

# **WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

## **General Membership Meeting**

**01/15/08**

### **MINUTES**

**Present were Sr. Ann Rene McConn, Mary Kuhl, Dick Finn, John Sess, Trent Lewis, Jim McNulty, Jim Huhn, Dave Cook, Scott Gehring, Eric Schmitt, Melva Gweyn, and Randy Hammann. Excused was Mike Brestel and Joel Kimmet.**

**Meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. at the historic Westwood Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

- 1.) Minutes of prior meetings were approved unanimously.**
- 2.) Jim Huhn gave the treasurer's report.**
- 3.) Captain Kim Frey, Lt. Don Smith and Officers Smith and Dawson were present for the police report.**
- 4.) No representative of the Fire Department was present.**
- 5.) Owen Raftsman, Charles Frank and Matt Crawford of the Red's Community Fund/Miracle League presented the upcoming changes to Oskamp playfield. The existing fields will be adjusted slightly and a new ball field will be added to accommodate special needs athletes. Groundbreaking is scheduled for April with a completion date set for June. Information on fundraising was also presented.**
- 6.) President McNulty requested prayers for Mike Brestel's quick recovery.**
- 7.) David Hendy of Fay Apartments and Scott Klein of the National Housing Trust spoke on their proposed rehabilitation of the Fay Apartments. Much discussion was generated on this topic resulting in no change of WCA's position to oppose tax dollars used for this rehab project.**

**8.) Five candidates for the WCA board were presented for the upcoming two-year term. Candidates committee co-chair Scott Gehring nominated Jennifer Gehring, Trent Lewis and Joel Kimmet. Co-chair Mary Kuhl nominated Rick Boyd and Kathy Bach.**

**9.) Jim Huhn will coordinate the March installation dinner at a heretofore undisclosed Westwood restaurant for the new candidates.**

**10.) President McNulty solicited volunteers for the L.S.D.M.C. (Local School Decision Making Committee). This representative would provide input from the Westwood committee in decision-making as related to Westwood and Midway Schools. If interested in this position, contact President McNulty.**

**11.) Flora Mincey, current owner of the “Werk Castle” on Fleetwood Avenue addressed neighborhood concerns about excessive on-street parking, noise and general neighborhood disruption surrounding her plans to hold events (cooking classes, wedding receptions, future Bed & Breakfast, etc.) at her home. She stated her five-acre lot would accommodate all cars, using valet parking. She stated she wants to work with the neighborhood and not be a disruption to the peaceful nature of the surrounding area. More info at [auntflora.com](http://auntflora.com)**

**12.) Marlene Trapp of Cincinnati Recreation Commission reported on the current and future activities at Westwood Town Hall.**

**13.) Trent Lewis of the District Three Resource Committee reported on a fundraiser for injured Cincinnati Police Sergeant Bryce Bezdek. The event will be held on Thursday, 01/17/08 at *Jim & Jacks* on River Road, in Riverside.**

**14.) Liz Kissel of the Westwood Historic Society reported a member of the Hamilton County Recorder’s Office will speak at their Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The 2008 Home Tour will also be discussed.**

**15.) John Eby revealed an upcoming leadership change in WEST-CURC...details to follow.**

**16.) Jamie McNulty will coordinate with Marlene Trapp to include a WCA patch in the Westwood quilt being made by the Westwood quilters for Westwood Town Hall.**

**17.) Councilman Jeff Berding spoke on the Fay Apartment issue. He encouraged a strong voice in large numbers be present when the issue appears before City Council’s Finance Committee and the full Council meeting to speak against funding this project.**

**18.) Trent Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by several. Adjourned at 9:20 P.M.**

