

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TUESDAY, September 13, 2022
Meeting Held via Zoom

President's Welcome: President Mr. Jim Hannon opened the meeting at 7:04 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	
Alva McGovern	X
John Stebbins	X
Alcina Dalton	
Steve Dickson	X
Mike Elting	
Henry Feinstein	X
Matthew Grabowski	X
Charles Hoke	X
Paul Huesken	X
Sherry Perchik	
Emily Richardson	X
Rick Robbins	
Teresa Shell	X
Meredith Shaughnessy	X
Stephen Weizenecker	

Secretary's Report:

Secretary, Ms. Alva McGovern had previously emailed the proposed minutes of the August 16, 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 August 2022. He reported 1 new member. The new membership brought in a revenue of \$142.50 for the month. Total expenses for the month were \$8,851.00 which predominantly covered security but also included insurance (D&O liability) and Wild Apricot (membership management system). The balance on August 31, 2022, was \$68,355.78 representing a slight increase over last year's cash balance at the same time. The remaining balance is sufficient to allow for enhanced patrol through November and December. It was noted that Pace Academy usually makes their security donation to WPNA in October. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the budget.

Membership Committee:

Committee Chair Ms. Meredith Shaughnessy gave the report. Ms. Shaughnessy had previously emailed to the Board members the responsibilities of Block Captains which include distributing flyers to ALL mailboxes; placing 2023 stickers on mailboxes for paid members (and removing old stickers when possible); and distributing follow-up flyers and stickers throughout the first half of 2023.

Ms. Shaughnessy raised the topic of purchasing new yard signs to be placed throughout the neighborhood during the membership drive. Fresh new signs would be relatively inexpensive and could be made with brighter colors to draw more attention. They could include the neighborhood logo. She will research the possibility of new signs to be placed at the end of each street and will get back to the Board.

One member asked if businesses in the immediate area might contribute to the WPNA. Mr. Henry Feinstein responded this had been considered in the past, but it was decided that the Board could not take on the responsibility of offering security coverage in return. It was noted that when we had a paper newsletter, WPNA sold advertising to businesses.

Concerned neighbors needing immediate security should be advised to call 911. All our Security Officers are APD and if they are on duty, they will hear the APD alert. Our Security Officers can also check property of any member who may be out of town if the homeowner files a report requesting the service.

It was agreed the new membership letters should be distributed before Halloween since many parents are interested in having security on Halloween.

Security Committee:

Chairperson of the Security Committee, Ms. Alcina Dalton was not present to give the report. Mr. Jim Hannon reported there had been no major security issues in the past month.

The Atlanta Police Foundation has not yet approved our request for an APD blue light at the corner of Northside Drive and Moores Mill.

It was noted that our neighborhood watch signs are old and could also be freshened up. New signs could include our logo, APD security, and a statement of "No Solicitation". Jim Hannon and John Stebbins agreed to investigate that.

Zoning & Traffic Committee:

Chairperson of the Zoning & Traffic Committee Mr. Rip Black was not present. Mr. Jim Hannon made the report. An individual living adjacent to our neighborhood whose name is presently unknown purchased the property at 660/670 West Paces Ferry. Two deeds showed the properties sold for over \$5,000,000. Both houses on the properties were demolished immediately after the sale was complete. The plans for the property are unknown.

There are no further updates on the Tuxedo Park proposed traffic plans.

Beautification Committee:

Chairperson Dr. Matt Grabowski gave the Beautification Committee report. Per the approval by the Board last month, the rose bed near the Atlanta Water Works has since been maintained. A large piece of property near the Atlanta Classic Academy is empty but apparently underneath lies a large water tank. Due to the existence of the underground water tank, the City will not approve any development on the property. Dr. Grabowski will talk with the owner of the property regarding better maintenance of it.

Communications Committee:

Chairperson of the Communications Committee Ms. Teresa Shell has taken pictures of segments of the sidewalk along West Paces Ferry which are in poor

condition. Mr. Feinstein reported that maintenance of the sidewalk is the responsibility of each homeowner. Ms. Shell will draft a letter for the Board to review requesting homeowners to maintain the sidewalk on their property and noting their potential liability.

Ms. Shell noted that Mary Norwood, our City Council Representative has distributed a survey to area homeowners through Livable Buckhead. This appears to be an attempt to better understand the concerns of the constituents including issues of security and safety. Ms. Shell offered to forward the survey to all Board members.

Ms. Shell reported that Ms. Norwood remains actively involved in the City's Rezoning project.

NRC Committee:

Despite requests from NRC committee members, Pace has continually postponed setting a date for a meeting. This raises many concerns as last year Pace exceeded the student cap set forth in the Neighborhood/Pace agreement and they have yet to give us a report on their current enrollment numbers.

It was noted that Pace removed the dead pines that were planted last year on their Rilman Road property. They planted small shrubs and placed pine straw along the curb of the same property. Some of the shrubs appear to have already died since the property is dependent on rain for irrigation.

Close

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2022

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 8:27 PM.

Alva McGovern,
WPNA Secretary