

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS ON Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 7 PM
Pace Academy, 966 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30327

*Minutes will be officially approved at the next board meeting on 10.17.17

Vice President, John Barton called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM in the Fuqua Presentation Room at Pace Academy.

Present at the Meeting: The Meeting's attendance list reflects 14 of the 20 Board Members. The following Board Members did not attend the Meeting: Chandler Haydon, Emily Richardson, Henry Feinstein, Maxine Feinstein, Carey Green, and Anna Sonoda. Guest presenters at the meeting were Charlie Fiveash and Matt Westmoreland.

Guest Presenters:

First on the agenda was Charlie Fiveash and then followed by Matt Westmoreland. They spoke about their respective candidacies in the upcoming November elections. Charlie Fiveash is running for State Senate Seat district 6. Matt Westmoreland is running for Atlanta City Council Post 2 At Large.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Fred Glass asked is anyone had any questions about the minutes from the August 15th board meeting. There being no questions nor comments, the minutes were approved promptly after the motion was made for approval and then seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Charles Hoke distributed the Association's financial report as of August 31st 2017, which reflected a cash balance of \$29,154.72 including the beautification and reserve funds (totaling \$2,031.81 and \$10,000 respectively) and \$17,122.91 without such funds. Security remains the Association's primary function and accounts for its largest monthly expense (\$ 3,965.00 in the month of August). The second highest expense in the month of August was the annual premium for the Directors and Officers liability policy (\$1,970.00). Mr. Hoke noted that the Association is in good financial shape, and that there was nothing out of the ordinary. The motion was made to approve the Treasurers Report by John Barton, and the motion was promptly seconded by Fred Assaf.

Social Committee: Parker Hudson reported that the Social/Speaker event held at Pace Academy on September 14th was attended by 25-30 people. The speaker was David Moore with Oakland Cemetery. It was heavily marketed, and the hospitality shown by Pace Academy was outstanding. Parker mentioned that given the high effort and relative low attendance at these events, that it may not be sensible to continue to do them. James Ottley with the Buckhead Historical Society is

scheduled to speak on November 16. Pace Academy, however, will be hosting Dr. Ibram Kendi to speak to Pace faculty and parents on the same night (November 16th), and has asked if the neighborhood would like to participate in that event along with the Pace faculty and parents. After discussion, it was decided by the board that the neighborhood would like to participate in this joint event on 11/16. Parker will contact Mr. Ottley to see if it would be possible to reschedule him for some time in February 2018.

Security Committee: Eddie Padgett reported that there have been no reported incidents in the neighborhood within the last 30 days. David Mulkey, head officer of neighborhood security, has asked that neighbors be attentive to not leaving valuables in their cars.

Membership Committee: Steve Dickson and Harold Goings said that 2018 dues notices would be going out around November 1st. They also said that they would not be mailing them this year (thus saving postage expense), and would instead have dues letters prepared and signed by board members who live on the same street to be placed in mailboxes. The board indicated agreement with this plan. John Barton asked if dues should be increased this year. Pros and Cons to this were discussed, and John asked Steve and Harold to bring a recommendation to the October meeting regarding dues increase for 2018. Harold mentioned that he would try to have the dues letters with him at the October meeting so that they could be distributed to and signed by the board members. He also mentioned that a list of Active Members would be distributed to the neighborhood sometime in early 2018 with the hopes of getting some of the Non-Members to join. Parker Hudson made the point that there was a percentage of “old farts” who would never join the Association under any circumstances.

Pace Parking Solution Proposal: Fred Assaf presented a revised parking solution to the board that would add parking spaces one level below ground underneath the current parking lot behind the school and partially underneath the current rear field. Representatives from the Neighborhood Relations Committee, including Lee Caswell, have indicated approval of this plan as this new design minimizes any negative neighborhood aesthetics. There seems to be no objection to this revised plan from anyone on Asheworth Court. Fred Assaf indicated that he felt that this plan under its current revision could be best handled administratively by the city if the neighborhood was in full agreement. Fred made the point that the revised parking solution varies only slightly from the plan written into the neighborhood agreement with Pace 10 years ago, and that a letter from the neighborhood expressing approval should suffice. John Barton suggested that Pace handle the parking solution as an independent project, and that a letter from the neighborhood indicating approval be prepared by Pace and signed the Neighborhood Association President, Anna Sonoda. Tom Frolik made a motion to have Pace prepare the letter and Parker Hudson seconded the motion and all were in favor. All other decisions regarding future changes to the Pace campus will be tabled until later. Rip Black indicated concerns about neighborhood backlash if there was not proper

communication with the neighborhood regarding the revised parking solution. Fred Assaf felt like the best avenue would be to see if the revised plan could be approved via administrative action first, and then work to address neighbor concerns if any existed.

New & Miscellaneous Business: Amy Tidwell spoke to the board regarding a house on Moores Mill that was being used as a commercial enterprise. Apparently, there is filming and parties being held at this house, and several cars are parking on North Wood Valley. There are cars coming and going all hours of the day. Amy has contacted the police, David Mulkey, Yolanda Adrean's office, and the Filming and Entertainment office, but has gotten no help from anyone. John Barton suggested that Amy contact Jim Elgar with Ceasar Mitchells office for assistance as he has been helpful in the past. Rip Black made the point that the house is zoned residential and that someone has to actually be living there, and that there may be other zoning restrictions.

There being no additional business to come before this group, the Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred M. Glass, Jr.
Secretary