

**Westwood Civic Association Agenda  
Steering Meeting 9/8/09  
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, Finn, Hammann, Hollan, Kimmet, Kuhl, Lewis, McConn, McNulty, and Weber. Excused: Boyd (per President Sess).

Guest: Scott Ryan, Inspector, Department of Community Development.

**Committee reports:**

Business District Committee— Hammann reports the City of Cincinnati has not provided any information regarding businesses in the business district. The committee will use the Auditor's website to develop our own list. Kuhl suggests getting the "Westwood Alive!" booklet from Library, which Bach will provide.

Buildings & Properties Committee—Kimmet reports problems continue at Yearly's building at Harrison and Talbott Avenues. Scott Ryan reports this is out of his territory, so we should contact Kevin Rhodes at [kevin.rhodes@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:kevin.rhodes@cincinnati-oh.gov).

Other problem properties such as 2280 Harrison are not being addressed due to City's inaction on demolition with TIF money.

Gweyn inquires about the Imperial House on Harrison Avenue. Mr. Ryan reports this property is in receivership and is for sale. The City issued two new sets of orders on the property.

Finance Committee—Sess reports we need to pay for CPD security detail at the Art Show on 10/3/09.

**MOTION** by Kimmet **SECOND** by Lewis to spend \$140 for 5 hours of detail security service for Art Show. Discussion. Lewis reports this may be able to be covered by NSP and will look in to this. **MOTION** passes.

Infrastructure Committee—Gweyn reports she is working with business owners to get them to help water the flowerpots. Sess reports the flag brackets are breaking at the base and needs an extension ladder to fix them.

McNulty inquires about status of Montana Avenue. Sess will get an update and report back.

Outreach Committee—Nothing to report.

Preservation Committee—Bach reports she is working with Cincinnati Preservation Association for a series of home improvement workshops for spring. Mr. Christopher Rose, of Rookwood Pottery will make a presentation at the September General Membership meeting.

School Enhancement Committee—There is a meeting regarding the Cincinnati Public Schools (CPA) appeal for Westwood Elementary scheduled on Wednesday, 9/9/09 at noon at City Council Chambers, Room 300. McNulty volunteered to attend. The issue of "Congregate Housing" is also on the agenda for this meeting. McNulty will report back to the Board.

Public Safety Committee— Sess reports Aspen Village, also known as Charleston Square is requesting to put in a gate that will restrict entrance to residents and emergency personnel. Discussion.

80% of residents on Wunder Avenue are in favor of speed humps, so Wunder Avenue will get speed humps.

We received a letter from Captain Kimberly Frey, District 3, CPD3 thanking us for our support at National Night Out.

Weber reports she met with Captain Kimberly Frey and Sgt. Sal Tufano of District 3, CPD3 and Chris Kearney of Community Driven Crime Control regarding the public nuisance enforcement. Weber presents a letter to the Board for review and would like comments back by tomorrow.

**MOTION** by McNulty **SECOND** by Kimmert to write a letter to the City Solicitor in reference to 2400 Harrison Avenue (Candlewood Apartments) asking for a report on the chronic nuisance activity at this address. Discussion. **MOTION** passes. Sess will write the letter.

Sess proposes to invite Mr. Kevin Rhodes, Inspector, Department of Community Development to our October Steering meeting.

Letter from Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA)—CMHA representatives are available to attend community council meetings. **MOTION** by Kimmert **SECOND** by Lee to invite CMHA to attend a future meeting to address issues and answer questions. Discussion. **MOTION** passes. Sess will write the letter.

Harvest Home Parade—Sess reports he will be out of town for the Harvest Home Parade on 9/10/09. All are welcome to participate. If you are interested, please meet at Frances and Harrison Avenues on Thursday, 9/10/09 between 6:30-7 p.m. This evening, Lee will add the information to Westwood Civic Association's website. Kuhl will contact Hammann about adding it to Westwood Concern's website.

Scott Ryan, Inspector, Department of Community Development—Mr. Ryan reports on the neighborhood boundaries of Westwood. In order to change the boundaries, the adjacent neighborhoods would have to agree to it. Mr. Ryan suggests putting together a small committee of residents to meet with boundary neighborhoods.

Kuhl inquires on the status of 3128 Harrison Avenue. Mr. Ryan issued orders on the property and he has 30 days to clean it up.

#### Fence at 2841-45 Harrison Avenue

Mr. Dave Cook solicited the WCA's assistance in obtaining a variance earlier this year to allow him to erect a fence along the property line of a lot he had recently purchased. Mr. Cook supplied us with a graphic description of what the fence would look like when completed. Based on this rendering, we stated we had no objection to the variance, provided the fence resemble the depiction in the the rendering supplied by mr. Cook. This has not been done.

**MOTION** by McConn **SECOND** by Kuhl to make a formal complaint to the City of Cincinnati stating that Dave Cook has acted in bad faith by not getting the permit for the fence and it should come down. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Promotions and Membership Committee—Weber reports there is a grill-out next Tuesday, 9/15/09 at 5:00 p.m. at the Westwood Town Hall. She asked Board Members to invite their neighbors by distributing fliers at the door or local businesses and arrive early to the meeting for the grill-out.

#### **New Business**—

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between WCA and WestCURC—McConn reports City Council wants the entire neighborhood involved in the Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and is asking for the signatures of the Presidents of WCA and WestCURC on a joint Memorandum of Understanding. **MOTION** by Kimmert **SECOND** by Lee to revise the MOU to include the statement: "Nothing in this memorandum will be construed to limit in any way the funds allocated for demolition as indicated in the letter sent by Mr. Michael Cervay on August 12, 2009." Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) money—Sess reports we have up to \$400.00 left in the US Bank account that needs to be spent as soon as possible in the NEP target area. Gweyn needs to review her outstanding invoices for National Flag Company and other gardening purchases. She will contact Sess and Baumann immediately so that the Board Members can spend the remaining NEP funds, if any, prior to the due date. Sess will follow-up with the Board Members concerning the current balance after all invoices are paid.

Liquor permit update—Mr. Rick Ketterer reports the GG's hearing is September 21 at 10 or 11 a.m. at City Hall.

Art Show update—City will insure us. Henke will ensure the liquor license aspect. Discussion concerning expenditure for Art Show posters/advertisement

New fire house location—Sess reports he and McNulty met with Fire Department, Zoning, and Facilities Management about purchasing 2487 and 2495 Harrison Avenue for the location of Westwood's new fire house.

District 3 Housing Prosecutor —Sess will write a letter to Captain Kim Frey of District 3, CPD3 requesting the name and location of the new housing prosecutor in District 3.

With no further business, **MOTION to Adjourn** by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Lewis at 9:10 pm.

**Next Meeting: WCA General Membership, 9/15/09 at 7pm\***  
**\*WCA Neighborhood grill-out at 5 pm**  
**Westwood Town Hall**