

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
***APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF**
DIRECTORS ON Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7 PM
Pace Academy, 966 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30327

*Minutes were officially approved at the board meeting held on 08.15.17

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

Present at the Meeting: The Meeting's attendance list reflects 13 of the 20 Board members. The following Board members did not attend the Meeting: Harold Goings, Tom Frolik, Charles Hoke, Steve Dickson, Tom Tidwell, Parker Hudson, and Lessie Love. Guests present at the meeting were J.P. Matzigkeit, candidate for Atlanta City Council, as well as his campaign advisor Mary Dodson.

J.P. Matzigkeit: J.P. Matzigkeit announced his candidacy to represent District 8 on the Atlanta City Council. The position is currently held by Yolanda Adrean who announced recently that she would not seek re-election. Elections for the position will be held in November. Mr. Matzigkeit is currently running unopposed.

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: Secretary Fred Glass distributed the association's financial report (as Mr. Hoke was unable to be at the meeting) as of April 30, 2017, which reflected a cash balance of \$48,807.15 including the beautification and reserve funds (totaling \$1,803.06 and \$10,000, respectively) and \$37,004.09 without such funds. Security remains the Association's primary function and largest expense (\$4,550 for April). Other expenses were \$860 for a Gingko tree on the public library property, and \$100 annual dues to the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods. Mr. Glass reported the number of Association members - 275 - had paid as of May 12, 2017. The motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, which was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

Security Report: Eddie Padgett reported that there have not been any incidents this past month to report. He stated that the Kingswood/Thorpe proposal was closely reviewed by him as well as by, Anna Sonoda, Fred Glass, and John Barton. It was unanimously decided by them to reject this proposal and to remain with our current security patrol led by David Mulkey. Eddie went on to explain that Thorpe Enterprises is really more of a neighborhood concierge service than a neighborhood security patrol like we have now. Fred Assaf said that we are better off with our current security patrol that has communications with ambulance and other first responder services. Leslie Stebbins mentioned that weekend security coverage is a concern and that we should have security for some portion of the weekend. John

Barton mentioned that we probably should consider a substantial dues increase to expand coverage. He stated that it would be better to increase dues once every five years or so rather than creeping dues up every year or two. Fred Assaf mentioned that Pace would be willing to chip in for a License Plate Reader (LPR) camera if the neighborhood felt that was needed. He also said that it may be better to consider having the neighborhood promote the camera/ doorbell technology that alerts neighbors when someone is at the front door or near the house. It is also a motion detector that is available as an app on your phone. This may be a more effective and better use of resources than LPR cameras. Mr. Assaf said to check out this technology at www.ring.com

Social Committee: Emily Richardson reported that David Moore with Oakland Cemetery will be speaking at the next Speaker/Social event at Pace Academy on September 14th. The social committee is working on getting a social/exhibition event on the calendar this fall with Atlanta United at Pace Academy.

Transportation Committee: Work seems to be ramping up again at the Moores Mill/ Northside PKWY intersection. Chandler Hayden said that she knows the project coordinator at GDOT and will try to see if we can get the guardrails replaced to their original location between the sidewalk and the road. There currently is no plan to change the location of the guardrails. Anna Sonoda said that she is trying to facilitate a speed study to slow cars down near that intersection. She also said that Phillip Fender had finally cleared off the fallen trees near the house that he owns on Moores Mill Rd., and that the curb cut is a GDOT issue and not City of Atlanta. According to Anna, if Mr. Fender does not get the curb cut, then he will leave the neighborhood. If he were to sell that property, Anna said there may be the possibility that GDOT would purchase the land to make a walking “green” trail. There was separately a comment that perhaps the Rilman Road property could be made into a park by the City of Atlanta. When the topic arose that perhaps media attention would be effective in getting GDOT to speed up work and replace the guardrails to their original position, Fred Assaf said that may not be the way to go, and that it’s more effective to focus on relationships when it comes to getting things done. He also said that we should focus on the safety issue (regarding speed and guardrails) especially with all of the schools in close vicinity.

New Business: None to report

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fred M. Glass, Jr.
Secretary