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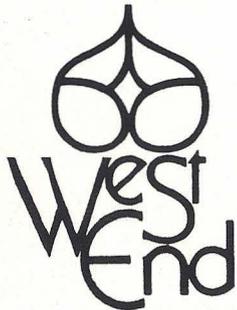
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IMPORTANT DONT'T FORGET THE STREET DANCE MAY 30TH FROM 6:00 pm to 9:00pm.
BETWEEN HUDSON PETREE AND WARREN SPARROW'S HOME ON 4TH STREET.

May Minutes - Newsletter

The May 1981 meeting of the West End Association was held Tuesday, May 12th at the YWCA. Nine of the twelve board seats were represented and all of the officers were present.

We heard and saw a very interesting tape and slide presentation of the Renaissance Fund; a capital funds campaign by the YWCA aimed at providing 1.5 million dollars to renovate and improve the existing buildings and to add a "bridge" building between the original 1941 building and the recreation (pool) building. The bridge will provide a formal entrance, all weather protection for users of the facility and an elevator to make the entire complex available to the physically handicapped. We will be hearing a lot more about this money raising campaign which has special interest to the West End.

Chuck Hothchkiss reported that the bike race was a major success and put Winston-Salem in good position to join sixteen other U.S. cities as host to nationally ranked bike races. National ranking means that the race winners earn point scores which apply to the Olympic and world ranking status. We provided housing to part of the bike team which includes the current world champion and their comments on the W-S race course and the organization of the race were very favorable.

Bill Harper had the pleasure of accepting, for the West End Association and for Barbara Smitherman, the Winston-Salem Preservation Coalition's award for planning, managing and funding the restoration of Grace Court Park. Barbara was out of town on the day the awards were announced but her day in the spotlight will come on many occasions when the park is enjoyed by those who pause there or just take pleasure in the scene as they pass.

Mary Beth Chapman is making significant progress with the Summer in the Park program. We will have some interesting events in spite of the removal of government funds!

Looking for an Apartment

I am a twenty-three year old graduate of Wake Forest University, currently working as an editor for Blair Publishing Company in Winston-Salem. I am looking for an apartment in the West End area and would like to move as of June 1, although I am flexible and would consider a later date. I can be reached by telephone at work (768-1374) from nine to five, and at home (924-2715) in the evenings. Thank you. Kym Glover

Security Committee Report

The West End Association Board of Directors established a Security Committee and Ben Wilson and I (Bill Wise) have taken on the job. Our assignment was to come up with information and plans for improving the resistance of our homes to the flood of thieves. Once we got into the research we found that the same physical presence which invites housebreaking also encourages attacks on individuals.

If you or your property looks defensless the likelihood of violation is increased.

Ben has taken the alarms and warning signals side of the problem and I am trying to come up with the ways to make you and your home appear more formidable to the thief or mugger.

Ben is aiming for a display of sensors, information and alarm systems at the next general meeting or at one of the summer events planned by the social committee. I hope to run a series of pieces in the Newsletter. If there is someone out there who can give us some help - please give us a call. We are particularly interested in hearing from someone "in" the alarm system business. Its looking more and more as if the less expensive alarms are more trouble than they are worth and the effective ones are beyond the cost that the individual could afford.

The Concept

Protect yourself, your home, your possessions to the maximum by paying attention to details, by working harder at security than the thief, the mugger, or the punk kid on a lark is willing to work at destroying your lifestyle or your life. To control the situation, to prevent a loss rather than spend time and money to recover a loss.

Personal Protection

The police say that many people who have been attacked on the street express the view that their own actions contributed to the loss.

When you are walking along the street - pay attention! You don't have to look like Sherlock Holmes with an umbrella and magnifying glass but you must appear to be alert to what is going on in front and behind you. 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.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The City-wide Neighborhood Coalition, of which this organization is a member, is currently engaged in a careful reassessment of its purposes, methods and goals. The Coalition has had a positive impact on many issues that effect our neighborhood, including housing code enforcement, I-40 improvements, sign control, neighborhood improvements and planning, community development program improvements, community development, citizen participation, and fair housing ordinances. However, the Coalition's Hearing Committee feels its pleas for involvement by neighborhood representatives and alternates have not been answered and his concern about the future of the Coalition. We will report in later editions of the West Ender more on this issue.

The City-County Planning Board has prepared a final draft ordinance concerning the regulation of signs in our community. Of major impact are provisions dealing with off-premises signs (advertising signs and billboards) which would be prohibited within the city-center area, a common area which would include the West End.

The ordinance's provisions dealing with on-premises signs seek to reduce clutter by reducing the number in size of signs an individual business may use. Any sign which lawfully exists but is not in conformance with the provisions of the new ordinance is to be brought into compliance or removed within a three to seven year period from the date of adoption of this ordinance based on age and cost of sign. Final public hearings on these proposed draft ordinances will be scheduled in early August of this summer.

Considerable discussion and debate continues to surround the I-40 and east-west thoroughfare options. The West End Board continues to participate in an active manner in these decisions and we will continue to report our progress. The Board is extremely concerned that if minimum improvements are not made to the existing downtown portion of I-40 our neighborhood will suffer as traffic volume grows, and it is our position that any such improvements should contain these elements:

- (1) Elimination of the Fourth Street Bridge over I-40
- (2) Positioning of I-40 as far south as possible in order to minimize residential displacement
- (3) Preservation of the Historic Dorminy Studios Building
- (4) Construction of adequate noise and visual buffers
- (5) Maintenance of the present grade and elevation of the highway, and
- (6) Provision for minimal impact upon the neighborhood during construction

Finally, the West End Neighborhood Development Plan prepared by the West End Planning Group in September of 1978, used by the City-County Planning Staff and recommending a "West End Area Plan" in 1979, has finally been adopted by the City-County Planning Board and become part of the City Center Development Guide - a planning document which places developers and other persons on notice of the over-all development goals that have been established jointly by the City government and neighborhood associations. The Board of Alderman are shortly to formally consider, adopt and approve our plan. The Board hopes to be able to announce in subsequent issues of this newsletter an agenda and plans for accomplishing all that remains to be done.