

WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

02/19/08

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

Present were Jim Huhn, Trent Lewis, Melva Gweyn, Sr. Ann Rene McConn, Randy Hammann, Eric Schmitt, Jim McNulty, John Sess, Scott Gehring, Mary Kuhl, and future members, Kathy Bach, Rick Boyd, and Jen Gehring. Excused: Joel Kimmet.

Jim Huhn gave the Treasurer's report.

P.O. Tory King of District Three gave the police report, highlighting several search warrants served in the Westwood area on businesses including S & H Market on Glenmore Avenue and Reem Market on McHenry Avenue.

President McNulty introduced Eve Bolton, president of the Cincinnati School Board who spoke on behalf of Issue 10, the school tax levy.

President McNulty introduced Bruce Breiner, the principal of Westwood Elementary school who spoke on the progress of rehabbing the Westwood Elementary school building. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 21st at 6:30 PM at Gamble High School. (Currently being used by Westwood Elementary until rehab is complete).

Fire report given by firefighter Robert Lingo, from Engine 35. He spoke on the nature and number of runs made by his unit. Most of the calls for service are medical in nature.

President McNulty introduced Jill McGrail, an attorney representing Summit Asset Management to speak on the issue of the Four Tower Apartments. Mark and Jack Urbino were also present to answer questions. Scott Gehring will forward several questions to the Urbinos for clarification of their plans. Based on their answers and other concerns, the WCA board will vote at the next steering meeting on whether or not to back the plan to rehab the Four Tower apartments using private funds and Ohio tax dollars.

President McNulty spoke on the validity of the old Westwood Strategic Plan, which is void since it was never voted on.

President McNulty introduced City Councilman Jeff Berding who spoke on the Fay Apartments issue. He had six pages of questions which he will present to the City Solicitor, the City Manager and others for answers before the issue goes to the full council for a vote.

City Manager Milton Dohoney Jr. dropped by and said “Hi”.

President McNulty stated Council Members Qualls and Cranley are moving forward with an additional \$250,000.00 for the purpose of buying and demolishing blighted buildings in Westwood.

Student of the Year nominations committee for the eleven schools in Westwood will be chaired by John Sess and John Eby.

Jim Huhn was nominated for the Zoning Appeal Board. Sr. Ann Rene McConn wrote a letter of recommendation.

The next meeting of the Westwood Strategic Planning Committee will be on Feb. 25th, at 7:00 PM at the Westwood Town Hall.

The WCA annual dinner will be held at LaRosa’s on Boudinot on March 11th at 6:00 PM. A short meeting will follow the dinner.

Christa Criddle of Councilman Monzel’s office spoke on the issue of the corner trash cans overflowing. She also advised that the next class of Citizens on Patrol starts this Thursday, Feb. 21st at the Police Academy.

Peg Rhein spoke in favor of the school tax levy and had yard signs available for those interested.

Liz Kissel spoke on the upcoming Westwood Home Tour.

John Eby, president of WESTCURC, requested volunteers for a joint fundraising effort with the Westwood Civic Association.

Kathy Bach, Westwood Library Branch Manager, spoke on the upcoming used book sale scheduled for March 14th and 15th. She is requesting volunteers to assist with the event. Please contact her at 369-4474

Jim Huhn moved to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Seconded by Randy Hammann.