

**WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
Meeting Held via Zoom**

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

**President's Welcome:** President Steve Dickson 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>
Steve Dickson	X
Rip Black	X
Alva McGovern	X
John Stebbins	X
Jill Cooper	X
Alcina Dalton	
Mike Elting	X
Maxine Feinstein	X
Tom Frolik	X
Matthew Grabowski	X
Jim Hannon	X
Charles Hoke	X
Alfred Kallingal	X
Anne Muller Wise	X
Eddie Padgett	X
Sherry Perchik	X
Emily Richardson	X
Rick Robbins	X
Teresa Shell	X
Stephen Weizenecker	

Other participants included Henry Feinstein, Anna Sonoda, proposed new Board Member Meredith Shaughnessy, and new neighbor Aquaria Smith. .

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary, Alva McGovern had previously emailed the proposed minutes of the December Board meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded. The Board voted to approve the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer John Stebbins reported new membership fees had brought in \$29,480 by the end of December 2020 with 151 paid members. The treasurer's report had previously been emailed to the Board Members. It was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded. The Board approved the treasurer's report.

**Nominating Committee:** Chair of the Nominating Committee, Anna Sonoda gave the report. The committee, consisting of Anna, Alcina Dalton, Teresa Shell, and Alva McGovern has met 3 times. They discussed membership as well as leadership on the Board. They asked Margaret Roberts who lives on Rilman Road and Meredith Shaughnessy who lives on North Wood Valley to join the Board. A total of 3 members have rolled off the Board in 2020. With 2 new members, the Members -at-Large will be 22. A maximum of 25 is allowed in the By-Laws.

A discussion ensued regarding the new By-laws clause defined under Article VI, Section 2, Item (b) stating that the At-Large Board members will serve a 2-year term. This year would be the beginning of that rotation and therefore half of the members would technically be up for renewal of their 2-year term. The nominating committee did not consider this and thus no one was designated as up for renewing his or her term. After some discussion, it was decided to vote on deleting the requirement for a 2-year term. A motion was made to approve this change in the By-Laws. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. It is noted there was a quorum in attendance.

Article VI, Section 2. Item (b) will now read: "*Directors-at Large:* There shall be a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of twenty five (25) Directors-at-Large. Directors -at-Large shall be elected for two-year terms. -" The last two sentences defining the staggering of the terms are deleted.

Sherry Perchik asked if nominations had been put forward to replace Andy Williams (who has moved out of the neighborhood) on the Pace Neighborhood Relations Committee. Steve Dickson has asked Joe Hamilton to consider the role. The composition of the NRC will include the current President of the WPNA, Caldwell Zimmerman, Paul Little, and Joe Hamilton if he accepts.

**Security Committee:** Eddie Padgett reported that the neighborhood was quiet throughout the Holidays. Extra shifts were added over the Holidays, as is the custom. It is thought that APD is possibly going to soon announce that blue cameras can be purchased privately. Anne will report on that if the announcement is made. Eddie also reported that all of the membership stickers have been distributed to the currently paid members for 2021.

Teresa reported the Buckhead Council is pursuing their own private police security patrol. The plan called "Buckhead Blue" would be concentrated in high-density areas. This additional security coverage would be in conjunction with Zone 2 police

and would mostly involve interested neighborhoods closer to Peachtree and in particular, those on the east side of Peachtree. Some of these neighborhoods do not have their own private security patrol as the WPNA. They hope to raise \$1.6 million to provide security patrol and blue light security.

Emily Richardson reported that activity at the Fulton County Court House will be limited on January 19 and 20 due to credible intelligence received by the GBI that possible disruptive protests might occur to coincide with the Presidential Inauguration.

**Membership Committee:** Alfred Kallingal reported that 200 members have paid for 2021. He noted that a few streets are low, in particular West Paces Ferry (3 out of 24) and Pine Meadow. He asked for volunteers to follow-up with those streets. The deadline to receive a discount is January 15 and in order to vote at the WPNA Annual Meeting, the membership fee must be paid.

**Zoning & Transportation Committee:** Rip Black will talk with Dr. Morgan later this spring regarding his shrubs at the corner of Pinestream and West Paces Ferry. Rip brought us up to date on the proposed development at Northside Parkway and Moores Mill. The developer wants to pipe over-flow water under the development and roadway. The GDOT and the US Army Corps of Engineers initially approved this plan without the necessary hydrology studies. A large group of neighborhood associations and businesses in the area are fighting this development and have asked the US Army Corps of Engineers and the GDOT to re-evaluate their initial decision allowing the development to go forward. The groups opposed were able to get the Environmental Protection Division to issue a cease-and-desist order, thus requiring the developer to meet 3 conditions. So far, 2 of those conditions have been met. The US Army Corps of Engineers is reconsidering their initial permit. It is hoped they will revoke their permit. Linda Trower (our NPU representative), Nina Schwartz, and others on the NPU are aware of this proposal.

Sherry noted that Corso, a residential senior living development on Moores Mill, is likely to be against this development. Henry Feinstein added that a group on Howell Mill is also against it.

**Beautification Committee:** Tom Frolik, Chair of the Beautification Committee reported that another cleanup along Northside Parkway (from Moores Mill the Wells Fargo Bank) has been scheduled. The rose beds will also be tended.

**Communications Committee:** Committee Chair, Teresa Shell reported that the neighborhood has seen a recent influx of new neighbors. A few older neighbors are requesting a written newsletter as well as written flyers for membership renewal. (Membership renewal flyers were distributed all home mailboxes in December.) The Buckhead Neighborhood Council will meet on January 14 from 6 until 7:10 PM. This is an informational meeting and will be held virtually. The Mayor is proposing an affordable housing in Buckhead plan.

Morningside and Lenox Park are interested in joining the Buckhead Neighborhood Council. There is expected to be a preliminary vote on this topic. Although Mary Norwood has said she wants to support this proposal, Teresa does not believe these neighborhoods have similar interests as our own and will not support it.

**New Business:** The Annual WPNA meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9 at 7 PM. This will be a virtual meeting. Steve will invite our Atlanta City Councilman, JP Matzigkeit to speak as well as Mary Norwood. The slate of members and new officers for 2021 will be presented and voted on. A discussion ensued as to how the votes will be counted. Only paid members are allowed to vote whereas any neighborhood resident is allowed to attend. A quorum of 25 votes is needed to pass the new Board. Teresa, Rick, Alva, Rip, and Steve will form a committee to discuss plans for our first Annual virtual meeting and how to tabulate the vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Alva McGovern, Secretary