

**Westwood Civic Association Agenda  
General Membership or Steering Meeting 11/17/09  
7 pm Westwood Town Hall**

Meeting Called to Order by President Sess at 7:00 pm. 14 Board Members present and 1 excused. A quorum was present. Secretary: Kathy Bach.

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

**Public Issues:**

Residents came to discuss a problem property at 3324 Hanna Avenue and inquired about the Chronic Nuisance Order.

**Committee reports:**

Safety Committee—Sess reports he was assaulted in Price Hill and has a broken ankle. Weber reports she met with Lt. Colonel Isaac, District 3, CPD and a group called FUSION regarding the Chronic Nuisance Order. They are in the process of rewriting the Chronic Nuisance Order. Sess reports shots were fired at the S&H Market at Broadwell and Glenmore Avenues last week.

Buildings and Properties Committee—Kimmet reports he has been working with Ed Cunningham of the City of Cincinnati on the Yeary's building at Talbott and Harrison Avenues. There are orders to vacate the property by November 24 and the building will be boarded up at that time.

**MOTION** by Kimmitt **SECOND** by Lee to write a letter to Micahel Cervay, Community Development stating we would like to make a community garden at 2153 Harrison. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

McNulty reports that he, Sess and Kuhl met with the City Manager concerning the spending of funds in regard to demolition.

Business District Committee— Hammann reports he is working on getting the list of businesses in the Business District. Sess suggests splitting it up between the Board members to finish the list expediently.

Finance Committee—Baumann presents the Expense report:

Revenue=\$260

Expenses=\$408.39

Checking=\$12,857.46

Savings=\$3,933.54

CD=\$5,000

Lewis reports the Finance Committee had the first audit and found the books to be clear and in good order. **MOTION** by Sess **SECOND** by Kimmitt to accept the audit and commend our Treasurer for her work. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Infrastructure Committee—Gweyn reports she was able to purchase new flags with the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful funds.

Outreach Committee—Sess reports the Make a Difference Day in October was a success.

Preservation Committee—Bach reports she met with Margo Warminski of Cincinnati Preservation Association regarding the upcoming Window Workshop to be held at the Westwood Branch Library in March, 2010.

Promotions and Membership Committee—Weber reports the Flag Contest deadline is Friday, November 20. There is a possibility they may extend the deadline.

Kuhl 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.

School Enhancement Committee—Hollan reports this committee is still in need of members. Ms. Sharon Lewis reports that she, Kuhl and Gweyn attended a School Design Team meeting for Westwood Elementary last week. The next School Design Team meeting is Monday, November 30 at 7 p.m. at Gamble Elementary School.

**New Business—**

Margo Warminski, Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA) gave a presentation about her organization. CPA is able to help with research about historic homes and is available to answer questions. Ms. Warminski gave information about upcoming programs:

-CPA is sponsoring a program on January 23, 2010 at the Art Academy in Over the Rhine at 12<sup>th</sup> and Jackson Streets called "Old House, Green House." This program will focus on improving the energy efficiency of your home.

-CPA is co-sponsoring a program with the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County on Saturday March 20 at the Westwood Library at 3345 Epworth Avenue. This program is called "Improve, Don't Remove" and will focus on window restoration.

-CPA is planning a West side summit for January 2010 and will give us more information as it becomes available.

Ms. Catherine Ross volunteered to serve as Westwood's Community Liaison Coordinator. She will be working with Ms. Kelly Malone, of the City of Cincinnati, Department of Public Services to resolve specific concerns and issues related to Westwood.

Ms. Liz Kissel presented information about the draft of the Westwood Strategic Plan. It is available at [www.westwoodcivic.org](http://www.westwoodcivic.org) or hard copies are available at the Westwood Branch Library. The public is invited to make comments by December 6.

Mr. Robert Goering, Hamilton County Treasurer and Mr. Jim Harper, Chief Assistant, Civil Division of Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office were present to discuss delinquent property tax issues and give information on receivership. Sess recommends McNulty be the liaison for WCA and the County regarding problem properties.

Nominating committee appointments –There will be two nominating committees. Sess appointed Bach to chair the President's Nominating Committee. Kimmet and Hollan volunteered to serve on this committee. Sess asked for volunteers to serve on the Board's Nominating Committee. Kuhl, Weber, and Lee volunteered to serve on this committee. Nominations will be announced in January.

**MOTION** by McConn, **SECOND** by Lewis to approve October Steering and General meeting minutes. **MOTION** passes.

With no further business, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Lewis at 8:37 p.m.

**Next Meeting: WCA Steering Meeting, 12/8/09 at 7 pm  
Westwood Town Hall**