

Attendance

Present: Mary Jenkins, Joel Kimmet, Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm, Karen Strasser, Joe Corso, Emily Miller-Reynolds, Stephen Schramm, Trinetta Zawadzki, Sara Overstake, Larry Eiser, Steve Beckman, Valerie Baumann.

Excused: Melva Gweyn, Irene McNulty

The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Jenkins.

Motion to approve the agenda by J. Kimmet, seconded by E. Reynolds.

All in favor of the agenda as proposed.

Requested revision of approved July 15, 2014 Minutes –

Motion by K. Strasser, seconded by S. Schramm to wait until the July Steering meeting to discuss the July 15, 2014 minutes.

Motion passed.

11 yes, 1 abstention

Yes: S. Stallworth-Schramm, Strasser, Corso, Reynolds, Schramm, Zawadzki, Overstake, Eiser, Beckman, Baumann

Abstention: Kimmet

Williamsburg Square Association Grant Application – Richard Ulbrich and Denise Harris

Residents Richard Ulbrich and Denise Harris requested a letter of support endorsing Williamsburg Square for the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Safe and Clean Grant. The deadline for the grant application is August 7, 2015. There is work needed here because of some safety issues including bold drug transactions in the parking lot. Last week twenty volunteers came out for a cleanup at this building (corner of Montana and Westwood Northern Boulevard). Suggestions were made by the Board encouraging Williamsburg Square to better community relationships and start a Block Watch on the premises. Our guests were also referred to the WCA website where helpful public safety tools can be found and their efforts were applauded.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Beckman

WCA incurred \$1,100.00 in expenses in May between the newsletter and soil for the Westwood Community Gardens.

Income was \$800.00.

Balance in checking: \$5,990.00

Balance in saving: \$8,946.00

Membership Secretary's Report – Stephen Schramm

186 memberships

384 voting members

Increase of 7 memberships since last month

Change of Agent fee to Secretary of State of Ohio – Mary Jenkins

The WCA treasurer has changed to Steve Beckman and WCA needs to file a Change of Agent.

Motion by J. Kimmet, seconded by V. Baumann that WCA pay \$25.00 to the Secretary of State to file a Change of Agent.

Motion passed unanimously

Town Hall Foundation Study – Mary Jenkins

Following the previous meeting's approval of funding of up to \$600 for an engineering study of the foundation of Town Hall, Mary Jenkins issued an RFQ to several qualified firms. Based on responses, she selected Jeremiah Cole of Cole Engineering Solutions will be doing the study by 7/31/15.

Clean Up Blitz - Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm

The dumpsters being provided by the City will be located in front of Town Hall and in the Save a Lot parking lot on Harrison Ave. There will be Gateway cleanups, some side street cleanups, mowing and street sweeping as part of the Blitz. Residents may call 513-591-6000 to report problems such as garbage and high grass to the City.

Bench Billboard Update – Mary Jenkins

WCA has asked the City to remove the benches. It has been determined by the court system that the benches are illegal. We must follow the process and give the owner until June 18th to remove the benches himself. After that day, we may move forward with handling any benches that have not yet been removed.

Help a Lot Abatement Program – Mary Jenkins and Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm

WCA representatives attended a meeting last week at Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. Various groups are invited to participate in this program. KCB wants each group to commit to ten properties. KCB and City Public Services will handle the worst properties.

Motion by J. Corso, seconded by E. Reynolds that we commit to ten lots in the Lot Abatement Program.

Motion passed unanimously.

Committees

Our membership is showing interest in getting involved in committee work and we are very happy to see the membership engaging.

Vacant Board Position – Mary Jenkins

Motion by E. Reynolds, seconded by S. Stallworth that Henry Frondorf fill the vacant WCA Board position.

Motion passed unanimously

Mary Jenkins welcomed Henry Frondorf to the WCA Board.

Giant Yard Sale – July 18th

WCA is going to participate but looking for some members to take the lead in organizing our efforts.

Variance proposal, LDC & FBC – Mary Jenkins

Presently, there is no mechanism or process allowing for a variance in FBC.

We won't be able to participate in a process for the FBC variance because it's just up to city council now but we should discuss our willingness to support a variance process or not.

Graeter's Ferguson location closing – Mary Jenkins

Graeter's may be open to another location in Westwood. Another option is tearing down and rebuilding at the Ferguson location. WCA wants to see Graeter's remain in Westwood. Mary Jenkins will continue to do outreach with Graeter's on behalf of WCA.

Zoning issues –

The 3 addresses below are all out of zoning compliance at this time under the Form Based Code:

2911 Harrison – old Heartbeat Motors

3197 Harrison – Cell phone/Vapor store

3250 Harrison – Single family house advertising basement for rent.

Student of the Year Update – Karen Strasser

The Awards will take place at the WCA General meeting on 6/16/15. Amy Murray will present the awards.

Motion by E. Reynolds, seconded by T. Zawadzski that each award recipient be given a \$10.00 gift card to Putz's at the awards ceremony.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned by Mary Jenkins.