

Westwood Civic Association General Meeting Minutes  
Election Dinner at Outback Steakhouse  
April 16, 2013  
Submitted by Karen Strasser, Recording Secretary

**Present:**

Becky Weber, Mary Jenkins, Valerie Baumann, Jerry Hildebrand, Jill Minor, Tom Minor, Mary Kuhl, Irene McNulty, Joel Kimmet, Karen Strasser, John Sess, Jim McNulty, Melva Gweyn, Michelle Conda, Leslie Rich, Tom Hodges

President Joel Kimmet called the meeting to order.

**Motion by I. McNulty, to approve the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Steering Committee minutes and the April 7<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee minutes.**

**Seconded by Mary Jenkins.**

**All in favor – motion passed**

**Flower Pots along Harrison Avenue – Melva Gweyn**

We need help fund the flower pots that grace Harrison Avenue. Melva Gweyn would like to go to the businesses in the area and ask for contributions to fund the pots. We have been told that the cost for each pot will be \$400.00. This cost would cover all of the maintenance including daily watering. The pots would be in the business district only. Michelle Conda will donate \$40.00 to get the fund the flower pot fund started. There are about 33 pots that the City takes care of presently and Melva takes care of an additional 22 pots.

**Motion by M. Gweyn that WCA solicit businesses to fund the pots in the business district.**

**Seconded by I. McNulty.**

**Discussion followed:**

**Residents of Westwood and business owners along Harrison need to start realizing how much is involved in funding and providing maintenance on the flower pots.**

**All in favor – motion passed**

(Rich) Perhaps each street could sponsor a pot.

(Gweyn) We need sponsorships for all 55 pots.

(Kimmet) What about asking Home Depot or other stores like Walmart to sponsor a pot.

**Westwood Community Gardens – Mary Jenkins**

We have one garden plot still available. After this plot is rented, a waiting list will be started.

(Kimmet) The City is contemplating the sale of the Firehouse. WestCURC contacted the City and inquired as to what was going on with the Firehouse property. WestCURC is interested in the building if the City does not have a plan.

(Jenkins) It is a good idea that there is a community group/groups interested in the building. This means that control of the building would remain with a community group.

(Kuhl) We had previously talked about Westwood Historical Society being interested in the building.

(Kimmet) We are still very early in this process.

**Motion by Jim McNulty that the City be informed that WCA is very interested in the future use of the Firehouse and wants to be involved in the process going forward.**

**Seconded by Jerry Hildebrand.**

**All in favor – motion passed**

(Kimmet) Thanked John Sess for his years of service on the WCA Board.

**At this point in the meeting, John Sess chaired the election process. An election is held if two or more people want to run for an office.**

Nomination for Joel Kimmet for President

Nomination for Mary Kuhl for President

Kimmet elected President

Nomination for Mary Kuhl as First Vice President – accepted and all in favor

Nomination for Mary Jenkins as Second Vice President – accepted and all in favor

Nomination for Karen Strasser as Recording Secretary – accepted and all in favor

Nomination for Valerie Baumann as Treasurer – accepted and all in favor.

Nomination for Leslie Rich as Membership Secretary

Nomination for Jim McNulty as Membership Secretary

Leslie Rich elected Membership Secretary

**Motion by Mary Kuhl to adjourn**

**Seconded by Jerry Hildebrand**

**All in favor – meeting adjourned**

As part of the election dinner and celebration, we welcomed, as our guest speaker, John Lewandowski of Madcap Puppets.