

**Westwood Civic Association
-General Meeting-
October 21, 2008 – Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm by President McNulty. 14 Board Members present, 0 excused, and 0 absent. A quorum was present. Secretary: Joel Kimmet.

Present: McNulty, Gweyn, Sess, Kimmet, Hammann, Baughman, Kuhl, Lewis, McConn, Finn, Bach, Boyd, Lee and Weber.

Fire Report:

Capt. Breitmeyer gave the Fire Report for the month. The Fire Open House, Oct. 11th was a great success. At the event, F.D. personnel handed out many CO detectors and smoke detectors. Fire runs have slowed down after the big wind storm, all is back to normal.

Police Report:

Capt. Kim Frye and P.O. Rich Minella gave the police report for the month. Aggravated Robbery reports are on the rise. Crime stats were handed out. The Dist 3 P.D. building in Price Hill will be 100 years old on 12/14/08. A celebration will be planned on that date.

Civic Garden Center Presentation:

Peter Huttinger, Director, gave presentation about setting up a community garden in Westwood. The Civic Garden Center (CGC) offers a 12-session training program which starts on 11/05/2008 and continues through the spring of 2009. Civic Garden Center is a privately funded organization in Cincinnati set up for the purposes of helping communities start community gardens and activities. CGC can provide community councils from \$500.00 - \$1500.00 start up money for a community garden. Committee formed: Joel Kimmet and Lily Bramasco will attend the Training Sessions.

Habitat For Humanity Presentation:

Tony Salzbrun & Marissa Woodly gave presentation on Habitat For Humanity (HFH) project on Fyffe Avenue. 3651 Fyffe Avenue (to be divided into 3 lots) will have 3 HFH homes built on it, with the "Blair Model" the largest home that HFH builds. Construction cost per model: \$ 78,000.00. Market value when completed: \$ 110,000.00. This model contains 4 bdrms, 2 bath, w/ full basement. HFH is not Section-8 housing. Partner families have to qualify, give 500 hours sweat equity into their own home, as a down-payment. Have to live in the home, and are monitored by HFH, can not rent the home to anyone else. Committee formed: Joel Kimmet and Lily Bramasco will act as liaison between WCA and HFH and monitor the construction and aftermath of this new project, to make sure it works for Westwood in the long-run.

President's Report:

McNulty reported that Candidate's Night, 10/14/2008, was a huge success. Thanks to Brian Lee and the Candidate's Night Committee.

President's Report continued:

McNulty reported that WCA needs more volunteers. Westwood is a community of 35,000 residents, the largest in Cincinnati, and we need more volunteers to get things done.

McNulty introduced our new candidate for Treasurer, member Valerie Baughman has agreed to be our WCA Treasurer for the remainder of this year. MOTION by Kimmet, SECOND by McConn, to appoint Valerie Baughman as WCA Treasurer for the rest of the year (2008-2009). Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

NSP Report:

Kimmet reported on the 2008 NSP funds. Balance of approximately \$1200.00 in Neighborhood Improvement, \$615.00 in the Newsletter fund, and \$1671.00 in the Membership Promotion category. MOTION by Sess, SECOND by Boyd, to approve a bill for \$649.00 from Queen City Electric for installation of the flags along Harrison Avenue, a 2008 NSP Project from Neighborhood Improvement. Discussion. **Motion Passes.**

Liquor License Issues:

MOTION by Hammann, SECOND by McConn to oppose the liquor permit request for 2576 Queen City Avenue, Queen City Market. Discussion. **Motion Passes** to oppose.

MOTION by Gweyn, SECOND by Sess to oppose the liquor permit request for the BP Store, 3200 Harrison Avenue. Discussion. Motion Withdrawn for further study.

WCA agreed to appoint a new committee, to help study the liquor permit requests and liquor license control issues in Westwood. Members Richard Ketterer and Lily Bramasco volunteered to head up this committee and work with Dist. 3 Police on these issues.

Sign Variance Issues:

6210 Glenway Ave. – sign variance request – WCA takes no action at this time.

3241 Pickberry Ave. – sign variance request – WCA takes no action at this time.

WCA Christmas Dinner:

Volunteers Mary Kuhl and Becky Weber will be WCA committee to investigate this event and propose locations and dates. More to follow later.

WCA Newsletter:

McNulty reported that Becky Weber has volunteered to be our new Newsletter Editor. Becky Weber has sold over \$420.00 in ads do far in the past month! Awesome! Discussion on the Newsletter and Printing Companies. No changes were made.

NSP New Business:

Mary Kuhl has obtained 3 estimates from companies who make small metal yard signs. Mary Kuhl has proposed to acquire WCA promotional yard signs as a Membership Promotion Project for the remainder of 2008. This can be an approved 2008 project. Further discussion to follow at the next Steering Meeting, 11/11/2008.

New Business:

Trotta's Pizza, Glenmore Avenue, has large murals painted on the sides of their building; the City is not in favor of these murals and wants them removed. The City has stated that the murals look too much like graffiti. Trotta's is asking for WCA support to keep the murals as they are. Discussion. MOTION by Lee, SECOND by Hammann to take no action at this time. Discussion. **Motion Passes** to take no action at this time.

Guests:

Christian Lowry from Councilman Berding's Office, was introduced, a few comments.

Steven Gerard, "Life-Peace Zones" was introduced, very short presentation on his efforts. New type of zoning proposed, "L" zoning, information left with the secretary.

Western Economic Council Association (Economic Development for Western Cincinnati) 5 members would have to be involved if WCA decided to join. Discussion. Members agreed to move this item to the next Steering Meeting on 11/11/2008.

With no further business, Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Joel J. Kimmet, WCA Secretary.