

**Westwood Civic Association Agenda
General Membership Meeting 6/16/09
7 pm Westwood Town Hall**

Meeting Called to Order by President Sess at 7:00 pm. 13 Board Members present, 1 excused, and 1 absent. A quorum was present. Secretary: Kathy Bach.

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

Police & fire reports—Officer Richard Minella reports there is a free crime prevention program, Monday 6/22/09 6:30 pm at Elder High School. Questions for District 3. Kuhl requests reports that break down crime stats the way they used to. Weber requests more information regarding break-in on Stanhope Ave. Residents report dissatisfaction with police response time. A resident compliments the Police for catching a speeder on Urwiller.

Committee reports:

School Enhancement Committee—Hammann reports on Westwood Elementary. Do we maintain our position considering the Epworth addition? Discussion. Sess will write a letter to CPS School Board inviting them to a WCA meeting for further discussion. Hollan invites people to volunteer on School Enhancement Committee.

Safety Committee—Sess reports he received data from Chris Kearney, CDC (Community Driven Crime Control) needs liaison for Chronic Nuisance Order. Weber volunteers. CDC needs liaison for Repeat Offenders. Lee volunteers.

Infrastructure Committee—Gweyn reports she planted some new flowers and pots, and will need reimbursements, but does not have receipts at this time.

Promotions and Membership Committee—Kuhl reports the Giant Yard Sale is Saturday, 7/18/09 at Westwood Town Hall. WCA needs donations. Contact: info@westwoodcivic.org Boyd reports WestFest is 11 days away. Need volunteers. Contact Irene McNulty. Need shifts for Sunday.

Buildings Committee— Kimmet and McNulty will create “TOP TEN” list of the “worst properties.”

Preservation Committee—nothing to report.

Outreach Committee—Lee reports group met and are compiling list of organizations.

Finance Committee—Baumann reports on finance statement:

- Revenues totaled=\$420
- Expenses totaled=\$1,775.13
- Checking account balance=\$11,676.57
- Savings account balance=\$3,928.61
- COD=\$5,000

INN Merit Grant awarded \$2,000

MOTION by Boyd, **SECOND** by Kuhl to accept Treasurer’s report. **MOTION passes.**

WCA Steering Minutes from 5/12/09 were read. **MOTION** by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Gweyn to accept the minutes. **MOTION passes.**

CWCA meeting is Wednesday 6/17/09 at 6 pm.

Business District Committee—nothing to report.

Library presentation—Cathy Wilkymacky, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

Library is seeking a 1 mil tax levy in November which would cost \$2.50/month if your home is worth \$100,000. Primary source of funding is through state taxes (86.5%), which has been reduced by nearly 20%. Library currently receives no local funding.

Questions and discussion. **MOTION** by Boyd **SECOND** by McConn to support Library levy. **MOTION passes.** (3 abstained).

Soap Box Derby—Sess reports WCA will not participate this year. Plan to participate in 2010.

Invest in Neighborhoods meeting/grant report—Lewis reports this was a success, earning WCA \$2,000 for flags and Civic garden project. Discussion.

Liquor License—Sess reports store at corner of Harrison and Montana would like a liquor license. **MOTION** by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Weber to write a letter to Officer Simpson and City Council opposing this liquor license. **MOTION passes** unanimously.

Other Business—resident concerned about sidewalks not being completed on Pickbury. Baumann will look in to contact information for this problem.

New Business—Lewis reports on Merit Grant from Invest in Neighborhoods (IIN). Councilmember Cole's ordinance on City Councils is "dead in the water." IIN is having a Candidate's Night.

Lee reports on website problems. Lee will investigate options for a new website server.

McConn reports on Law building at 3050 Harrison. It is not economically feasible to move this building.

2206 Harrison—discussion on zoning of this property. Owner wants to move next door. Discussion. This store has historically been an attraction for loitering, littering, and disorder and the owner has demonstrated an inability to responsibly operate a business in our neighborhood. WCA has taken this position in the past and continue to oppose any action that would perpetuate this problem store.

MOTION by Lewis, **SECOND** by Kuhl to to oppose allowing the tenant to move next door. Sess will write the letter. **MOTION passes.**

Minutes of general meeting of May 19th read by secretary Bach. **MOTION** by Boyd to accept minutes as read. **SECOND** by Lewis. Discussion. **Motion passes** with one addendum by Weber (\$90 instead of \$30—corrected).

MOTION by Lewis **SECOND** by Gweyn to donate \$40 to National Night Out (NNO). Discussion. **MOTION passes** 8-4.

Street solicitors—Sess spoke with City Solicitor on how to make vendor/street sales ordinance more neighborhood friendly.

Death Penalty Moratorium speakers—Julie Przybysz, Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center. Presentation on Death Penalty Moratorium. Invite us to pass a resolution in favor of this Moratorium.

MOTION by Hollan, **SECOND** by Bach to table this discussion until Steering meeting. Discussion. **MOTION** by Lee to withdraw **MOTION**. **Withdraw** of **MOTION passes.**

With no further business, **MOTION** to Adjourn by Kuhl **SECOND** by Hammann at 8:50 pm.

**Next Meeting: WCA Steering Meeting, 7/14/09 at 7pm
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