

Westwood Civic Association

General Membership Meeting

May 20, 2008

Meeting Opened at 7:30 pm by President McNulty.

Secretary: Kimmet, Joel.

Attendance was taken: Present: McNulty, Gweyn, Kimmet, Huhn, Lewis, Bach, Boyd, Kuhl, and Finn. Excused: Sess, Hammann, McConn. Absent: Gehring, J., Gehring, S., Cook.

Minutes of April 15, 2008 General Meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Police Report: Dist. 3 Officer Bricker gave the Dist. 3 report, Officer Bricker usually works Beat 3, in Dist. 3, which includes Westwood, so he is familiar with our area. Members from the audience spoke up about problems on Sarvis Court, Fischer Place, and St. Catherine Place. Residents brought a home-recording (film) of drug activity and problems occurring on Fischer Place very recently. Capt. Kim Frey gave the Dist. 3 direct line: 513-263-8300, and her direct e-mail address: kim.frey@cincinnati-ohio.com to report problems.

Fire Report: Firefighters from Engine 35 (Westwood Station) reported they had over 205 runs from April 20th through May 20th.

Jim Huhn gave the Treasurer's Report, April '08 through May, '08: Income = \$ 2,634.70, Expenses = \$ 1,814.31, and Balance = \$ 3,890.25.

Montana Avenue Report: Mr. Joe Vogel, and Mr. Rosemeyer, planners, gave a report to the Board, which included much discussion from the audience. One option for the project includes one lane going each direction with a left-turn lane or center median from Boudinot to Baltimore. There is currently a consultant that has been hired to look at alternatives for this project, and possibly a new presentation to the WCA Board at the June '08 meeting. The planners are also doing a study on Harrison Avenue, a report will occur for WCA Board at the June '08 meeting.

City Parks Report: Pat Agnew, from Cincinnati Parks reported with a complete schedule of summer camps (for ages 4 - 13) for Summer '08.

WestCurc Report: Mr. John Eby, from WestCurc reported that WestCurc is working with the NEP project in Westwood, and making suggestions within the NEP affected areas. WestCurc is working with real estate professionals to improve the Westwood image. Open House on July 12, 2008 at WTH, Westwood Home Expo, 10:00 - 2:00, will include "how to buy a house" in a step by step process for new and first-time home buyers. WestCurc has been working with WCA, and is in agreement with the need for the "Land Banking" concept as proposed by WCA.

WestCurc continued: On June 18, 2008, COSI (children's science exposition) is coming to WTH, from 12:30 to 2:30 in the afternoon. There is a need for 10-12 volunteers to help with this project.

Westwood Town Hall Report: The Giant Yard Sale is July 19th, COSI is June 18th.

Report by President McNulty that Peter's Nursery is taking over the volunteer landscaping of the "Triangle" area, Harrison and Boudinot, we need to fix the volunteer's sign at this location.

NEP Report: President McNulty reported on the progress of the NEP to date. A map of the area was handed out to all the attendees showing the NEP Boundaries within Westwood. On 5/21/08, the demolition of 3100 McHenry will begin at 10:00. Encourage all to attend this event. The media and several city officials will be present as the building starts to come down. We need to focus on identifying more blighted buildings within the NEP area that need attention.

October 11, 2008 will be Cincinnati Fire House (Open House) Day.

Soap Box Derby Update: Mary Kuhl reported that our Soap Box Derby car and driver will be prepared and ready for the race. (Event is on 6/21/08) Our WCA driver is Zac Coopman, and his father, Mr. Coopman has built and painted the car. The race will be 800' on Gilbert Avenue, and we will be competing against other neighborhoods in this race. Good Luck to Zac and WCA!

President McNulty reported that a new Pit-Bull Ordinance is coming before City Council. Council Member Cecil Thomas made some proposed changes to the ordinance at the 5/20/08 committee meeting. On 5/21/08, the proposal will come before the full Council for a vote.

NSP- Invest In Neighborhoods Report: Joel Kimmet reported that the NSP Annual Meeting will be on 6/12/08, at 6:00 pm, at the Invest Building downtown. J. Kimmet and T. Lewis will attend. There will be voting for new Invest In Neighborhoods Board of Director members.

Discussions from the Floor: Residents brought up the fact there are many problems with the liquor store on Wonder Avenue. There will be a meeting in May, 2009, in Columbus, which is the liquor control board meeting, we need a bus load of residents to attend this meeting to discuss problems in Cincinnati, and protest this store getting a renewal license.

T-Shirts: Rick Boyd reported that we need up to \$350.00 to create the Westwood T-Shirts for the Soap Box Derby and West Fest. Motion by Boyd, Second by Kimmet. Motion passed.(7-2).

Mary Kuhl made a strong suggestion that we monitor and keep track of WCA Board members' attendance at monthly meetings. There have been too many unexcused absences lately.

Motion to Adjourn: At 9:01 pm by Lewis, second by Huhn.

Attendance sheet and Treasurer's Report Attached.