

# The West End

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

April, 1991

## WEST END BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 1991

### WEST END TO CRYSTAL TOWERS: "LET'S GET TOGETHER!"

At its April 2nd meeting, your Board discussed a proposal that the West End Association ("WEA") and the Crystal Towers Association ("CTA") merge into one legal entity. Formerly vigorous, the CTA is believed recently to be dormant, and several residents of that area want to enjoy the full benefits of membership in an active community group. To include residents of Crystal Towers into our membership, the WEA simply has to change its By-Laws to incorporate the boundaries of the West End Historic District. Nevertheless, a more formal merger might be the most effective way to consummate the marriage that presently exists in the historic district.

To emphasize the voluntariness of this process, lest our friends in Crystal Towers feel like Kuwaitis in July 1990, the Board decided to put the question on the agenda of the June meeting, and to notify residents of Crystal Towers that they are invited to attend that meeting and share their comments. Individual contacts between friends in the two sectors were also encouraged. (The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., June 4th, at the Ettinger/Walter home at 715 Summit Street).

### 21st CENTURY PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY IS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE WEST END.

For about an hour, well over a dozen West Enders hammered out the final draft of a letter setting

forth your Board's views about the Hanes Park Plan. The letter is to be sent to Alderman Nancy Pleasants and other interested parties. To summarize its contents, the group expressed support for several aspects of the City's draft plan and offered specific suggestions for further improvements. (In case you want to see the final, multi-page product of this exercise, a copy of the letter is incorporated into the official minutes of the meeting.)

### WHY YES, THE AUTOMOBILE DOES PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN AMERICAN LIFE.

The on-going problem of parking for users of the Central YMCA occupied some discussion at the April meeting. Of particular concern were rumors about destruction of trees, adjacent houses and construction of a parking deck. President Bill Sugg has been seeking ways to flesh out dialogue between the WEA and the YM, and thus replace rumor with factual information. Three Board members (Penney, Gibson and Merschel) volunteered to join Ben Wilson as a communications liaison between the two groups during the next few months, as the YM formulates its final plans.

### SPEAKING OF PARKING.

The Board heard from Shelley Kirley, who outlined plans to expand her Bed & Breakfast on Summit Street from two to four rooms. This change, of course, would involve additional parking, if the Zoning Regulations are to be obeyed. Having heard the innkeeper's plan for making minimal, aesthetically sensitive changes, the Board voted to support her petition.

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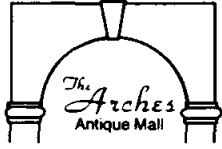
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Your Association's Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, and everyone is invited to attend. Here's what's planned:

- May 7th -- Matthews, on Forsyth Street
- June 4th -- Ettinger/Walter, on Summit Street
- July 2nd -- Smith, on W. First
- August 6th -- Loftis, on Jersey
- September 3rd -- Eisenbrandt, on West End Blvd.

It's Spring, and busy little bees are buzzing around the neighborhood, if only in the form of people getting actively started on committee work. Several meetings were scheduled: Historic District (4/9), Newsletter (4/10), Garden Club (4/16), Membership (4/18). The Social and Grace Court committees also announced plans to lean on Tim Nichols and Jamie Kaufman to serve as Chairpersons.

**TO TEE OR NOT TO TEA - THAT WILL BE THE QUESTION.**


The West End will host a mini-house tour for a group of (40 to 50?) tournament sponsors' guests during the Vantage golf tournament in October. Golf widows and widowers who would rather suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous West End fortunes than watch yet another little white ball sail toward a slightly larger round hole (that's the subject of this sentence) will have a chance to tour four to six houses in our neighborhood. Financial proceeds will go toward appropriate public purposes supported by your Association.

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