

**WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.  
 APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
 DIRECTORS ON Tuesday, August 13, 2019  
 St. Luke's – 3264 Northside Pkwy., Atlanta GA 30327**

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Vice President Rip Black called the Meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**Present at the Meeting:** 19 of the 23 Board members were present at the meeting. The following Board members attended the Meeting:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Steve Dickson	
Rip Black	X
Emily Richardson	X
Charles Hoke	X
Jill Cooper	X
Alcina Dalton	X
Mike Elting	X
Maxine Feinstein	X
Tom Frolik	X
Fred Glass	X
Harold Goings	X
Matthew Grabowski	
Jim Hannon	X
Parker Hudson	X
Alfred Kallingal	X
David Marvin	
Alva McGovern	X
Anne Muller Wise	X
Eddie Padgett	X
Sherry Perchik	X
Rick Robbins	
Teresa Shell	X
Leslie Stebbins	X

**President's Welcome:** President Steve Dickson was absent. Vice President Rip Black opened the meeting just after 7:02 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Emily Richardson presented the minutes of the board meeting on May 14, 2019. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded. The Board voted to approve the May minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Charles Hoke presented the Association's July 31, 2019 financial statement to the Board. Rip reported that the Association was in good financial shape and the Report reflected an ending balance of \$32,349.30 after the beautification and reserve funds. Charles reported that the Association received a donation of \$2,500 because a movie was being filmed in the neighborhood, which covered the approximately \$2,100 that the Association had had to put toward the security cameras. Charles reported that the Association is "chugging along fine," even with the increased pay for our security officers. He stated that we will start collecting dues in the Fall. He reported that we have 286 members as of August 7, 2019. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and the motion was seconded. The Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Membership Committee:** Harold Goings updated the Board that the push for recruiting new members and collecting dues from existing members will start in November. The committee will create an email to be sent to the members and posted on Nextdoor that highlights the benefits of joining and what the Association has done for the neighborhood. Harold said that Board members will need to target and encourage new and old members on their streets to join. An extensive discussion was held on encouraging new members and reaching out to new residents.

**Social Committee:** Parker Hudson updated the Board on the progress of the interest groups in the neighborhood, and he stated that he and Teresa Shell are working on getting the information onto the website. Parker said that the issue of the speaker series being held at Pace has been tabled for now until Steve Dickson and Fred Assaf can meet to discuss. The basement room of Blue Ridge Grill was proposed as a possible alternative location for the speaker series. Jill Cooper proposed a neighborhood night at a Braves game in September and committed to reaching out to the neighbors to gauge interest.

**Zoning & Transportation Committee:** Alva McGovern updated the Board on the Rilman Road development. David Childers, the construction manager, has not responded to her email. Alva heard that the development has been held up by the city for trees and drainage issues. The proposed construction is to build 5 homes by 2 different architects, so that all properties will be unique. The properties and site plans are listed on realtor Ben Hirsch's website. Alva will update the Board as she learns more. Regarding Charlie Fiveashe's fence, it has been taken down after the City got involved. Another fence was started along Moore's Mill, halted, permitted, and now is back up. At the NPU-A meeting, it was reported that there is a proposal

to build a basketball facility in a residential yard. It is going before the zoning board. There was also a discussion regarding the status of the construction/sale of the lots on the corner of Wood Valley and Northside Parkway.

**Beautification Committee:** Tom Frolik updated the Board on the continued issues with the area on Northside Parkway next to the Wells Fargo bank and that multiple plantings there have become sick and died. The committee is now looking for something sturdier to put there. Tom again raised the issue of the wall by the bank on Northside Parkway and the possibility of Pace Students painting a mural on that wall. He stated that DOT owns the wall and would have to sign off on it. He stated that would keep working on it and update the Board.

**Communications Committee:** Teresa Shell updated the Board that she sent out a few emails over the summer to the Association members. She reminded Board members how to proceed if one wants her to email something out to the membership. A discussion was held regarding the website, and Teresa asked that if the Board members have any suggestions or requests for information to be put on the website, to please contact her. A discussion was held on removing the "Pace Relations" tab from the main headers on the website. A further discussion was held regarding adding information about the security cameras to the website.

**Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods:** Teresa Shell updated the Board that there were no BCN meetings this summer. She encouraged the Board members to sign up for emails from BCN because they are very informative. Teresa told the Board that our Association has provided feedback to BCN on the issues of trees and crime. Mike Elting also encouraged Board members to sign up for monthly email newsletters from City Councilman J.P. Matzigkeit.

**By-Laws Committee:** The by-laws committee reported that there will be an update next month.

**Security Report:** Eddie Padgett reported that 2 cars in the area were stolen in July and recovered near-by. Keys were left inside the vehicle in both instances. He reminded the Board to be careful, be vigilant, and leave cars locked. Eddie and Anne Muller Wise updated the Board on the Atlanta Police Foundation security/blue light cameras, reminded Board members on what capabilities the cameras have, and discussed the locations of the three current cameras. Eddie and Anne informed the Board that two more cameras will be installed in January when the Association receives the second contribution from Pace. There was a discussion of whether we could accelerate the process of getting more cameras through fundraising in the neighborhood. There was also a discussion that the widespread power outage in our neighborhood on August 11<sup>th</sup> was the result of a person trying to disconnect a home's security system.

**Pace/Neighborhood Relations Committee (NRC):** The Board was updated that Pace's first priority right now is the lower school construction, which should start in January. Pace is looking at redoing the "Castle" and converting the President's house into offices in the future. A discussion was held on the issue of student and parent parking on Gatewood, Rilman, Benton, and Asheworth. Neighbors have reported that it is improving, but Pace is willing to keep addressing it. Rip Black reminded the Board that concerns such as these are why we have the NRC and what it should be used for to facilitate dealing with issues with Pace.

**New Business:**

Rip Black informed the Board that City Councilman J.P. Matzigkeit is trying to have periodic meetings of all the heads of different neighborhood associations. Steve Dickson is meeting with him on August 28, 2019. If any Board members have any suggestions for Steve to bring up at the meeting, please let him know by Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. One suggestion made at the meeting was how we can better improve our neighborhood's communication with the movie and film industry when there is filming going on in our neighborhood.

Rip reminded the Board that the next meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup>. A discussion was held regarding moving the October meeting due to Fall Break. Date TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:14 PM

Emily Richardson, Secretary