

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
***APPROVED* MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**
MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017, 7
PM,
Pace Academy, 966 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30327

*Minutes were officially approved at the Annual Meeting held on 20 February 2018.

President Fred Glass called the Annual Meeting to order at 7 PM in Knights' Hall in the Garcia Family Middle School at Pace Academy.

Present at the Meeting: The Meeting's attendance lists reflect 12 of 20 Board members, multiple Neighborhood residents and Association members, and several speakers including Messrs. Evans and Humphries of the Georgia Department of Transportation ("GDOT"), Atlanta City Councilmember Yolanda Adrean of District 8, Atlanta City Councilperson (Post 2 – At Large) and 2017 Atlanta mayoral candidate Mary Norwood, Atlanta City Council Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Policy Research Jim Elgar, and Atlanta Police Department ("APD") Sergeants Mulkey and Capell. The following Board members did not attend the Meeting: Fred Assaf, Steve Dickson, Harold Goings, Dottie Padgett, Eddie Padgett, Jeffrey Peebles, Tom Tidwell, and Andrew Waguespack. Mr. Glass and Secretary John Barton confirmed the existence of a quorum.

Opening Remarks: Mr. Glass opened the Meeting with a brief overview of the history and purpose of the Association, which started in 1993 as a security-oriented organization focused on improving the quality of life for the residents within its geographical boundaries. This focus continues today.

Secretary's Report: Mr. Barton distributed for approval the proposed minutes from the Association's (a) Annual Board Meeting held on February 18, 2016 and (b) Board Meeting held on January 17, 2017. Upon appropriate motion and second, the minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Charles Hoke presented the Association's financial report as of December 31, 2016, which reflected a cash balance of \$37,400 including the beautification and reserve funds (totaling \$2,800 and \$10,000, respectively) and \$24,600 without such funds. Security remains the Association's primary function and accounts for 80% of our expenses as of this reporting period. Mr. Hoke reported that the paid 2017 membership stood at 240 as of January 17, 2017, which is approaching 2016's all-time high of 289. Upon appropriate motion and second, the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee Report and Elections: The Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Mr. Glass and Vice President Anna Sonoda, presented for approval the following slate of Association officers and directors for 2017:

President:	Anna Sonoda	Rilman Drive
Vice President:	John Barton	Paces Forest Drive
Treasurer:	Charles Hoke	Montana Road
Secretary:	Fred Glass	Paces Forest Road
Directors:	Fred Assaf (Pace Liaison)	West Paces Ferry Road
	John Barton	Paces Forest Drive
	Ralph (“Rip”) Black	Pinestream Road
	Steve Dickson	North Wood Valley Road
	Henry Feinstein	Paces Forest Drive
	Maxine Feinstein	Paces Forest Drive
	Tom Frolik	Pine Meadow Road
	Fred Glass	Paces Forest Road
	Harold Goings	Wood Valley Road
	Cary Green	Wood Valley Road
	Chandler Haydon	Paces Forest Road
	Charles Hoke	Montana Road
	Parker Hudson	Rilman Road
	Katherine Kinser	Pine Meadow Road
	Lessie Love	Asheworth Court
	Anne Mueller-Wise	Rilman Road
	Rick Orr	East Wood Valley Road
	Eddie Padgett	West Paces Ferry Court
	Emily Richardson	Asheworth Court
	Anna Sonoda	Rilman Drive
	Tom Tidwell	North Wood Valley Road

Upon appropriate motion and second, the above-referenced slate was unanimously approved and duly elected. In keeping with 2016, there are 20 Board members for 2017.

GDOT Report: Messrs. Evans and Humphries, GDOT Project Managers, provided a progress report for GDOT’s construction project at Northside Parkway and Moores Mill Road, which is being undertaken to correct the unsafe intersection and other related matters (“**Project**”). The Project is reportedly 6% complete and 15-20% behind schedule. Completion of the Project is nonetheless projected to be November 30, 2017. Left-turn lanes will be installed at all turn opportunities in the Moores Mill Road/Northside Parkway intersection (“**Intersection**”). Left-turn lights with flashing yellow arrows will be installed in the Intersection. There will be a dedicated right-turn lane from Moores Mill Road to Northside Parkway. Real-estate developer Phillip Fender, the owner of residential property adjacent to the Project, will not be permitted to install a driveway that has direct access to Northside Parkway. Consistent with the Board’s prior knowledge and despite the

Board's aggressive efforts to the contrary, Messrs. Evans and Humphries confirmed GDOT's decision to put guardrails on the "inside" of the sidewalks on Northside Parkway, meaning that there would be no guardrails serving as a safety buffer between vehicles on Northside Parkway and pedestrians using the sidewalks along Northside Parkway, although there would be raised curbs between the street and sidewalks. This pronouncement was met with the universal, vociferous disdain of the audience, thus causing Messrs. Evans and Humphries to say they would ask GDOT to reconsider this decision. Mr. Barton noted that, despite the Board's extensive efforts to get GDOT to move the guardrails to the "outside" of the sidewalks, GDOT wrote a letter to the Board indicating that the main reasons the guardrails were being located on the "inside" of the sidewalks were (a) cost- and delay-related issues involving the acquisition of easements and land using GDOT's eminent-domain powers and (b) the anticipated high costs of ongoing GDOT maintenance to the guardrails if they were located on the "outside" (as opposed to the "inside") of the sidewalks. Again, the audience expressed its extreme displeasure with GDOT's approach to the guardrail issue and demanded reconsideration of the matter by GDOT, which Messrs. Evans and Humphries agreed to convey to GDOT.

Councilperson Yolanda Adrean's Report: Ms. Adrean provided an overview of new security measures being implemented in APD Zone 2, in which the Association's geographical boundaries are located. As of January 1, 2017, APD Major Barry Shaw took over Zone 2, dismantled the traffic unit, and made it part of the crime unit, which is resulting in more arrests in Zone 2. Ms. Adrean has been extremely pleased with Major Shaw's work. Ms. Adrean also noted that the installation of security cameras and license-plate readers ("LPRs") continues to occur in Zone 2, with 38 being installed right now. She lauded the efficacy of these cameras and LPRs, citing a recent incident at Lenox Mall in Buckhead, where two convicted felons armed with a loaded, high-capacity AK-47 semiautomatic rifle were quickly apprehended after the car they were driving was scanned by an LPR. Ms. Adrean emphasized that Major Shaw is placing crime prevention over traffic work, which members of the audience audibly supported. She also indicated the importance of supporting our APD officers by paying them more for their services. APD pay increases of \$11MM were recently approved. Shifting gears, Ms. Adrean discussed the new Whole Foods 365 project at the Houston's shopping center at the northeast corner of Northside Parkway and West Paces Ferry. No zoning variances are required to build the Whole Foods 365, which includes a parking deck. Ms. Adrean and others are encouraging the developer to build an aesthetically pleasing project that reflects the character of the Neighborhood. She concluded by noting that GDOT is reviewing the traffic congestion at the Northside Parkway/I-75/West Paces Ferry intersection to determine a better layout.

Councilperson Norwood's Report: Responding to the ire of the audience regarding the aforementioned GDOT-guardrail issue, Ms. Norwood, who is running for Mayor of Atlanta, opened with assurances to the audience that she would follow up with the GDOT Commissioner to advocate for guardrails on the "outside" of the

sidewalks. She then addressed things about which she is concerned: reducing crime through reformation of the juvenile code among other initiatives; reducing traffic; improving mass-transit options and enhancing MARTA “where people will use it;” and revamping the zoning code to “protect the neighborhoods.” She noted the commendable efforts of City of Atlanta Planning Commissioner Tim Keane to treat neighborhoods as “conservation areas.” Mr. Keane reportedly gets high marks from many different groups. He is working on rewriting the zoning code next year.

Director Elgar’s Report: Mr. Elgar praised Major Shaw and Mr. Keane for their great work and forward thinking. He then provided an overview of the attempted revocation of the “quality of life” ordinance, which Atlanta mayoral candidate Ceasar Mitchell opposes. Revocation of this ordinance would make it harder for police to arrest panhandlers and loiterers, which would be bad for businesses, conventions, etc. He urged the audience not to support revocation.

Security Report: Sergeants Mulkey and Capell reiterated the importance of calling 911, if we see suspicious behavior in the Neighborhood. They also underscored the importance of not allowing 911 operators to push back on what constitutes “suspicious.” The biggest security issue in the Neighborhood is car break-ins. The Sergeants emphasized keeping cars locked and clean on the inside. They encouraged the audience to use home alarm systems. Sergeant Capell confirmed that Major Shaw is making a huge difference in Zone 2, which consists of approximately 40 square miles and is the biggest Zone in the City. Major Shaw has already added eight new police officers to Zone 2. APD officers will have body cameras in Zone 2 beginning in April of this year. More officers are being added to the beats in Zone 2. The most criminally active areas in Zone 2 are the mall areas and the Peachtree corridor. The audience was appreciative of the work of Sergeants Mulkey and Capell.

Beautification Committee: Beautification Committee Chair Tom Frolik reported that the ginkgo tree previously located at the intersection of Northside Parkway and Moores Mill Road has been successfully relocated to Pace Academy at no cost to the Association. The Board expressed its appreciation to Pace. A new ginkgo tree will be planted at the library on Northside Parkway. Roses in the Neighborhood are being pruned. Wells Fargo Bank on Northside Parkway is installing new exterior plants.

Social Committee: Mr. Hudson reported that the next Evening Social will be on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at 7 PM at Pace Academy, with a speaker from the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Tracy McClendon.

New Business: Mr. Glass confirmed that all Board meetings are open to the public. He thanked Craig Perry and Jack Hellriegel for their service to the Board over many years. Concern was expressed over downed trees not being removed from 865 Moores Mill Road after a big storm. Fines were discussed for nonremoval.

There being no additional business to come before this group, the Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Barton II, Secretary