

Westwood Civic Association
-Steering Meeting Minutes-
July 8, 2008

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm by President McNulty. 9 Board Members present, 3 Members excused, and 0 absent. A quorum was present. Acting Secretary: Kathy Bach.

Present: McNulty, Gweyn, Hammann, Kuhl, Lewis, McConn, Finn, Bach, Boyd.
Excused: Kimmet, Sess, Huhn.

Introduction of Guests: Valerie Baumann, John Eby, Joe Henke, Sharon Lewis, Adam Sanregret.

7:00 pm. Adam Sanregret presented information about the Beppo's property located 3197 Harrison Avenue. Discussion.

MOTION by McConn, SECOND by Kuhl, that WCA write a letter of intent supporting Mr. Sanregret's plan to purchase this property at the price of \$ 105,000 with \$10,000 increments up to and not exceeding \$160,000. All environmental remediation must be completed prior to the sale of the property. Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

Mr. Sanregret will draft a letter of intent, and Sr. Anne Rene McConn will write a letter to the City of Cincinnati, on behalf of WCA, referencing Adam Sanregret's letter of intent.

7:48 pm. Rick Boyd presented information concerning the WestFest wrap-up. WCA raised \$770.00 on the "Mug-Slide" game, and \$150.00 in T-Shirt sales, for a total of \$920.00. Rick brought up the possibility of having a slide game built for WCA. Jim McNulty agreed that WCA should think about people who are woodworkers and would be able to build such a game for us in the future.

7:50 pm. The FREE Home Ownership Expo which will be on July 12th was discussed. Jim McNulty asked if anyone was interested in volunteering to staff a WCA table at this event. The Board of Realtors has offered us a FREE table at this event. No one volunteered.

7:53 pm. Jim McNulty announced that representatives from Mercy Hospital will be at the WCA General Meeting 7/15/08. He encouraged everyone to have questions ready for next week, such as, "What will happen to that property if Mercy leaves?", and, "What will it take to keep Mercy Hospital here in Westwood?"

8:00pm. Board of Directors Issues- Jim McNulty announced that 3 WCA Board Members resigned today, Dave Cook, Scott Gehring, and Jen Gehring. According to the WCA bylaws, we must select 3 new Board Members from our general membership. Jim encouraged us to "put our feelers out", for new board members and a decision would be made at the next WCA steering meeting.

8:10 pm. The Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) Grant is due in August. John Sess is working on this grant. Send all ideas to John Sess. John has access to two boulders, which could be placed at gateways to Westwood. Discussion.
MOTION by McConn, SECOND by Gweyn, to acquire and engrave two boulders with “Welcome to Westwood” wording in the amount of up to \$400.00. (the amount of the grant). Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

8:14 pm. Imperial House Apartments, 2570 Harrison Avenue, rental rehab request. Discussion. MOTION by Hammann, SECOND by Lewis, for WCA to write a letter to the City opposing the renovation of Imperial House at 2570 Harrison Avenue. Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

8:16 pm. McNulty discussed the City budget for next year, CDBG demolition money, and additional demolition funding priorities. Discussion concerning the use of the CDBG demolition money. We must email any budget priorities to Randy Hammann by the end of July and he will compile a master list. We will then vote on these budget priorities at the next steering meeting.

MOTION by Gweyn, SECOND by Kuhl, for WCA to write a letter to HCSP regarding the litter control program. There are problems with this program. Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

8:30 pm. Hammann discussed the ongoing Montana Avenue “Road Diet” update. No action was taken or needed at this time.

8:31 pm. McNulty reported that the Westwood Strategic Plan committee is progressing. There are two upcoming meetings of this committee in August.

8:32 pm. McNulty reported that the remaining Westwood T-shirts will be available at the Giant Yard Sale on 7/19/08, at WTH. Also, WTH and Westwood Library have agreed to have Westwood T-shirts available to sell to the public.

8:33 pm. Recycling Update- Kathy Bach presented information regarding the Mayor’s Recycling Challenge. SO far Westwood is in the lead, but we have until November. Kathy is meeting with Collette Thompson, Don Whittrockl, and Aimee Cordrey on Thursday, 7/17/08 to discuss Westwood community involvement. Mary Kuhl offered to have recycling information and sign-up sheets available at the WCA booth at the Giant Yard Sale.

8:35 pm. Giant Yard Sale- McNulty reported that this event is Saturday, 7/19/08, from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm at WTH. Mary Kuhl needs volunteers to help with the WCA booth.

8:37 pm. Oskamp Park Discussion.
MOTION by Kuhl, SECOND by Boyd, that WCA write a letter(s) to Cincinnati Recreation Commission, the Park Board, and the Reds Miracle League asking for a “tree-lined” walking trail at Oskamp Park. Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

8:39 pm. National Night Out Report- Trent Lewis gave information regarding the upcoming NNO event on Tuesday, 08/05/2008, 5:00 pm at WTH. The next and last planning meeting for NNO is Tuesday, 7/21/08 at WTH at 6:00 pm.

8:41 pm. Westwood Elementary School Update- Mary Kuhl presented information regarding the last School Redesign Planning Team meeting. There are two plans, each one proposing to build the new addition on opposite sides of the existing school. Discussion. MOTION by Hammann, SECOND by Kuhl, that WCA oppose any new structures be built on the Harrison Avenue side of Westwood Elementary. Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

8:51 pm. Sr. Anne Rene McConn presented information on Form Based Codes or “Smart Codes”. McConn is working with WestCurc on this project which involves “urban design overlays” for the Harrison Avenue corridor. The next meeting on Form Based Codes will be Saturday, 7/26/08 at the College Hill Recreation Center from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Sr. McConn will report back to WCA as these meetings and plans progress.

9:00 pm. Rick Boyd presented information regarding the American Flags NSP project. Rick received 3 bids for the flag installation, so WCA can move ahead with this project.

With no further business, Meeting was Adjourned by President McNulty at 9:02 pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 7/15/08 at 7:00 pm at WTH (WCA General Meeting).