

**WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Tuesday, August 18, 2020**  
**Meeting Held via Zoom**

---

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

President Steve Dickson called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>
Steve Dickson	X
Rip Black	X
Alva McGovern	X
John Stebbins	X
Lee Caswell	X
Jill Cooper	X
Alcina Dalton	
Mike Elting	X
Maxine Feinstein	X
Tom Frolik	X
Matthew Grabowski	
Jim Hannon	X
Charles Hoke	X
Alfred Kallingal	X
Janet Marthers	X
David Marvin	
Anne Muller Wise	X
Eddie Padgett	X
Sherry Perchik	X
Emily Richardson	
Rick Robbins	X
Teresa Shell	X
Stephen Weizenecker	X

**President's Welcome:** President Steve Dickson opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Tonight's meeting was held virtually through Zoom secondary to the COVID19 pandemic. As a member of the NRC, Caldwell Zimmerman was also present. The fall Board meetings will be September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, and November 10<sup>th</sup>. Steve offered his yard for the next Board meeting but this will be determined at a later date.

**Secretary's Report:** Sherry Perchik presented the minutes of the Board meeting of March 10, 2020. 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 presented the Association's July 31, 2020 financial statement to the Board. John reported that the Report reflected an ending balance of \$49,602.72. \$712.50 was collected in membership dues during July and that there are now 262 members, down from 292 members last year. It was noted that approximately \$5,700 is paid monthly for security. The Board approved the Treasurer's Report.

**Security Committee:** Eddie Padgett presented the Security Report. He announced that Officer David Mulkey would be retiring in October 2020. The Committee is currently discussing how to honor Officer Mulkey in recognition of his retirement. The Committee is actively seeking a replacement for his position. There was a break-in on Paces Forest, East Wood Valley, and Pinestream. A garage was left open on Ivanhoe and some tools were stolen. There is confusion about when to call 911 as the APD announced they would not respond to prowler calls during the COVID19 pandemic. All incidents should first be reported via 911 and secondly Eddie Padgett should be contacted in order that the Board be made aware of all security incidents. A homeless man, known to the community and goes by the name of Matt was wandering in the neighborhood and seeking help, as he was bleeding. He is known to live under the bridge at I-75 and West Paces Ferry. It is not known how he might get help. Steve, Eddie, and Anne have been discussing the use of future money we will receive from Pace for security cameras. The APD has decided that our neighborhood no longer needs to add security cameras, saying that the 4 we already have provides enough coverage. Steve will approach Fred Assaf requesting that the annual \$25,000 be used to increase security patrol. It was noted that we now have 30 patrol hours weekly with no patrol on the weekends. Caldwell Zimmerman and Rip Black will also approach the NRC regarding this matter.

**Membership Committee:** Alfred Kallingal discussed how membership is tracking and that we are 30 members short versus this time last year. An email outreach has been completed. It is not clear whether the pandemic has had any impact on the reduction in membership. Dues remain \$285 and half that for new members. No discounts will be made to previous members who may be signing up late. The committee will consider changing the color of the mailbox stickers in order to more easily identify who is current in their membership.

**Zoning & Transportation Committee:** Rip Black and Caldwell Zimmermann will meet with Bob Mills, the construction Supervisor at Pace, to review the water retention work that Pace has done. Caldwell reports the water retention plan seems to be an improvement, as recently after a significant downpour, the water did not rise as high in his yard as it has in the past. It was noted that Kinley Horn Group did the initial hydrology study and recommendation thus likely contributing to the design. It was noted that the library now has a room large enough to hold Board

Meetings, should we decide to change venues. Sherry Perchik spoke with the construction supervisor at the Rilman Rd site. 3320 Rilman Rd (the #3 house) has sold and a new family has already moved in. 3300 Rilman Rd (the #1 house) is under contract. 3310 Rilman Rd (the #2 house) is currently on the market. The #4 house is under construction. The builder is waiting for approval of the variance to start construction of the #5 house.

**Beautification Committee:** Tom Frolik reported the committee is working on the maintenance on the sidewalks along Northside Parkway as well as the maintenance of the neighborhoods' flowerbeds. The yellow netting along the new plantings next to the Wells Fargo Bank has been replaced with grey netting, thus looking less obtrusive. Steve Dickson will write a letter to the owner of the home next to the Wells Fargo Bank asking they clean up the tree trunk that has been left in pieces in their front yard. Lee Caswell mentioned that he and his neighbors are cleaning up and re-landscaping the 2 cul-de-sacs on his street. They have already received a bid from Chatham Landscaping for \$8,000. Tom and Steve will look into whether any of our budget for Beautification could be allocated to supplement their project. As an aside, Tom noted that books may now be checked out and returned to our neighborhood library by making an online reservation.

**Communications Committee:** Theresa Shell reported that 69% of the WPNA emails sent were opened. She said that she and Steve discuss the appropriateness of content for the emails, discerning content to be related specifically to neighborhood news. She also reported that the next meeting of the Buckhead Council will be September 10, 2020 and it is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The issues at hand include street racing, illegal noise, and illegal large trucks moving through our neighborhoods. The Street Safety Task Force will be studying these concerns. Specifically, construction trucks do not have easy access to Buckhead from outside the perimeter and often are using West Paces Ferry, which is not built to handle the weight of large trucks. She also requested Jim Elgar from JP Matzigkeit's office to evaluate our streets, which he did. In fact, another Board member reported having seen Elgar and Matzigkeit riding their bikes during a recent weekend in our neighborhood to get a closer look at the streets. So far, it appears they do not consider our streets to have a high enough volume of traffic to place them on a high priority.

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

Alva McGovern, Secretary