

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

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FORMATION OF TASK FORCE TO IMPLEMENT WEST END HISTORIC DISTRICT APPROVED BY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

At its monthly meeting on October 5th, the Historic District Commission formally approved the formation of a task force to implement the West End Historic District. The charge to the task force is to:

- 1) bring a recommended ordinance and design review guidelines to the Board of Aldermen by 1 May 1989.
- 2) determine and manage the process
- 3) generate a positive consensus for establishment of the District
- 4) provide a source of information
- 5) bring various representative interests from within the District together

Chairman of the Historic District Commission Larry Robbs will chair the task force and all of its other members should be appointed by the end of October. The task force is expected to represent all of the various and diverse interests in the West End Historic District; we hope to have the complete list of its members by the next newsletter. An intern has been assigned by the City-County Planning Board to provide staff support to the task force. The tentative time schedule calls for adoption of a local historic district and the design review guidelines by May of 1989.

CITIZENS STEERING COMMITTEE BEGINS MEETINGS TO REVIEW AND REVISE ZONING ORDINANCE

A comprehensive revision of the Winston-Salem and Forsyth County zoning ordinances has been planned for the year 1989 and to this end a Citizens Steering Committee has already had its first two monthly meetings (on September 15th and October 19th) with consultants Eric Kelly (a lawyer-planner from Colorado) and James Duncan (a planner from Texas). The consultants' preliminary report has already been released and one of its conclusions is that there has been far too much "zoning by negotiation" in this community and that the only remedy for this situation is to create more zoning categories and districts that are more closely tailored to the particular characteristics of the various kinds of property in the city and county.

The committee consists of sixteen people representing a variety of interests (attorneys, realtors, surveyors, architects, developers, environmentalists, farmers, minorities, and suburban and urban residents) and the person selected to represent the Center City is West End resident Paul Shepard. Any concerns or questions as to this process can be directed to him (727-1364) or to Sam McDonald of the City-County Planning Board staff (727-2087).




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MINUTES OF WEST END BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4th at the home of Nina Weigle and Lachie Maclachlan.

I. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE UPDATE - The traffic meeting was held at Susan Walter's and was well attended. The issues revolve around speeding, safety and parking and are of concern throughout the West End. The committee agreed to request meetings with City Traffic Engineer Brent McKinney, Alderman Martha Wood and St. Paul's Church. The committee also asked that the board remind Wachovia Bank of our concern in regard to their employees' parking habits. The committee was to meet again October 18th.

II. CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR - Plans are well under way for the tour, according to David Christenbury, tour chairman. Volunteers are still needed for hosts and guides. Please contact Martha Harper at 722-2641. Volunteers are also needed to provide refreshments and baked goods. Please contact Billye Keith Jones at 768-3400 or 723-1771. This is a great way to know our neighbors and present our pride in our Historic District!

III. HISTORIC DISTRICT UPDATE - Chris Chapman informed the board that the West End Historic District Commission is 3rd on the work program of the planning staff, assigned to work with the Historic District Commission. May of 1989 is the target date for the adoption of the ordinance that will recognize the West End as a local Historic District and adopt the design review guidelines for its preservation. Larry Robbs, chairman of the Historic District Commission, is expected to appoint a task force charged with recommending the adoption of the ordinance. This is and has been a slow process, but continues to move. Martin Sokoloff thanked Chris for following this closely.

IV. COMMUNITY NETWORKING - A meeting has been set for Saturday, November 13th, 2-5 p.m. at the YWCA. Randolph Horner, the representative from the community neighborhood council in Durham, will be contacting other neighborhood associations to invite them to attend. The West End Association will be hosts for the meeting. Please plan to attend.

V. MEETING WITH YMCA - Martin Sokoloff and Lea Loftis attended a meeting held at the YMCA at the invitation of Rence Callahan. Tom Fredericks and Nick Jamison from the city attended, as well as a representative from the West Highlands Neighborhood. Discussion centered on Hanes Park and Martin stated the West End's interest in improving the greenway. Additional trees, plantings, clean-up of the creek and general maintenance would all help. The association does not favor any further development (paving or building) at the park. Rence discussed the pressure on the Y to provide pool time for members and swim teams, and mention was made of parking problems. Nothing has reached a proposal stage. The group has agreed to meet again and will be called by Rence.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


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Halloween, of course, is on the last night of October - we hope this newsletter will arrive by then. Please welcome and greet all our little trick-or-treaters as they go from door to door that night. The West End has its share of children and families. We can best promote this characteristic of our neighborhood by making this a friendly occasion.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting will be at the home of Becky and Warren Sparrow, November 1st at 8 p.m. Immediately preceding this meeting (at 7 p.m.) the Christmas House Tour Committee will meet.

GRACE COURT BULB PLANTING

Put on your calendars November 5th at 10:00 A.M. for a bulb planting at Grace Court. We need help to replant the bulbs that Johanna Hudson has been storing. Please volunteer your efforts that day and help make this spring a beautiful time in the West End.

THANKSGIVING IN THE WEST END

Let's take at least this day to count our many blessings before we move into the hustle and bustle of a quickly approaching Christmas.

WEST END HOUSE TOUR

Mark your calendars December 4th for this year's West End Christmas House Tour. Not only is this an opportunity for the West End to take pride in its historic neighborhood, but it is also our major fundraiser. Proceeds for the tour will be used to begin erection of special street signs and markers to inform the public of our historic designation. All residents and others are encouraged to volunteer their efforts to help make this our most successful house tour ever (see Minutes for names of persons to contact). And, please encourage all your friends and associates to attend this year's tour.

WEST END CHRISTMAS PARTY

It is Christmas time, and time for our special Christmas party. All are invited to our last 1988 Association event! Bill Sugg and Carole Wells have graciously agreed to have this year's bash - 6 to 8 p.m. December 9th. Please bring your special hors d'oeuvres and join us to celebrate the tour and another successful West End Year.

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