

**Westwood Civic Association
-General Meeting-
September 16, 2008 – Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order by President McNulty at 7:00 pm. 12 Board Members present, 3 excused, and 0 absent. A quorum was present. Secretary: Joel Kimmet.

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

Dist. 3 Police Report:

Officer Rich Minella reported on the monthly crime stats. Officer Minella handed out “Neighborhood Opinion Surveys” to all present to be filled out by residents who wish to express an opinion on how Dist. 3 responds to neighborhood calls.

Fire Dept. Report:

Officer Breitfelder reported that there will be a “Fire House Open House” on 10/11/2008, from 1pm -5pm, all are welcome to come and attend. Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5-11th. This year’s theme for Fire Prevention Week is “Prevent Home Fires”.

NSP Report:

Kimmet reported on the current status of our NSP Program. An explanation of NSP was given to new residents who were present. All 2008 program moneys have to be used by December 31st. We are looking for more Neighborhood Improvement and Membership Promotion projects to use the remaining money before December 31st.

Presentation:

State Senator Eric Kearney, 9th District, who is on the finance committee, gave us a presentation on several issues currently going on in the state. 1. Ohio Unemployment Compensation problems. 2. Bills that have passed this year. 3. How to introduce a bill in the state senate for \$\$\$. 4. Ohio Dept. of Transportation problems. Senator Kearney stated we will come back to future WCA meetings if requested.

Questions/ Complaints:

Report of a fence that keeps going down on Dartmouth Avenue, by May Ridge Apts.

2918 Urwiler Avenue is now a Problem Property. This will be looked into by Committee.

Megan from Congressman’s Chabot’s office was present, and gave a quick report on the Section 8 problems in Westwood. The Congressman is aware of these current problems.

WCA E-mail List:

Lee reported that he is still working on this list, and is trying to get all the current information from the Membership Secretary. Pending.

Candidate's Night Report:

Lee reported that planning is still underway for this event. As of today, the date is still set as October 14, 2008 for the event. Many local candidates have now responded, but we are still awaiting responses from the two main candidates for the planned Debate, Mr. Chabot and Mr. Driehaus. Discussion. The consensus is that we should wait a few more days to see if the two U.S. Congressman candidates respond to our invitation. Pending.

President's Report:

McNulty reported that Jim Huhn has resigned from the WCA Board, and as our Treasurer. Jim Huhn has served on the WCA BOD for many years, and as the Treasurer for many years. Mr. Huhn was thanked for his many years of service.

McNulty reported that Valerie Baumann from WCA BOD has volunteered to serve as the temporary Treasurer until a permanent replacement is found.

McNulty reported that WCA is looking for a new Newsletter Editor volunteer.

McNulty reported that the Montana Avenue road widening saga continues. There have been several meetings between residents, DOT, and WCA, but no solutions have been agreed upon. City Council has set a deadline of October 31st for a new set of proposed plans to be presented to the council. More to follow at a later meeting.

McNulty reported that nothing new is happening with Westwood School. Pending.

McNulty reported that a meeting will occur on Oct.6th for the Westwood Strategic Plan Committee. This committee has been meeting, but few are attending, and they are looking for a few more volunteers to come and share some ideas. Volunteers?

Recycling Bin Report:

Kathy Bach reported that the Mayor's Challenge Recycling Bin Project has been going well. Westwood is now in the lead with a slight lead over Price Hill. We all need to get out and try to get more neighbors to apply for new green bins. Westwood Civic Assn. gets an award if we distribute the most bins in this project.

WCA passed the NSP Audit:

McNulty reported that WCA passed the NSP Audit for 2006-2008. On 9/11/08, Kimmet, Lewis, Huhn and Baumann went to Invest-In-Neighborhoods office in downtown for the audit. WCA received a letter from Invest's Director, Rick Dieringer, stating that WCA passed this mandatory audit with flying colors! Letter attached to Minutes.

Section 8/ Subsidized Housing Problems:

Weber reported a website shows how many total subsidized housing units Hamilton County has (a total of 17,336) which is more than all the other surrounding counties combined (Butler, Clermont, Warren, Boone, Campbell, and Kenton who have: 10,370).

With no further business, Meeting Adjourned by President McNulty at 8:30 pm.