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THE WEST END ASSOCIATION

JUNE BOARD MINUTES

On June 9, 1981, the West End Board met at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and learned from the President, Bill Harper, that Mike Page, our current Vice-President, had submitted his resignation for personal reasons.

The Board expressed its appreciation for the efforts Mike has made in support of the neighborhood and our activities, and moved that Chuck Hotchkiss, a current Board Member and the only other candidate for the office of Vice-President, nominated by our nominating committee at our last general election, be appointed acting Vice-President of the association pending the confirmation of his appointment by the general membership at our next neighborhood general meeting.

Jonathan Edwards, President of the Citywide Neighborhood Coalition addressed the Board and sought its ratification and approval of proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the organization, the principal purpose of which was to more significantly involve the neighborhood in the steering committee of the organization. The Board voted to ratify these proposed amendments and to appoint a primary representative and two alternates from the West End Association to participate in the deliberations of the Citywide Neighborhood Coalition.

A proposal of the North Carolina School of the Arts involving the application of a Reynolds Performance Challenge Grant for the Arts was considered which would enable the West End Association and the North Carolina School of the Arts over a period of time to stage performances at the Gazebo in Grace Court. They would initially be subsidized by the School of the Arts, but we would gradually assume increasing sponsorship responsibility. The Board voted in principal to commit the organization to such a program limiting the total financial commitment to such a program to \$500 a year, none of which would be incurred by the association during the first season of performances, and delegated to the Arts Committee the responsibility of working together with the North Carolina School of the Arts in establishing the number and nature of such performances for this summer and perhaps early fall.

The Board approved the application of Neal Robinson to write a monthly real estate column for our newsletter. This article will carry his by-line but will not attempt in any way to solicit listings or sell properties, but instead will be devoted generally to what is happening in the real estate market in the West End and attempt to keep us all up to date on specific and general matters which might effect the value of our properties here.

The Board voted to extend its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Carlie Hughes and Barbara Callahan for their efforts in creating and executing our first Street Dance last month, which was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Second Installment of Security Committe Personal Protection:

We ran out of space in the May issue so this is a continuation of the report. Look directly at the people, turn around and look behind you at regular intervals and every time you hear (or feel) that someone is approaching. Stop and look at a tree, a house, a store window or nothing in particular and use the pause to obviously check your surroundings. Again - look directly at the people and think about gathering enough information to make a positive identification.

The last thing a mugger needs to have is a run in with someone who could be a good witness against them. And you also might want to select your path a little more carefully. Protect yourself against surprise. Move into the street if the sidwalk passes thick bushes or a blind alley or doorway entrance. If trees block out the street light or if the light is out, move your path to the most open area. And report the problem to the number listed under: Winston-Salem Public Works Department. Street Lighting.

Your most likely to be a target when you are <u>obviously</u> not paying attention, like carrying bags of groceries with your pocketbook perched on top of a bag - just waiting for an express pickup by a fleet footed thief.

And on the other side: don't get really stupid and swap your life for some money, plastic cards and a permit to burn \$1.40 gasoline. We all are pleased to read about some tought little old lady who whacks a punk on the head with her umbrella and drives him away but for everyone of those stories there are 20 about someone who was killed resisting a \$5.00 robbery. Plan and learn how to play your cards and have sense enough to know when to fold!

REAL ESTATE COLUMN BEGINNING NEXT MONTH

Beginning next month and every subsequent month, a Real Estate column will appear in the "West Ender." The column will feature pertinent information about properties in West End, a welcoming of new people to our community, and various developments directly or indirectly affecting the West End. If anyone has suggestions concerning what they would like to see in the column, please let me know. Thanks:

Neal Robinson - Helms-Parrish Properties, Inc. 768-2810

It was determined that the next Board meeting would be held on July 14, 1981, at the home of Joyce and Glen Gravlee, the Board then adjourned.

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS FOR WESTENDER

The West End Association is very interested in forming a group of contributing Editors whose input to our monthly newsletter could enrich and enliven its appeal and interest to our membership. Our membership includes a number of individuals with editorial background and writing skills and we would ask that those of you who are interested please make your interest known to Chris Chapman who can be contacted in the evenings at his home on West Fifth Street at 723-7620. You may wish to pursue on a regular basis the history of the West End, others by wish to welcome and report the arrival of new neighbors. Whatever your interest, please do not hesitate to call as we are interested in your input.

SUNDAY EVENING BAND CONCERT

On June 14, the first of what we hope will become many other band concerts and entertainment experiences in Grace Court Park was conducted. The brass section of the little Wachovia Symphony presented an hour of stirring band music that thrilled and entertained nearly 100 persons who brought picnic lunches and enjoyed the Gazebo, the fellowship of many Westenders and their families, music and a wonderful summer's evening. We expect to continue these programs of Music and Art in the Park throughout the summer and fall and look forward to your support, attendance and enjoyment of all that Mary Beth Chapman and Susan Rosen have been able to come up with as a bill of fare for our first operating season. Tentative plans are on the board for two mime performances, one on Tuesday, July 14, at 6:30 pm and Tuesday, July 28, at the same time in the evening, together with a harp and flute performance at the Gazebo on Tuesday, August 18, again at the same time in the evening, and a jazz quartet from the School of the Arts to occupy center stage of the Gazebo in the early fall, probably October. We hope to compliment this schedule of the School of the Arts performances with additional entertainment and perhaps the series of six consecutive weekly band concerts in the park on Sunday evenings at 6:30 during the last two weeks of August and for four weeks in September. Definitive dates will be published as soon as the schedules have been finalized. The Board is tremendously excited about the potential of Grace Court and we believe you will see the next several months what a vital transformation has occurred. Your interest and "picnic-participation" will help us know and recognize that art and music in the park is a program whose time has come for our neighborhood.

CLASSIFIEDS

2 Bedroom Apartment needed for 32 year old Medical Student and 1 1/2 year old daughter. Unfurnished. \$175.00 - \$200.00 per month. Call CHRISTINE DALTON 1-885-9237 (High Point, NC)

Restored West End office building soon to be ready for lease. Reynolda Road and West End Blvd. 5,200 sq. feet on two floors. All or part. Call Forsyth Partners. 748-9044.

Bill Bennett - Medical Student looking for an apartment. \$150 to \$200, call day 966-2331 night 489-8087.