

**WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS ON Tuesday, May 14, 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:** 15 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	
Jill Cooper	
Alcina Dalton	X
Mike Elting	
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	
Eddie Padgett	
Sherry Perchik	X
Rick Robbins	X
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 April 9, 2019. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded. The Board voted to approve the April minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Charles Hoke was absent. Rip Black presented the Association's April 20, 2019 financial statement to the Board. Rip reported that the Association was in good financial shape and the Report reflected an ending balance of \$48,602.70 after the beautification and reserve funds. An update was provided on the status of the funds for the Atlanta Police Foundation security/blue light cameras. He reported that we have 280 members as of May 13, 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 on the recent push for new members through distribution of letters in mailboxes. Harold reported that we got a few new members, but not as many as we had hoped.

**Security Report:** Anne Muller Wise and Eddie Padgett were absent. Rip Black read a report to the Board on the status of the installation of the Atlanta Police Foundation security/blue light cameras and stated that the cameras should be installed in June and/or July. Placement will be based on recommendations from APF. There was discussion on additional security issues, including increased car break-ins in neighboring communities, a reminder to close garage doors and lock cars inside the garage, and a reminder to fill out the online form for extra security when members are on vacation or out-of-town.

**Social Committee:** Parker Hudson updated the Board on new social opportunities. Jill Cooper is working on arranging field trips. Emily Richardson is working on coordinating a family-friendly Halloween event. Jill Cooper is helping to organize neighbors as they form their own interest groups in the neighborhood. A discussion was held on the speaker series and whether we should return to hosting these events at Pace. After discussion, a motion was made to vote on this issue of hosting social events at Pace and it was seconded. 11 Board members voted yes. 4 Board members voted no.

**Zoning & Transportation Committee:** Alva McGovern updated the Board on the Rilman Road development. David Childers, the construction manager, offered to meet with members of the Board. The Board wishes to discuss construction issues with him, including the large dump trucks being used and construction work on weekends. Additional discussion was raised about the fence that was constructed by a resident on Northside Parkway between Wood Valley and Rilman Road. It was suggested that the zoning committee reach out to him to discuss whether the fence was permitted and the concerns about how it looks and whether it will attract

graffiti. Rip Black said that the zoning committee will investigate and reach out to the homeowner to address the concerns. There was further discussion about whether there could be a code violation and if NPU needs to be consulted.

**Pace Update:** Rip Black informed the Board that the City has not yet given Pace approval yet because of a technical issue. Once Pace has a schedule, the Neighborhood Relations Committee will communicate it to the Board. A member of the Board raised the issue of students parking and being dropped off on Asheworth and Gatewood. It was determined that this was an issue for the NRC to address and Steve Dickson would raise the issue with the NRC.

**Beautification Committee:** Tom Frolik ardently tried to solicit a volunteer to adopt the rose bushes at the corner of Northside Drive and Moore's Mill. He informed the Board that the volunteer would be compensated for all materials used by the Beautification Committee. No one volunteered, but Tom said he would keep trying. Tom also raised the issue of the wall by the bank on Northside Parkway. It has been painted by the Neighborhood Association in the past. There was a discussion regarding painting a mural on the wall and whether there was a city ordinance on murals. Tom said he would research what would need to be done to have one approved and look into possible art options.

**Communications Committee:** Teresa Shell updated the Board on the upcoming website update and discussed what will be contained in the end of year email. There was a discussion on putting the names of the NRC members on the website, if they approve.

**Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods:** Teresa Shell updated the Board on what is happening at the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods meetings. Teresa informed the Board that Mary Norwood is accomplishing a great deal, that residents of Ridgewood Heights are protesting that they do not want their intersection to have the same issues as the intersection of Moore's Mill and Northside Parkway, that BCN distributed recommendations for a safe summer and she will send them out if the Board wants, and that housing developments with unused units are working with companies who have employees that live far out to help deal with the traffic problem. Teresa also updated the Board that the crime rate is down 30%, but only half of robberies are resulting in arrest and APD still needs more officers. The next BCN meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup> and she encouraged residents to attend.

**By-Laws Committee:** Jim Hannon updated the Board on the work of the By-Laws Committee since December 2018. Jim presented a proposal for the suggested changes to the By-Laws and each proposed change was discussed and voted on by the Board. Regarding the official name of the Association in the By-Laws, the Board approved a change that our association be able to do business as both the "Association" and "West Paces Neighborhood Association." (14 votes). Regarding the definition and rights of members and whether we allow one vote per dues paying household, this vote was deferred to the next meeting. Regarding calling

special meetings of the membership, the Board voted to increase the number of members required to sign a written request for a special meeting to 50. (13 votes). Regarding the quorum needed for the annual meetings, the proposed change was withdrawn and there was no vote. Regarding voting by proxy, this vote was deferred to a later meeting. Regarding officer terms, the Board approved changing the terms to 2-year terms. (13 votes). Regarding the Director at Large terms, the Board voted to stagger the terms for the Directors at Large so that only half of the terms of the Directors at Large end at a time. (13 votes). Regarding special board meetings, the Board approved changing the notice requirement to 72 hours and increased the number of Board members required to call the meeting to 5. (13 votes). Regarding the quorum required for board meetings, the Board voted to increase it to 50% of the members of the Board of Directors. (13 votes). Regarding voting during board meetings, the Board approved an addition that stated that a simple majority of the Board of Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be necessary to pass any resolution. (13 votes).

**New Business:**

Additional discussion was held on the summer communication to be sent out by Teresa Shell. Next meeting will be held on August 13, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:59 PM

Emily Richardson, Secretary