

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS ON Tuesday, JANUARY 15, 2019
St. Luke's – 3264 Northside Pkwy., Atlanta GA 30327

President Steve Dickson called the Meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Present at the Meeting: The Meeting's attendance list reflects 22 of the 22 Board members. The following Board members attended the Meeting:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Steve Dickson	X
Emily Richardson	X
Charles Hoke	X
Fred Assaf	X
Rip Black	X
Mike Elting	X
Henry Feinstein	X
Maxine Feinstein	X
Tom Frolik	X
Fred Glass	X
Harold Goings	X
Cary Green	X
Jim Hannon	X
Parker Hudson	X
Lessie Love	X
Anne Muller-Wise	X
Eddie Padgett	X
Rick Robbins	X
Anna Sonoda	X
Teresa Shell	X
Leslie Stebbins	X
Tom Tidwell	X

President's Welcome: President Steve Dickson opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Emily Richardson was delayed in arriving at the meeting due to traffic, so there was no secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Charles Hoke presented the Association's December 2018 financial statement and reported that the Association finished 2018 with \$50,757.55. After the beautification fund and the reserve fund were deducted, the ending balance was \$39,250.91. As of January 15, 2019, there are 241 members. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and the motion was seconded. The Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Security Report: APD Officer Mulkey provided an update on recent crime incidents. Regarding the fleeing criminals on/near the Westminster campus, one man was spotted on the Westminster cameras. Georgia State Patrol was unable to use dogs to track the criminals, and the helicopter was down for maintenance. That man was not found. Another suspect was apprehended, and law enforcement will try to learn the identity of his partners. Numerous cars are still being entered into illegally. Officer Mulkey reminded the neighbors to lock their cars and leave nothing visible inside the cars because the break-ins are based on what the criminals see inside the cars. Regarding an incident on Montana, a man with a clipboard walked up to a house. He kicked in the back door. The alarm system was not set. The lookout for that incident was driving a gold Honda Accord. He has been identified and he has outstanding warrants for burglary and violation of probation in Cobb. Law enforcement is still trying to find him. Officer Mulkey fielded questions from those attending the meeting.

Eddie Padgett and Anne Muller Wise provided an update on the research on potential security cameras for the neighborhood. Twelve locations have been identified as potential camera spots. One option is Flock cameras, which are \$2000 apiece. Peachtree Hills has them and Brookwood Hills is looking at them. APD can access the images, but there is no alert system. They are cellular and solar powered. Another option is VIC/blue light cameras, which are \$10,000 to \$15,000 apiece. They can be placed on city property or private property with the owners' permission. The purpose of the cameras is to solve crime, although the signage is helpful in preventing some crime. There is a two-year contract. President Steve Dickson raised the issue of deciding where the cameras would go. Flock will provide suggested deployment and may be able to mark the locations for the neighbors to consider in advance. There was a discussion on the results of other neighborhoods using these cameras and whether they are a deterrent. Major Quigley said for neighborhood associations, this is the best choice. Officer Mulkey discussed how the camera footage leads to apprehending a suspect.

Social Committee: Parker Hudson updated the Board that the social committee will put a poll in the newsletter to ascertain the neighbors' preferences on social activities. Suggested options include continuing the speaker series, large neighborhood gatherings around Memorial Day or Labor Day, social hour before 2 or 3 Board Meetings each year, encouraging streets to host their own parties and social gatherings.

Zoning & Transportation Committee: Parker Hudson updated the Board on the Northside Parkway and Moore's Mill intersection. The guardrails are installed and secure. The lead on the traffic light from Moore's Mill onto Northside Parkway only flashes yellow. Parker has been unable to learn when this lead can be adjusted to allow for a green light. Tom Tidwell and Henry Feinstein stated that there was nothing further to report from this committee.

Membership Committee: Harold Goings updated the Board that that day, January 15th, was the last day for discounted membership dues. He stated that the membership is currently at 241. Harold Goings also updated the Board on the status of the 2019 membership stickers on the mailboxes and stated that Officer Mulkey will only distribute to those members who have paid their dues. There was a discussion of the WPNA car stickers. They will be available for distribution at the annual meeting.

Beautification Committee: Tom Frolik updated the Board on the status of the hollies at the end of Pine Meadow that were run over, including information on the attempts to save them and the newly planted replacements. Tom also updated the Board on the roses at the corner of Howell Mill and Northside Parkway. The roses died of rosette. The beautification committee will plant a different kind of plant. The beautification committee is open to suggestions on how the committee can contribute to the overall appearance of the neighborhood.

General Neighborhood/Area Issues:

Tom Tidwell raised the issue of a proposed resolution by the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods regarding Atlanta's Tree Protection Ordinance. Tom passed out a print-out of the proposed resolution. After discussion and motion, the Board voted to approve and support the resolution as drafted.

Carey Green raised the issue of a notice that had been sent to certain neighbors by the Coalition for Better Quality of Life on West Paces Ferry. The notice concerned the noise ordinance and landscape equipment. The distribution appears to have been limited to E. Wood Valley. President Steve Dickson decided to table the discussion of this issue for the time being.

Communications Committee: Teresa Shell updated the Board that that the communications committee is seeking input from the members on what they want in the Association's website. Teresa also stated that she intends to send a simple

first quarter email to the neighborhood, because there were so many emails in the third and fourth quarters last year. Teresa also provided an update on the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

By-Laws Committee:

Rip Black updated the Board on the progress of the by-laws committee. The committee wants the Board to be familiar with the by-laws for potential updates. Rip informed the Board that, as part of their review, the committee discussed the process for changes to the by-laws. They studied and addressed 6 areas: (1) how well we are following the by-laws; (2) membership and meetings; (3) board qualifications and nominations; (4) meeting procedures; (5) conflicts of interest; and (6) all other parts of the bylaws. In terms of methodology, the committee asked for feedback on the by-laws and neighbors gave input. The committee is aware that the by-laws must pass legal muster, and the committee looked at other neighborhood associations, as well as the Atlanta Municipal Code and Georgia Code.

Rip Black led a discussion amongst the Board members and the neighbors in attendance on our general compliance with the by-laws. This included a discussion on improving communication, using a general guide post (such as Robert's Rules of Order), and the name discrepancy in what the Association is registered under and what name we use. The committee led a discussion on quorum and voting, including who gets a vote, how many votes per household, and the use of proxies. The committee led a discussion on the Board composition and overall membership, including whether directors/board members/association members need to be property owners and/or residents. The committee led a discussion on the nomination process, including the nominating process outlined in the by-laws, what happens if the slate is not accepted, and that the ex officio representative may contribute but may not vote. The committee led a discussion on Board meetings and proceedings, including what is required for a quorum to be present. The committee led a discussion on conflicts of interest, including the current provision, the lack of a definition of what constitutes a conflict of interest in our by-laws, how other neighborhoods handle this, whether abstention from voting would/could be enforced and if it would affect quorum, if conflicted members are permitted to speak on an issue.

The committee proposed one change: the creation of *ad hoc* non-voting positions on the Board for institutions with presence in or impact on the neighborhood. The proposed addition to Article VI, Section 2 of the Amended and Restated By-Laws of the West Paces/Northside Neighborhood Association, Inc. was distributed to the Board. This proposed addition was named "*(m) Ex-Officio Representatives.*" Upon motion to amend the by-laws with this addition, the Board unanimously voted to approve the addition, with no nays and no abstentions.

Nominating Committee: Anna Sonoda updated the Board on the progress and decision of the nominating committee. Anna read off the names of all proposed members of the 2019 Board. The proposed officers in the slate are: President – Steve Dickson; VP – Rip Black; Secretary – Emily Richardson; Treasurer – Charles Hoke. Anna stated that the proposed slate will be released to the membership prior to the annual meeting on February 12th.

Additional Discussion:

A discussion was raised on the status of the 5 lots on Rilman Road that have been cleared by a developer. The Board was updated that the developer now wants to finish the site work and then sell the lots to another developer to build the houses. A committee was formed to look into whether this property could be converted into a city park. Anna Sonoda, Parker Hudson, and Rick Robbins agreed to serve on the committee.

A discussion was raised regarding a recent robbery of teenagers at the Shell Station on West Paces Ferry and Northside Parkway, including the owner's responsibility for security.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Emily Richardson, Secretary