

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

June, 1990

JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION

The famous Parade, Pot Luck and Music will return this Fourth of July on Fourth Street...

Kids start decorating your bikes and wagons for the parade in Grace Court Park. Festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. Prizes and awards will be presented to all participants.

Adults, the pot luck porch will be located at 1101 West Fourth Street (Sue Apartments). Please have your contributions ready around 12:00 p.m. The band will set up across the street (Carol Wells and Bill Sugg's porch) so you may enjoy your lunch while listening to the "Larry Davis Country Swing Band".

Fourth Street will be blocked off from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Refreshments and paper products will be provided by the Association. Please bring a friend or neighbor if you are in town and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with your neighbors! (You may want to bring along some lawn chairs!)

For more information, or if you would like to help with the children's parade (I need judges!!), please call Missie Vaughan at 724-4579.

MUSIC IN GRACE COURT PARK

On August 2, 1990 Urban Arts will sponsor a band in Grace Court Park. Music will be along the lines of brass/jazz.... More information to come but please mark your calendar for the event.

Next West End Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 1990
Peggy & Sam Matthews' Home
1220 Forsyth Street
7:30 p.m.

WEST END ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 1, 1990

There were twenty-three people in attendance at the May Board Meeting. Bill Sugg called the meeting to order in the home of Jay and Janine Cutchins', 1028 West End Blvd. There was no secretary's report or treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Christmas House Tour

Lea Loftis announced that Ben and Julia Wilson's house will be on the Christmas House Tour. David Christenbury will chair the Door Contest. Dottie Wise and Becky Sparrow are chairs of the house captains.

Permit Parking

Glenn Eisenbrandt suggested we support partial zoning for areas needing relief, i.e., Summit Street, Grace Court Park, top end of Brookstown to 5th and 4 1/2 street. Glenn will write Isaiah Tidwell at Wachovia Bank and thank him for his cooperation.

Grace Court Park

Johanna Hudson suggested a date in July when reenactment of the

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dedication of Grace Court Park with a reception in one of the restaurants in the neighborhood. Johanna will arrange for a plaque. A spruce tree will be planted in the park. Johanna needs assistance planting geranium around the park.

Adopt a Park (A City Project)

Our park is the Grace Court Park. Dottie Wise moved and Becky Sparrow seconded that we formally adopt GCP. The motion was unanimously adopted.

City Relations

The Summit Street/4 1/2 street car salesman received his variance to sell used cars. He is not to use signs on cars, building, or big lights.

Historic District

Lannie will meet with block captains to inform them about the very important June 6 meeting. We need solid representation from West End Residents.

Hanes Park Task Force

There was question about the 1974 guidelines with one exception: 3.G. Parking should be addressed at the YMCA and

around Hanes Park. Because these concerns have never been adequately addressed they have become the #1 bone of contention. Jeff Smith moved that we adopt a letter as stated to accept the report with exception of 3.G. Martin Sokoloff seconded, Motion passed unanimously. We are concerned about the beauty and quality of life of Hanes Park. The Traffic Committee will track the parking issue.

Bread and Breakfast

Shelly Kirley, 612 Summit Street, requested Board approval for operating a B & B. She will offer one room, a maximum of two. Neighbors are favorable. Dotty Wise moved support and acceptance of Shelly's request. Sue Walter seconded, unanimously approved. Shelly will charge \$60.00 for single and \$64.00 double. Her number is 724-1074.

West End P.O. Box

Peggy Matthews moved that we change our p.o. box to Salem Station. Sue Walter seconded, unanimously accepted.

Next Meeting is June 5 at the home of Lea Loftis, 7:30 p.m.

Board adjourned 9:45.p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Fulghum Matthews, Secretary

WEST END ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 5, 1990

President Bill Sugg called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. at

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the home of Randy and Lea Loftis. Secretary Peggy Matthews was celebrating her 30th anniversary with husband Sam and was excused.

Bill Sugg issued a reminder that board members are subject to dismissal for more than two unexcused absences.

There was no Secretary's report, but minutes from the May meeting were distributed and approved.

Committee Reports

Christmas House Tour

Lea Loftis announced to "oohs and aahs" that Vestal Apartments is on the tour. eight homes and two businesses have committed. We need volunteers! Please call Lea. David Christenbury and Alan Johnson will run the door decorating contest.

Social Committee

Missie Vaughan reported that the Fourth of July is set. The band will play on Bill Sugg and Carol Wells' porch. Food will be located at Sue Apartments, 1101 W. Fourth St.

Hanes Park Task Force

Bill Stewart called a meeting of city people working with the task force. After the meeting, the city wrote a letter to Nancy Pleasants withdrawing from further participation with the task force.

The city has no further plans to improve or expand efforts in Hanes Park. The city also withdrew funding for the proposed study.

The city will stay out of the parking issue at the Y.M.C.A. City officials encourage the Association to deal directly with the Y.M.C.A.

Ben Wilson commended Rence Callahan and the Task Force for a good job on a difficult task.

Y.M.C.A. Plans

Ben Wilson recently learned that the Central Y.M.C.A. has plans for expansion of its present facilities. The plans include a parking deck, an addition (upward) for an aerobics room and expansion to allow consolidation of entrances.

Money, other Y.M.C.A. facilities and the City Inspections Department are the three major thresholds that the Y.M.C.A. must overcome in order to succeed with its expansion plans.

Ben noted existing tensions between the West End Association and the Y.M.C.A. Lea Loftis proposed that the Association draft a letter at the earliest possible date to the appropriate people on the Metro Y Board and at the Central Y allaying fears that the Association is totally anti-Y.M.C.A. The board approved such a letter to demonstrate a spirit of cooperation.

Historic District

Chris Chapman discussed the Y.M.C.A.'s reluctance to be part of the Local Historic District and its desire to exclude Hanes Park from the district. The state historic district staff has written the Historic District Task Force a letter stating that it is unacceptable to exclude either Hanes Park or the Y.M.C.A. from the local historic district.

The Historic District Task Force is in favor of expanding, rather than contracting, the National Registry Historic District boundaries.

Chris next discussed the June 6th meeting on the local historic district. He passed around copies of the Design Summary.

Chris discussed his general impressions of the reasons that some people are averse to the local historic district. Some feel that the Association will control the district. Not true. The Historic District Commission has control based solely on the Design Guidelines.

Lea Loftis proposed writing letters to all major non-contributing building owners soliciting support of the local district.

Glenn Eisenbrandt proposed a neighborhood petition demonstrating support for the local historic district effort.

Membership

Lannie Eisenbrandt proposed publishing a membership roster to circulate to members. The board approved with the caveat that the list is not to be used as a commercial mailing list.

New Business

Bill Sugg reported that Rence Callahan has applied for a setback variance in order to add an enclosed stairwell to reach bedrooms to be added in his attic. The Setback will be the same as the existing house. The board voted unanimously to support the application.

Ira Tidwell (Senior V.P. at Wachovia) called Bill and discussed modifications to the Sears building. The old tire center has been razed and a new structure housing three diesel generators will be erected. The generators are to be used as an uninterruptible power supply for Wachovia's computer center. Benefit to West End: No more brownouts!

Barbara Garrison has requested our forbearance and approval to allow a one or two bedroom bed and breakfast at 927 W. Fifth Street. Parking will be in the rear. The board voted and unanimously approved to support the requested variance.

Bill Wise updated us on the "progress" of the new zoning ordinances.

The board thanks Bill and Dottie Wise for leading the German exchange students on a tour of the West End. H.L. Shaw from the school system called to extend his thanks. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL MEETING HELD

On June 6, 1990 an informational meeting was held at the Y.W.C.A. Approximately 75 people attended the meeting, which was presided over by Chris Chapman. LeAnn Pegram of the City/County Planning Staff and Larry Robbs, chairman of the local Historic District Commis-

sion also made presentations at the meeting.

Chris summarized details of the national filing and then passed out a pictorial design summary that was put together by the Historic District Task Force and City/County Planning staff.

LeAnn summarized the pictorial design summary and explained how the written design guidelines are used in conjunction with the pictorial summary.

Larry Robbs explained the composition of the Local Historic District Commission and the procedures involved in applying to the Commission for approval of projects.

The Historic District Commission currently consists of five people. If the West End achieves local historic district status, the Commission will expand to nine positions. The Commission must consist of one resident from each historic district (Old Salem, Bethabara and West End), one at-large resident (of any of the historic districts) member, one licensed architect, one business person, one lawyer, one architectural historian and one at-large member. Members are appointed for three year terms, with a maximum of two terms.

The first step in seeking Commission approval includes filing for the certificate of appropriateness (if required). The Historic District Commission meets monthly to review applications. The City/County Planning staff reviews the application and makes a presentation and recommendation at the monthly meeting. The monthly meeting, which is open to the public also includes a slide review of the proposal, a requestor presentation, an opportunity for opposition to speak, discussion of the proposal, and a board vote. Appeals from Commission denials go to the Board of Adjustment and then to Superior Court.

Three or four public informational meetings are scheduled for the future. Dates are not yet set.

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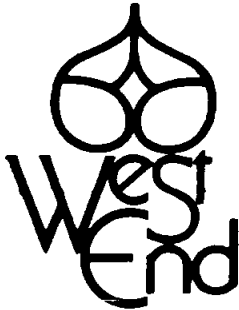
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P.O. BOX CHANGE

Note that we have a new post office box: P.O. Box 10055, Salem Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27108.

BILL SUGG'S HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER

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