



# The West End

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

April, 1994

## APRIL MEETING DRAWS FRENZIED CROWD EAGER TO VOLUNTEER FOR COMMITTEES

April Fool's Day a few days late!! More on the committees later...

The West End Association Board met at Billye Keith Jones's home on Tuesday, April 3, 1994. Vice-president Buck Skillen presided at the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was a brief presentation by David Wallace, our treasurer, for the West End Cafe. Rob Shay, the owner, would like to upgrade the building to bring it up to the current building code standards. The exterior will remain basically the same with the exception of a new entrance area. Inside, the remodeling will mean that there will be room for some additional seating (currently an increase from 36 to 60 seats is projected--good news for the many fans of the cafe). The Historic Property Commission has reviewed the plans and were meeting later in the week to vote on the changes. Rob will need an additional 8 variances for extra parking since the seating capacity will increase. Construction is planned to begin in late summer. After some questions from those in attendance, mostly in order to make sure that no major changes in the menu are planned, the Board voted to support the West End Cafe's request for the parking variance. (LATE-BREAKING NEWS: Both the Historic Property Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment voted to approve the request for the variances as well.)

The next item of business was a report from President Wanda Merschel on the West End Mapping Steering Committee. Wanda, John Merschel, Buck Skillen, and Trish Pegram met with Tim Gauss of the City-County Planning Department to discuss the impact of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) on the West End. Others who attended the meeting included Tom Harris, who does not live in the West End but who does own property in the neighborhood; June Dinkins, who both resides in the neighborhood and owns additional property; and George Munford, a local Realtor. The purpose of the meeting was to seek input from homeowners, businesspeople, and others interested parties. As we all know, our neighborhood is unique, and apparently that uniqueness is presenting some problem in deciding what the zoning should be under the UDO. While many residents of the West End support residential single family zoning as most closely reflecting the true character of our neighborhood, some who own property in our area prefer less restrictive zoning which would allow for a wider variety of uses. Whatever zoning is adopted will mean rezoning; the Planning Board currently appears to favor a code which would require the least amount of rezoning. Hopefully, the Historic Overlay would afford us some protection. For more information on this important issue, please call Tim Gauss at the Planning Board (727-2087), or Wanda or John Merschel (722-6092). (MORE LATE-BREAKING NEWS: At a later meeting of the same group, Wanda reports that the current train of thought is for single family zoning with up to a quadriplex being allowable.)

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We just can't thank Bill Wise enough for his many contributions to the West End and to the Association. Bill has attended countless meetings on zoning and other issues vital to the West End, has kept us abreast of matters of importance, and has guided and represented us well in numerous situations. Bill has decided that he would like to spend a bit more time enjoying retirement, although he has most generously offered to follow the UDO process through its conclusion and to help with a transition. John Bills will begin to attend some of the Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings, and perhaps some other West Enders can increase their involvement and participation. We are certainly grateful to Bill for all he has done.

**A TREE FOR A TREE?**

The Board spent some time discussing the actual protection afforded our neighborhood by the Historic District overlay, and to what extent the guidelines can and should be enforced. Discussion of the issue was prompted because of a situation in which a resident cut down a tree which was larger than the size allowed for removal without notification. Having spent considerable time and effort to get the Historic Overlay approved, should we now allow the guidelines to be violated?

Wylie Yarborough distributed some booklets which summarize and illustrate the guidelines. The booklets will be mailed to all property owners in the near future.

**AND NOW FOR THOSE COMMITTEES.....**

Some members of your association volunteered and were volunteered to serve as chairs for various and sundry committees. Billye Keith Jones will chair the Holiday House Tour Committee; Missie Vaughan will chair the Festival at Grace Court; and Ellen Sandridge (and Jim) will chair the Crime Watch Committee. Please call for further info AND to offer your valued assistance.

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST**

In honor of Jim and Missie Vaughan's new daughter, Wanda motioned that designate March 17 as Anna Elizabeth Vaughan Day. The Board approved unanimously and would also like to similarly honor other newborn members of our neighborhood.

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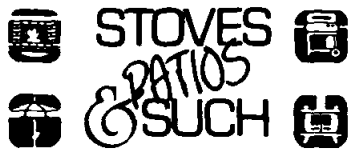
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