

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
Meeting Held via Zoom

*Minutes will be officially approved at the next board meeting.

President's Welcome: President Jim Hannon opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Tonight's meeting was held virtually through Zoom secondary 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
Jill Cooper	
Alcina Dalton	X
Steve Dickson	X
Mike Elting	X
Maxine Feinstein	X
Tom Frolik	X
Matthew Grabowski	
Charles Hoke	X
Alfred Kallingal	X
Sherry Perchik	
Emily Richardson	X
Margaret Roberts	
Rick Robbins	
Teresa Shell	X
Meredith Shaughnessy	X
Stephen Weizenecker	

Henry Feinstein was also present.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Alva McGovern had previously emailed the proposed minutes for the Board meeting held on August 10, 2021.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The Board approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Stebbins reported a cash balance of \$65,397.25 on August 31, 2021. There was no additional revenue during August. Expenditures included \$200 paid to Kim Shorter for voluntary work and advice regarding water drainage matters were and \$7,000 for security. The complete Treasurer's report had previously been emailed to the Board.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded. The Board approved the treasurer's report.

Security Committee:

Alcina Dalton, Chair of the Security Committee made the Security report. Alcina reported that since the Board had approved a pay increase for our Security Officers, at least one officer who had planned to start working for a nearby neighborhood has agreed to stay with us. Furthermore, additional officers have indicated an interest in working for us, which will make it easier to cover the shifts we want covered. Alcina would like to add Tuesday and Sunday shifts. As we go into the Holiday Season, we historically increase the number of shifts. Because crimes have been committed in surrounding neighborhoods on the afternoon of Halloween, it was suggested that we might consider increasing our patrols beginning on Halloween. Alcina will work with Officer Hoos to plan the additional shifts. It was noted that in the past we have increased patrols by 40% in December. The most common crime in our neighborhood remains vehicle crime in the commercial areas.

Alcina provided a list of expectations for the officers while on the neighborhood patrol. The list of expectations provides clear guidelines for the patrolling officers, which include:

- Drive through the entire neighborhood once per hour, or 5 times during a 5 hour shift;
- Display the large APD magnet on the door of their vehicle;
- For out-of-town properties, the Officer is to walk around the house, move any packages to an out-of-sight location, sign and date the time of their inspection;
- Give the WPNA any recommendations for homeowners to improve our security;

Alcina has attempted to pursue adding Police blue cameras in the neighborhood, however has not been able to reach anyone at the Atlanta Police Foundation after 7 attempts with no callbacks.

Anna Sonoda submitted a proposed letter to hand deliver to the commercial owners in our neighborhood asking them to partner with us to fight crime. The Board approved the letter. Jim is asking for volunteers who would be willing to personally meet with the local business owners to engage them in this endeavor. Jim, Steve, and Mike will be participants. Please contact Jim if you would like to volunteer.

Membership Committee:

Alfred Kallingal, Chair of the Membership Committee reported no new membership during the past month. He said they are beginning to gear up for the annual membership drive.

Meredith raised the issue how to distribute the membership stickers placed on mailboxes. Rip and Jim have agreed to put the new WPNA stickers on mailboxes in the upcoming membership drive.

Meredith said they are discussing a welcome kit for new members, and considering what to include in it, and when it should be distributed. She also said they are discussing the possibility of a 'Meet & Greet' for new members which might need to be hosted locally.

Finally, Meredith reported that some members are not receiving emails and she asked if another form of communication might be considered and whether emails were going to their trash files. Also, she wondered if there is a format for sending urgent messages to the membership, for example when there is a crime to be reported ASAP. These questions will remain under discussion.

Zoning & Traffic Committee:

Committee Chair, Sherry Perchik was absent for tonight's meeting so Steve Dickson gave the report. Steve reported that Jim Elgar was trying to learn if the Taco Truck that was parked in the Wells Fargo lot is permitted. Steve has not been able to speak directly with the bank manager. It was noted the truck has not been seen there recently.

Jim reported the Tuxedo Park Traffic Plan was pulled out of the last NPUA meeting agenda just hours before the meeting. It is not known why it was removed. The proposed plan will directly impact traffic flow in and around our neighborhood. If approved it will likely push more traffic onto West Paces Ferry and likely clog main streets as well as other 'cut-through' streets. Jim will reach out to other neighborhood association presidents to voice opinions about how it will impact not

only our neighborhood, but also other surrounding neighborhoods. Jim will send out an email to the Board announcing the next NPUA meeting.

Beautification Committee:

Tom Frolik, Chair of the Beautification Committee reported that the cleanup along Northside Parkway would begin soon.

Tom reported that Ashworth Court homeowners spent \$20,000 to install new plantings on their 2 islands. They estimate, the annual maintenance cost will be \$2,000 and they are requesting a one-time payment from the Board of \$2,000 to cover the first year of the maintenance costs. Pertinent to this discussion, Rip noted that requests for payments out of the budget, especially for beautification, should be presented to the Board before expenses are incurred and not as an after thought. A vote was taken regarding the \$2,000 request and passed with 10 for, 4 abstentions, and 0 against.

Communications Committee:

Committee Chair, Teresa Shell reported the Buckhead Security Plan was being updated. She also reported that the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods has formed a task force with the intention of making sure the Single Family Dwelling Zoning proposals are not passed.

Neighborhood Relations Committee:

Caldwell Zimmerman was not present and there was no report given.

New Business:

It was agreed that we do not need to put out the old 'Get Out To Vote' signs, as people are aware of upcoming elections.

It was noted that according to the new bylaws, double signatures are required on all checks, that are not routine business.

The next Board Meeting will be held on October 12, 2021. Jim Hannon will make a decision about returning to in-person meetings at St. Luke's or continuing with virtual meetings.

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

Alva McGovern, Secretary

