

**Westwood Civic Association**  
**MINUTES – Steering Meeting – April 14, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order by President Jim McNulty at 7:00 pm. The Meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Westwood Town Hall, 3017 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45211. (Joel Kimmet, Secretary).

2. Roll Call of Board Members: 14 Present, and 1 Excused. Present were: Jim McNulty, Michelle Conda, Joel Kimmet, Irene McNulty, Stephen Schramm, Mary Jenkins, Karen Strasser, Joe Corso, Melva Gweyn, Valerie Baumann, Ken Tarvin, Emily Miller-Reynolds, Shawntee Stallworth, and Trinetta Zawadzki. Excused was Mary Kuhl.

3. Westwood Coalition Report by Mary Jenkins and Michelle Conda. There was a Coalition Meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The next Coalition Meeting is on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. All the Westwood Business owners will be invited to the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting. The group wants to make the business owners feel more welcome to join the Coalition and join the planning for the “Bow-Tie”. The Coalition wants to begin talks with City Planners, then bring the Westwood organizations into the planning, and finally take a Meeting to the people in the neighborhood. One of the proposals in the “Bow-Tie” is to shut off Erwiler Avenue at Harrison Avenue, to help with the traffic pattern in that area.

4. Westwood Community Gardens Report by Mary Jenkins. WCG has received two grants this Spring. Kiwanis gave us a grant of \$1,000.00, and the Civic Garden Center gave us a grant for \$1,200.00. These grants will be used to construct 10 additional beds at WCG, and with other construction projects. The WCG are building a plan to get involved with the Harrison Pavilion Nursing Home, next door to WCG. Four large pots and a patio pad are being built to begin a relationship between WCG and the Nursing Home. Several residents want to get involved with Gardening, and have expressed an interest.

5. “Help-A-Lot”. This was tabled, due to no report at this time.

6. Great American Clean-Up Project, by Shawntee Stallworth. This event is coming up on April 25<sup>th</sup> in Westwood. So far, Shawntee has 5 volunteers, but she needs many more. Shawntee stated that she needs some funding for refreshments (food and drink) for the April 25<sup>th</sup> event. MOTION by Emily Miller-Reynolds, SECOND by Valerie Baumann, to allow up to \$75.00 for food, drinks and refreshments for the WCA April 25<sup>th</sup> Clean-Up Volunteers. Discussion.

**Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

Further Discussion on the Great American Clean-Up. Mr. Jude Johnson with the City would like to come to the next WCA meeting to discuss the “Blitz Days” Clean-Ups, and the major clean-up scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A discussion took place on printing up some neighborhood flyers for the event. MOTION by Mary Jenkins, SECOND by Stephen Schramm, to allow up to \$25.00 for flyers for the April 25<sup>th</sup> Clean-Up event. Discussion.

**Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

Trinetta mentioned that we should advertise this upcoming event on social media, Constant Contact, and other community and youth organizations, so we can solicit more volunteers.

7. Problem Properties Updates:

3197 Harrison Avenue – Smoke Shop. Mary Jenkins sent photos to the Building Inspector and the Inspector stated that the owner has been cited. The business owner is appealing the several citations.

(Problem Properties continued)

2458 Harrison Avenue- request for Variance for Used Car Lot. Thanks to all those from WCA who went to the meetings and who spoke out. The City denied the variance. The Car Lot will not be allowed. The City's Order was very well written, and mentioned the WCA opposition and reasons why for the opposition. The delinquent property taxes of the owner added to the reason why the variance was denied. This was a good coordinated effort by everyone, and a win for the neighborhood.

2911 Harrison Avenue – no report at this time. Jim McNulty stated that this permit was to replace windows and to repair the roof. Mr. Ed Cunningham from the City stated that the building has been vacant for over one year.

8. Tall Grass Report by Catherine Ross. Catherine gave a very detailed Tall Grass report. She stated that WCA needs to record all the volunteer hours that we are out mowing grass to the City, to get our organization reimbursed. Other community councils are doing this right now. Catherine and Shawntee gave an additional report about the June 8-12 Neighborhood Clean-Up Event. A hand-out was distributed that included a list of Westwood streets and all the current violations on each street as of 4/11/15. Anyone can now make a violation report on a smart phone, and the website will automatically give you and the report the exact address you are at, using GPS technology. Catherine Ross wants to ask Jude Johnson from the City to come to the May General Meeting to speak about the June 8-12 clean-up event.

9. Graffiti Report by Trinetta Zawadzki. The City asked Trinetta to take photos of all the "BANDO" graffiti tags in Westwood and South Fairmount and send them to the City. Trinetta reported that all the "BANDO" tags have now been removed by the City. "Bando" is a start-up gang in our area. The Police and the City are aware of this. Trinetta has set up a new email address called, [westwoodgraffitiremoval@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodgraffitiremoval@gmail.com) that we can all email photos and addresses of any graffiti, and Trinetta will forward the information to the City for removal. Adam at Keep Cincinnati Beautiful will coordinate the removal of any graffiti.

10. Zoning Committee Updates. Bill Spetz gave a very detailed report on the continuing work of the Westwood Zoning Committee. The Committee's goals have been to follow the Westwood Strategic Plan, and the City's "Plan Cincinnati". The Committee has now finished its work in Westwood. Three proposed Zoning Areas and maps that were previously approved by WCA are: "Werk Road East", "Werk Road West", and "Harrison Avenue East", on 2/17/15 and 2/26/15.

New Zoning maps were shown to the group, which included "Glenway Avenue East", Glenway Avenue West", and "Westwood Northern Blvd.". Discussion occurred on each map and the proposed changes. Bill Spetz stated that the next step is "Enforcement". WCA might consider appointing a "Zoning Czar" who would focus on Zoning, once changes are approved by the City, and focus on enforcing the new changes. Bill Spetz also stated that Mr. Alex Peppers from the City was very helpful in this process.

MOTION by Joel Kimmet, SECOND by Michelle Conda to approve the Zoning Committee's proposal of 3 additional maps, "Glenway Avenue East", "Glenway Avenue West", and "Westwood Northern Blvd.".

Discussion. **Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

President McNulty stated that from here on out, enforcement will be the key for the reduction of large multi-family housing units, and downgrading from multi-family to SF. A big "Thanks" to Bill Spetz and his Committee for all their hard work.

11. Jim McNulty reported that he and several volunteers fixed electrical problems at the Kiwanis “Westwood” triangle sign, at Harrison Avenue and Boudinot. The bill for materials was \$ 97.87.

MOTION by Mary Jenkins, SECOND by Michelle Conda, to reimburse Jim McNulty for \$97.87 for electrical supplies and lighting. Discussion. **Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

12. American Flag report. Valerie Baumann reported that we should go with smaller flags. Our biggest issue in the past is flags getting tangled on the wooden poles. The consensus of the group is to go with smaller flags. The group will purchase a combination of flags, metal poles, brackets with the budget that was previously approved. (\$800.00). The tentative date for installation of the flags is a Sunday morning in early May, at 7:00 am.

13. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Mary Jenkins, SECOND by Emily Miller-Reynolds to approve the March 10, 2015 Steering Meeting Minutes. Discussion. **Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

14. “Welcome To Westwood” Signs. Joel Kimmet reported that in the Fall of 2014, one “Welcome to Westwood” Sign was installed on Boudinot near Westwood Northern Blvd. by Joel Kimmet and Mary Jenkins. One new sign is left that needs to be placed on Glenway Avenue at Parkcrest. This will be installed in the Spring of 2015. If WCA needs any additional signs, they will have to be purchased.

15. Sgt. Eric Sierra Memorial Tree and Rock. Valerie Baumann reported on this project. The group is working with CRC to locate the spot where the tree will be planted, and where the rock will be placed. The Park Board is assisting with the project. A drawing was passed around to the group that showed what the proposed Memorial will look like. A dedication ceremony will have to be planned by WCA.

16. 3449 Anaconda Zoning Variance Issue. There was a discussion on the opposition to opening a larger child day-care business on this site, and the proposed Variance from the owners.

MOTION by Trinette Zawadzki, SECOND by Joel Kimmet, for WCA to send a letter to the City stating the opposition of WCA to the Zoning Variance at 3449 Anaconda. Discussion.

**Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

Emily Miller-Reynolds and Michelle Conda stated that WCA should send copies of the letter and flyers stating our opposition to all the residents and neighbors in the area of 3449 Anaconda.

MOTION by Emily Miller-Reynolds, SECOND by Michelle Conda to spend up to \$50.00 for postage and printing of letters and flyers prepared for the neighbors and residents in this area.

Discussion. **Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

17. Reimbursement of Peg Rhein. Jim McNulty stated that Invoices have been turned in by Peg Rhein for landscaping, flowers, mulch and supplies from the Westwood Town Hall clean-up day. He proposed funding up to a total of \$500.00 for this ongoing project. Discussion.

MOTION by Valerie Baumann, SECOND by Joe Corso, for WCA to approve up to \$500.00 for Peg Rhein to use on landscaping supplies, flowers, mulch and plantings for the Westwood Town Hall grounds.

Discussion. **Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

18. Schools Awards report was reported on by Joe Corso, since Karen Strasser left the meeting ill. All the WCA letters have gone out to the Westwood Schools for the WCA Spring Student Awards. Karen Strasser will again volunteer to head up this program. Nominees from the various schools will be submitted by May 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Awards Plaques will be made by May 9<sup>th</sup> or May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Awards Presentation will occur on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Karen Strasser has requested up to \$200.00 for plaques and awards. Discussion.

MOTION by Joel Kimmet, SECOND by Mary Jenkins, for WCA to spend up to \$200.00 for the WCA Student Awards and Plaques for the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Awards Program. Discussion.

**Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

19. Announcement. Tom Baumann of Westwood Kiwanis wants to speak at the WCA May General Meeting about the Harvest Home Fair.

20. With no further business, Meeting was Adjourned by President McNulty at 9:00 PM.

NOTE: The Zoning Committee proposals for “Glenway Avenue East”, “Glenway Avenue West”, and “Westwood Northern Blvd.” will be scanned and uploaded on the WCA website as approved by WCA on 04/14/15, as an attachment to these Minutes.

Submitted by:  
Joel Kimmet, Secretary.

WN-8

Location: End of Hazelwood  
Current: RM-M  
Changes: Five properties at end of Temple change to SF  
One property on McFarland change to SF  
RM-M change to RM-L

WN-9

Location: Montana opposite Ferncroft (former Vienna Woods prop)  
Current: RM-M  
Changes: six properties on Montana change to SF  
Remainder no change

WN-10

Location: Montana, west from former Cincom property  
Current: RM-M  
Changes: No Change

WN-11

Location: Wardall at Westwood Northern  
Current: RM-L  
Changes: No Change

WN-12

Location: Goebel at Westwood Northern  
Current: RM-M  
Changes: Change two properties on SW corner to RM-L

WN-13

Location: McHenry and Fyffe  
Current: PX  
Changes: Change to CX

WCA Zoning Committee    **Westwood Northern** Recommendations  
Final 9 April 2015

WN-1

Location: Montana near I-74 Cincom property  
Current: RX  
Changes: RX to CX

WN-2

Location: South side of Montana to Yearling Ct  
Current: RM-M  
Changes: Change nine properties along Montana at Mustang to SF  
Remainder no change

WN-3

Location: Deercove Ct  
Current: PD  
Changes: No change

WN-4

Location: Westwood Northern east of Millrich  
Current: RM-M  
Changes: Change to SF

WN-5

Location: Montana east from Hazelwood to McFarland  
Current: RM-L, SF-4  
Changes: SF-4 change to SF-10,  
RM-L change to SF-6

WN-6

Location: Montana at Wunder  
Current: RM-M  
Changes: All properties along Montana change to SF  
RM-M in rear change to RM-L

WN-7

Location: Apartments at end of Statham  
Current: T4N.MF  
Changes: No Change (Form Based)

WCA Zoning Committee **Glenway West Recommendations**  
Final Pass

GW-1

Location: Boudinot From Midas north to Mercy property, both sides  
Current: RX, NX, RM-L  
Changes: RX to NX, remainder unchanged

GW-2

Location: West Tower and Glenway  
Current: RX  
Changes: Change RX to CG

GW-3

Location: Anderson Ferry Robinet north to above Gerold  
Current: RM-M  
Changes: Change to SF-6

GW-4

Location: Dead end of Anderson Ferry Truck Cab Mfgr  
Current: IH  
Changes: No Change

GW-5

Location: Commercial district from Wall Mart west to Robinet  
Current: CG  
Changes: No Changes

GW-6

Location: Apartments off of Gerold  
Current: RM-M  
Changes: No Changes

WCA Zoning Committee    **Glenway East** Recommendations  
Final Pass

GE-1

Location: Westpark  
Current: RX  
Changes: IR

GE-2

Location: WalMart - Kroger  
Current: CG  
Changes: No Change

GE-3

Location: Ferguson from WalMart north to Queen City  
Current: RM-L, RM-M  
Changes: No Change