

**November 12, 2013 Westwood Civic Association Steering Meeting
Submitted by Karen Strasser, Recording Secretary**

Present: J. Kimmet, T. Hodges, J. Minor, T. Minor, V. Baumann, I. McNulty, J. McNulty, K. Strasser, J. Corso, M. Jenkins, M. Kuhl, B. Weber, M. Gweyn, M. Conda, L. Rich,

President Joel Kimmet called the meeting to order.

Motion by J. McNulty that all meetings attended by WCA Board members in official capacity will be open to the public and openly publicized. Seconded by I. McNulty.

A discussion followed:

The motion is about any WCA member in an official capacity. WCA committee meetings have never been promoted, etc. on the WCA website. This motion calls for a much broader level of openness. On the matter of the Coalition, there are two different types of Coalition meetings – planning and seeking input. Generally the meetings with business owners, etc. have been widely promoted. The steering meetings have not been promoted, but have been announced.

Several Board members shared problems they had with the motion and Joel Kimmet cited the Bracken Woods project as an example (took out words)that we have had many committee meetings with regard to this project and it would be difficult to publicize these meetings. Kimmet continued by saying, “When I attend the NSP meetings, I am in an official capacity. It is the same with the Community Gardens. It just goes on and on.” It would be impossible and cumbersome to promote each one of these meetings to our WCA membership.

**After debate continued, J. McNulty restated his motion -
Motion by Jim McNulty that all Coalition meetings attended by WCA Board members in official capacity will be open to the public and openly publicized. Seconded by I. McNulty.**

Discussion continued with Board members talking about the pros and cons of this motion.

The vote was called by Tom Hodges.

In favor:

Michelle Conda

Melva Gweyn

Valerie Baumann

Mary Kuhl

Becky Weber

Jim McNulty

Irene McNulty

Opposed:
Tom Hodges
Jill minor
Tom Minor
Leslie Rich
Joe Corso
Karen Strasser
Mary Jenkins
Joel Kimmet

Motion failed 8-7.

501 C4 Status Update -

(J. Kimmet) We have been working hard on the 501C4 status. We are 95% complete. Copies will be available at the November General Meeting before we send it to the IRS. The processing fee is \$850.00. We need to approve this filing fee.

Motion by Mary Kuhl that we approve the 501C4 IRS filing fee of \$850.00, seconded by Mary Jenkins.

All in favor: Motion passed unanimously

Website Update:

(B. Weber) This committee and Brian Lee are recommending HostGator. Brian is willing to take the time to move the current website to this provider. We did lots of research. We took the top 4 and after looking at the top 4, we chose HostGator.

Motion from B. Weber for \$95.52, seconded by I. McNulty that we use Host Gator to build and host our website.

Motion passed unanimously.

This Saturday, 11/16 from 9 – 11a.m. a volunteer cleanup will occur at 3225 Werk Road across from Mayridge. The Firehouse Open House event will follow on that same day. Both events will be announced via Constant Contact.

Nominating Committees will be formed at the November General Meeting according to the WCA Constitution.

Firehouse Event Saturday, 11/16 11 a.m. – 1p.m.–

(M. Conda) The Fire Department is doing this Firehouse Event special for us. They are furnishing the chili, cheese, etc. There will be tours of the Firehouse. Many people have been very generous with regard to this event. Various board members confirmed items they will be providing for the event and signed up to fill

additional needs. Michelle Conda defined specific needs for the day of the event. Mary Jenkins thanked event Chairperson, Michelle Conda, for a job well done.

Liquor License Application for 5836 Glenway Avenue, Del Angel Goods

(near Our Lady of Lourdes)

The application is for a new D3 and a new D1.

This has been continued until November 14th.

Board members discussed concerns about yet another liquor license in Westwood being issued.

Motion by M. Conda, seconded by V. Baumann to object to the liquor license application for Del Angel Goods at 5836 Glenway Avenue.

Yes –

Michelle Conda

Melva Gwyn

Valerie Baumann

Becky Weber

Jim McNulty

Irene McNulty

Jill minor

Tom Minor

Leslie Rich

Joe Corso

Karen Strasser

Mary Jenkins

Joel Kimmet

Abstain –

Tom Hodges

Mary Kuhl

Motion passed. A letter will be written opposing this liquor license.

Michelle Conda will send an email to Our Lady Lourdes School letting them know about this liquor license application because this applicant is located in close proximity to the school..

Outreach Committee Report –Mary Jenkins

The Outreach committee extends an invitation to meet with other committees to understand where other committee's responsibilities overlap with Outreach and vise versa.

Jim McNulty brought to our attention that everyone is not getting our Newsletter.

Building and Property Report – Jim McNulty

Some more bad buildings were demolished.

We need people to report bad buildings.

Other Committees –

Public Safety met a few weeks ago and discussed Eugenie and Werkastle. Mary Kuhl will invite the new police Chief to one of our upcoming meetings. We will get him up to speed on the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance and citizens will get answers they have regarding Code Zero.

Flags need to come down along Harrison Avenue because many are in bad shape. They will be taken down after Veteran's Day.

Leslie Rich would like to have a discussion on how members could pay their dues via email, etc.

Board members had a discussion regarding plans for a WCA Holiday party.

Motion by V. Baumann for up to \$100.00 seconded by M. Conda for appetizers at Palominos for the WCA Holiday party on December 13th. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

First ever Westwood Holiday tree lighting – Deck the Hall event

- ❖ Activities inside Town Hall from 2 – 4p.m.
- ❖ Activities move outside from 4 – 6p.m.
- ❖ Two kids activities from 4 – 6p.m.
- ❖ Kids will make luminaries sponsored by the YMCA.
- ❖ We need volunteers to make sure that the event runs smoothly.
- ❖ The bulk of the help that we will need is between 4 – 6p.m.
- ❖ The YMCA will select a child to light the tree.

Open Forum –

Zoning relief requested by 3134 Mozart Ave.

Owner requests a variance to place a trailer on the property's eastern side yard and any other related relief required under the zoning code.

Motion by M. Kuhl, seconded by M. Conda to oppose this variance request. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Joel Kimmert will write a letter and hand deliver the letter to the Hearing Examiner.

Becky Weber will be doing the Holiday Yard of the Week and will begin the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Motion to adjourn by M. Kuhl, seconded by M. Jenkins.

