



West End Neighborhood Association, Inc.  
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## **Minutes of the Meeting of June 27, 2023**

Attendance: Peter Kramer, George Bryan, Mark LaBrecque, Carmen Kiper, Justine Mitchell, Frank Johnson, Lynne Linnet, and Dan McLaughlin

(Items needing action are marked with “\*”)

Meeting called to order 6:04pm by Treasurer Peter Kramer

Members were welcomed and the Minutes for May 2023 were approved. Motion Mark, second – Justine.

Peter mentioned we continue to have openings for President and a Board member.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Event: Frank reports the event is coming together well. There are 4 boxes of decorations. Jessica recently posted on listserve and an event will be established on Facebook by Carmen\*. In addition to food- meat provided by WEA and sides by those attending, there will be bike decorations and a pie contest with gift card prizes. Mark offered to help with set up and break down. Frank is projecting for 100. (all attendees may not be WE but those that are there will be welcomed).

Peter mentioned we should look ahead to a Fall event. Previously there had been discussions of Dash game or music.

Membership: One of the strongest years of membership: 109 households and 30 Businesses (Thanks Mark Lively)

Discussion of plaque for PJ Lenihan to recognize his contributions to WE and planting islands. George said he had discussed with Brenda Penny and with Mark Lively. There was discussion about how to obtain permission for such a sign and it was decided to put a small unobtrusive sign there and, if asked to move, then try to go through governmental channels. Peter made and motion to allocate \$300 and Mark seconded – unanimous.

Traffic Island beautification: Dan joined the call a bit late from Canada. Summit island is torn up from an infrastructure project. Other areas look good. Dan will prompt a work project when Summit Island is stable.

Neighborhood Watch: Mark LaBrecque reported he had no response from his reach out to the neighborhood regarding cameras to slow petty crime. He will try again through neighborhood watch Facebook\*. Still working on combining two police districts into one covering all of the West End district. He reported that there was discussion by a West Ender of having given money to a local person and that person had become persistent in asking for more. West Enders made suggestions and the police responded to help her.

Financials : Peter reported a - \$81 net revenue this past month. He has established a \$40k CD at 4.9% with dollars not immediately needed. As has been the tradition, he requested approval to give \$150 donation to Downtown Partnership – Mark moved, George seconded. Memberships this year have brought in just over \$4,000.

There was general discussion about expenses over the next year. We have approved expenditures for camera, Litter stations and upcoming events. George mentioned we were actively replacing WE sign on Summit and that there are other projects in the neighborhood that could be addressed like benches in historic portion of Hanes Park and fencing on small park on east West End Boulevard.

HRC: George reported that no agenda was released yet.

Dog Litter Stations: George updated Board that Maggie Jackson and Mark LaBrecque will be on the Committee and we will try to meet this week. \*

Dumpster in Hanes Park: George sent a letter to the principal and has not heard back. It was copied to HRC and Parks and Rec and he has directly discussed with them. They would like to know when the school acts.

Lynne asked about the holly tree in Merschel Park. George explained the WE had donated for it and it has a marker. Lynne was very impressed by the quality of the tree.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02

Respectfully Submitted,

George Bryan

Secretary