



West End Neighborhood Association, Inc.  
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## **Minutes of the Meeting of February 28, 2023**

### **Annual Meeting**

Attendance: Peter Kramer, George Bryan, Hunter McKay, Mark LaBrecque, Carmen Kiper, Dan McLaughlin, Lynne Linnett, Victoria Goral, Jessica Chandler, Frank Johnson, Cyndi Briggs, John Merschel

(Items needing action are marked with "\*\*")

Meeting called to order 6:00pm by Treasurer, Peter Kramer.

Members were welcomed and the Minutes for January 2023 were approved.

As the Board was awaiting a quorum, Peter moved on to discussion of the upcoming Easter Event. Andrea Mullins will once again provide leadership and new board member, Jessica Chandler, will be part of the committee. They are looking at an Easter Egg Hunt on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April. \*

(other Board Members joined and there was a quorum)

The slate of Board Members as emailed was presented for election:

- Members agreeing to serve another two-year term; Justine Mitchell, Frank Johnson, Dan McLaughlin, Mark LaBrecque, and Carmen Kiper
- New Board Member nominated to complete the second year of Clint Buss' term; Jessica Chandler
- New Officer; Hunter McKay, Vice President
- Officer agreeing to serve an additional one-year term; Peter Kramer, Treasurer

The vote on the slate was made by all West Enders attending. The vote was unanimous in favor of the slate.

Discussion then occurred on recruiting one more Board Member that was vacated with Hunter moving to an Officer position and to the need for a President of the West End Association. Victoria suggested a social event to share about the West End. Having a social time at Joymongers. This discussion widened into discussing other ways for West Enders to connect. Cyndi suggested that the social event was a good idea and that she liked to help with landscaping events. Hunter encouraged a casual social event and personal interaction. Victoria will take the lead. \*

Lynne discussed the possibility of an event like held in Gboro- Parisian Promenade. They have singers, pantomime, chess, poodle parade and more. Lynne feels she couldn't take the lead in this event, but it has potential to be a good social event.

Dan McLaughlin updated all of us on the island plantings. Summit St. Island. Dan needs a budget. George mentioned the 4<sup>th</sup> St. Islands were ready for cleaning and some update for Spring. \*

Membership: George is in the last phase of membership recruitment. Our minimum goal is 100 households and 30 businesses. At this point we have about 85 households and 5 businesses. Next step in household recruitment is direct emails to members who have not renewed. Businesses will be mailed invoice. \*

Treasury Report: Peter reported About \$900 negative in January as some income came in but many bills from Home Tour also hit. Current assets are \$48,428.48.

Neighborhood Watch: Mark reported the last community wide meeting was not too helpful. Petty crime seems to still be the issue however the murders on Burke St are of major concern and there is a meeting at 9 am Thursday with the Police.

Mark also presented the possibility of cheap cameras supported by the WEA with the condition that homeowners would be willing to share any footage with Police should a crime occur. The cameras are about \$30@. There was some discussion. Mark mentioned experimenting with this for \$200. George pointed out that one way the murder on Burke St was solved was through a camera. The Board will wait for further ideas. \*

Lynne expressed concern about petty crime as 3 cars were broken into on her street this past fall. We all are concerned that the current police policy, because of lack of staff, is to not physically respond to these crimes.

HRC: no cases of concern. HRC is trying to redefine membership and George will share when he hears. \*

Peter announced the next meeting will be March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Lynne had a last thought about Brunson School's relocation on Paterson in a brownfield entertainment district. Board reaction was that we had fought the relocation and lost and the plans to move the school are now set.

Annual Meeting adjourned 7:05PM

Respectfully Submitted,

George Bryan

Secretary.