

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

March 1988

WEST END MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Very soon you will find a flyer on your porch promoting membership in our association. Please join today - it may be the best \$10.00 you'll spend this year. We will bring you news of your neighborhood, and inform you of our projects, parties and political triumphs.

Reminder: Dues are \$10.00 a year and due by the end of March. Use the blank application in this newsletter to join today.

INTENSIFICATION OF USES ZONING AMENDMENT REMANDED TO STAFF BY PLANNING BOARD

For those of you who have been following the history of this rather technical zoning amendment, you know that this section of our Zoning Ordinance was originally enacted in September, 1983 and amended to its present form in November, 1986. Basically, it requires that there be a hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment before permitting a property owner whose structure and/or property do not meet all current zoning requirements to expand his building, intensify his use or combine his lots into a larger zoning lot. The West End Association was instrumental behind the enactment of this section as it arose from many bitter experiences. The purpose of it was to create an opportunity for neighborhood input in those instances where there could be an adverse neighborhood impact. Several weeks ago, in response to a request from the Staff of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, neighborhood representatives (Bill Wise and Paul Shepard) sat down with city officials and agreed to a compromise whereby the ordinance would be amended to exempt industrial and business property (other than B-2 property) that is not adjacent to residential property from the ordinance, which would mean that those property owners would no longer need a hearing under the circumstances covered by the ordinance. On March 10th this matter came before the Planning Board and it was only earlier that week that it was learned that city staff decided that all business property should be exempted from the ordinance whether or not it bordered a residential property. Bill Wise went to the Planning Board meeting on March 10th, and after a stirring speech, the entire matter was sent back to the staff for further study. George Doughton, representing the Arches, represented the business interests. Stay tuned....

LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN

On a more positive note, on March 7th the Board of Aldermen adopted the landscape ordinance that had been recommended by the City-County Planning Board. This ordinance requires that parking lots hence forth be screened from public streets.

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MINUTES OF WEST END BOARD MEETING March 1st

The meeting was called to order by the new president of the association, Martin Sokoloff. The minutes were approved as they appeared in the February newsletter.

I. HORSE PATROL - We were delighted to welcome Officer Susan Shelton, our mounted horse person, and Sgt. Howard of the Winston-Salem Police Department. The horse patrol will be in our area for about 6 months; already it has made an impact. With the patrol, there is a far greater ability to check all alleys and back yards and to observe and record information concerning the people and cars in the neighborhood. Some facts about the horses:

1. Cold temperatures and excessive winds will halt the patrol
2. Drinking water for the animals is appreciated!

Sgt. Howard urged all residents to be on the watch and to report any special activity by calling him at 727-2177.

II. BREAK-INS - A report was made as to the recent crimes that have been committed. After much discussion the board strongly urged all residents to be vigilant and alert to any event, even the smallest, that may indicate a crime in progress or about to occur. It was suggested that we try again to form block captains. In the meantime all residents should report any crime to the members of the board, so that we can continue to inform the readers of the newsletter. (Names and telephone numbers of the board members appear at the end of these printed minutes).

III. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - The chairmen of the committees were announced. All residents are urged to volunteer to serve on any of these committees.

1. Social - Carole Wells (722-4932)
2. Historic District - Chris Chapman (723-7620)
3. Newsletter - Claudia and Paul Shepard (722-8253)
4. Grace Court Park - JoAnna Hudson (725-5391)
5. City Relations - Bill Wise (761-0906)
6. Membership - Sue Davis and Lea Loftis (725-4902)
7. Spring Clean Up - Warren Sparrow (725-8953)
8. Christmas House Tour -

Susan Walter, Jim Fox and Lea Loftis have already volunteered to serve on the Christmas House Tour Committee.

IV. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - The drive for new members will be under way this month and better organized for next year! Look for flyers with all the information and encourage your neighbors and friends to join.

V. PLANNING BOARD 40TH ANNIVERSARY - MARCH 7, 1988. - Martin will attend this ceremony at city hall. It is to be an open house.

VI. OTHER MATTERS-

A. Concern was expressed over Duke Power's pruning of trees. STOP DUKE POWER FROM DESTROYING OUR TREES! Our urban forest is under attack from the so-called "pruning." We were all reminded that we have the right to halt operations and should use it.

B. Brent McKinney will report to us on the traffic situation on Summit Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Bill Sugg	722-4932
Lea Loftis	725-4902
Becky Sparrow	725-8953
Chris Chapman	723-7620
Bud Beattie	723-5098
David Christenbury	777-8315
Mike Bost	777-1044
Jay Cutchin	724-3077
Jim Fox	725-9260
Anne Johnston	725-3711
Patsy Law	722-7426
Carrie Sutton	723-2308
Susan Walter	723-9137
Nina Weigl	724-7552
Bill Wise	761-0906

These folks can report to the board and we can then continue to report to you in our newsletter.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

1. April - Jim Fox - 626 Summit Street
2. May - Lea Loftis - 621 Jersey Avenue
3. June - Susan Walter - 715 Summit Street
4. July - Martin Sokoloff - 707 Summit
5. August - David Christenbury - 1416 Brookstown Avenue
6. September - Merlyn and Mike Bost - 1229 Brookstown Avenue
7. October - Nina Weigl - 1096 West Fourth Street
8. November - Warren Sparrow - 1117 West Fourth Street

All meetings begin at 8 p.m.

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.

If you would like to have a racer guest (or more than one) call Thorns Craven, 725-9832, or send him a post card at 1232 Glade St., W-S 27101.

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YMCA - Celebrate. Join the second century countdown! Yes, the YMCA of greater Winston-Salem is celebrating its' 100th birthday. Services and programs have been provided by the YMCA to this community for a century. Amazing. Even though programs have changed from decade to decade the mission of the Y has remained the same: to help in the development of the total person - spirit, mind and body. All age groups are involved in Y programs. So join the celebration and get involved. Summer is just around the corner and there is something for everyone. The second century will be as fun as the first.

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