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The West Enders

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

March 1983

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WEST END ASSOCIATION :
ELECTIONS

On February 9, 1983, your Association held its annual meeting. Elections for new officers and board members were held, and this is how it came out:

- President--Glen Gravlee, 1205 Clover Street
- Vice-President--Bill Gibson, 1315 Brookstown Avenue
- Secretary--Sam Matthews, 1220 Forsyth Street
- Treasurer--Cort Meador, 1149 W. Fourth Street

Bill Wise, 1113 W. Fourth Street, will automatically serve as the Immediate Past President.

New board members elected to two-year terms are:

- Keith & Felice Avery, 1120 W. Fourth Street
- Thorns Craven, 1232 Glade Street
- Gwyn & Phil England, 1109 Glade Street
- Bill & Martha Harper, 909 West End Boulevard
- Chuck Hotchkiss, 1029 West End Boulevard
- Ben & Julia Wilson, 817 West End Boulevard

Katie Fenning, 625 Jersey Street, was elected to serve out the remaining year of Bill Gibson's unexpired term.

Thanks to all West Enders who stood for election this year. You and a bunch of other folks will be called upon from time to time for help.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, ALL YOU EVER TALK ABOUT IS . . .

Cort Meador presented the following financial reports at the meeting, including these summaries:

WEST END ASSOCIATION

Balances as of February 9, 1983 - Summary

I. CASH ACCOUNTS:

Wachovia Savings Account Passbook No. 00-54251-4	\$ 470.39	
Wachovia Checking Account No. 5-934-277	3,395.38	
U. S. Post Office - Bulk Mail Account No. 419	48.80	
TOTAL		\$3,914.57

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II. FUND BALANCES:

A. General Fund *	\$2,945.66
B. Grace Court Park Fund	805.91
C. Lucy Parker Fund *	<u>163.00</u>

TOTAL

\$3,914.57

GENERAL FUND & PARKER FUND

Opening Balance 10/12/82 (date of last report) \$1,298.50

RECEIPTS:

Ticket Sales	\$4,065.50	
Box Lunch Sales	165.50	
Poinsettia Sales	304.00	
Donations	170.00	
Dues and Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>249.00</u>	<u>\$4,954.00</u>
		\$6,252.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

House Tour Expenses	\$2,631.89	
Christmas Party	75.22	
Newsletters	319.66	
Bulk Mail Expense	<u>117.07</u>	<u>\$3,143.84</u>
		<u>\$3,108.66</u>

DUES, AND HOW TO PAY THEM

There are those who suggest that we in the West End are too heavily dependent on outside sources of cash for many of our projects. It's a lot like Middle East oil, titanium, heavy-metal rock stars and other necessities -- you can only import so much. Because what we sponsor so often benefits people who live outside our neighborhood, there is no reason to think that we must shoulder the burden ourselves. But there has to be a broad base of participation from this neighborhood if the kinds of special things that happen around here are to continue.

Which brings us to what the preachers refer to as "stewardship" and to what many of us consider as "the touch." It's a light touch, however, when it consists of your 1983 dues. First, they are just that -- due. Second they are:

Ten and no/100-----Dollars (\$10.00) for families,
 Seven and 50/100-----Dollars (\$7.50) for single people, and
 Five and no/100-----Dollars (\$5.00) for senior citizens and
 full-time students.

Third, you can pay your dues by sending a check to P.O. Box 161, WSNC 27102. Fourth, please do this: go to someone you know who lives in this neighborhood and encourage them to join the West End Association. You can get them to give you a check to put in your envelop when you send your own check in, if that would make everybody feel better. Fifth, when you send in your money, send in your comments, questions and gripes as well -- there's nothing like lucre to unblock communication channels.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Out-going President Bill Wise reviewed some of the year's accomplishments and chief concerns at the meeting, and he held a general discussion of some things to look forward to in the next several months. Included were the following topics:

Grace Court Park--due to the magnificent efforts of Barbara Smitherman, who enlisted the generosity of numerous contributors, the improvements in the Park are all paid for. Barbara raised \$6,655 from 40 donors since mid-October, 1982. We thank her and all the generous donors whose gifts helped set this jewel in place. There is even some money available for planting of trees and shrubs that are part of the landscape design for the Park. On the disappointing side, you might have noticed that the lovely pair of fountains have not thrived. According to the manufacturer, these foundations could not handle the freezing weather here, as they are more suitable for indoor use. We have been told that the money for the fountains will be refunded.

Summer in the Park--several popular programs took place last year, funded by your association (i.e., you), R.J.Reynolds Industries and the North Carolina School of the Arts. Plans are in their formative stages for several performances in the summer of 1983. If you are interested in getting involved in this effort, please drop the Board a line at P.O. Box 161, or phone one of the board members or officers.

Constructive working relationships have been established between the Association and Martha Wood, Alderman for the Ward which includes the West End. Ms. Wood has been particularly responsive to our concern that zoning ordinances be thoughtfully enacted and conscientiously enforced.

Zoning, generally, is an on-going concern in our urban environment. Several people in the West End, including Bill Harper and Ben Wilson, are serving on civic and business groups which are actively involved in the planned development of Winston-Salem, so that neighborhoods like ours can have some effective input into whatever plans are being developed by the powers that be.

West End Street Signs--signs designed by Rence Callahan have been approved for use throughout the West End, in conjunction with the existing street signs. That's the good news. The bummer is that it might cost a couple thousand to install them.

The House Tour contributed almost \$2,000 to our coffers, as you can see from the preceding financial reports. Only the box lunch sales turned out to be an unsuccessful promotion. Kudos to those who participated were handed out in last month's newsletter.

Historic Preservation District--people attending the meeting felt that going forward with this project is a good idea. The big problem, natch, is raising enough money. More about this in future newsletters. Chris Chapman, Glenn Avlee and Bill Harper are particularly good people for you to share your ideas with on this matter.

Community Watch--formally instituted several months ago, the development of its communications structure has been slow, but steady. The police department and its community division have been responsive to telephone calls and inquires since CW went into effect. Of course, there continue to be problems, with relatively petty but utterly disconcerting thefts throughout the neighborhood. Please be vigilant, for yourself and your neighbors. Without being unfriendly toward strangers, it's still wise to report to the police suspicious characters you might well see rambling around the neighborhood, particularly those who have an affinity for porches. Often, the appearance of being observed is enough to discourage a miscreant from ripping off your neighbor's camera or pocketbook.

Bike Race--last May's race was a big success, and there will be another coming up in Hanes Park this May. Chuck Hotchkiss and Thorns Craven are actively involved in this venture each year, so look 'em up if you are craving to participate.

Peters Creek--be ready in the springtime to head down to Hanes Park with whatever urchins and wharf rats you can influence to join you to help clean up the debris and vegetation that currently besmirches West End's very own Amazon. Bribes will be provided, probably in the form of beer for consenting, non-driving adults and candy for the rest.

YMCA expansion--this is a problem, folks, and your Association is going to seek ways to insure that neighborhood concerns become part of the Y's expansion plans. Parking is already a big hassle, and it will get worse unless something is done to keep the institution's ambitions in line with other legitimate claims to the streets and playgrounds in this area.

WENDY, THE WEST END WINDBAG

Dear Wendy:

Lemme tell ya what I think. I think that people who get all involved in these meetings and everything are just a bunch of high school campus politics types who never grew up. Tell the jerks on the West End Board and the nerds who are the officers to get off my back.

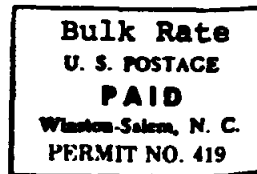
--Ronald

Dear Ronald:

Why don't you tell them yourself. The next meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday night, March 8th, at the Gravlee's house. Anybody can attend. And bring your dues.

--Wendy

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