

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Meeting Held Virtually via Zoom

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

President's Welcome: President Jim Hannon opened the meeting at 7:05 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	
John Stebbins	X
Alcina Dalton	
Steve Dickson	X
Mike Elting	
Henry Feinstein	X
Matthew Grabowski	X
Charles Hoke	X
Paul Huesken	X
Sherry Perchik	X
Emily Richardson	X
Rick Robbins	
Teresa Shell	X
Meredith Shaughnessy	X
Stephen Weizenecker	

Joe Hamilton was also present.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Alva McGovern had previously submitted the Proposed Minutes of the Meeting held on March 15, 2022 and were distributed. A motion to accept the minutes without edits or objections was made and second. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Stebbins had previously emailed the Treasurer's Report for March 2022. Total expenditures for the month were \$6,106.61, which included \$99.11 for Bank and Credit Card Fees and \$6,007.50 for security. The YTD Balance is \$102,338.50. Membership stands at 267. John reported that the Association is in a good cash position. John further reported that the tax return is due May 15th and he

would provide an additional update at the May meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. The Report was approved.

Membership

Meredith Shaughnessy provided an update on membership. Meredith reported that the Wild Apricot computer system erroneously sent notices to some members that their memberships had lapsed, although it is unclear what caused the system to send the notices. The membership roster is correct and up-to-date, and we added a few new members in March and April. Meredith addressed reports of certain members' mailboxes that did not have 2022 stickers and she is putting on the stickers. She also reported that the total membership is down 20 members from this time last year. There will be another mailbox stuffing before the end of the month, with an emphasis on 2021 members who did not renew this year. The mailbox flyer will emphasize the importance of neighbors paying their dues to cover the high cost of security and increased coverage. Meredith will circulate a draft of the mailbox flyer to Jim, Rip and any other Board members that would like to review it.

Security

President Jim Hannon provided an update on security. He stated that the committee is still looking into the possibility of additional cameras, where those cameras would be placed, and whether the Association would be able to keep all cameras, even if the Police Foundation determined they were not needed. He stated that a further update would be provided at a future meeting.

Zoning/Traffic

Vice President Rip Black provided an update on the proposed development at 660 and 670 West Paces Ferry Road. Rip has been working with neighbors on Montana and other stakeholders regarding the various options. Rip reviewed one option involving a PD-H subdivision and the different road/ingress/egress options being considered and the potential implications and impacts of each. Rip stated that he and others on the Board are actively trying to have input on the developer's final decision/plans. He and other members of the Board are staying in contact with City officials throughout the proposal process, and they are working with the hydrology engineer (who also is having consistent contact with the developer and the City). Because some of the proposed development plans would involve the destruction of "Whispering Pines," the 1928 home at 660 West Paces Ferry Road, the Board is trying to leverage the preservation of Whispering Pines in our negotiations. Councilwoman Mary Norwood is providing assistance in the attempts to preserve Whispering Pines. Rip anticipates a clearer picture of the proposed development in the near future.

President Jim Hannon provided an update on the Tuxedo Park Traffic Plan. Councilwoman Mary Norwood has been working with Atlanta DOT to implement the traffic plan and she also is putting pressure on the City of Atlanta to implement

the plan. Traffic control signs and devices (such as cones and “no left turn” signs) are being used now in the testing phase. The Chastain Park Neighborhood Association released a letter expressing its opposition to the traffic plan. Chastain Park Neighborhood Association also reached out to the Mt. Paran Neighborhood Association, but Jim was not certain of the Mt. Paran Neighborhood Association’s official position at that time. Chastain, Mt. Paran, our neighborhood, and other nearby neighborhoods all have comparable concerns because of cut-through and commuter traffic. Teresa Shell suggested that the Board reach out to the other at-large members of the City Council to express our concerns with the traffic plan. Jim proposed that our Board submit a letter that parallels the letter by the Chastain Park Neighborhood Association. After discussion of potential political ramifications, the Board agreed that such a letter was merited due to the substantial amount of traffic that the current Tuxedo Park Traffic Plan would force onto West Paces Ferry Road and impact our neighborhood. Jim stated that he would submit the letter to the similarly-situated neighborhoods, to the Atlanta City Council, and to the head of Atlanta DOT.

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Nothing to report.

Communications Committee

Teresa Shell renewed discussion about the issue with the Wild Apricot system that caused erroneous emails to be sent to some neighbors. Teresa and Meredith Shaughnessy stated that they will investigate.

Old Business

President Jim Hannon updated the Board on a letter that was sent to Pace Academy notifying the school that they are in breach of the Neighborhood Agreement regarding the size of the student body. Jim stated that the Neighborhood Relations Committee will communicate with Pace in May to confirm the total enrollment for 2022-2023 and address any violations/solutions.

New Business

No new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Emily Richardson, Board Member, substituting for Alva McGovern, Secretary