

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
ON Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Pace Academy
966 West Paces Ferry Road NW ~ Atlanta, Georgia 30327

President's Welcome: President Anna Sonoda was absent. Secretary Fred Glass led the meeting in her place. Fred Glass called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 pm. Fred welcomed the neighbors in attendance and detailed the agenda for the annual meeting.

By-laws Update: Fred Glass led a discussion on the proposed by-laws changes that were suggested by the Board. The first proposed change was to increase the maximum Board size from 20 individuals to 25 individuals. The second proposed change was to update the language in the by-laws to reflect virtual mailbox delivery (email) as comparable to physical mailbox delivery. Discussion was opened to those in attendance for any questions. Upon a motion, a seconded motion, and a vote by a show of hands, the proposed changes were approved by a majority of those in attendance.

Slate of Officers for the Board of Directors 2018-2019: Fred Glass presented the proposed slate for the officers of the Board of Directors for the Association for 2018-2019. The slate included: for President - Anna Sonoda; for Vice President - John Barton; for Secretary - Emily Richardson; for Treasurer - Charles Hoke. Discussion was opened to those in attendance for any questions. Upon a motion, a seconded motion, and a vote by a show of hands, the proposed slate of officers for the Board of Directors was approved by a majority of those in attendance.

Slate of Members for the Board of Directors 2018-2019: Fred Glass presented the proposed slate for the members of the Board of Directors for the Association for 2018-2019. The slate included:

Incoming members:
Mike Elting
Jim Hannon
Rick Robbins
Teresa Shell

Returning members:

Tom Frolik
Harold Goings
Cary Green
Fred Glass
Parker Hudson
Lessie Love
Fred Assaf
Rip Black
Steve Dickson
Henry Feinstein
Maxine Feinstein
Anne Muller-Wise
Eddie Padgett
Leslie Stebbins
Tom Tidwell

Discussion was opened to those in attendance for any questions. Upon a motion, a seconded motion, and a vote by a show of hands, the proposed slate of members for the Board of Directors was approved by a majority of those in attendance.

Security Update: Major Shaw from Zone 2 updated the Board and the membership on current crime statistics impacting Zone 2. He also addressed the realignment needs for Zone 2, as well as issues impacting Atlanta Police Department as a whole and difficulties faced by the Department in recruiting and maintaining law enforcement officers. Major Shaw detailed the Citizens Advisory Committee for those in attendance and answered questions on the CAC. Major Shaw also informed those in attendance on tactics to reduce crimes of opportunity in the area. These tactics include the “Clean Car Campaign.” Major Shaw informed the membership that an average of 8 guns are stolen weekly from cars in Zone 2 and he strongly encouraged neighbors to remove anything valuable and visible from vehicles so as to avoid break-ins. Another tactic that he encouraged was “See Something Say Something.” Major Shaw encouraged neighbors to always call 911 and informed the Association how 911 calls impact resources allocated to our area. Major Shaw discussed how criminals are casing homes and encouraged neighbors to be vigilant about watching out for each other and aware of suspicious behavior in the neighborhood. He also discussed crime prevention tactics that would not signal to potential criminals that the homeowner is out of town or away from home. Finally, Major Shaw discussed that NextDoor is not patrolled by APD and advised neighbors that crimes need to be reported to APD, not simply posted on NextDoor, so that law enforcement can be aware of the crime and can deal with it appropriately. Major Shaw took questions from the membership on a variety of topics.

Atlanta City Council Update: City Council Representative JP Matzigkeit and his Senior Policy Advisor, Jim Elgar, updated the neighbors on issues facing the area. Jim Elgar discussed in detail the program to install traffic cameras and license-plate-

readers in the area. Using maps of the area, Mr. Elgar described where the cameras and LPRs are located, how they work, their impact on detecting and solving crimes, and the plan to install more cameras and LPRs. Mr. Elgar took questions from the neighbors on this issue.

Social Events: One member raised the issue of the social functions being hosted by the Association, whether it was permissible to do so under the by-laws, and whether the membership objected to the use of the Association funds to pay for alcohol and other related expenses for social functions. A discussion was opened to those in attendance, and upon motion and a vote, a majority of the members in attendance voted to approve the Board's use of Association funds for social events.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM

Emily Richardson, Secretary