

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

May 1987

WEST END/CRYSTAL TOWERS HISTORIC DISTRICT

The West End and Crystal Towers neighborhoods were honored on May 13th when Mayor Corpening was presented the National Register Historic District Certificate by state historic preservation officials Dan Becker and David Brook. Alderman Martha Wood was also present, together with numerous other city officials and over 70 neighborhood residents. LeAnn Pegram of the City-County Planning Board staff is the city staff liaison for our new historic district and she will be reviewing the work of our Historic District Committee chaired by Glenn Gravlee in coming up with reasonable guidelines and regulations for the preservation of our historic neighborhood.

TREASURES AND WISH FULFILLMENT

You wish you hadn't saved all those treasures. You wish you could have back space they occupy. You wish that they would just go away!

Take heart! The West End-City Limited Joint Venture in Wish Fulfillment is coming to the rescue with a WEST END CURBSIDE PICK-UP, MONDAY, JUNE 29.

Ground rules:

- Put everything you want taken out on the curb on Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28.
- The Sanitation Department will take just about anything: sofas, freezers, etc. (but NO STUMPS, NO ROCKS)
- Pile neatly. Bag or bundle items as much as possible.

MUSIC AT GRACE COURT

There will be a neighborhood potluck and open-air music at Grace Court during the first week of June - keep your eye out for fliers and signs as to the exact date and time. Bring your children and your goodies-- this is the first in a series and it should be a lot of fun.

LANDSCAPE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETS

The Landscape Subcommittee appointed by Bryce Gordon, Chairman of the City-County Planning Board, and chaired by Lloyd Walter, had its second meeting on May 15, 1987. This committee consists of representatives from the Planning Board, Chamber of Commerce, Board of Realtors, Retail Merchants Association, Garden Club Council, architects, neighborhoods and others. West End resident Paul Shepard is the Neighborhood Representative and Sarah Johnston Hunter, also from the West End, is vice-chairman of the subcommittee as a representative from the City-County Planning Board. The subcommittee also includes Jones Abernethy from neighboring Crystal Towers and Harry Weiler from neighboring West Highlands. The charge to the subcommittee has been to develop landscaping and screening standards particularly as they relate to vehicular surface areas (parking lots) within the view of public streets. Everyone can notice where entire front lots, right up to the right-of-way line, have been completely covered with asphalt or concrete. The goal of this subcommittee, more than anything else, is to develop reasonable and appropriate standards so this kind of thing will not recur to the detriment of the appearance and environmental character of our city. If you have any concerns in this area, please speak up now, as the subcommittee's next meeting is on June 17th.

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MINUTES OF WEST END BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., May 5, 1987, at the home of Ben and Julia Wilson, by Chris Chapman, president of the West End Association. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as they appeared in the newsletter. Thanks were expressed to Paul and Claudia Shepard, Bill Sugg and Carole Wells for the newsletter. Due to circumstances beyond their control, the meeting occasionally occurs before the newsletter arrives. To help with this situation a meeting list has been planned through the end of the year.

All meetings will begin at 8:00 p.m.:

- June 2 - Sarah and Bob Hunter, 1404 Brookstown Avenue
- July 7 - Bill Sugg & Carole Wells, 1100 West 4th Street
- Aug. 4 - Lea & Randy Loftis, 621 Jersey Avenue
- Sept. 1 - The restored Hanes House, Glade Street
- Oct. 6 - Chris Chapman and Mary Beth Blackwell-Chapman, 520 Jersey Avenue
- Nov. 3 - Bill and Dottie Wise, 1113 West Fourth Street
- Dec. 1 - Hoppy Elliot and Suzanne Reynolds, 516 West End Boulevard
- Jan. 5 - Ben and Julia Wilson, 817 West End Boulevard

I. Break-In Update

Our president will continue to advise the police chief about our special concerns. More break-ins were reported in the Reynolds High School area; police response could be more immediate. Neighbors are urged to call 911 to report any unusual activity.

II. Spring Clean Up

Valerie and Carl von Isenburg will co-ordinate this annual West End event. Look for further details elsewhere in the newsletter (see story on page one).

III. Zoning Board of Adjustment

City Beverage will be vacating their premises, and building a new store, reportedly along the lines of the Lighthouse Restaurant. West End approved and Chris will write the city expressing support for the variance.

Jules Smythe has asked for a variance to his property at 1012 West End Boulevard. This was a rear and side yard issue. The board has suggested that the addition not be any closer to the property line than the existing structure. Chris will communicate with Jules by letter.

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IV. Historic District

Board members were reminded of the ceremony planned by city officials at the Hyatt Hotel on Wednesday, May 13th, when the National Register Historic District Certificate is to be presented (see story on page one). This will mark a most successful campaign begun by the neighborhood association. Thanks were expressed for all who had contributed their dollars and time.

Further discussion resulted in agreement that the neighborhood should have a special celebration of its own to mark the occasion. This will be on the agenda for the June meeting, with specific details at that time.

Chris reported that the city will provide staff assistance to develop guidelines for the district. A public meeting will be held to generate further suggestions. Glenn Gravlee and his committee are in the process now of gathering and processing information that will result in a West End/Crystal Towers proposal to the city.

Board members specifically suggested that the following be included in the proposal:

- (1) enforcement process to be an integral part of proposal;
 - (2) distinct mention of the special character of our district;
- LeAnn Pegram of the city will co-ordinate this program and both Glenn and LeAnn will be happy to discuss neighborhood questions or suggestions.

V. Continuing Business

Bill Wise read the amended letter to the Board of Alderman concerning the junked car ordinance. The aldermen have sent the proposed ordinance back to the Planning Staff for further delineation. The input from the association certainly played an important part in this decision. We will be kept current on this situation by Bill. Bill also reported that the parking situation has been well monitored; however we do still have a shortage of spaces to accommodate the area.

No further business discussed, meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

NOTICE ***** NOTICE

Mark and Gai Case (814 West End Boulevard) will be moving (Fall, 1987) to Haiti for three years of service and ministry with Habitat for Humanity. They plan to rent their home during their absence for \$850.00 per month. Please call the Cases at 723-3000 with any inquiries or leads. Also, their 10-year-old dog, Rusty, will need a home. He is small, friendly, and very healthy. Rusty likes West End children particularly!


Ben and Julia Wilson have offered decorations for July 4th. Anyone else wanting to donate or help with the July 4th party please contact Carole Wells (722-4932).



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