

**Westwood Civic Association Agenda
General Membership Meeting 10/20/09
7 pm Westwood Town Hall**

Meeting Called to Order by President Sess at 7:00 p.m. 11 Board Members present, 1 excused, and 3 absent. A quorum was present. Secretary: Kathy Bach.

Present: Sess, Lee, Bach, Baumann, Gweyn, Finn, Kuhl, Lewis, McConn, McNulty, and Weber.

Excused: Hammann. Absent: Boyd, Hollan, Kimmet

Open Forum:

Citizens expressed concerns over various traffic issues, including putting 4-way stops at Stathem and Urwiler Avenues and reducing the speed limit on Montana Avenue. Captain Frey, District 3, CPD suggested contacting the Department of Traffic and Engineering.

Prior minutes:

MOTION by Sess **SECOND** by Lee to approve September Steering and General meeting minutes. **MOTION** passes.

Treasurer's report:

Baumann presents the expense report:

Revenue:

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful=\$175.27

Membership= \$30.00

Total Revenue=\$205.27

Expenses=\$490.66

Checking=\$13,810.87

Savings=\$3,931.06

CD=\$5,000.00

MOTION by Kuhl **SECOND** by Gweyn to approve the Treasurer's report. **MOTION** passes.

Committee reports:

Crime & Safety Committee—Weber reports on the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance progress with District 3. She reports there is a communication problem. Captain Frey addresses the concerns and says that Lieutenant Colonel Vincent Demasi will meet with the Crime & Safety Committee.

Police & fire reports—Captain Frey from District 3 answers questions concerning various crimes. Officer Richard Minella presents the crime statistics. The price of copper has recently gone up; therefore, copper theft is on the rise. Thefts from autos are on the rise as well.

Ms. Gertrude Dixon, Senior Assistant Prosecutor assigned to District 3 reports on problem properties, including 2153 Harrison. Christopher Wagner of the Ohio Attorney General's Office suggests filing a complaint with the Court of Common Pleas for Chronic Nuisance.

Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) report they are endorsing Brad Wenstrup for Mayor and Jeff Berding, Chris Bortz, Leslie Ghiz, Chris Monzel, Charlie Winburn, Amy Murray, and Kevin Flynn for City Council.

Cincinnati Organized and Dedicated Employees (CODE) report they are endorsing Brad Wenstrup for Mayor and Jeff Berding, Chris Bortz, Leslie Ghiz, Chris Monzel, Charlie Winburn, Amy Murray, and Kevin Flynn for City Council.

Outreach Committee— Nothing to report.

Infrastructure Committee— Sess reports the “Make a Difference Day” is Saturday, Oct. 24th. Volunteers are meeting at 9 a.m. at Westwood Town Hall. There is currently \$225 leftover in the NEP funds.

MOTION by Gweyn, **SECOND** by McNulty to spend the money left in the NEP on replacement flags. **MOTION** passes.

Infrastructure Committee—**MOTION** by McNulty **SECOND** by to reimburse Debbie Johnson for \$51.48 for the plants and mulch at memorial triangle at Harrison/Urwiler/Epworth Avenues. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

School Enhancement Committee—Sess reports the progress on the Westwood School addition. He sent a letter to the CPS School Board requesting input on gymnasium addition.

Business District Committee—Nothing to report.

Buildings & Properties Committee—Sess reports Mr. Yeary’s property at 2153 Harrison is a main target for WCA.

Membership & Promotions Committee—Kuhl reports the WCA and Price Hill Civic Club Candidates Night is Thursday, 10/22/09 at Midway School at 7 p.m. WCA Board was asked to report between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for the Candidates Meet & Greet begins at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Weber reports on the Flag Design contest and problems getting the fliers posted at various businesses in Westwood. Sess reports the Art Show was a great success.

Preservation Committee—Bach reports Ms. Margo Warminski of Cincinnati Preservation Association will attend the November meeting. Ms. Liz Kissel of Westwood Historical Society reports she is beginning work on the 2010 Westwood Home Tour and is looking for houses (specifically mid-century modern homes) and sponsors. The next Historical Society meeting is Wednesday, November 11 at Westwood Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m.

Old Business:

Sess reports his conversation with Mr. Larry Williams of Talbert House regarding the Mt. Airy Homeless Shelter. The City of Cincinnati will now begin funding this shelter. **MOTION** by Kuhl **SECOND** by Lewis to invite Talbert House to a WCA meeting. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Speakers:

Women’s Connection—Ms. Amy Schinkle reports on the work of the Women’s Connection, a nonprofit organization in Price Hill. Their mission is to connect people to the resources in their neighborhood.

Hamilton County MR/DD—Mr. Chuck Alteneau gave a presentation on the Hamilton County MR/DD levy.

Union Terminal—Ms. Ruby Rogers gave a presentation on Issue 6, the Museum levy.

Census Bureau—Mr. Mike Kane of the U.S. Census Bureau reports they are creating awareness about the upcoming census. They are recruiting workers

Streetcar Issue—Mr. Joe Sprengard, Jr. gave a presentation on Issue 9.

Metropolitan Sewer District—Mr. Jack Rennekamp dropped off information concerning an upcoming “Breakfast Meeting” on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 a.m. at the Sharonville Convention Center. Please RSVP to MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov

With no further business, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn by Gweyn, **SECOND** by Lewis at 8:58 p.m.

**Next Meeting: WCA Steering Meeting, 11/10/09 at 7pm
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