

# The West End

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

March, 1991

## WEST END BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 1991

The West End Board Meeting was held March 5, 1991 at the home of Missie and Jim Vaughan with 21 members present and 10 neighborhood residents also present. President Sugg called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

### Construction on Sunset

Tom Harris, chief of operations at Dancy Construction Co., was introduced. Harris reviewed his plans for a six unit apartment on Sunset Street. Start date: May 1; completion date: August 31, 1991. Becky Gibson strongly recommended wise landscape planning and that Harris bring final plans back to the Board before construction begins.

### Treasurer's report

Final report on Christmas House Tour with a profit of \$3,760; \$163.00 loss in general funds. Bill Sugg appointed Dottie Wise, Jamie Kauffman, Lee Loftis, and Chris Yarborough to resolve the status of the plaque and tree in memory of Barbara Smitherman. Warren Sparrow made a motion that the treasurer's report be adopted. Dottie Wise seconded, the motion unanimously passed.

### Neighborhood Concerns and Committee Appointments

The Board president appointed a West End Local Historic Committee. They are charged to meet and report a list of concerns at the April meeting. This will help develop a focused agenda for the Board. Those appointed: Susan Walter, Lea Loftis, Laura Phillips, Bill and Dottie Wise, Glenn Eisenbrandt, Jim Vaughan, Chris Chapman, and Ben Wilson.

### Membership Committee

Chairperson of this committee is Wanda Merschel. Serving are Becky Sparrow, Missie Vaughan and Susan Walter.

### Newsletter Committee

Serving: Lea Loftis, Jim Vaughan, Bill Gibson, Warren Sparrow, Lee Ann Pegram, Deborah Perret.

### Long Range Planning Committee

Bill Sugg will call a meeting of the following: Bill Wise, Ben Wilson, and Warren Sparrow. This group will propose a Long Range Planning Committee by the April meeting

### West End Garden Club

Chris Yarborough initiated this project. Bill Wise moved that a West End Garden Club be established and Susan Walter seconded. Unanimously passed.

### Interim West End House Tour

Glenn Eisenbrandt moved that the West End hold a house tour for the spouses of the golf pros during the Vantage Golf weekend in early October. Bill Wise seconded. Unanimously approved. Missie Vaughan, Lea Loftis, and Susan Walter will coordinate this event.

### YMCA status report

Ben Wilson reported that plans were developed in late January that were intended to be mutually beneficial to the Y and West End towards solving the parking problems. In absence of the president who had to leave the Board meeting earlier, vice-president Lea Loftis appointed the people to review the plan: David Christenbury, Bill Gibson, Jeff Smith, and Martin Sokoloff.

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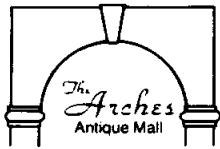
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### Hanes Park

Bill Gibson moved that the West End Board adopt a modified plan with a priority of field draining put back in for Hanes Park and that this plan be utilized as a tool for dialogue with the City. Dottie Wise seconded. The motion passed with 10 voting yes, one no and 1 abstention. David Christenbury will draw up a modified plan and deliver to Nancy Pleasants. It was noted that our representation needs to be very constructive. Lea Loftis, Becky Gibson, and David will meet with Nancy Pleasants.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Peggy Matthews, Secretary

**NEXT WEST END ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, April 2, 1991  
7:30 p.m.

**John & Wanda Merschel's Home**  
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### A BURR IN THE SADDLE


The Winston-Salem Journal's recent editorial comment concerning Hanes Park improvements raised a pertinent issue -- who "owns" Hanes Park? The editor chided "some" residents of the West End as taking a "proprietary" attitude toward the public facility. Heaven forbid that we should act like we own the place! However, the editor wasn't hearing what was actually being expressed. I heard West End folk insisting that the park is indeed a "public" resource which should not be parcelled off to various private bidders, be they profit-seeking businesses or non-profit entities like the Central YMCA. I also heard neighbors asserting, yes, Hanes Park is a special place for us, so we're willing to assume some of the responsibility for seeing that the park's unique beauty is restored, preserved and possibly even enhanced.

To act on a sense of responsibility compels a person from time to time to raise a voice in tactful dissent, whether against the indifference of the friend next door or the schemes of a stranger across town. In this case, to do right by Hanes Park, those of us who care are compelled to work in good faith with the City and the YMCA and other interested groups to resolve conflict sensibly. We must assert ourselves, knowing sometimes we'll get our way, sometimes we'll make projects better (though perhaps not good enough), and sometimes we'll take our licks. For over thirteen years, that's what I've seen my neighbors in the West End up to. That kind of caring, that kind of acting like we own the place, is what helps make this neighborhood a special place. Do you agree? --Bill Gibson

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### Garden Club Meeting

The West End Garden Club is holding an organizational meeting Tuesday, April 16, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pine Room of the YWCA. Kitty Selts of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Garden Club Council will be in attendance. Everyone is invited to attend and join the West End Garden Club!

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