

WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting
04/15/2008

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Trent Lewis, Melva Gweyn, Sr. Ann Rene McConn, Randy Hammann, Jim McNulty, John Sess, Kathy Bach, Rick Boyd, Mary Kuhl, and Dick Finn. Excused: Joel Kimmet, Jim Huhn.

Cincinnati City Councilmember Chris Monzel presented the awards to the Westwood Civic Association Students of the Year.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved, following a Motion by John Sess, Seconded by Rick Boyd. **Motion passes.**

Jim McNulty gave the Treasurer's Report. A Motion to accept by Melva Gweyn, was Seconded by John Sess. **Motion passes.**

President McNulty reported on the NEP Program which begins May 15th and runs through August 15th. **Discussion.**

President McNulty reported on our successful efforts to demolish the blighted apartment building located at 3100 McHenry. The wrecking ball is coming soon! **Discussion.**

Election of Officers:

President- Jim McNulty (unopposed)
Vice President- Melva Gweyn, John Sess (both elected)
Treasurer- Jim Huhn (unopposed)
Recording Secretary- Joel Kimmet (unopposed)
Membership Secretary- Irene McNulty (unopposed)

President McNulty acknowledged Randy Hammann for his many years of service to WCA in his capacity as Vice-President.

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President McNulty requested comments from the audience in the Open Forum segment of the meeting:

Liz Kissel spoke on the Westwood Home Tour, scheduled for April 27th. The volunteer meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 pm, at the Midway School.

Dave Beck spoke on the Westwood Gateway cleanup, in conjunction with the GAC-U, scheduled for 4/26/08.

Marlene Tripp spoke on the Annual Westwood Yard Sale. She also reported on the Westwood Quilt which is being assembled with different patches of various Westwood organizations, groups and businesses, cautioning attendees not to touch any patch other than the Westwood Civic Association's Patch...

Doug Newbery of the Soap Box Derby and Mark Manning of Mayor Mallory's office spoke on the upcoming Soap Box Derby. The winning entrant will win \$5,000.00 for their neighborhood council. A mandatory meeting for drivers and representatives is scheduled for April 20th. Another meeting will be held in May (date to be determined) for those unable to attend the April 20th meeting.

Ted Meyer of Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority spoke on the bus route changes, latover locations and other issues. He can be contacted at 513-632-7547 or by email at tmeyer@go-metro.com. Much discussion.

Mark Arbino and Jack Arbino, prospective buyers of the Four Towers Apartment complex, tried to gain the approval of WCA for the purchase of the complex using tax dollars. Their efforts failed as the WCA board remained against the proposal.

Committee Reports:

Trent Lewis reported the D-3 Resource Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 23rd, at 7:00 pm, at the District Three annex building, across from D-3. He also reported the District Three Open House will be May 14th, in conjunction with National Police Week.

Committee Reports Continued:

Trent Lewis also reported that volunteers and donated items are needed for the D-3 Open House. Please contact Sergeant Eric Franz at 513-263-8366, or email him at eric.franz@cincinnati-oh.gov for more information.

Old Business:

Mary Kuhl requested representatives of the Traffic & Engineering Department present an update at the May meeting on the Montana Avenue upgrade project.

Mary Kuhl requested information on the meetings taking place with respect to the Westwood Elementary School. Liz Kissel, who is an attendee of the meetings, shed some light on the proceedings. Much discussion.
No action taken at this time.

With no further business, Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm, by President McNulty.