



West End Neighborhood Association, Inc.  
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## **Minutes of the Meeting of July 25, 2023**

Attendance: Peter Kramer, George Bryan, Mark LaBrecque, Carmen Kiper, Frank Johnson, Lynne Linnet, Victoria Goral and Karen Googe.

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

Meeting called to order 6:07pm by Treasurer Peter Kramer

Members were welcomed as there was no quorum any votes will be carried to next meeting.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Event: 80ish people attended. Bit different crowd than last year. Got new member. Carmen said she had hoped for more young kids. Amount of barbeque worked out. May need more vegetarian options. Tents saved the day as it was very hot. Neighbors provided 4 tents. May need more tables. Karen, representing Kilpatrick Stockton, offered tables, chairs and tents if Kilpatrick was not using on the date.

Fall Event: tabled til next meeting. Some general ideas shared.

Membership: 114 households and 31 businesses – one of our strongest years. A person from Hawthorne reached out and wanted to join. George shared that there is plenty of precedent for this. Their neighborhood will not get the advocacy but they can enjoy other benefits.

Traffic Island beautification: Tabled.

Reynolds dumpster in Hanes Park: George has received a reply from Reynolds and they are saying they had two dumpsters and this one is for Tennis. George has contact HRC to see if approval was given for this – no reply yet. Tennis courts have been used by Reynolds for 40 years without a dumpster.

PJ Memorial: A phrase has been chosen: "Creator of gardens, mentor to many." Brenda has asked if it could be in shape of MG. Still working on that. Also she suggested the plaque could be in a "memory tree". Another small tree could be planted and hung with plaque. George will continue to work on this.

West End broken sign: George has chased down the company from Poythress and the bases of the signs come locally from Wilson Lighting. The motion would be to purchase 3 more signs so we have inventory for future. As there is no quorum this will be continued.

Neighborhood Watch: Mark LaBrecque has identified 2 households near 5<sup>th</sup> and Brookstown that would agree to have a camera provided by the West End and that they would share video with Police. There was brainstorming about additional homes near that intersection and he will proceed. He also reports that the “vigilante” effort in neighborhood folks have moved. There has been a change in leadership of the police in the two districts that cover West End.

Financials : Peter reported a \$150 loss this month (much less than expected in an off House Tour year). In actuality we have gained unreported interest of \$322 so we are positive. This past month saw a \$100 insert in newsletter.

HRC: George reported on after the fact COAs. Evidently this was part of the City Budget packet and we were never informed it was coming. George reported that house changes before July 1 would still only be charged the \$75 for an after the fact rather than the new \$500 fee. There was some discussion that an increased fee would deter folks from ignoring the HRC. George emphasized this is not a penalty fee but the estimated cost to investigate and process an after the fact COA by city staff.

On the agenda of HRC this week is an after the fact backyard fence on Jersey.

George also reported on the ZBA August 3 agenda. 133 West End Blvd. was denied an after the fact COA for a standing seam metal roof on their front porch. Sandburg maps from early 1900s confirmed a tin roof was not used. They have been asked to remove and replace. They have appealed this decision to the ZBA. George said if there was a quorum he would have asked for support of the HRC decision. George also clarified that that the ZBA will not be ruling on tin versus shingle but on was the proper process followed by the HRC in their decision.

Peter brought up that Lynne had requested him to share an email about National Night Out and why the West End was not doing it. He did not share as the Board had elected not to apply and only one application would be accepted from across Winston anyway. Mark added that there are many neighborhoods amidst violence and major issues that have more of a need for being the host of National Night Out.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26

Respectfully Submitted,

George Bryan

Secretary.