

Westwood Civic Association Agenda
Steering Meeting 12/8/09
7 pm Westwood Town Hall

Meeting Called to Order by President Sess at 7:00 pm. 13 Board Members present and 2 excused. A quorum was present. Secretary: Kathy Bach.
Present: Sess, Lee, Bach, Baumann, Gweyn, Hammann, Finn, Hollan, Kimmet, Kuhl, Lewis, McNulty, and Weber. Excused: Boyd, McConn.

Guest: Scott Ryan, Inspector, Department of Community Development.

Flag Design Contest—Weber and Sess presented certificates of participation for the 23 participants who designed flags for the contest. The second runner up is the Mother of Mercy Art Class. The first place winner is Ms. Zoe Zeszut. Sess presented a certificate and \$400 to the winner. Congratulations to Ms. Zeszut!

Problem Properties committee—Kimmet reports the committee has been working with the city on Mr. Yearly's property at Harrison and Talbott Avenues.

Scott Ryan, Inspector, Department of Community Development —Mr. Scott Ryan reports he is working to get us a Vacant Building Maintenance License (VBML) list. The Imperial House is vacant and so is 2545 Harrison Avenue. These properties will be required to file a VBML. Sess requests information regarding the fence at 2841-45 Harrison Ave. Mr. Ryan said he did not receive the complaint and advises us to resubmit it to 591-6000.

Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) account—Kimmet 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 which must be used by December 15, 2009.
Discussion.

MOTION by McNulty **SECOND** by Gwen to spend up to \$1,200 to repair and replace the "Welcome to Westwood" signs. **MOTION** passes.

MOTION by Lee **SECOND** by Kuhl to set aside \$1,044 from NSP "Membership Promotion" to be used for expenses related to the Westwood flags. **MOTION** passes.

MOTION by Finn **SECOND** by Lewis to move \$84 from Membership Promotion to Neighborhood Improvement.

MOTION by Sess **SECOND** by Lewis to make payment of \$25.00 to the State of Ohio.
Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Community Involvement Presentation at Goodwill—Ms. Peg Rhein volunteered to make this presentation.

Strategic Planning update—Ms. Sharon Lewis gave an update on Mr. Felix Bere's lack of involvement in the Westwood Strategic Plan. He has been absent or late from meetings for the last two years. Ms. Margaret Wuerstle would like copies of any e-mail referring to Mr. Bere's absence from Strategic Planning meetings over the past two years. According to Ms. Wuerstle, Mr. Bere is being compensated for attending these meetings. Mr. Bere was 32 minutes late for tonight's meeting. Ms. Lewis requests the support of the WCA Board on this matter.

MOTION by Kimmet **SECOND** by Kuhl to spend up to \$300 for printing for the Westwood Strategic Plan. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Bid Tabulation and Request For Proposal—There is an RFP for bids on vacant lot maintenance in the City of Cincinnati. Sess suggests we think about putting in a bid for lots in Westwood in the future.

Membership & Promotions Committee—Weber reports the Christmas party will be on Friday, December 11 at Palomino's Restaurant at 505 Vine Street, Fountain Place. Happy Hour is from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:45 p.m.

Sess publicly thanks the Membership & Promotions Committee for their work on promotion, specifically the flag design contest.

Hollan suggests we welcome new people who attend WCA meetings by acknowledging them at the beginning of future meetings. Weber suggests we give new members "I Love Westwood" t-shirts.

Other business:

Weber presents a check for \$120 from Angelo's Automotive.

Weber gives an update on the Chronic Nuisance Issue. Weber and Mr. Chris Kearney will meet again with Captain Kimberly Frey, District 3, CPD.

Ms. Sharon Lewis reports the next Westwood School Planning Team meeting is Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at Gamble High School (presently home of Westwood School). All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Ms. Sharon Lewis reports the next District 3 Resource Committee meeting is Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at Midway School. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Lewis reports he attended a meeting at Invest In Neighborhoods (IIN). IIN is working on ways to remain relevant, one of which is pursuing an AIG Grant.

Nominating committees—The deadline to notify Chairs is the January Steering meeting. Nominations will be announced in January. Sess asked if Board Members had any nominees interested in running. If so, please see the Chairs following this evening's meeting.

With no further business, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Lee by at 8:42 p.m.

**Next Meeting: WCA General Membership Meeting, 12/15/09 at 7pm
Westwood Town Hall**