

Attendance

Present: Mary Jenkins, Joel Kimmet, Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm, Karen Strasser, Emily Miller-Reynolds, Stephen Schramm, Trinetta Zawadzki, Sara Overstake, Larry Eiser, Steve Beckman, Irene McNulty, Melva Gweyn.

Excused: Joe Corso, Valerie Baumann

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.**

Treasurer's Report – Steve Beckman

Recent expenses included flags for Harrison Avenue and the purchase of the pine tree and stone in memory of Eric Sierra. Income is from three new memberships.

Westwood Coalition Report & Representatives – Mary Jenkins

Michelle Conda will continue as one of two Coalition delegates from WCA.

Mary Jenkins has resigned from her position as the Westwood Works delegate to the Coalition and has been nominated to be the second Coalition delegate from WCA. Melva Gweyn accepted the appointment to be a backup delegate to the Coalition.

WestCURC NBDIP Proposal – Elizabeth Bartley, Executive Director of WestCURC

WestCURC has applied for NBDIP funding for the Business District Revitalization project in the amount of \$600,000. The City of Cincinnati created the Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP) to assist communities in implementing projects that stabilize, maintain, and improve their NBDs and overall community economic viability. Funds can be used for legally eligible, community-supported projects that respond to the needs of the business district and solve relevant problems. Neighborhood economic development projects are strongly encouraged.

Multiple surveys have been performed in the community to determine the needs of the community. We discussed the various actions steps necessary for implementation of the plans. These steps will include working with various City departments including but not limited to Transportation & Engineering, Planning and Parks. We are not yet at the building phase, but rather getting the Business District "shovel ready." WestCURC is asking for a letter of support regarding this NBDIP funding to the City of Cincinnati from WCA to further increase the chance of winning the NBDIP award.

Motion by E. Reynolds, seconded by J. Kimmet that WCA write a letter to the City of Cincinnati in support of WestCURC's NBDIP proposal.

Discussion followed.

Members want to make sure that parking is addressed with regard to this project on an ongoing basis.

Motion passed unanimously

Westwood Town Hall Foundation – Mary Jenkins

Motion by I. McNulty, seconded by M. Gweyn to proceed now with a foundation study at Westwood Town Hall, paid for by WCA.

Discussion followed.

Some Board members felt that we should move forward on our own to have this study completed so that the City knows that we are serious about the care and upkeep of the structure. Other Board members felt that we could wait a bit to see if the City will move forward on their own with the foundation study.

Vote: 8 - 3

Yes – Beckman, Schramm, Overstake, Reynolds, McNulty, Gweyn, Strasser, Stallworth-Schramm

No – Eiser, Kimmet, Zawadzski

Motion passed

Westwood Blitz Report – Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm

Main streets and gateways are of the highest priorities with regard to the City of Cincinnati Cleanup Blitz coming from June 8 – 12th. We are working with Jude Johnson who is the Blitz coordinator from the City of Cincinnati Public Services Department. Highest priorities by street have been submitted to Jude Johnson. Two large dumpsters will also be provided by the City. We will make sure to get the word out to residents regarding the location of those dumpsters.

Westwords Proposal – Trinetta Zawadzki

Trinetta Zawadzki is the new Editor of *Westwords*. Trinetta would like to proceed with electronic distribution of the newsletter. Members would be able to indicate their hard or electronic copy preference. The preferred option is subscription to a service called Campaign Monitor whereby for \$29.00 per month unlimited emails can be sent to 0 – 500 subscribers. The proposed savings based on 500 newsletters is \$7,548.00 per year.

Motion by E. Miller, seconded by L. Eiser that WCA approve a monthly expense of \$29.00 to develop a digital newsletter to supplement the printed Westwords and provide our members a digital alternative.

Motion passed unanimously

Student of the Year Awards – Karen Strasser

Letters have been sent to all of the Westwood schools requesting nominees for the award.

Giant Yard Sale – Mary Jenkins

The Giant Yard will be held Saturday, July 18th at Westwood Town Hall.

Motion by S. Schramm, seconded by L. Eiser to spend \$25.00 on a Giant Yard Sale booth.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt a Pot Program – Emily Reynolds

There will be a “Pot of the Month Award.”

Special thanks to Melva Gweyn for many years of planting, watering and working on all of the pots.

3449 Anaconda –

WCA sent a letter of opposition for the Day Care at that address. The day care already had permission for a day care of that size. The City granted the variance.

Motion by E. Reynolds, seconded by T. Zawadzki that WCA take no further action with regard to the day care at 3449 Anaconda.

Motion passed.

Vote: 11 - 1

Yes – Jenkins, Kimmet, Stallworth, Strasser, Reynolds, Gweyn, Schramm, Zawadzki, Overstake, Eiser, Beckman

No – I. McNulty

Meeting adjourned by Mary Jenkins

