

**WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**\*APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF**  
**DIRECTORS ON Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 7 PM**  
**Pace Academy, 966 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30327**

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\*Minutes were officially approved at the board meeting held on 05.16.17

President Anna Sonoda called the Meeting to order at 7 PM in the Castle Board Room at Pace Academy.

**Present at the Meeting:** The Meeting's attendance list reflects 12 of the 22 Board members. The following Board members did not attend the Meeting: Fred Assaf, Rick Orr, Tom Tidwell, Chandler Haydon, Rip Black, Henry Feinstein, Maxine Feinstein, Parker Hudson, Katherine Kinser, and Lessie Love. Guests present at the meeting were representatives from the Kingswood Neighborhood: John Shepherd, Treasurer and Bill Liss, Security Chair. Jim Elgar with Ceasar Mitchell's office was also present.

**Kingswood Proposal:** The Kingswood Neighborhood is looking to partner with West Paces Neighborhood in sharing one or possibly two shifts with Thorpe Enterprises. Bill Liss and John Shepherd indicated total annual cost per shift is \$60,000. Thorpe Enterprises employs individuals to patrol the neighborhood and report security issues, and to provide concierge services to the members of the neighborhood association. They do not carry firearms and do not have arrest powers. Kingswood has recently had one of their residents donate funds for the purchase of two security cameras to provide for an extra level of security. Thorpe could provide security to both neighborhoods 7 days per week including weekends. Kingswood would like to have a decision by the WPNA board by end of May. After Mr. Liss and Mr. Shepherd left the meeting, the board discussed the matter further. According to Eddie Padgett, WPNA security chair, our current security patrol provides six 5 hour shifts per week @ \$35/hour. The shifts are randomly scheduled. The officers have access to APD, 911, and have full arresting authority. David Mulkey runs the shifts. John Barton explained that Kingswood made a similar proposal to WPNA back in July 2016, and that WPNA turned them down. Everyone who is familiar with David Mulkey seems to agree that he and his officers have done a good overall job for WPNA since it's inception in 1991. John Barton further explained that we currently have a high level of credibility and cooperation with regards to David Mulkey and his officers. Thorpe would offer a lot more coverage for the same amount of money. The issues in the past have typically been break-ins and not violent crimes, so perhaps having an unarmed patrol makes some sense. Thorpe would offer 16 hour windows vs. our current 5 hour windows. The primary issue to weigh is Quality ( with Mulkey) Vs. Quantity ( with Thorpe). John Barton suggested that we give time for David Mulkey and Bill Thorpe to address the board prior to making any final decisions. Other issues to consider is that we have 410 homes and Kingswood has 200 homes. John Barton mentioned limited board liability with

Mulkey , but we would probably be better protected ( from a liability standpoint) with Thorpe. Eddie Padgett agreed that two separate meetings be scheduled with Mulkey and Thorpe. John Barton suggested looking into fake cameras for use in the neighborhood. The cost is about \$10 apiece.

**Jim Elgar:** Jim Elgar with Caesar Mitchell’s office announced a college essay and Financial Aid seminar sponsored by Caesar Mitchell’s office to be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will also be a practice PSAT and SAT administered. Mr. Elgar had copies of the newsletter and information on the College Financial Aid seminar for all who were interested. He also mentioned that the City budget will be tighter than in past years. Tom Frolik inquired on the ability of the city to purchase land and homes for the purpose of creating parks. Elgar mentioned that Yolanda Adrean had \$300,000 set aside for the purpose of providing security cameras at \$15K each. The cameras have License Plate Readers, and the funds are available via the City Council Match Program. Mr. Elgar urged us all to contact our city council members to make known what we would like to see in the budget for this year. John Barton explained the shoddy work that he had observed by city contractors and the “run around” that he was getting with regards to his home sewer line.

**Secretary’s Report:** Secretary Fred Glass made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mr. Hoke distributed the Association’s financial report as of March 31, 2017, which reflected a cash balance of \$52,382.05 including the beautification and reserve funds (totaling \$2,663.06 and \$10,000, respectively) and \$39,718.99 without such funds. Security remains the Association’s primary function and largest expense. Mr. Hoke reported the number of Association members – 272 – had paid as of April 18, 2017. Charles said that the Association is in good financial shape. He also mentioned that Rip Black was able to secure \$300 for the neighborhood due to the filming occurring on Pinestream. The motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s report, which was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

**Social Committee:** Emily Richardson mentioned that we had 18 family units attend the Social/Speaker event with Tracy McClendon from Atlanta Botanical Gardens that was held on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was likely affected by the I85 bridge fire that same evening. Emily indicated the possibility of having an Atlanta United event at Pace Academy. Soccer players would do an exhibition, and it would be a social event for members.

**Beautification Committee:** Beautification Committee Chair, Tom Frolik discussed the idea of getting a park for the neighborhood as there is no park conveniently close to the neighborhood. He said that a property on Lenox Road in NPU-B was converted to a park for \$2MM on 3 acres.

**Membership Committee:** Membership Committee Chair, Steve Dickson and Harold Goings handed out a current neighborhood membership list to all board members present. We have 34 pending renewal (had been members last year, but had not joined this year). Steve said he put a letter together for non-members and put in mailboxes on his street. We got 6 new members from recent email blast. Steve said for board members to email him with number of letters needed per street and he will provide for board members to distribute

**Transportation Committee:** Anna Sonoda mentioned that the Moores Mill/Northside PKWY intersection project is behind and that it was a big mess. She also said that Mr. Fender has finally cleaned up his property. She has not heard back from Mary Norwood regarding the GDOT Commission. She also said that there are some concerns regarding aesthetics with the Whole Foods parking deck in the Houstons shopping center.

New Business: None to report

There being no additional business to come before this group, the Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred M. Glass, Jr.  
Secretary