

**WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Tuesday, MAY 11, 2021  
Meeting Held via Zoom**

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

**President's Welcome:** President Jim Hannon was not present, therefore Vice President Rip Black chaired tonight's meeting opening the meeting at 7:04PM. 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	
Rip Black	X
Alva McGovern	X
John Stebbins	X
Jill Cooper	X
Alcina Dalton	X
Steve Dickson	X
Mike Elting	X
Maxine Feinstein	X
Tom Frolik	
Matthew Grabowski	
Charles Hoke	
Alfred Kallingal	
Anne Muller Wise	X
Eddie Padgett	
Sherry Perchik	X
Emily Richardson	X
Margaret Roberts	X
Rick Robbins	
Teresa Shell	X
Meredith Shaughnessy	
Stephen Weizenecker	X

NRC member Caldwell Zimmerman was also present for the meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary, Alva McGovern had previously emailed the proposed minutes of the April Board meeting. She reviewed a few edits that came in

since the initial mailing and a motion was made to approve the minutes. The Board approved the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer John Stebbins reported a balance of \$86,023.01 with a monthly increase of \$712.50 from 2 new members. Membership now stands at 287. The treasurer's report had previously been emailed to the Board Members. Expenses were for Security and Beautification. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded. The Board approved the treasurer's report.

**Security Committee:** New Chairwoman Alcina Dalton made the Security Report. She has met most of the Security officers and had no security issues to report. A resolution to allow Alcina to write checks for the officers was passed by an email vote of the Board since the last Board Meeting. Mike Elting and Matt Grabowski will also serve on the Security Committee with her.

**Membership Committee:** Chairman Alfred Kallingal was not present at the meeting so Committee member Margaret Roberts gave the report. Most of the letters to unpaid residents have been distributed. They had hoped the letters would drive up new membership and were disappointed not to have a stronger response. They are still considering membership benefits that might entice new members.

**Zoning & Traffic Committee:** Chairwoman Sherry Perchik and Committee member Rip Black gave the report. A 2<sup>nd</sup> NPU meeting recently addressed the proposed Dakota project on Northside Parkway. NPU voted unanimously against the project. The City has inspected the water on the property and seems to be leaning toward declaring the creek will require a 75-foot buffer.

Hydrologist Kim Shorter has twice evaluated projects of concern to the neighborhood at no cost. Rip, Sherry, and John met and decided a gift certificate of \$125 from Pike's would be an acknowledgement of our appreciation for her time and effort. She is currently working on the landscaping in her yard and it was felt this would be a small contribution to her project. Another Board member suggested that we donate a slightly more, say in the amount of \$200 since \$125 is meager compared to her contribution in time and effort for our neighborhood. A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase a gift certificate from Pike's in the amount of \$200. Rip will pick up the gift certificate.

**Beautification Committee:** Tom Frolik, Chair of the Beautification Committee was not present at the meeting. It was noted the wall on Northside Parkway had been painted. It seems that Tom received a bid and although he asked Board members for color suggestions through email, he apparently proceeded with the project. Although there had been an expectation that he would get back to the Board with the bids, it was suggested that even though the work has been completed that the Board needed to vote on the matter. It was also noted the Board should vote to approve expenditures over the amount of \$500. Two motions were made, one

approving the expenditure for the painting of the wall, and second to require Board approval before expenditures in excess of \$500. Both motions were seconded and approved by a majority of the Board members present (2 abstentions, 7 for, and 5 against).

**Communications Committee:** Committee Chair, Teresa Shell reported no complaints with recent emails.

The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods is fairly quiet. They are still considering possible uses of the City jail.

**NRC:** Caldwell Zimmerman reported the NRC had not held any recent meetings. He reported that Pace had purchased a home at 944 Gatewood Court and there was conjecture that Fred Assaf hopes to move into one of the 2 homes on Gatewood Court. Fred has told Caldwell that after the Lower School construction is complete, he hopes to renovate the Castle Building and to use one of the residential homes for office space. Caldwell said there are certain 'special conditions' under which they could be given temporary usage of residential space as office space. It was noted that Pace has no right to use any residential space as an office. Caldwell plans to ask Fred for an in-person meeting. It was suggested that Caldwell remind Fred that he once stated that he had no idea how they would use all of the basement space in the Lower School and that it was in fact so spacious the children could use it for kickball.

**Committee on Recommendations for Filming in the Neighborhood:** Rip and Jim are currently talking with other neighborhoods that have already developed such plans. Steve Weizenecker offered that he is an entertainment attorney and in fact has worked with the City to develop a committee for such projects. He is happy to help Jim and Rip on the committee.

**New Business:** Teresa suggested a social event for the Board to get to know each other since nothing has been done in person since the beginning of the pandemic last year. Margaret Roberts will work with her.

No new information on any Buckhead City developments.

The next WPNA Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. It is yet to be determined if we will meet in person at the Library, St Luke's Church, or again via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Alva McGovern, Secretary

