

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

April 1987

BIKE RACE

On Saturday, May 2nd, the 10th Annual Bike Race at Hanes Park will take place from 10:00 in the morning until approximately 4:00 in the afternoon. This is a major race nationally and spectators of past years will attest to the fact that it can be a thoroughly enjoyable time for the entire family.

Kentucky Fried Chicken is the main sponsor of the event. Beverages will be provided by Strohs. There will be plenty of bleacher seats available on YMCA property at the start/finish line in the beverage garden. Come on down and enjoy yourself for the entire day.

We have a hometown boy (and neighborhood resident), Thomas Craven, who will attempt the unbelievable: to try to win the main event, which begins at 1:00 p.m. Let's all cheer him on!

Those in the community who would like to contribute lap prizes, please contact Ken of Ken's Bike Shop (724-9688). And if you would be willing to volunteer to help on the day of the race, please contact Charlie Williamson at his office (770-6300). And please, everybody, pray for good weather -- if the weather is nice, this could be the top weekend of the spring. See you all there!

HISTORIC DISTRICT CERTIFICATE

The City of Winston-Salem will hold a reception at the Hyatt Hotel on May 13th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the presentation of the National Register Historic District Certificate to the West End/Crystal Towers neighborhood. Mr. Dan Becker from the Raleigh Historic Properties and Districts Commission and Mr. David Brook, the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, will speak and present the certificate. We hope to have Mayor Corpening and Alderman Martha Wood, as well as other city officials, at the reception. Wine and cheese will be served. All neighborhood residents and friends are cordially invited.

WE WERE WRONG

Last month we reported that the West End Branch of Wachovia Bank had abandoned its expansion plans. This is not true. What we should have reported is that Wachovia Bank withdrew its request for a parking variance (more on this in the Board minutes).

1987 DUES

If our records reflect that you have not paid your 1987 dues, a red dot appears on the address label of this newsletter. If a red dot appears, but you have paid your dues, please send us a nasty letter complaining about our poor record-keeping. If, on the other hand, a red dot appears and you have not paid your dues, please fill out the membership blank appearing on the back page of this newsletter and pay within the next ten (10) days. The mailing list for this newsletter is being updated and if your name is not recorded as having paid your dues, you will not be on our updated mailing list. Please pay your dues now if you have not already done so. If you have already paid your dues, please take the membership blank on the back page to a neighbor and encourage him or her to join the West End Association.

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MINUTES OF WEST END BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order on April 7, 1987, at the home of Carole Wells and Bill Sugg by Chris Chapman, president of the West End Association. The first announcement was a correction of meeting time - our meetings are at 8:00 - (apologies, the disinformation fairy was at work -- editor of newsletter takes responsibility). The minutes of the previous meeting as appearing in the newsletter were approved.

I. Wachovia Bank

Dalton Ruffin was present to respond to the neighborhood concerns about both the Operations Center and the West End Branch expansion. Dalton acknowledged parking problem and listed the following steps Wachovia has taken to improve this situation:

1. inhouse publication with notice urging employees to park in bank sites
2. asked city to enforce parking regulations around city
3. temporary parking spaces are available, with strict guidelines to those temporary employees
4. Wachovia has 850 employees on all shifts - 650 daytime employees, 169 other (swing & night time) and 723 parking spaces are available with 815 assigned (this includes all shifts)
5. all parking is charged to employees; payments made by payroll deductions
6. Wachovia subsidizes the West End Trolley (\$35,000).

Dalton furnished the board with copies of memos concerning parking and assured the board that the issue will continue to be a priority with Wachovia.

Plats were offered for board information on expansion of the West End Branch. Expansion is confirmed with immediate construction scheduled. Eleven new parking spaces will be created and assigned for staff. The new exit will be towards Brookstown Avenue. With the new personal banker installed at Operations Center, the traffic at West End Branch should be reduced.

Thanks was given to Dalton for attending the meeting. A letter will be sent as a follow-up to the visit.

II. The Comprehensive Plan Letter

The West End Association attended the last meeting on the Comprehensive Plan and presented a letter to go on record as supporting the creation of an appearance commission for this county.

III. Preservation Week and Presentation of Certificate to West End/Crystal Towers

The presentation of certificate will be made the week of May 10th-- officially designated as Preservation Week. Chris again expressed thanks for and recognition of the organizational effort of all West Enders in the project. Further details will be available (see story on first page of newsletter).

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IV. Grace Court/Hanes Park

After meeting with city recreation director Nick Jamison and Barbara Smitherman, the following needs were identified:

- A. Grace Court Park
 - 1. gazebo repairs
 - 2. sidewalk repairs & color
 - 3. fountain repairs due to settling
 - 4. flagpole maintenance
 - 5. landscaping for traffic control
- B. Hanes Park
 - 1. Four light fixtures are to be replaced - but in keeping with style. (have not been located)
 - 2. Recreation programs were discussed to help plan for better usage of park. It is heavily used by surrounding facilities (YM, YW, Wiley School and Reynolds High School). Further discussions will be scheduled.

The city is responsible for the maintenance and repair of all park equipment.

V. Burglary Update

Neighborhood concern over rash of burglaries was communicated to Chief of Police. They are aware of situation and in addition urge neighborhood watch program. Residents are encouraged to call 911 to report any unusual activity.

VI. Johnson Garage Variance, 1123 West Fourth Street

Investigation shows that this variance presented no problems to neighbors of West End Association. Chris Chapman drafted the letter of support (variance to be granted).

VII. New Business

Lea Loftis presented a request from YWCA for a donation to Summer Break Day Camp. This program serves mentally and physically handicapped students ages 6-21, who may otherwise be institutionalized for the summer. After much discussion, Bob Hunter suggested that the West End Association have a yard sale, and donate the proceeds to the YW for a scholarship. Any resident can contribute cash and/or items for sale. Lea Loftis and Carole Wells will coordinate the event. Our president, Chris Chapman, has donated a great raffle item! Look for further announcements!

Bill Wise read a long letter to city concerning proposed ordinance on storage of junked cars - other concerns expressed related to a review of all ordinances in city codes. After some discussion the letter was edited and approved by board. Further discussion is expected.

The next West End Board meeting is scheduled for the home of Ben and Julia Wilson at 817 West End Boulevard on May 5th at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m. (Minutes by Lea Loftis).

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