

The West End

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February 1988

NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The annual election of officers and directors of the West End Association took place on February 2nd. The following people were elected as officers of the West End Association:

President - Martin Sokoloff
Vice President - Bill Sugg
Secretary - Lea Loftis
Treasurer - Becky Sparrow

Officers serve a term of office of one year.

In addition, one-half of the directors' seats were up for election (6 out of the 12 seats). The term of office is 2 years. Also up for election was the remaining year of Martin Sokoloff's term (which became vacant when he was elected President). The following were elected to these seats:

Bud Beattie	-	2 year term
Jay and Janine Cutchin	-	2 year term
Patsy Law	-	2 year term
Warren Sparrow	-	2 year term
Susan Walter	-	2 year term
Dottie Wise	-	2 year term
Carrie Sutton	-	1 year term

The determination as to which person would serve a 1-year term rather than a 2-year term was done by lot. Grace Humphreys was also selected as the "designated alternate" (i.e. to fill in a board slot in the event one becomes vacant during the course of the year).

The newly elected officers and other board members join the following directors (serving the second year of their terms of office):

Mike and Merlyn Bost
David Christenbury
Jim Fox
Anne Johnston
Nina Weigl

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st (board meetings are always the first Tuesday of each month), at the home of Chris and Mary Beth Blackwell Chapman. Board meetings are open to all members of the West End Association, so if you have not had a chance to meet all the members of the West End Board, this is an opportunity to do so.

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WEST END ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held at St. Paul's Church Tuesday, February 2nd. Our 1987 president, Chris Chapman, presented our year in review.

The presentation of the certificate of National Register Status to the West End was the highlight of the year. After long hours of work by residents, the accomplishment of this goal is to be savored. Work is still needed to complete the next step, a local district designation. Sadly, a longtime supporter and advocate for the neighborhood will be missed. Barbara Smitherman contributed her considerable energies on behalf of the West End and we will miss her. A special fund has been established in her memory, to be used in Grace Court Park.

Security has been a problem for us all year long. Countless break-ins of cars and homes underline the fact that we need to be a neighborhood watch community. Please look out for your neighbors and report any unusual activity. And spare a wave for the mounted police....

Zoning is always a concern for the association and the Board has participated in numerous hearings. The monitoring has resulted in some opportunities to protect our area.

Chris thanked the departing directors and officers for their work this year - Many thanks to Sue Davis, Val and Carl Von Isenburg, Carole Wells, Bill Sugg, Julia and Ben Wilson, Bob Hunter, Suzanne Reynolds and Hoppy Elliot.

Thanks to officers who are continuing, Becky Sparrow and Lea Loftis.

And special thanks to Paul and Claudia Shepard, Bill Wise, Lea Loftis and Sue Davis for their work on the newsletter.

Chris turned the program over to Jim Ritchey of WSTA for a very interesting review of the history of WSTA, including documents and photos of the company in its various forms. Jim is especially interested in any photos of early buses or cable cars for display at the new transit building (when we have one, that is). March 11th is the 99th anniversary of the authorization by the General Assembly to establish the transit authority.

In continuing business:

1. Martha Wood has had surgery and the members present signed a card wishing her a speedy recovery. Martha has been a valuable ally at City Hall.
2. The Arches - A citation has been given and the owner of the business has one week to respond. Will report next month.
3. "Combination of lots" - wording continues to be adjusted on this issue. It is scheduled to come before the Planning Board this month, but is likely to be continued again.
4. Summit Street - Brent McKinney with the city responded to the traffic problem on Summit by suggesting that a double yellow line might improve the situation. As this is not acceptable, the task force will continue to work on this problem.
5. Bus Route 23 - Jim Ritchey announced that 4th Street will no longer be on the route effective May 1st. A lively discussion followed with the expression of appreciation for the response of WSTA, but in addition, a concern that the problem has been shifted to another area. The concern of the speed limit's possibly being too high for conditions was the major point. Jim outlined the process of complaints and assured us that each complaint receives careful investigation. Thanks to Jim for giving us time to air our concerns.

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 W/E National Historic Trust - 2,932.90 - year end balance
 W/E Barbara Smitherman Fund - 2,088.98 - year end balance

Chris forwarded best wishes and greetings from our own temporary "Aussies" Glen, Joyce, Brent and Sarah Gravlee.

Last but not least, one of the best reasons to join the Association is the great parties we have. Carole and Bill have done a great job socially, not to mention opening their home to our holiday celebration. If you missed it - join early this year; you won't be sorry!

The election of officers and directors concluded the meeting. Our next meeting will be March 1st at Chris and Mary Beth Blackwell Chapman's, 520 Jersey Avenue, at 8:00.

Sue Davis expressed our special thanks to Chris Chapman for his outstanding and faithful leadership over the last 2 years. The president spends many unknown hours on our behalf and we want you to know that it has been appreciated.

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WEST END BIKE RACE

The annual bicycle race will be held around Hanes Park on Saturday, May 7. Racing will take place throughout the day, with the longest race starting approximately 1 p.m. This race will feature riders from around the country and abroad. More details will appear in later issues.

West End residents have traditionally provided accommodations to out-of-town riders, and have enjoyed meeting these fine athletes and learning more about this beautiful sport.

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A membership drive is now under way, January through March, and we'd like to start sending newsletters to all your neighbors, but we need your help. Our association has been very successful in serving as advocate for the residents of the West End, and more members will make our task easier. Talk to your neighbors and enlist them - it's a bargain for \$10.00 a year: Regular newsletters, with information helpful for us all, and an opportunity to voice your own concerns. Join today.

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