

Westwood Civic Association
GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday July 16, 2013 – Westwood Town Hall

Present: Joel Kimmet, Jim Mc Nulty, Irene Mc Nulty, Mary Kuhl, Melva Gwen, Valerie Bauman, Becky Weber, Tom Hodges, Becky Weber, Tom Minor, Michelle Conda, Jill Minor

Excused: Karen Strasser, Mary Jenkins, Leslie Rich

Absent: Jerry Hildebrand

Opening - Joel Kimmet welcomed new residents

Pledge - Roll Call of Officers – Welcoming of Guests

Police Report:

Officer Minella provided the crime stats and reported that overall crime reports are down this year compared to last year. Officer Minella confirmed that the murder rate is up in the city. A resident was concerned about a black abandoned car on LaFuelle that she report to the police, however, the Black SUV remains. Officer Minella told residents to feel free to call him directly.

At Westwood Town Hall, garden hoses were stolen. Officer Minella stated that cars have been broken into at Dunham Center, Ryan Park, and Gamble-Nippert YMCA .

No Fire Report

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes:

Motion by M. Conda to approve meeting minutes from 6.11.13, seconded by T. Minor.

Motion passed, all in favor

WCA Committees for 2013/14

Kimmet: Anyone can serve on committees including our new Town Hall Committee.

Weber compiled a list of committees and then distributed to those present. She encouraged people to sign up for committees.

WCA Public Safety Priorities

Kimmet: Reviewed Westwood Priorities

Weber: Reread her email sent to the board stating Westwood Civic priorities as follows:
Code Zero, Chronic Nuisance, Demolition, Drug Dealing on streets, Social Service agencies, Repeat offenders, Town Hall, Litter control, Blighted buildings.

Motion by M. Conda to approve the list of Westwood priorities and assign the list to the designated City Council members, seconded by T. Hodges.

Motion passed, all in favor

Code 0: Quinlevin

Chronic Nuisance Wendall Young

Demolition: Charlie Winburn

Drug Dealing on Streets: Seelbach
Social Service Agencies: Yvette Simpson
Repeat Offenders: Smitherman
Town Hall: Qualls
Litter Control: Pamela Thomas
Blighted: PG Sittenfeld

Good Guy Loitering –

Weber described Good Guy Loitering and Citizens on Patrol
The next GGL will be held on 7/25 or 7/26 on Eugenie.

Problem at 2545 Montana Avenue Apartments

Mara & Chris Conrad are taking over the management of the property. Sheldon Steele brought a list of all the issues over the years. Steele has pictures of vandalism. Residents have damaged his car and property and fighting and guns have been involved. It is an ongoing problem. Mr. Steele has called litter control and the health department.

Bauman: Could Citizens on Patrol go on property?

Mara: Yes

Drastic changes are going to take place:

- Tenants will be leaving.
- Dogs will no longer be on the property.
- Towing signs will be put up.
- Dumpster will be replaced in a week or so.

Resident: The manager should do a drive by.

Property Manager: Mara Harperink from Remax Property Manager: Give me a month so I can clean up. The owners in CA allowed their daughter and son and law to do the management.

Gwen: Could you give permission for police to go on site?

Mara: I have talked to the police.

Resident: Could we get cameras?

Kimmet: We could look into it.

2280 Harrison Avenue Updates - Joel Kimmet

Demolition is completed.

A discussion followed regarding having this property "rezoned" back to SF-6 (single family)

MOTION by I. McNulty to approve rezoning this lot back to SF-6, seconded by Valerie Baumann.

More discussion followed.

Motion passed, all in favor

11. Report on Westwood Demolitions - Jim McNulty

Asbestos problem at 2822 Shafer may cause delays.

2680 Shafer should be demolished.

Kimmet: 60% of the properties in Westwood are rental and 40% are owner occupied. WCA is trying to turn this around. We try to demolish multi-family dwellings when they come up.

Updates since last meeting

- Unnecessary delays occurring in all Westwood demolitions
- We need to review WCA "Top-20" Worst Buildings List

Westwood "Giant Yard Sale" Saturday, July 20th, 9 AM – 2 PM

Kimmet: Do we need any last minute planning?

Dina Hanks: We are marking the grounds. This is a fundraising. We have 61 vendors. WTH will be selling drinks and light snacks. Plots are 10 by 10 or 15 by 20. Vendors will be accepted up until the night before the event.

Baumann: I will bring the money. Kimmet has tables. We need someone to spearhead the event. Is anyone planning on helping at Yard Sale? We need people to bring things to sell.

Dina Hanks: WiFi is up and running at Town Hall. Queen City production "Into the Woods" is being held at WTH. Two Taft portraits are located at WTH. October we will have the production of Clue. Children's programs are steady. Adult programs need more participation. Fall program will be updated for August 1. WTH Halloween Howl and possible Christmas Program are in the works.. WTH will be 125 years old in April. We should do an event in the Spring.

Weber: We have not decided what we are doing to do with the Good Neighbor letter. CMHA is coming to our meeting in September.

Kimmet: We are doing bylaw revisions during our steering meeting. Steering Meetings will be planning meetings.

Mail:

The Livable Communities Committee wants to remove the Historic District designation at the property located at 2918 Werk Road./Gamble House . There is a meeting regarding this on 8/6/13 at 6pm at Mt. Washington Community Center. Melva and Valerie will attend the meeting.

Motion by J. McNulty, seconded by M. Gweyn to expand- the designation to include the entire property.

Motion passed, all in favor

Motion to adjourn T. Minor, seconded by T. Hodges. Meeting adjourned.