

**Westwood Civic Association
Steering Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2009
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: McNulty, Gweyn, Sess, Kimmet, Baumann, Hammann, Kuhl, Lewis, McConn, Finn, Bach, Weber, Hollan. Excused: Boyd, Lee.

Neighborhood Support Program (NSP):

Kimmet reports on request from NSP for special events insurance purposes. These are described as events with 500+ people in attendance, parades, etc. He sent back the form stating our scheduled events, but since we have no events scheduled that meet that criteria, it would not apply to WCA.

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Properties Committee—Meeting on 6/12 at 9 am for 3 Westwood properties: 2901 Grasseli, 2247 Harrison, 2795 Montana.

Gweyn will attend. Do we have any position? Discussion. Gweyn will check out the properties and report back.

McNulty reports on Condemned Buildings list from Buildings and Inspections (B&I). He is concerned they may go after single family homes and proposes WCA prioritize the list from B&I. Buildings & Properties Committee will prioritize the list and report back to WCA General Membership meeting next week. Kuhl is concerned that WCA's mission does not mesh with B&I's plan. We need a stated plan for redevelopment.

2487 and 2495 Harrison—Sr. Ann Rene will contact to see if they are interested in donating properties to WestCURC for a tax write-off. **MOTION** by Hamman to write a letter to Michael Cervay and Markeia Gore requesting the City partner with WCA to decide how to spend the \$750,000 and attend a meeting. **SECOND** by Kimmet. Hammann will write the letter. **MOTION passes** unanimously.

Business District Committee—Hammann reports he has a dated list of businesses from WestCURC which he is putting in to a spreadsheet. He will then divide the list amongst the Board to contact these business owners in order to develop a plan.

Bach is concerned about street vendors. Today there are used CDs for sale at corner of Harrison and Montclair in the old car lot at 3134 Harrison. Others raised concerns regarding this lot becoming a "junk car" lot. Hammann will look up zoning on this property.

Update on hotdog vendor: According to District 3 Police, she is legal per sidewalk requirements. Next step is to look in to the laws concerning vendors in residential areas. Sess suggests we give Sal Trafano an e-mail asking for updates on upcoming issues so they have the information before the meeting.

MOTION by McNulty, **SECOND** by Kuhl to write a letter requesting changing the street sales ordinance to make it more neighborhood-friendly. Gweyn will meet with the City Solicitor and City Council as well. Kuhl wants them to come to a meeting. Discussion **MOTION passes** unanimously. Sess will write the letter.

Outreach Committee—Meetings 2nd Thursday of each month at Westwood Library 6:30-7:30 pm.

Preservation Committee—Bach reports this committee has not met and has no details to report.

Promotions and Membership Committee—Hammann reports Matt Spetz is working on the mug slide and will have it finished for WestFest. Irene is compiling list of volunteers. **MOTION** by

Kuhl, **SECOND** by Hollan to spend up to \$300 on a new banner for WestFest. Nominate Boyd to take care of this. Rick will work with Melva on this because Bruce can make the banner.
MOTION passes unanimously.

Weber reports plans for "Neighborhood in Neighborhood" grill-outs in July and August. The committee would like to plan grill-outs before a couple WCA meetings in the summer.
MOTION by Kimmet **SECOND** by Hammann to set aside \$500 for use by Promotions and Membership Committee for neighborhood grill-outs/membership promotion. Discussion.
MOTION passes unanimously.

Flags/banners—will work with schools and residents in the fall to have an art contest to design the neighborhood banners. This would be an incentive based contest (example to give \$250 for prize). Kimmet reports we will be getting the NSP Merit Grant on Thursday for this program.

"Date night"—The committee would like to work with Mother of Mercy to get babysitters to work at Town Hall for an evening in which Westwood residents could drop off their children for free babysitting while they went out on a date. If they dined at a Westwood establishment, they would get some sort of discount. This idea is in the preliminary stages and many details would have to be worked out. Discussion.

Irene McNulty reports we need volunteers for WestFest. **MOTION** by Kimmitt, **SECOND** by McConn to reimburse \$4.88 for bumperstickers to Irene. **MOTION passes** unanimously.
MOTION by Kimmitt **SECOND** by McNulty to sell bumperstickers for \$3 a piece. Boyd will sell these at WestFest. **MOTION passes** unanimously.

Weber presented a check from Elite Security for \$90 to advertise in newsletter to Treasurer. Irene presented \$30 cash from bumper sticker sales to Treasurer and 41 remaining bumper stickers to Bach to sell at WestFest

Public Safety Committee needs a Chairman. Sess asks Lewis to Chair. Lewis declines. Sess will chair this committee.

Lewis reports on National Night Out (NNO). The event will take place 8/4/09 from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Kroger on Ferguson. The Police would like a \$20 donation. NNO is soliciting donations. Patty Hogan is the Chair for the District 3 NNO event.

School Enhancement Committee—Hollan reports he is still planning this committee. Discussion on LSDMC (Local School Decision Making Committee). Each public school should have an LSDMC representative. Currently, Gweyn is Midway's LSDMC and Liz Kissell is Westwood Elementary's LSDMC. We would need spots filled for each school (Westwood, Midway, and Dater Montessori).
Concerns that LSDMC need to be consistent with WCA Board.
Weber will volunteer to be an LSDMC if needed.

Finance Committee

Baumann is putting together invoices for Kimmet to submit for NSP.
WCA needs a Federal ID Number. We do not have one yet. Sess had tried to get us registered as a 501-3(c), but had issues. He is putting this back in the Finance Committee.

Infrastructure Committee

Gweyn reports there have been no committee meetings yet. Peg Rhein needs help with the Westwood Town Hall grounds in anticipation of Westwood School Anniversary Celebration on 6/13/09. Need volunteers 6:30-8 pm on Wed, 6/10/09. John Raines volunteered.
Gweyn will research getting funds/donations for a sprinkler system for Westwood Town Hall.

McNulty is concerned about Harrison Avenue corridor project. Gweyn will contact Department of Traffic and Engineering to be sure we have input on this project.

Sr. Ann Rene McConn—WestCURC

McConn reports WestCURC submitted 2 Grant applications for the NBDIP (Neighborhood Business District Improvement Plan). WestCURC is seeking WCA's support and input on these grant applications.

1. "Small grant" application— SORTA has said they will give \$10,000 for improvements at Henke property including a park and ride. WestCURC is asking for \$30,000 for this small grant.

Discussion. **MOTION** by Hammann **SECOND** by Bach to write a letter of support for WestCURC project to apply for the NBDIP small grant/Metro park and ride. Discussion. **MOTION** passes. Mcconn will write the letters on behalf of WCA.

2. "Big grant" application—Bell Building—Westwood would like to acquire and ensure this building is historically preserved and also energy efficient, making it one of the first historically significant LEEDS building in the country. Plans would include:

First floor—Banquet facility

Second floor—office space

Basement—Storage/Henke winery storage space.

In order to get to this step, WestCURC is applying for the "small grant" to secure the Law building at 3050 Harrison to purchase and demolish this building for parking for the Bell Building. Plans include a pervious parking lot and rain garden. WestCURC is working with Duke Energy and it would cost \$350,000 to implement phase 1 of this project.

MOTION by McConn, **SECOND** by Kimmett to write a letter of support for WestCURC project to apply for the NBDIP large grant application. Discussion. Concerns regarding tearing down the Law Office for parking. **MOTION passes**. Mcconn will write the letters on behalf of WCA.

MOTION by Kuhl **SECOND** by Weber to rescind this vote. Discussion. Rescind fails, and original **MOTION stands**.

Other business:

Soapbox Derby—Deadline extended. Promotions and Membership Committee to contact Caroline Duffey regarding Soapbox Derby. Lewis will do this.

Fay Apartments— funding the rehab of the Fay Apartments is being revisited and goes before City Council tomorrow.

MOTION by McNulty, **SECOND** by Lewis to oppose the financing to rehab the Fay Apartments.

MOTION passes. John will write the letter.

With no further business, **Motion to Adjourn** by Hammann **Seconded** by Lewis at 9:06 pm.

**Next Meeting: WCA General Membership Meeting, 6/16/09 at 7pm
Westwood Town Hall**