

West End Park Neighbors Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 17, 2004

4:00-5:30 PM

Centennial Sportsplex Meeting Room

17 Attendees

- I. Introduce Board of Directors**
 - a. Margaret Bean introduces agenda
- II. Review the Past Year**
 - a. Urban Design Overlay**
 - i. All new construction in progress is under old zoning; no design standards required (unfortunately)
 - ii. Let board know if you have information about new construction
 - iii. Three houses on Long (3123, etc.) have been purchased for development, possibly by Row at 31st developer Phil Baty
 - b. Greenspace**
 - i. No word on missing lamp from Tennessean article; JR Corby has looked into purchasing new lamps; Local businessman has offered money to purchase new lamps
 - ii. Can't find electrical feed for current lamps, but think they might be connected to street lighting
 - iii. Park Road Condo Association businesses are trying to get together to maintain land together
 - iv. The trust sold part of the property to street widening process in the past
 - v. Someone took a tree down on the wall at Murphy/West End; wall is crumbling; no one has cleaned it up
 - vi. "Acklen Park intersection is a mess"; Park Road C.A. wants to have it rebuilt
- III. Current Projects**
 - a. Neighborhood Clean-Up Day**
 - i. Will hold event in the fall when it is cooler
 - ii. Laurence Jackson from Metro Beautification is our contact
 - iii. August 11 is tentative Bulk Item Pickup Day; bulk items in alleys will be part of Neighborhood Clean-Up Day
 - iv. Metro will provide t-shirts, gloves, bags
 - v. We leave bags on sidewalks; Metro picks up
 - b. Beautification**
 - i. UDO has recommendation for tree-lined median on Long and other great beautification ideas
 1. [Part I](#)
 2. [Part II](#)
 3. [Part III](#)
 - ii. Tree donations: Scarritt Bennett is giving away tulip poplars
 - iii. Would be nice to line a bunch of similar trees along Long (similar to the Dogwoods on Murphy Road)
 - iv. We should connect with Metro's urban forestry dept. (Stephan Kivett); he might know where we can get free trees
 - v. Trees on Mason are marked with ribbons for removal
 - vi. Start discussion on website about trees?

c. Safety

- i. Traffic Calming Program – Lynette has initiated Metro study of our streets; if they find a problem with speeding, Metro Police will increase patrol
- ii. I-440 Speed Limit: A group is uniting neighbors along I-440 to drop speed limit to 55, restrict trucks to right-hand lane and improve noise through a containment wall
- iii. Neighborhood Watch – used to have program, but block captains have moved out of area
- iv. Nashville's Night Out – Will have first event Tues., Aug. 3, 2004, from 7-8:30 pm on Burns Ave.; watermelon, soft drinks, chips, chalk art

IV. Organizational Issues

- a. **Bylaws** – Copies passed out to attendees; bylaws adopted
- b. **501c3/Nonprofit Status** – Offers benefits (apply for grants, tax writeoff for donations, protection) but requires a lot of paperwork and \$300 first year. Must choose officers.
- c. **Membership Dues** - \$10 for reg. member, \$5 students/seniors. Used for incidental expenses to maintain neighborhood communications and events (copies, domain name registration, web hosting, postage, etc.)
- d. **Board Meetings** – Board meets every two months
- e. **Board of Directors** – Board was reelected by attendees

V. Other Issues

- a. Suspicious male cruising neighborhood; white pants, green shirt; always carries bottle of alcohol
- b. Police are patrolling alley
- c. Lawnmowers are being stolen

VI. Adjourn Annual Meeting/Plan Next Meeting

- a. When is a good time to meet? Weeknights at 6:30 or 7 pm proposed.
- b. Where? Art & Activity Center in Centennial Park proposed (quieter).
- c. Frequency? Quarterly. Second Wednesday of every quarter proposed.

VII. Board of Directors Meet to Elect Officers