

Westwood Steering Meeting: May 13, 2008

Attendance: K. Bach, R. Boyd, D. Finn, M. Gweyn, J. Huhn, M. Kuhl, T. Lewis, Sr. A. R. McConn, J. McNulty, and J. Sess

Not Present: D. Cook, J. Gehring, S. Gehring. **Excused:** R. Hammann, and J. Kimmitt

Meeting called to order by President McNulty at approximately 7:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance

E. Cogan and R. Henderson with the City of Cincinnati to inform the board about the N.E.P. (Neighborhood Enhancement Program) process. The main details included:

- NEP launch press conference at 3100 Montana Ave., on May 21, 2008
- A selling Westwood Class for realtors will be held June 28th, followed by a July 12th Westwood home sale.
- Monthly meetings for NEP Stake holders. The first meeting will be Monday June 30th. These meetings can include content from Westwood Civic Association and other neighborhood groups regarding progress of work done in Westwood. The deadlines for information to be submitted are June 23, July 21, and August 21.
- R. Henderson asked about matching funds for the \$3,000.00 U.S. Bank's donation. Matching funds should be raised with the first month of the NEP. Westwood will have one year to spend the funds, and all money is to go through Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.

Ms. Henderson said that we need to focus on what Westwood needs, as well as how we plan to communicate the NEP.

The second order of business was a request by Collette Thompson and Peg Rhien for Westwood Civic Association to become involved in Mayor Mallory's recycling bin challenge, with a goal to distribute 400 new bins. Sr. A.R. McConn made a motion to take the Mayor's Bin Challenge. Seconded by Finn. Vote 10 - 0 in favor.

Mary Kuhl updated the board on the status of the Soap Box Derby, informing them she had raised \$1,100.00 with \$900.00 in hand. Ms. Kuhl made the motion to spend up to \$900.00 on the soapbox derby project. Vote: 9 - 0, one abstention.

Giant Yard Sale on July 19th: Motion to rent a booth at the sale, with all profits to go to Westwood Civic Association. Booth space also to go to Recycling Bin sign ups. Motion to spend \$15.00 on booth rental. Vote of 10 - 0 in support.

President McNulty announced that there would be a delay in committee assignments.

A discussion of a booth at Westfest was followed by an announcement that Bach and Boyd were handling Yard of the Month duties.

President McNulty presented to the board with details on potential revisions to Cincinnati's Pit-bull laws. Sess moved for the board to support the revisions. Motion was seconded by Boyd. Vote: 10 - 0 in support of the changes.

After a dialogue on meeting time length, Sr. A.R. McConn made a motion for Westwood Civic Association's meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. starting in July. Motion was seconded by Kuhl. Vote: 10 - 0.

The final order of business was a determination that there was no opposition to a Wal-Mart liquor permit. After this business, the meeting was adjourned by President McNulty.