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- West End



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660 West Fifth Street
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By and for the
West End Neighborhood

June, 1994

JUNE MEETING GOES TO THE DOGS AT GRACE COURT

Not really, but we did have a canine guest at the meeting held on June 7. We also had people guests from the City as well as from the neighborhood.

GUESTS FROM CITY HOUSING SERVICES DEPARTMENT SHARE INFO, ANSWER QUESTIONS

President Wanda Merschel opened the meeting and introduced two guests, Don Dwiggins and Darwin Hudler from the City's Housing Services Department. Don complimented the West End on all the hard work we have done and on our accomplishments as a neighborhood. He cited our neighborhood as an example of what can be achieved when there is a high level of neighborhood commitment and involvement.

Don noted that West End will be featured all month on City TV (Channel 13). Watch to see footage of the Y (maybe shot from 5:00-6:00?) and Hanes Park.

Don distributed some brochures on services which are available through the Housing Services Department. A wide range of financial programs (mostly loans, some grants) are offered, both for owner-occupied homes and for investors. These programs are available only in what is described as "certified rehabilitation areas." Part of the West End, the area bordered by First, Fourth, and I-40, which is sometimes called "West End South," is considered as a certified rehabilitation area. Don noted that the programs are designed to help fixed income people maintain and improve their property. The group had some discussion about some of the problems which can also be associated with such programs, including serving as an incentive for increased investor ownership rather than owner occupancy.

Darwin discussed the City's minimum housing code and code enforcement issues. He said that the City has had a minimum housing code for over 35 years and that the department receives over 5,000 complaints per year. He discussed the process of filing a complaint, the steps the City takes to investigate complaints, and noted that complaints may be filed by occupants of a property (generally tenants) as well as by neighbors who may have concerns about specific properties. Darwin emphasized that often problems at a given property are "people problems" rather than problems with the building. He noted also that the code does not cover aesthetic issues but rather emphasizes safety and health issues. The City Revenue Department has a booklet with the housing code, which is available for a nominal sum. Darwin also commented on the importance of a strong neighborhood association.

The group had several questions for Don and Darwin. If you have questions about the housing code, or about any of the services available through the Housing Services Department, please call 727-8575.

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UPDATES FROM CRIME WATCH COMMITTEE

Ellen Sandridge reports that in May there were several incidents of cars being vandalized, which occurred throughout the West End and appeared to be random. Ellen also recently attended a meeting sponsored by the Winston-Salem Police Department on Neighborhood Watch. Lynn Key, who is the Police Department's liaison with local neighborhood watch programs, said that the WSPD is proposing the establishment of a citywide neighborhood watch council. The council would have representatives from neighborhood watch groups in each of the 4 sectors of the city. Ellen reminded the group that the police emphasized not to be afraid to call when you observe suspicious activities. The group had some discussion of the neighborhood watch program in the West End and in how the program is supposed to operate; interest in the program seems to wax and wane depending upon the number and severity of incidents in the neighborhood. Residents are encouraged to call their block captains to report any problems, and the block captains will assist in making people in their area aware of problems. The names and phone numbers of block captains are on page 4. The most important thing to remember about neighborhood watch is that it is just what the name says--neighborhood watch. Be aware, know your neighbors, watch out for your neighbors, follow personal safety tips as recommended by the police, take reasonable precautions, and report suspicious activities to the police. The board voted to support our becoming members of the citywide council.

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