

**Westwood Civic Association Agenda
General Membership Meeting 1/19/10
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: Sess, Lee, McNulty, Baumann, Bach, Finn, Gweyn, Hollan, Kimmet, Kuhl, Lewis, McConn, and Weber. Excused: Boyd, Hammann.

Sess presented new guests with "I Love Westwood" t-shirts. ☺

Public Issues:

A resident from Hanna reports his problem neighbor moved away.

New Business:

Flagpoles/Brackets—Discussion concerning the purchase of new flag poles and brackets for Harrison Avenue Business Districts.

Neighborhood Support Program (NSP)—Lewis reports the City has reduced our NSP funds. Our 2010 NSP Budget will be lowered to \$5,000 (was \$7,000). This money helps community councils improve their neighborhoods. Kimmet reports that while the budget is shrinking, other costs such as insurance and postage are rising. The community will vote at the February General Meeting on how to spend the NSP funds for Westwood. Kimmet requests citizens write City Council asking them to support the NSP.

2735 Faber Avenue—McConn reports WestCURC was interested in this property 2 years ago. Since then, the building has suffered structural damage due to botched renovations. Kuhl expresses her opposition to tearing down single-family homes. **MOTION** by Lee, **SECOND** by McNulty to write a letter asking the city to de-prioritize the demolition of this property. Discussion. **MOTION** passes. McNulty will write the letter.

Gamble Estate—Ms. Liz Kissel, President of Westwood Historical Society reports this historic property at 2918 Werk Rd. is on the City's demolition list. She gave a brief history of the house and updates on her conversations concerning preservation with the Estate's caretakers over the years.

MOTION by Weber, **SECOND** by Bach to write a letter to the City Inspectors requesting they do not tear down this property. Discussion. **MOTION** passes. Sess will write the letter.

Ms. Gertrude Dixon, Senior Assistant Prosecutor assigned to District 3 was present to answer questions regarding nuisance issues.

Update from Westwood Town Hall—Ms. Marlene Trapp, Westwood Town Hall Director, Cincinnati Recreation Center reports the new passes for CRC are good at all CRC locations citywide. Some new programs offered in 2010 at Westwood Town Hall include:

- Aerobics class on Mondays/Thursdays for \$4/class.
- Zumba classes coming soon.
- MadCap puppets—Saturday, 1/23/10 at 2:00 p.m.

Update from State Representative Denise Driehaus—State Representative Driehaus is hosting a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, January 21 at 7 p.m. at the Saylor Park Recreation Center. Sess will attend on behalf of WCA.

"Welcome to Westwood" Baskets—Kuhl brought a sample basket to present to new homeowners in our neighborhood. **MOTION** by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Gweyn to spend up to \$500 on "Welcome to Westwood" baskets. Discussion.

MOTION passes. Lewis asks to amend to motion to spend up to \$350. Kuhl declines. Original motion passes.

MOTION by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Gweyn to reimburse Mr. Bob Prokop \$24 for the sample basket. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Chronic Nuisance Ordinance and Community Driven Crime Control—Weber reports they are concentrating on 3 properties in Westwood regarding Chronic Nuisance. Those properties are:
1. 2400 Harrison Avenue
2. Four Towers (owned by Zicka)
3. Glenmore and Broadwell (owned by Thieman)

Census 2010—Sess reports the U.S. Census is hiring. Testing and training is available at both Westwood Town Hall and Westwood Branch Library.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment—Sess passed out this proposal concerning presence of Board members at meetings. Weber will publish this in the newsletter.

Liquor Czar—Mr. Rick Ketterer is stepping down and Gweyn is stepping in. Thank you to Rick for your service to Westwood! You will be missed.

Public Safety Committee - Ms. Sharon Lewis reports there is a Cincinnati Police Department District 3 Resource (D3R) meeting on Thursday, January 28 at 7 p.m. at Jim and Jack's Restaurant on River and Lillianthal Roads in Riverside.

U.S. Post Office—McNulty reports we can use Reliable Printing's presorted rate.

WestCURC update—Bach reports there are 8 slots available at WestCURC's upcoming program, "Conducting a Home Energy Audit"—Sunday, January 31 from 2-3:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to conduct a home energy audit and learn some common cost saving measures. The hope is that participants will be trained to do the audit and use the equipment. The first group will then be able to train others (on their street, in their families, etc) thus sharing in educating Westwood residents.

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Beppo's—Questions concerning what is going on with the former Beppo's property at Harrison and Boudinot Avenues as contractors have been working on the building.

Upcoming WCA Officer's Election—there are 5 slots open. Kuhl reports her committee is nominating Mr. Mitch Needs. Bach reports her committee is nominating Mr. Joe Henke. **MOTION** by McNulty, **SECOND** by Lewis to not hold an election. Discussion. Kimmert proposes to **TABLE the MOTION** until the next meeting in the hopes that the two candidates can attend. Nominations are closed as of tonight. Original **MOTION** passes.

5th Westwood Home Tour—Ms. Liz Kissel, President of the Westwood Historical Society reports the Home Tour will be Sunday, April 25. They need volunteers to work, and are still looking for homes to be on the home tour, as well as house sponsors. Contact Ms. Liz Kissel at the Westwood Historical Society if you are interested.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Properties Committee—McNulty reports he and Kimmert are working on prioritizing the list of problem properties.

Business District—nothing to report.

Finance Committee—**MOTION** by Kimmet, **SECOND** by Lewis to approve the income statements. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Infrastructure Committee—Gweyn reports the Cincinnati Park Board will be taking care of the flower pots. This is a big help and always appreciated.

Outreach Committee—Nothing to report.

Preservation Committee—Bach reports there is a Window Restoration Workshop on Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Westwood Library, sponsored by the Library and the Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA). Ms. Liz Kissel reports there is a CPA program, “**Old House, Green House,**” concentrating on energy efficiency and sustainability for old-house owners. The program will be held on Saturday, January 23rd from 9:30 to noon at the Cincinnati Art Academy, 1212 Jackson Street in downtown Cincinnati.

Promotions and Membership Committee—meeting February 1 to make final decision on the banners.

Public Safety Committee—nothing to report.

School Enhancement Committee—Ms. Sharon Lewis reports she attended a Westwood School Design Committee on Thursday, January 14, 2010. Topics included lighting, flagpoles, windows, clock, bell, murals, bike trail, signage, etc. An on-site brief meeting will take place in February at the Westwood School building on Montana & Harrison Avenues to decide the best match of the existing building's brick and window colors with the newly recommended. McNulty states he would like to ask Westwood School to be a premiere school. He would like WCA to be involved in the Principal selection process when Mr. Bruce Breiner retires. Discussion.

Other Business:

Weber reports articles are due for the *WestWords* newsletter by February 1, 2010.

With no further business, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn by Lewis, **SECOND** by Gweyn at 8:59 p.m.

**Next Meeting: WCA Steering Meeting, 2/9/10 at 7 pm
Westwood Town Hall**