

**Westwood Civic Association Agenda
General Membership Meeting 7/21/09
7 pm Westwood Town Hall**

Meeting Called to Order by President Sess at 7:00 pm. 11 Board Members present, 4 excused,.
A quorum was present. Secretary: Kathy Bach.
Present: Sess, Lee, Bach, Baumann, Gweyn, Finn, Kimmet, Kuhl, Lewis, McNulty, Weber.
Excused: Boyd, Hammann, Hollan, McConn

Public Issues:

George Zamarly introduced himself as a candidate running for City Council.
Sharon Lewis spoke up for Leslie Ghiz, who is also running for City Council.
Brian Lee reports there will be Good Guy Loitering event Friday, 7/24 from 8-11 pm.

MOTION by Kuhl **SECOND** by Lee to approve May Steering and General meeting minutes.
MOTION passes.

Police report—Officer Minella from District 3, CPD reports on crime statistics for District 3 and reminds citizens to be careful concerning thefts. Minella reports arrest was made concerning robbery of 72 year-old woman. Q&A.
Captain Frey, District 3 CPD reports on speculation regarding potential City budget cuts.

Committee reports:

Safety Committee—Lewis reports National Night Out will be Tuesday, 8/4/09 at Kroger/Floyd Dugan parking lot 5:30-8:30 pm. Sess is unable to volunteer, perhaps Boyd/Bach can represent WCA.

Infrastructure Committee—nothing to report.

Promotions and Membership Committee—Weber reports the owner of Queen City Market would like to purchase an ad in the newsletter. Discussion concerning past drug activity at this establishment. **MOTION** by Lewis **SECOND** by Kuhl to reject the offer of Queen City Market's advertising. Discussion. **MOTION** by Lewis to **TABLE** original **MOTION**. Captain Frey offered to look into this business and get more information about any problem.

Weber reports the Giant Yard Sale was a success. Baumann reports we raised \$180 from the sale + \$40 for t-shirts.

Lewis offers to interview management at new Target store for an article in the newsletter.

Kuhl reports she spoke with Mark Armstrong from West Price Hill to combine the two communities Candidates Nights. More information on a meeting will be forthcoming.

Preservation Committee—Bach reports the first strategy meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 7/28 at 7 pm at the Westwood Library.

Outreach Committee—nothing to report.

Finance Committee—Baumann presents the Expense report:

Revenue=\$3,397

Expenses=\$490.44

Checking=\$14,583.13

Savings=\$3,928.61

CD=\$5,000

MOTION by Kimmet **SECOND** by Kuhl to accept the Treasure's report. **MOTION** passes.

MOTION by Sess **SECOND** by Kuhl to reimburse Peg Rhein up to \$500 for receipts for garden expenses incurred at Westwood Town Hall. Discussion. These expenses fall under the NSP contract approved at approximately the end of April. **MOTION** rescinded as NSP funds will cover the expenses.

Business District Committee—nothing to report.

School Enhancement Committee—Jan Stockton, resident of Epworth Ave presented a letter asking WCA to consider what alternative plan we would be willing to accept regarding Westwood Elementary school addition. Sess reports a subcommittee of the WCA Board recently met with CPS Board and 4 Epworth residents and each side presented their case. It is now in the hands of the CPS Board. Discussion.

Buildings Committee—Kimmet reports he and McNulty have a list of the “worst of the worst” properties. We will work with Buildings and Inspections to get these buildings demolished. Kimmet reports the new B&I Inspector, Scott Ryan will attend monthly meetings. Mr. Yeary’s building at Talbott and Harrison is now in foreclosure. Discussion. Weber requests a list of Chronic Nuisance Properties from Captain Frey. Captain Frey says she will send via e-mail.

MOTION by Kimmet **SECOND** Lee by to write a letter to the City asking them to add 2153 Harrison to the Federal NSP list and suggest the City go forward with the acquisition and demolition. Discussion. **MOTION** passes. Sess will write the letter.

Other Business

Website update—Lee is investigating other web-hosting servers.

Strategic Plan update—Liz Kissel reports she is wordsmithing the document and will send it out via e-mail. Felix Bere’s attendance at meetings has been spotty at best. **MOTION** by Kuhl, **SECOND** by McNulty to eliminate Mr. Bere from the Strategic Planning Committee and replace him with a suitable replacement. Discussion. **MOTION** is withdrawn.

Safe and Clean Grant—due by 8/7/09. Baumann had suggested we apply to redo the gardens at Westwood Town Hall. Sess suggests we should hold off on this for now. Discussion.

Survey from City of Cincinnati Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) and Neighborhood Business District Support Fund (NBDSF).

MOTION by Sess **SECOND** by McNulty to allow our two NSP officers, Sess and Kimmet to fill out the survey. Discussion. **MOTION** is withdrawn.

Westwood Anti-Drug Coalition—Stacey Mathis, Coalition for a Drug-Free Cincinnati and Shonda, a Westwood Resident—They are applying for a “Weed and Seed” Grant and are seeking the support of WCA. Their next meeting is August 19, 6:30 pm at Westwood Town Hall. Sess requests Ms. Mathis get a copy of the grant application for our committee to review.

Westwood Mural and Westwood Art Show

Allyson Knue, Artworks and Amanda Carlisle, Westwood Resident gave a presentation on MuralWorks. Discussion.

Amanda Carlisle, Westwood resident suggests an annual Westwood Art Show for early October. Discussion.

Harvest Home Parade—Sess proposes WCA participate in the Harvest Home Parade.

MOTION by Lee **SECOND** by Lewis to reimburse up to \$125 for the entrance fee to the Harvest Home Parade. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Secession Proposal

MOTION by McNulty, **SECOND** by Kuhl to explore the possibility of Westwood seceding from the City of Cincinnati. Discussion. **MOTION** by Bach, **SECOND** by Lewis to **TABLE the MOTION.** **MOTION to TABLE** fails 6-4. Original **MOTION passes** 9-2.

With no further business, **MOTION to Adjourn** by Lewis **SECOND** Kimmet by at 9:18 pm.

**Next Meeting: WCA Steering Meeting, 8/11/09 at 7pm
Westwood Town Hall**