

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022
Meeting Held via Zoom

President's Welcome: President Mr. Jim Hannon opened the meeting at 7:02 PM. Tonight's meeting was held virtually through Zoom due to the COVID19 pandemic. Board attendees were as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Jim Hannon	X
Rip Black	X
Alva McGovern	X
John Stebbins	X
Alcina Dalton	X
Steve Dickson	X
Mike Elting	X
Henry Feinstein	X
Matthew Grabowski	
Charles Hoke	X
Paul Huesken	
Sherry Perchik	
Emily Richardson	
Rick Robbins	
Teresa Shell	X
Meredith Shaughnessy	
Stephen Weizenecker	

Secretary's Report:

Secretary, Ms. Alva McGovern had previously emailed the proposed minutes of the September 13, 2022, WPNA meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mr. John Stebbins previously emailed the Treasurer's Report for September 2022. He reported no new members. Total expenses for the month were \$6,170.53 which essentially was for security. The cash balance on September 30, 2022, was \$62,285.25. This is sufficient to allow for enhanced patrol through November and December. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the budget.

Membership Committee:

Although Committee Chair Ms. Meredith Shaughnessy was not present to give the Membership report, she had previously emailed a draft of this year's membership letter which she proposes to send to the neighborhood. The Board discussed and approved the letter. The Board also discussed offering no early discount as the savings would allow for increased security coverage. There was a motion to approve no longer offering the early discount. The motion was seconded. The Board unanimously voted to no longer offer the early sign-up discount. The Board also recommends requesting members to pay the annual membership fee by January 15, 2023. However, there will be no penalty if the fee is not paid by that date.

Security Committee:

Chairperson of the Security Committee, Ms. Alcina Dalton reported there had been no major security issues in the past month. Security received several out-of-town security requests which were covered.

Ms. Dalton reports there have been more changes at the Atlanta Police Foundation (APF). Currently, a neighborhood can purchase a blue light security camera for \$11,500 and place it at their discretion. However, at the end of 3 years, the neighborhood would be responsible for the \$1,500 annual maintenance fee if the APF deems it unnecessary. How that will be determined is unknown. We believe our original agreement with APF was that we would pay for the cameras, and they would pay for the maintenance. The changes appear to be due to a division of the cost of the maintenance between City of Atlanta and APF. Currently, APF believes our neighborhood is saturated with cameras. (We briefly reviewed the original decision not to utilize the Flock cameras which included: each camera would be placed on a pole in yards and not on telephone poles; they would require sunlight; we would have been required to monitor the cameras.) Ms. Dalton and Mr. Stebbins recommended

to the Board that we not purchase any more APF cameras at this time since we do not wish to incur the maintenance fees. The Board unanimously agreed to not purchase any more APF cameras at this time. We also believe that since our agreement with APF was made at the time when they agreed to pay all maintenance fees, that our agreement would still stand.

Zoning & Traffic Committee:

Chairperson of the Zoning & Traffic Committee, Mr. Rip Black presented the Zoning and Traffic report. Mr. Black reported that Mr. Wes Rogers with Landmark Properties purchased the Whispering Pines property at 660/670 West Paces Ferry Road. It was noted that Mr. Rogers currently resides at the corner of Randall Mill Road and West Paces Ferry. Our City Councilwoman, Mary Norwood has requested the City Planning Manager to contact her immediately if any development or building plans are submitted for the property. It is believed that Mr. Rogers intends to build a residential compound but that is still speculation.

Georgia DOT still lists for sale the remnant property at Northside Parkway, Howell Mill, and the interstate which Chick-fil-A once was interested in. Chick-fil-A is still interested in relocating but it is not known where they might be looking. Mr. Black and Ms. Kim Shorter have requested the Army Corps of Engineers to notify them of any interest developments in that property.

Beautification Committee:

Chairperson Dr. Matt Grabowski was not present and thus there was no Beautification Committee report.

Communications Committee:

Chairperson of the Communications Committee, Ms. Teresa Shell gave the committee report. Ms. Shell has decided to table for now the letter to homeowners regarding sidewalk repair. It was noted that it is difficult to find a contractor who would be willing to do a small job such as repairing a sidewalk.

Ms. Shell reported the median at the crosswalk near the History Center will be removed. It was deemed a danger to pedestrians.

Ms. Shell reported the Buckhead Council would be hosting a meet-your-candidate in-person meeting this Thursday, October 13. She will post a notice of this event on the website.

Nominating Committee:

Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Steve Dickson gave the report. He sent a letter to each Board member asking if they plan to serve on the Board for the upcoming year. Please inform Mr. Dickson of your intentions ASAP.

Mr. Dickson also is requesting Board members to volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee. He indicated it would require only 2 or 3 meetings. As the Board membership is currently at 16 and we can accommodate up to 22, it was recommended that we send a letter to the community to garner interest in serving on the Board.

NRC Committee:

Mr. Jim Hannon reported there has yet to be a NRC meeting this year.

Although Pace offered some dates, the community members were unable to meet at those times. The Board discussed the fact that last year Pace was 35 students over the quota allowed per the neighborhood agreement and that this year it is likely to be the same if not higher. A discussion ensued as to a course of action that might be taken. The options allowed in the agreement are negotiation and litigation. A possible resolution would be to negotiate for better parking and traffic control.

It was noted that Fred Assaf has moved out of the President's home on West Paces Ferry and into a house on Gatewood. There is concern about using the West Paces Ferry residence as office space.

The Board encouraged the NRC to schedule meetings on a timely and regular basis since Pace has no motivation to do so.

Close

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 8:10 PM.

Alva McGovern,
WPNA Secretary