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The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

THE MORE THINGS STAY THE SAME, THE MORE THEY CHANGE . . .

On June 19th, your Association's officers and directors had the monthly meeting. Several of the business owners on Summit Street attended. Most of the discussion concerned topics that have been calling for attention the past few months, to include zoning and traffic problems along Summit, the new Wachovia Center, the condos at Summit & 6th, historic preservation, mobile homes, arts-in-the-park, and --inevitably-- money.

ZONING REQUIREMENTS -- HOW TO COMPLY?

You'll recall last month's request by Nature's Emporium for a variance for some off-street parking spaces. Well, once the situation was checked out in a more comprehensive way, it was discovered that, lo and behold! most everybody in that area falls short of the required parking spaces, despite various efforts to create off-street parking.

The problem has arisen because of the success of the particular businesses located on or at Summit, between 4th and 4½ Streets. These establishments not only have a particular appeal to people living in this neighborhood; they also attract folks with what we flatter ourselves as having a "West End sensibility." The catch, of course, is that to exercise this sensibility, those people have to depend on the assembly lines of Detroit (or Nippon or whatever). Unfortunately, the streets and lots in that area ain't ready for all this. So, what do we do when confronted by too much of a good thing?

One choice is to do nothing. Better responses include purchase or lease of spaces in the area which are underused during the week-day evenings. Swaps with nearby businesses are possible. Residential parking stickers like the ones we've considered for people living near the YMCA offer another partial solution. More radical would be proposals to permanently truncate 4½ Street, so that traffic from the Wachovia Center can't flood the place, to create and enforce parking on only one side of Summit, to make Summit traffic one-way only.

Do you have any ideas or insights?

Some of these topics are tentatively set for consideration at the next meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, on August 4th at 3:00 p.m., in City Hall. Suggestion: if this kind of thing interests you, try to attend some of these meetings (as well as Aldermanic meetings); we need to develop a broad-based expertise in this neighborhood for dealing with these governing bodies. The folks who would do us wrong are quite familiar with these waters.

CONDOS -- HOW TO PLEASE THE NEIGHBORS?

The brou-ha-ha that arose last month over the Chrysson/Jarvis plan to put condominiums (condominia?) at the corner of 6th and Summit continues to rage, in a civilized sort of way. As the result of efforts by the people living in the immediate area, the developers' building permit was withdrawn until certain compliance moves could be made. The developers have met with members of your Association to show plans for adjustments in parking and landscaping. If the developer will follow through with these plans,

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the neighbors and the Association probably will be satisfied. Nevertheless, it was moved and approved to have the developers show us copies of their latest architectural drawings.

Some questions were raised concerning the little condos that appear to be going up between the Episcopal church and 5th Street. Most of the people at the meeting were as mystified as the questioner. A telephone inquiry went out to Wendy, the West End windbag, but she was off to Atlantic City and thus not available for any enlightenment. We trust that once the construction is done, that little pocket park will be restored to its former beauty, as much as possible.

HISTORIC DISTRICT -- HOW TO FINANCE IT?

Prez Gravlee has initiated some discussions with local corporations and foundations to see what kind of receptivity exists for helping to fund our effort to become a national and/or local historic preservation district. Bill Harper is also actively involved in this effort.

There is little doubt but that any "outside" money we are able to raise will have to be matched by substantial contributions by residents and property owners in the West End. We are trying to find out whether there is evidence to show that property values and quality-of-life considerations both increase with historic district status. Everyone who seems to know anything about this sort of thing thinks that owners of properties within such districts derive a direct financial benefit, but nobody has the studies yet.

Another way to make this project possible will be to use as much intelligent volunteer work as possible, to supplement the efforts of the paid professionals whose expertise appears necessary.

One of the special concerns of the Board is and has been to communicate accurately and timely with the residents and owners in this neighborhood about the demands made and favors sought in connection with creating and administering a preservation district. It is critical for people to understand that while we in no way anticipate to create the comprehensive restrictions on what you can do with your property that exist in a place like Old Salem, there will be some curbs to development that are to be a cornerstone of historic district status. If you have qualms, write P.O. Box 161, and start to show up at the monthly meetings. If you are enthusiastic about this project, please do the same.

MONEY -- HOW MUCH DO WE HAVE?

Cort Meador presented his treasurer's report. It showed balances of almost \$3,000 in savings, almost \$1,500 in checking, and about \$150.00 in the post office account, for a total of some \$4,600. Cort's figures were down to the penny, of course, but in this fast-changing world, why should we bore you with specifics that will be obsolete by the time you get



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them? Fortunately, the imprecision comes mainly from interest earnings in the savings account. The Grace Court fund contains a little over \$900, while the Lucy Parker fund has \$163 in it. The rest of the \$4,600+ or - is in the general fund. We hope that as much as \$2500 of this can be used as seed money for historic preservation.

Much of the basis of our finances comes from membership dues. As usual, many people have overlooked paying their 1983 dues. If you are on the newsletter mailing list but are in arrears, you might see a red asterisk by your name on the mail-label to this and/or subsequent newsletters. Please pay up : \$10.00 for family, \$7.50 for singles, \$5.00 for senior citizens.

Another way we have added to the coffers is through sale of the advertising you see above this and to the left. We encourage you to patronize these businesses, and tell 'em you appreciate their patronizing the West End Association.

ARTS IN THE PARK -- WHAT'S UP?

I dunno. Arrangements are being sought to have at least one performance in August and one in September. If this heat wave doesn't end soon, we can just about forget getting large crowds in Grace Court. The British Brass Band concert was pleasing to those people who were there, but the crowd was smaller than usual. The weather was awful hot.

Keep a look out for banners on the gazebo and announcements in the newspaper and in various commercial establishments, as well as for blurbs in the newsletter announcing upcoming events.

It has been interesting to note that the number of people who are not West End residents was far greater than West Enders at the last two performances. This is good and bad, mostly good. Bad, because not that many people showed up from the West End, as compared to previous to-do's. Good, because the word is getting around that the West End is a pleasant place to have a civilized evening. The visitors so far have been most thoughtful, and we look forward to even more furriners visiting the shores of Grace Court.

We are going to try to get some kind of sign to help serve as a community bulletin board in the Grace Court area. It would be designed to enhance the charm of the park.

Speaking of the park: there is a water spigot in the ground near the gazebo (in the azalea beds).

Here's how you can beat the heat and do us all a favor. Get your garden hoses and haul them up to Grace Court. Hook 'em up to the spigot and spend about an hour watering the dogwoods and other young trees that have been planted there. The trees will thank you for it. We will thank you for it. Perhaps the old gentleman sleeping under one of the larger, more established evergreens will thank you for it. . . .

DOUBLE WIDES-- HERE?

Probably not. The zoning and planning people appear to be backing off from some of the earlier publicized efforts to allow tastefully constructed mobile homes in numerous places in Forsyth County. This question still doesn't appear settled yet.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Board will be at Gravlee's air conditioned house on Clover Street, on Tuesday, August 9th, at 8:00 p.m. You are encouraged to attend. In general, meetings are held on the second Tuesday night of every month, at 8 o'clock.

PICNIC:

Yes, one is being planned for September, probably a week or so later in September than in the past so as not to compete against Street Scene and the hot summer weather. This pot-luck affair has always been a pleasure to those who show up.

WENDY, THE WEST END WINDBAG

Dear Wendy:

Why are you never here when we need you, and yet always here when we don't want you around?

--The powers that be, and other concerned citizens of the West End

Dear Powers:

You could have had me paged at the casino. As for the other part of your question, don't you think you ought to treat an old lady with more respect. After all, if it weren't for me, you would have had to fill up this space with something intelligent, which is clearly beyond the grasp of whoever wrote this newsletter.

--Wendy

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