

was not going to allow enough time for the job to be done properly. The postponement of the application will serve to let these important tasks to move forward at a more deliberate pace, and allow the input and participation of more key members of the community. It is projected that the basic meat and potatoes of the application can be completed by summer, at which time the community education process will begin.

The steering committee has targeted civic organizations like WECA, as well as church groups, fraternal organizations, business groups and social clubs to present the Main Street concept to the people of Cambridge. A formal kick-off of this campaign is being planned, the details of which will be announced in April.

The meetings of the steering committee take place on the first Saturday of each month, at 9:30 am at City Council Chambers. The meetings are open to the public, and public participation is encouraged. Only the 15-member steering committee can vote on issues that come up, but all visitors are asked to express their views in the meeting.

Donna Casarotti of Locust Street is WECA's representative on the Steering Committee, and either she or I can answer any questions you might have, or bring any of your concerns before the committee for a hearing.

I encourage you to get involved in this important project, and support the Main Street effort by offering a letter of support, or if you are a business person, by sending a letter of commitment that you will support the effort with your time, or your financial support.

For details of the Main Street Program, contact me at 410-228-3092 or Steve DelSordo at 410-228-1939

Commissioner Octavene Saunders is chairing the steering committee, and is leading this effort, and Commissioner Vickers has expressed his support. We have also had a great deal of support from Commissioner Swafford and the Mayor. We have also garnered the support of the County Commissioners, the Heritage Tourism Advisory Committee, and the Chamber of Commerce.

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Spring 2000

COMPLIMENTARY ISSUE!

Do you find this newsletter interesting? . . . informative?

The West End Citizens Association, Inc. (WECA), a non-profit 501-c-3 organization publishes an issue four (4) times a year for its members. Once each year we circulate the WECA news to all households in the West End. If you would like to receive all issues and are not a member, just send a \$5.00 membership for a single member household or \$10.00 for a two or more member household to the above address. This annual fee provides you with membership in WECA, the quarterly WECA news mailed to your household, bulletins on issues or activities of significant concern to West Enders, and supports WECA's efforts on your behalf. Your fee is also tax deductible.

The West End Citizens Assn. is a neighborhood action group formed in 1992 to protect and enhance the quality of community life for all residents of the West End. For most of us a home represents our single most valuable asset. The quality of life in the neighborhood in which that home is located determines its value to us and, should we ever sell it, to others. Please support us as we support you.

Annual Meeting April 18, 2000

On Tuesday evening, April 18 WECA will hold its Annual Meeting, 7:00 P.M. at Pleasant Day Adult Day Care (across Rt. 16 from the Cambridge-South Dorchester High School). The Association will review activity and accomplishments of the past operating year and take input from members as to activities they would like to see WECA take on in the coming year. Association members will also elect the Board of Directors for the 2000 - 2001 operating year. Nominees for the Board are as follows:

President - Steve DelSordo	Vice President - Herman Kramer
Secretary - Jackie Vickers	Treasurer - Andy Madera
Membership - Doug Kyle	Publicity - Brenda Hayward
Community Pride - Donna Cassarotti	
Special Projects - Lee Weldon	
Neighborhood Data & Oversight - Carroll Dail	
Past President - Marge Hull	

Come out and support WECA and your Directors. Refreshments will be served.

Oakley Beach Update by Edgar Williams

As reported in the winter issue of WECA news, the developer of the proposed Oakley Beach condo / townhouse project has been advised that he must submit the project design for review by the Cambridge Historic Preservation Commission. As of March 4, the Commission has not received a proposal.

The Madera and Williams families want to express their gratitude to the many friends and neighbors who responded generously to an appeal for funds to help defray the legal costs of convincing city officials to "do the right thing" by applying the Historic District guidelines and procedures to this project. We also want to recognize the significant donation of professional time and expertise of Steve DelSordo who coordinated the whole effort and, more importantly, applied for and obtained a very considerable grant from Preservation Maryland, Inc., a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving historic property in our state. Between the grant and the generosity of our neighbors, the legal bill has been paid in full. We have also received expressions of support for further endeavors, if needed, to assure the ultimate compatible use of Oakley Beach. We will continue to monitor this proposal and keep you informed.

Rezoning Issues By Steve Del Sordo

A special subcommittee has been working to review the current zoning regulations so that our organization can make recommendations for changes to the City. The City has recently hired a firm to rewrite the zoning and subdivision regulations. While no deadlines or schedule of hearings has been announced, WECA wants to be sure that we provide input to the changes. We are hoping to submit a report to the membership with recommendations for changes to the current regulations in the near future.

Members of the committee have met to review the current zoning regulations and to learn how they impact on our community. Among the issues that WECA has been concerned about in the zoning codes is the seemingly arbitrary nature of the zoning boundaries which split one side of the street from another. Also, the current zoning allows for very dense development along the water and for buildings that could rise up to six stories in height. In addition, WECA has long been

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advocating that the various yard setbacks be adjusted to more accurately conform to the existing situation in our neighborhood. In many situations, current zoning regulations would make it difficult to rebuild our homes if they were lost to a fire or other catastrophe.

If you have suggestions or comments that you would like to have the Committee consider, please contact Steve Del Sordo at 410-228-1939.

Historic Tours by Jackie Vickers

The WECA Board voted to offer its “Historic Tours of Cambridge” during “The Art of Living Well Expo”, being sponsored by the Dorchester Arts Center, Inc. at Sailwinds Park. This is a three day Expo encompassing ingredients to enhance your lifestyle. It is anticipated that there will be 10,000 visitors to the Art Expo during the three-day show. The Board chose to offer the Historic Tours only on Saturday and Sunday, April 29th, and 30th. We will be setting up a table and will need help. Pleasant Day Medical Adult Day Care will provide the vehicles, fuel, insurance and drivers. WECA will provide the tour narrators, sales and booth set-up.

The Historic Tours of Cambridge will be offered during the Senior Celebration sponsored by the Dorchester County Commission on the Aging, Inc scheduled for Thursday, May 18th. The Senior Celebration drew over 1000 people of all ages to celebrate our senior citizens with good music, food, and all day fun. The Senior Celebration runs from 9:00 ‘til 5:00 with a seafood supper at 4:00. Because of this the tours will be offered at 11:00 and 1:00.

Call Jackie J. Vickers at 410-228-5563 to help...PLEASE!

The Dorchester Chamber of Commerce’s Seafood Feast-I-val is scheduled for Saturday, August 12th, and WECA is again planning to run the Historic Tours. Marge Hull has had flyers made up for the Chamber to incorporate into their mailings. This is when we usually have a large number of tours, so mark your calendars. We will need lots of help.

Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, June 10 Rain date June 17

WECA’s Annual Spring Yard Sale has become a popular event for the West End of Cambridge. Yard Salers who have participated in previous years report that bargain seekers are plentiful and that sales have been vigorous. Bargain hunters like the opportunity to shop many locations in the same area. WECA advertises your address for you in the Banner, Dorchester Star, Star Democrat and the weekly papers in Talbot, Kent, Queen Anne and Wicomico Counties. The date is also publicized on WECM and WCEI. A month or so before the event a news article appears in the Dorchester Star and Banner promoting the sale. You can’t get better publicity. So, clean out those attics, cellars, sheds and prepare to make money to buy those things you have been wanting for a while. Remember, items should be clean, electric items should work. Most popular are yard implements, appliances, tools, household items, dishes, glassware, furniture, gently used clothing, toys etc. Children may want the fun of having their own corner with the chance of a toy-box clean-out to bring cash for something new.

There is no charge to take part in this event. West Enders need only set up in their own yards. WECA also arranges for the Department of Public Works to pick up any unwanted items, which may be left over on the Monday following the Sale date. To list your sale call Community Pride Chairman Donna Cassarotti (410-901-9390). If no answer, leave your name, address and telephone number.

Commissioner’s Corner

by Walt Vickers, 1st Ward Commissioner

Dear Neighbors:

The City of Cambridge has retained an independent firm to provide a comprehensive re-zoning of our entire city. The projected completion date for this project is October 2000. There will be a series of approximately eight public hearings over the summer which will provide each of you with a voice as to how you want your home and your neighborhood to be zoned. I personally support the expansion of the “R-1 (single family home zoning classification),” to include the entire West End. This will eliminate the conversion of our older homes into multi-family units and protect our undeveloped parcels from falling victim to overly dense and inappropriate development.

I am completely in favor of development and progress and look forward to new residential and commercial opportunities for growth. However, we as citizens should direct development as we determine appropriate. We will continue to live with the aftermath of development long after developers have left our community.

Each of you can have a voice in the process, but only if you participate. It is as important to provide your input at the zoning hearings as it is to cast your vote in the election. As always, please feel free to contact me via telephone 410-228-5563 or E-mail waltvickers@hotmail.com.

Christmas Winners

A big “thank you” to the many homeowners and businesses that lighted up the West End for the Christmas season. Congratulations to our Sixth Annual Christmas Decorating Contest winners. The judging committee chair Janis Clyde and committee members Brenda Hayward, Donna Casarotti and Fiona MacDonald made the circuit through the West End and selected the following winners. First Place went to Robert Brannock of 100 Talbot Ave., second place to Mr. and Mrs. Milford Foxwell of 104 Glenburn Ave., third to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Meekins of 1010 Locust St. and fourth to Mr. and Mrs. Emory Legg, 304 Oakley St. As usual, the committee had a hard time selecting winners from the many homes lighted for the holiday. However the committee members enjoyed the trip and working together on this project. Prizes included a \$25 gift certificate from Bay Country Shop, lunch for two at Mc Guigan’s Pub, a \$20 gift certificate from K-mart and a \$20 gift certificate from McDonalds of Cambridge. WECA appreciates and gratefully thanks these donors whose generosity makes the WECA Christmas Decorating contest special. For the third year WECA has cooperated with the Association to Revitalize Cambridge which recognizes exceptionally decorated homes and business through out the remaining areas of Cambridge.

Property Transfers by Carroll Dail

November 3, 1999 through March 8, 2000

Winterbottom, Inc	507 Court La.	\$33,175
Cook, Jeanne J. & Diane B.	302 Academy St Unit 202A	\$185,000
Leonard, Louisa P.	302 Academy St Unit 302A	\$187,500
Feldman, Joseph W. & Georgie L.	302 Academy St Unit 402A	\$185,000
Comish, Russell & Jews-Comish, Jean M.	604 Locust St	\$99,900
Draketail, LLC	403 High St	\$40,150
Roe, Dennis Jason	515 Glenburn Av, Unit 204C	\$72,500
Brutz, Helen B. & Thomas, Deborah B.	302 Academy St Unit 203A	\$185,000
Kidd, James S.L., Jr.	302 Academy St Unit 101A	\$185,000
Barnes, Estelle	219 Choptank Av	\$40,800
Busick, William T. & Concetta F.	210 Glenburn Av	\$130,000
Tenanty, Robert M. & Jane E.	714 Glasgow St	\$54,000
McGinn, Thomas W. & Anna Ruth	302 Academy St Unit 303A	\$187,500
Davis, Helen L.	302 Academy St Unit 403A	\$187,500
Thompson, Shery McAllister & Pastva, Matthew P	206 Talbot Av	\$103,000
Baker, Ida Jane	302 Academy St Unit 401A	\$187,500
Molock, Ronnie S. & Bertha I.	418 Leonards Lane	\$72,500
Lewis, John M. & Watts, Anne	116 Vue de l’Eau St	\$74,000
Morton, John M. & Leslie S.	108 Talbot Av	\$132,000
Morris, Timothy L.	318 Willis St	\$25,000
Berman, Ronald L. & Julia B.	307 Oakley St	\$145,000
Saum, John & Helen & Wilson, Timothy B. & Linda Ann	7 Choptank Av	\$60,000
Kane, Lisa & Thomas, Byron	602 Glasgow St	\$93,000
Bennett, Janice H.	302 Academy St Unit 201A	\$187,500
Jones, Kelly	213 West End Av	\$55,000
Bruchie, Robert J.	302 Academy St Unit 301A	\$185,000
J & M Enterprises LLC	418 Linden Av	\$37,500
Sard, Gene R. & Lesley A.	203 West End	\$59,900
Wilson, Keith J. & Katherine B. & Mills, Rufus T., Jr.	1103 School St	\$85,000
Haller, Pamela D.	404 Glenburn Av	\$96,000
Dover Street Realty, Inc.	702 Glasgow St	\$50,000
Nwakudo, James I. & Valerie J.	803 Locust St	\$25,000

Bylaw Revisions

The Board of Directors submits the following Bylaw changes for membership approval at the Annual Meeting on April 18, 2000. Additions to the Bylaws are indicated by underling. Deletions by Parenthesis ().

ARTICLE IV. MANAGEMENT Section 7. Terms of Service: Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a period of one year by majority vote of the membership present at the Association’s Annual Meeting. All (Board members) Directors shall enter upon their official duties on the first day of May following the annual meeting and shall serve for the year elected and until their respective successors are duly elected or appointed, qualified and take office. No director, with the exception of the Chair of the Neighborhood Data and Oversight Committee shall be elected to serve more than three consecutive terms of one year each. No director, with the exception of the Chair of the Neighborhood Data and Oversight Committee shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office or committee chair. Directors appointed to serve out an unexpired term as an officer or standing committee chair shall not have that time count against the limit of three consecutive terms or two consecutive terms in the same office or chair. A former member of the Board of Directors may be reelected to serve after a lapse of one year.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS Section 2. Terms of Office. (recommend that this section be eliminated because the same information is incorporated in the additions to **ARTICLE IV. MANAGEMENT Section 7. Terms of Service.**

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES Section 1. Standing Committees. There shall be five standing committees of the

(Board of Directors) the Association. The Chair of each committee shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors. All (Committees) Committee members shall be appointed by the (President) committee chair and approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES Section1. (Neighborhood Oversight Committee:) Neighborhood Data and Oversight Committee: The committee shall develop and keep current a data base consisting of properties within the geographic boundaries of the West End Association as outlined in the bylaws, and the Historic District of Cambridge. The committee shall, in the Association area monitor construction and remodeling, monitor the condition in which properties are maintained, and monitor ownership, residency and conformation to zoning and other regulations of all West End area properties, with particular emphases on rental property.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS OF MEMBERSHIP, Section 1. Annual Business Meeting. An Annual Business Meeting of the membership shall be held during (the second week of) the month of April at such time and place designated by the Board of Directors, for the election of Directors and the transaction of other business as may come before the membership. Written notice of the date, time and place of the Annual Meeting of the membership shall be published(at least three times,) in the Association news letter or in a local newspaper and may be publicized on a local radio station at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS These Bylaws may be altered, or repealed by the affirmative vote of a majority of members entitled to vote and present at any Annual or Special meeting of the membership, provided however, the text of any proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to all members of the Association’s Board of Directors and has been made available to all general members. Notice shall be published in a local newspaper and / or in the Association’s newsletter at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual or Special Meeting at which the Bylaw changes are to be addressed and shall contain the location and times where the text of subject Bylaw changes can be obtained.

Main Street Report By Lee Weldon

The steering committee that is working to develop the Main Street Maryland Program application for the City of Cambridge has voted to postpone the city’s application until March of 2001. Having secured the letter of intent from the city commissioners, the Association for the Revitalization of Cambridge handed over the reigns of the application process to the steering committee in January.

Following the public hearing, during which a number of business people and concerned citizens expressed interest in helping to shape the application, the steering committee was assembled and appointed as a temporary body. The purpose of the committee is to develop the application with the full involvement of the community. This includes ensuring inclusion of a diverse range of opinions and input in the application process, establishment of appropriate boundaries for the project, and to establish the make-up and qualification of the final board of directors that will oversee the implementation of the Main Street program in Cambridge. The committee will also establish the qualifications and job description of the Main Street Manager, based on the national model, but with consideration of the needs of our city.

The steering committee, after several tense but productive meetings, determined that while the Main Street approach offers many advantages to local businesses, it was clear that more information needed to be gathered. Also, it was determined that in order to gain full support of the community, an education effort needed to be undertaken to spread the word about how Main Street can serve businesses and citizens within the designated area. As such, it was generally agreed that a six week deadline (February 1 to March 15)