

**Westwood Civic Association Agenda
General Membership Meeting 12/15/09
7 pm Westwood Town Hall**

Meeting Called to Order by President Sess at 7:00 pm. 13 Board Members present and 2 absent. A quorum was present. Secretary: Kathy Bach.

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

Public Issues:

Mr. Tom Bonhaus again requests information on the four-way stop-sign at Stathem and Urwiler Avenues. Officer Richard Minella will put in a request to Traffic and Engineering to look in to this issue and determine if it should be made a four-way stop. Sess will also call Traffic and Engineering.

MOTION by, McNulty, **SECOND** by Lewis to write a letter to Traffic and Engineering requesting they look in to this. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Sess presented new guests with "I Love Westwood" t-shirts. ☺

Committee reports:

Safety Committee—Sess reports WCA has been pursuing the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance with CPD.

Ms. Sharon Lewis reports the District 3 Resource meeting is December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Midway School. Gweyn is running for re-election of Vice President.

Buildings and Properties Committee—Kimmet gives an update on the property at 2153 Harrison (Harrison and Talbott Avenues). Building Inspectors and Police have been at the building trying to get residents to vacate this abandoned building. The building is now condemned and we are waiting for the City to purchase the property. Kimmet has a copy of the condemnation report.

Kuhl expresses frustration regarding the City tearing down single-family homes and not dealing with multi-family homes that are in worse condition. Discussion.

Fire report:

Captain Steven Breitfelder from Engine 35 gave the Fire report and encourages citizens to check the batteries in their smoke detectors. Those needing smoke detectors or batteries can pick them up at the Fire House.

Police report:

Officer Richard Minella, CPD3 gave the Police report and brought copies of Westwood crime statistics. He presented information on Harrison and Talbott Avenues.

2211 Harrison—A neighbor called and reported a break-in and the police caught the suspects. This arrest may be connected to other break-ins in Westwood. Officer Minella urges citizens to call the police when anything is amiss.

Citizens asked questions on various crimes.

Those working on the Chronic Nuisance Order asked Officer Minella questions regarding chronic nuisance and he replied that he did not have any information.

Infrastructure Committee—Sess reports many flags are missing from Business District due to windstorm.

Outreach Committee—Sess reports Ms. Peg Rhein is going to speak to Goodwill Industries on community involvement.

Preservation Committee—Nothing to report.

Promotions and Membership Committee—Sess reports the Christmas party was a success. Kuhl reports she talked to Mr. Bob Prokop regarding “Welcome to Westwood” baskets. We will table this discussion until the next steering meeting. Kuhl reports the cost of the Westwood flags will be \$26 per flag. **MOTION** by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Kimmert to spend \$556 from the general budget to complete the purchase of 100 Westwood flags. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Weber reports there will be an article in the Western Hills Press regarding the Westwood Civic Association flag design contest, featuring the winner, Ms. Zoe Zeszut of Mother of Mercy High School.

Other Business:

Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) account—Kimmert reports the City is planning to slash the budget for NSP. He submitted a report detailing the budget and expenses for 2009 NSP projects. There is \$1284.55 remaining in the account.

MOTION by Lee, **SECOND** by Kuhl to move 240.55 from the category “Membership Promotion” to “Neighborhood Improvement.” This will cover repair to “Welcome to Westwood” signs and purchase of Westwood flags. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

November Minutes—**MOTION** by, Kuhl **SECOND** by McConn to approve November Steering and General meeting minutes. **MOTION** passes.

Strategic Plan Update—Hamman and Ms. Liz Kissel report the progress on the Strategic Plan. They met with Mr. Felix Bere today to hone the current draft of the plan. The plan will go the Planning Commission and then to City Council where it will be accepted, adopted, or rejected. **MOTION** by Hamman, **SECOND** by Kimmert to endorse this current draft of the Strategic Plan and move it to the next stage. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Liquor Czar Update—Mr. Rick Ketterer will be moving and will not be able to continue his duties as Liquor Czar. Gweyn volunteers to serve as Westwood’s Liquor Czarina.

Update from WestCURC—McConn reports WestCURC is getting ready to close on their first house and are planning for two more single-family acquisitions. They applied to rehabilitate 5 more single-family homes in Westwood. The Cincinnati Art Museum is interested in the Bell Building and WestCURC is working with them to work toward acquisition. The Forms Based Codes group took a walk-through of Westwood. The group was very complimentary of our business district’s architecture and saw a lot of potential.

Talbert House, Mt. Airy Shelter—Mr. Drew Brown of Talbert House, Mt. Airy Shelter was present to answer questions. He states there are 65 beds which are funded for 2 years and do not at this time plan to expand the beds at this facility. There are no other Talbert House facilities in Westwood. Mr. Brown plans to attend the WCA General Membership meetings.

With no further business, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn by Kuhl, **SECOND** by McConn at 8:48 p.m.

**Next Meeting: WCA Steering Meeting, 1/11/10 at 7 pm
Westwood Town Hall**