

Minutes for Westwood Civic Association General Meeting and Election Dinner at Outback Steakhouse on April 17, 2012

Present:

Tom Minor, Jill Minor, Becky Weber, Mary Kuhl, Valerie Baumann, Michelle Conda, Irene McNulty, Jerry Hildebrand, Mary Jenkins, Nick D'Angelo, Joel Kimmet, John Sess, Karen Strasser, Joe Henke. Melva Gweyn excused.

Joel Kimmet called the meeting to order followed by welcoming our guests. Joel introduced new Board members Michelle Conda, Tom Minor and Nick D'Angelo. Next, Joel recognized new officers Mary Kuhl Vice President, Mary Jenkins Vice President, Jill Minor Membership Secretary, Valerie Baumann Treasurer and Karen Strasser Secretary. The minutes were approved from the March 20, 2012 WCA meeting.

The Chronic Nuisance committee will wait to report until the steering meeting on 5/8/12. On 4/16 the Budget Priorities meeting occurred. Nick D'Angelo attended that meeting and updated us. WCA will be given a website address, like a facebook page, where we can all list our priorities. Thus far, WCA representatives have listed funding for chronic nuisance, dog warden, funding for blight and numerous other items as our priorities. The things that WCA focus on were targeted. We can submit additional items down the road. This was for the 2013 budget and upcoming budgets down the road for the next so many years.

The Westwood Deli located at 220 Harrison Ave has applied for a liquor license. (transfer of stock request) John Sess motioned that we oppose the application and Mary Jenkins seconded. Discussion followed - Westwood COPPs also opposes. All were opposed.

Transfer of ownership request of liquor license at the Queen City Shell, 3090 Queen City Ave. Jim McNulty said that this is a BP that is changing over to a Shell. Michelle Conda motioned to take no action, seconded by John Sess, all were in favor.

There will be a public hearing on 4/24, Livable Communities. John Sess will attend.

There will be a public hearing on 4/27, Buildings and Inspections. On the list of proposed buildings for demolition are 2184 Harrison Ave. (single family unit) and 2519 Harrison Ave. (2 family unit) It was shared that demolishing 2519 Harrison Ave., would leave a gap between two really nice homes. Nick D'Angelo inquired if the cost of repairing a building has any influence on the decision to demolish or not to demolish a house. Mary Kuhl stated that our focus should be only on multi- family housing saying that we should encourage people to see the value in some nice single family homes and encourage renovation. Michelle Conda spoke regarding the house in disrepair next to the Westwood Deli. Mary Kuhl stated that the City tore down a beautiful brick house on the other side of that same Deli. After more discussion, it was suggested by Mary Jenkins that we take no action on the multi family unit and stay consistent with our position on single family units discussing policy at a future steering meeting. Mary Kuhl reminded

us that our policy has been that we are against tearing down single family units. John Sess motioned that we take no action, Tom Minor seconded. During discussion, Mary Kuhl asked if in the past we have written a letter to the City stating that we are against tearing down single family housing. Nick D'Angelo stated that the economy could decide if we tear it down, or not, thereby letting the market dictate. The motion to take no action was then voted upon. Mary Kuhl and Becky Weber opposed, all else in favor.

2111 Harrison – Becky Weber would like to spearhead a committee that works on getting rid of 2111 Harrison Ave. Becky has worked hard for the past few years on this property.

West Fest – Mary Jenkins will be the booth chair for West Fest. Becky Weber and Irene McNulty met with Mary Jenkins to outline the responsibilities of the booth chair for this event. Irene McNulty will recruit and schedule the volunteers. Several businesses have been identified who will be asked for donations.

Motion to adjourn by Michelle Conda, seconded by Tom Minor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Strasser