

**Westwood Civic Association Agenda
General Membership or Steering Meeting 9/15/09
7 pm Westwood Town Hall**

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

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

MOTION by Kimmett **SECOND** by Lewis to approve August Steering and General meeting minutes. **MOTION** passes.

Public Issues:

Police report—Captain Kimberly Frey and Officer Minella from District 3, CPD reported on the crime statistics for District 3. The new crime statistics are more detailed and will now be e-mailed to us. Lee will be adding this information to Westwood Civic Association website at www.westwoodcivic.org.

Ms. Gertrude Dixon, Senior Assistant Prosecutor with the City of Cincinnati Department of Law, Solicitor's Office—Ms. Dixon is assigned to District 3 to address blight problems. She brought copies of a form to fill out for problem blighted properties. Lee will be adding this form to Westwood Civic Association website: www.westwoodcivic.org. Ms. Dixon can be reached by telephone at 352-4715 or by e-mail at gertrude.dixon@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Fire Report—Lieutenant Jim Holtring from Engine 35 gave the fire report.

Rookwood Pottery presentation—Mr. Christopher Rose, CEO of Rookwood Pottery gave a presentation regarding how the Rookwood company started and evolved to its current location in Over the Rhine. He invited the Westwood Civic Association to take a tour of Rookwood Pottery.

Committee Reports:

- a) Buildings and Property—Kimmet reports there will be a special roundtable discussion regarding 2153 Harrison at the next Steering committee meeting on 10/13/09 at 7 p.m.
- b) Infrastructure—Ms. Peg Rhein reports “Make A Difference Day” will be on Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. until noon and needs volunteers.
- c) Business District—Nothing to report.
- d) Public Safety—Weber reports she has not received a response to the Chronic Nuisance Letter. Mr. Rick Ketterer, WCA Liquor Czar, reports he met with the City Solicitor, Keith Foreman on Monday. Mr. Foreman will be representing WCA at the hearing for GG'z on 9/21/09 at 10 a.m. in City Hall, 3rd Floor in Room B. Discussion. **MOTION** by Kimmet, **SECOND** by Kuhl to instruct Mr. Ketterer that the only compromise WCA is willing to make on the GG'z license is the withdrawal of the liquor permit request.
- e) Promotion and Membership—Weber reports the neighborhood grill-out was a success. McNulty passed out membership applications. Kuhl reports communication problems setting up the WCA Candidate's Night with Mother of Mercy High School ; therefore, its location will be Midway School on Glenmore Avenue.
- f) Preservation—Nothing to report.
- g) School Enhancement—Hollan reports he could use more volunteers on this committee. McNulty reports on the Cincinnati Public Schools (CPA) appeal for Westwood Elementary

School on 9/9/09. He was not allowed to speak at the hearing since he had not been at any of the previous hearings. Next week the Education Committee of City Council will make a decision regarding the hearing. **MOTION** by Kimmet, **SECOND** by Kuhl to write a letter to the City reaffirming our position on Westwood Elementary School and asking for City Council to change the process regarding who is allowed to speak at the meetings. Discussion. Weber urges all Board members to individually write letters stating this as well. **MOTION** passes.

- h) Finance—Baumann gave the Treasurer’s report. **MOTION** by Kimmet, **SECOND** by Bach to approve the Treasurer’s report. **MOTION** passes.
- i) Outreach—Nothing to report

Open forum:

Rick Ellersby, Westwood United Methodist Church (WUMC)—Mr. Ellersby reports there is a Prayer Report, “Fly Like Eagles” on Thursday, 9/26/09 from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact WUMC at 661-3133 for more information.

George Zamary—Candidate running for Cincinnati City Council seeking our support.

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Brian Lee, Good Guy Loitering—Lee reports the attendance is down at GGL and he is revamping the process. The next GGL will be Thursday, 9/24, E-mail info@westwoodcivic.org to join the mailing list.

Eileen Cooper-Reed, President of Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) Board—Candidate running for School Board seeking our support for reelection as well as for the CPS renewal levy.

School tax levy—Ms. Mary Hahn, President of Western Hills Design Technology High School gave a presentation on the Renew 52 levy.

Casino issue—Mr. Greg Goloborodko of Ohio Jobs and Growth Plan gave a presentation on Issue 3.

With no further business, a **MOTION** to adjourn by Lewis, **SECOND** by Kimmet at 8:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting: WCA Steering Meeting, 10/13/09 at 7pm
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