

Grace Court Park - General Neighborhood Meeting on July 1st

There will be a general neighborhood meeting in the Y.W.C.A. at 7:30 p.m. on July 1, 1980 in order to discuss the improvement plans for Grace Court Park which have been developed by the Neighborhood Appearance Committee, chaired by Barbara Smitherman and, Daryl Siefert, the City's landscape architect. Our thanks go out to this committee and to Daryl Siefert for all their efforts. The plan, which was brought before the West End Board at its last meeting, includes the following specific features:

1. Removal of the fountain and its replacement by a maintenance free gazebo approx. 15 ft. in diameter. The removal cost are estimated at \$250.00 and the gazebo cost was estimated at \$5,000.00. This figure will have to be revised upward as it was based on a 10 ft. diameter gazebo.
2. Plantings around the gazebo. (cost is estimated at \$1,565.50)
3. Restoration of old wrought iron benches to replace existing benches (cost estimated at approx. \$300.00)
4. Installation of new lights in the park. (cost will vary depending on the type and number of fixtures installed... cost of fixtures discussed have been \$500.00 each and \$1,375.00 each and anywhere from 6 to 12 fixtures could be installed; the committee recommends installation of 6 of the more expensive fixtures at a total cost of a little more than \$8,000.00)
5. Perimeter planting, alley screening, and additional ornamental tree planting (cost of perimeter planting to be \$1,855.00, alley screening \$300.00, and additional planting \$700.50)

The committee recommends that these improvements be done in the order listed above. Also discussed was renovation of sidewalks (but no cost estimates were made as to this). Daryl Siefert has indicated a willingness to help on the part of the city, particularly in regard to supplying the labor for these improvements. The West End Board previously resolved that \$3,000.00 of West End Association money should be allocated toward the first stage of any Grace Court Park improvements and at its last meeting resolved that the entire plan, (including the manner and order in which the improvements are staged) should go before the entire membership of the West End Association. Additional fund raising will be necessary. Please come to our July 1st meeting if you possibly can!

Hanes Park

The city has budgeted \$7,500.00 for Hanes Park improvements, particularly new playground equipment. We all hope that by the time this newsletter is distributed that the Board of Aldermen will have approved a city budget with this allocation included. Many thanks go to the members of West Highlands and West End who joined together to push for these improvements.

City-Wide Neighborhood Coalition

Elections of the Steering Committee and its officers were held on June 4th and Subash Shah, independent, and Jonathan Edwards, Chrystal Towers Neighborhood Assoc. were elected co-chairmen. Our representative to the Coalition, Paul Shepard, was elected Treasurer. Please feel free to contact him if you are interested in this organization.

Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the West End Board of Directors was held Tuesday, June 10, 1980 at the West Hills complex on Sunset Drive. The major item was the report of the Neighborhood Appearance Committee. The Committee report took the form of a presentation by Daryl Siefert, landscape architect with the city of Winston-Salem.

The committees plan for Grace Court Park includes: Removal of the fountain which will be replaced by a gazebo, a series of plantings beside and on the 5th street side of the gazebo to frame the structure and to provide springtime color, installation of 1880 style street lamps (with modern mercury vapor bulbs), installation of park benches similar to those removed from the park last year, plus other plantings to augment the present design. The city will supply the labor to plant and/or move the plantings, to remove the fountain, and to install the gazebo. The West End Association is responsible for the construction of the gazebo and funding the project. A motion to accept and approve the Neighborhood Appearance Committees plan for presentation to the membership was approved by all. There will be a general meeting of the Association on July 1st to present the plan and to discuss the project. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Bill Wise

Social Committee Events for West End

June 23rd - 11:00 to 12:00 - Storytelling in Hanes Park. Five storytellers from the Children's Outreach Department of the library will tell children's favorite stories. Bring a lunch.

July 14th, 16th, & 18th - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - The Plexus Mime Troup will perform in Grace Court Park.

July 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, and August 1st - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Brass Ensemble will perform for us as they did last year. Tell your friends both in and out of the neighborhood.

September 7th - Annual Fall Pot Luck Dinner. Bring your favorite dishes and recreation is planned for the afternoon and evening. More details will be available later, or just call one of the social committee members.

December 13th - Saturday afternoon tree decorating followed by refreshments and Christmas caroling in the neighborhood. More details later.

December 20th - Christmas Party and West End House Tour. More details later.

Members of the social committee include Brenda Penny, Chairman, Madge Bolin, Julia Wilson, Molly Sneider, Shirley Fly, Becky Gibson, Grace Humphries, Vickie Cook, De Ann Robbs, Kathy Welch, Carol Harris, Betsy Sherrill. If you are interested please call Brenda Penny at 722-2905.

West End South Meeting

On Wednesday, June 11, the West End South Neighborhood Committee met at the home of Renee and Barbara Callahan to hear a presentation of highway alternates dealing with improvements to Interstate 40. The presentation was made by Randy Hammond of Greiner Engineering Sciences Inc., consultants for the project and Kenneth Kroohs, Chief Transportation Planner for the City-County Planning Department. Around 25 neighborhood members attended.

After some discussion the committee agreed to endorse several positions relating to the highway plans for Interstate 40. These included: The elimination of the 4th street bridge over I-40; the positioning of the highway as far south as possible to minimize residential displacement; the preservation of the historic Dorminy Studios Building; the construction of adequate noise and visual barriers; and the maintenance of the present grade and elevation of the highway where it borders the neighborhood.

Furthermore, the neighborhood agreed to support the major alternative to east-west traffic movement in the Winston-Salem metropolitan area that includes the construction of the East-West Freeway (Corporation Freeway) from Interstate 421 on the west to Kernersville on the east.

Ken Kroohs warned those attending that planners are only in the first phase of highway planning and therefore it is important for the neighborhood to continue to meet and work with the planning department and state traffic planners.

Other West End South News items discussed at the meeting included the present status of Community Development applications and a proposed stop sign petition to slow down traffic in the neighborhood.

Whatever Became of My Sidesaddle?

Carey Connell Sutton, a professional actress and four year resident of the West End, would like to invite any and all West Enders to preview her original one woman show, Whatever Became of My Sidesaddle? which will start its first national college tour this fall. The show is based on first person accounts of 6 women from American history including Zelda Fitzgerald and Amelia Earhart. It will be presented at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, June 28 at Renolda House. Admission is \$3, \$2 for students and senior citizens.

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