

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES OF THE WPNA BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, August 8, 2023
Meeting Held at St. Luke's Church

President's Welcome: President Mr. Jim Hannon opened the meeting at 7:02PM. Board attendees were as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Jim Hannon	X
Rip Black	X
Alva McGovern	X
Garrett Fulton	X
Sara Asher	X
Sam Beydoun	
Rich Cockrell	
Cia Cummings	
Alcina Dalton	X
Steve Dickson	X
Mike Elting	
Henry Feinstein	X
Tom Flournoy	
Stefan Hayes	
Paul Huesken	X
Bobby Lichtenstein	
Cartha O'Hare	X
Sherry Perchik	X
Emily Richardson	X
Teresa Shell	X
Meredith Shaughnessy	X

Neighborhood Relations Committee member Mr. Joe Hamilton was in attendance as was Mr. Fred Assaf, Headmaster at Pace Academy.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Ms. Alva McGovern previously emailed the Minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting. There was a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mr. Garrett Fulton gave the report. There was no new revenue and expenses were only for Security which amounted to \$4,292.50. Cash balance is \$112,705.02 which keeps in line with the projected annual budget. Total membership remains 278. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Headmaster of Pace Academy, Mr. Fred Assaf had offered to attend the Board Meeting to discuss and answer any questions regarding Pace's proposed amendment to the Neighborhood Long Term Cooperation Agreement. Specifically, Pace would like to amend Section 2 regarding the enrollment cap. Mr. Assaf admits that Pace has been in breach of the enrollment cap since 2021 when due to unforeseen circumstances during COVID their enrollment was 1150. He further states it has remained at 1150 during 2022 and now going into the 2023 academic year. The amendment states, "Pace will cap its enrollment at a targeted total of 1,150 students, not to be exceeded by 1.5% at the West Paces Ferry Road campus through the term of 2007 Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment." By offering this amendment, Pace has agreed to drop the enrollment cap of 1200 as previously defined in the original Agreement. There were questions as to how and when in 2021 did they realize they were over the enrollment cap. Although Mr. Assaf admitted they have exceeded the enrollment cap by 50 for the past 2 years, he did not have any of the admissions data that might explain how this happened. He offered that he could provide that at the neighborhood meeting. He also admitted there had been some confusion regarding the process to notify the NRC and only realized recently they were required to formally notify the NRC of their noncompliance regarding the enrollment cap. He further stated there was never any intention to deceive the NRC and stated they meet annually to read and review the Agreement to assure compliance. Finally, Mr. Assaf stated their target enrollment will be 1150 while noting the extra 1.5% or 17 extra students would allow for a wide margin of error in admissions.

After Mr. Assaf was excused from the meeting The Board discussed options as to how we might respond. There was general agreement that the language of the amendment could be tweaked. Some of the ideas included:

- Set a specific date by which the NRC would be notified of the enrollment, possibly April 19 and then again September 1.
- The defined date above might also be the date for the NRC to read and review the Agreement to assure compliance.
- Set a specific date for Pace to forward the \$25,000 to the Board for Security as defined in the Agreement.
- Language requiring Pace to “act in good faith” similar to the language requiring the neighborhood to do so.
- If Pace were in breach of the Agreement and thus required mediation, Pace would bear the financial burden of both parties.

During the discussion it was noted that the current agreement expires on October 31, 2028.

Per the Agreement, a neighborhood meeting must be called to notify the neighborhood of the requested change in the Agreement. The meeting is required to be held on a weeknight after August 15 and within 14 days of announcing the proposed changes. The Board suggest 2 Tuesdays since that is a night St Luke’s offers a room to us, and that being August 29 and September 12. Mr. Hannon will confirm availability with St Luke’s and Pace Academy.

The usual committee reports were not given in order as the time was needed for discussion of the Pace proposed amendment.

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 8:35PM. The next regularly scheduled WPNA Board meeting will be held on September 12, 2023.

Alva McGovern,
WPNA Secretary