Committee of the Board of Aldermen has agreed to drop the lien provisions in its elderly grant program (which entitles any low-income elderly persons who are owner-occupants in any Community Development Area such as West End South to be eligible for a \$5,000 grant, with no repayment required, to renovate their homes) so long as the house is not sold by the owner-occupant for at least five (5) years. This means that the heirs would no longer ever be responsible for paying it back, and it is hoped this will encourage more applications by our senior citizens.

Meet Your Neighbors - Be a Block Captain or an alternate for your area. Your Block Captain not only serves as a liaison between your block and the entire West End area. It's a valuable tool for neighborhood cohesiveness. We still need help. Can't you spare a couple of enjoyable hours a month for the betterment of your neighborhood? Please contact Carlie Hughes at 727-1020.

Application for membership to The West End:
Please mail all applications to The West End, P.O. Box 161, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102

Family Membership \$5.00 _____ Senior Citizens \$2.00 _____

Name _____ Address _____

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