

**November 13, 2012**

**Westwood Civic Association Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
Submitted by Karen Strasser, Recording Secretary**

**Present:**

Mary Kuhl, Michelle Conda, Becky Weber, Mary Jenkins, Valerie Baumann, Joel Kimmet, Karen Strasser, Jerry Hildebrand, Irene McNulty

**Excused:**

John Sess, Melva Gweyn

**Absent:**

Jill Minor, Tom Minor

President Joel Kimmet called the meeting to order.

**Notice of Hearing**

**3030 Montclair Avenue –**

On 11/21/12 there will be a hearing regarding 3030 Montclair Avenue. An application for a decision by the Zoning hearing Examiner has been submitted by GPD Group. The applicant has requested condition use approval to collocate on an existing telecommunications tower, to construct an additional building on the property to support the new collocated service, to extend the fencing on the property 15 feet toward the street, and any other related relief required under the zoning code.

**MOTION BY B. WEBER, seconded by I. McNulty to oppose the application submitted to the City of Cincinnati by GPD Group unless a representative for GPD will attend the November WCA general meeting and answer our questions.  
ALL IN FAVOR**

The American flags are all down and many are very damaged. Michelle Conda has started looking into alternatives and she will come up with ideas to present at an upcoming meeting.

**3344 Glenmore**

Glenmore Market Place

Joel Kimmet contacted the Police Department and spoke to Officer Simpson. The police submitted their report on time to City Hall and it reflected the fact that WCA was opposed to this liquor license. We need to contact the appropriate department at the City that handles liquor permits. They are the ones who were supposed to setup the meeting. Michelle Conda will look into this. We are not the only neighborhood that has objected to a liquor license. Dale Mallory is our new state rep. The City Public Safety may be the best starting point for this inquiry.

## **COPPS**

(Baumann) COPPS on patrol today observed that GG'z at 3018 Harrison is closed now. The front door windows plus several others are busted out and the owner is responsible. Michelle Conda will contact Ed Cunningham's Department in regard to this.

COPPS also went back into Bracken Woods today. At 2280 Harrison, it looked worse than ever. The steps that lead down to Orland are in horrible disrepair as well. Joel will talk to Ed Cunningham about this problem property as well. The Port Authority is also looking into acquiring 2280 Harrison.

2284 looks terrible. It has been added to the list of properties that Joel Kimmet will discuss with Ed Cunningham. Mary Kuhl has observed activity at this address. We would like Ed's department to make sure that the property owner is doing things correctly with the proper permits.

WestCURC has two additional contracts on houses on Bracken Woods Lane.

3037 Bracken Woods Lane has been declared a hazard. It should be demolished in upcoming months. This property is on our top twenty list of problem properties.

(Strasser) Do we get a status report from Cunningham on our list of top twenty?

(Jim McNulty) How do we get on the demolition list?

(Jenkins) Price Hill is getting a high number of buildings torn down.

(Kuhl) Price Hill and South Fairmont are tearing down many single family homes.

(Kimmet) Joel Kimmet wants to have a meeting with the Problem Properties committee. Joel will also go to talk to Ed Cunningham about the status of the houses on our top twenty list.

(Kuhl) Who has the money to demolish the buildings?

(Kimmet) The federal government gave money to the City to demolish buildings. Ed Cunningham's department has some control of the demolition money.

(Kimmet) We should invite somebody here from the Port Authority for an update. We should also have somebody from Ed Cunningham's office.

(McNulty) Price Hill has a paid person to write grants, etc. This person works for Price Hill Will. Price Hill Will is a non profit organization funded by donations.

(Kimmet) WestCURC could possibly fill that role.

(Strasser) Maybe a representative from WestCURC needs to be invited to a WCA meeting to discuss their thoughts in regard to condos being built on Harrison Ave.

(Jenkins) A rotary and condos on Harrison Ave. were discussed in a recent Form Based Codes meeting.

(Weber) One of Roxanne Quall's ideas about Form Based Codes is to put in lots of multi family housing.

(Hidebrand) Westwood and the City are not on the same page.

(Kimmel) If WestCURC isn't going to help us, then we should try to become like Price Hill Will and have staff working for Westwood.

(Jenkins) We have said that we want a Port Authority representative to come back, along with Ed Cunningham and WestCurc. We should follow up on the form based codes and how that fits into our Westwood Strategic Plan.

(Weber) We should probably have Sister Ann Rene come to a Steering Committee.

(Conda) Invite Sister Ann Rene to the January Steering Meeting with Ed Cunningham too.

(Jenkins) It is okay to talk in detail with Sister at a general meeting because this could be educational for everyone.

(Kimmel) We need to find out who is monitoring the TIF money for Westwood.

(Jenkins) Do we have common ground or divergent philosophies in regard to the Westwood Business District? This topic needs to be discussed with WestCURC.

(Kuhl) Who do we invite from WestCURC? The entire WestCURC Board?

Joel Kimmel will invite Sr. Ann Rene and the entire WestCURC Board to the January Steering meeting.

General Meeting Plans -

November General meeting – invite various zoning applicants along with Andrea Henderson from transportation. Mary Kuhl will follow up with her.

December General Meeting – invite Port Authority representatives and Ed Cunningham from City's Building and Inspections.

January Steering Meeting – invite WestCURC and their leadership Board members.

(Jenkins) There are several major organizations in Westwood that talk and think about how Westwood will look. There are points of intersection between WestCURC's mission and WCA's mission.

(Kuhl) Collaboration is in the mission statement of WestCURC. I don't feel like there has been any collaboration between WCA and WestCURC.

(Jenkins) We are organizations with overlapping missions. We can be in an awesome place with collaboration or we can bump up against each other. We need to be able to address this.

(Conda) Why are we doing flags in the Business District? Why isn't WestCURC doing that?

(Weber) We have our strategic plan in place and we are the recognized organization of Westwood.

(Jenkins) That is all well and good, but the other organizations do have a voice. I'm suggesting a discussion with the leadership of the other Westwood organizations.

(Jenkins) The groups are going to keep having an overlap.

(Kimmet) We should go through WestCURC's projects to make sure that their projects fit with Westwood Strategic's Plan.

John Eby has been involved in the form based codes discussions and actively involved in Cheviot Westwood Business Association.

### **Committee Reports –**

Becky Weber – WCA holiday party

Will send out a constant contact email invite to the xmas party at Paliminos.

Irene McNulty – Jim McNulty would be a great Board member.

**Motion by Irene McNulty, seconded by Michelle Conda that Jim McNulty be added to the WCA Board.**

**All in favor**

Becky Weber – 2111 Harrison Ave, there was a shooting about three weeks ago approximatley 8:10p.m. The police never showed up. Ken and Julie live across the street from 2111. Ken heard the shots. A young kid was running down the street. Many shots were fired on Sarvis Court. Weber called Neville on his cell phone after Ken called the police back. Ken had a look at the car, but didn't get the license place. What else has to happen for the police not to come right away? The police closed the incident report without ever dispatching an officer. Weber will follow up with Neville regarding this

incident. All of the parties involved in this incident had dispersed by the time Lt. Richardson finally arrived.

(Kimmet) What about advocating for Westwood to be a separate district than Price Hill. District three is so big.

(McNulty, J.) 3080 McHenry is reoccupied. 3100 McHenry has been transferred to the City. The City owns massive amounts of acreage behind 3100. We need to keep that area in the back of our minds for redevelopment. There are two driveways belonging to 3100. The driveway that 3080 is using belongs to the City. We should look into this.

**Motion by Michelle Conda to adjourn, seconded by Jerry Hildebrand.  
All in favor.**