

**Westwood Civic Association Agenda
General Membership or Steering Meeting 3/16/10
7 pm Westwood Town Hall**

Meeting Called to Order by President Sess at 7:00 pm. 13 Board Members present, 1 excused, and 1 absent. A quorum was present. Secretary: Kathy Bach.

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

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

Police report—Officer Minella and Sergeant Tufano from District 3, CPD reports on crime statistics for District 3 and answered questions regarding crime and chronic nuisance problems from citizens.

Fire Report—Firefighter John Lynn with Engine 35 reminds citizens to replace the batteries in their smoke detectors.

Introduction of new Board members--Mr. Mitch Needl and Mr. Joe Henke. Welcome!

Guests:

Ms. Markeia Gore--City of Cincinnati, Office of Community Development. Bracken Woods Ln update--the City is working on some parcels here.

Ms. Gertrude Dixon, Senior Assistant Prosecutor assigned to District 3 was available to answer questions involving urban blight.

Mr. Marvin Hawkins--Liaison for Council Member Quinlivan. Mr. Hawkins is a Westwood resident and can be reached at 513-352-5203 or marvin.hawkins@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Mr. Richard Rust--Interim Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel for Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA). Mr. Rust suggests we address issues to the "Talk to Us Hotline" 513-721-CMHA (2642) or through the website at www.cintimha.com. Question & Answer period and discussion.

Other Business:

2186 Harrison Avenue demolition—Collected some historic Westwood bricks.

2487 and 2495 Harrison—Attempting to get these properties rezoned to Single Family.

Community Priority Requests—Due on Friday, April 2nd by 4:00 p.m. to Ms. Margaret Wuerstle. Discussion. Ideas: poles to advertise events on banners, community garden, printing costs for Westwood Strategic Plan, demolition, sprinkler system for Westwood Town Hall Gardens, gazebo for Westwood Town Hall grounds. Discussion.

Westwood City Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Funds--Kimmet reports we have \$4700 for 2010. Proposed Spending Categories:

- Neighborhood Improvement Projects--\$1,200
- Membership Promotion Projects--\$1,000
- Newsletter--\$2,500

Discussion concerning paper vs. electronic newsletters.

MOTION by Lewis **SECOND** by Boyd to accept the proposed categories to the NSP budget. Discussion. **MOTION** passes 28-0.

Westwood Art Show--Ms. Amanda Carlisle is organizing the Art Show which will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010. She has applied for a grant to assist with funding.

Student Awards--The Student Awards Ceremony will take place at the May General Membership meeting.

MOTION by Lee, **SECOND** by Kuhl to allocate \$500.00 for Westwood Town Hall grounds. Discussion. **MOTION** withdrawn, as money is already allocated through NSP.

Citizens for Civic Renewal—There will be a meeting on Wednesday, May 5 at 6 p.m.

District 3 Community Resource Meeting will be Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at Price Hill Chili.

West Price Hill Citizens on Patrol is hosting a fundraiser at Jim & Jack's on March 19 at 9 p.m. Entertainment provided by Blue Stone Ivory.

Gamble House Update—Ms. Liz Kissel of Westwood Historical Society reports there is a Gamble Estate hearing Friday, March 19 at 9 a.m. at 805 Central Ave, 7th Floor. It is important we attend this meeting to show support if possible.

Westwood Home Tour—Sunday, April 25 from 1-6 p.m. Headquarters will be at Mother of Mercy. Tickets are \$10 in advance and available at Henke Winery and U.S. Bank.

President Sess presents Ms. Liz Kissel with a historic Westwood brick for her work on the Strategic Plan and the Gamble House.

Firefighter Memorial—Kuhl reports we will be purchasing a brick for the Firefighters Memorial as approved at March Steering meeting. Sess appoints an ad hoc committee of Kuhl, Boyd and McNulty to decide the wording on the brick. .

Buildings Committee—McNulty reports on the demolition of 2186 Harrison Avenue. Kuhl expresses concern for demolishing single-family homes when there are so many multi-family units we should concentrate on. This committee is meeting with Mr. Herman Bowling. **MOTION** by McNulty **SECOND** by Kimmet to ask the City to prioritize multi-family demolition and deemphasize single-family demolition. Discussion. **MOTION** passes. McNulty will write the letter.

Annual Dinner on April 20 at 7 pm at Henke Winery. **MOTION** by Kimmet **SECOND** by Lewis to allot no more than \$100 for postage for postcard invitations. Discussion. **MOTION** passes. Lee, Lewis, Kimmet, and Henke will coordinate.

Liquor Objections—Discussion concerning which liquor licenses we should object to.

MOTION by Bach **SECOND** by Lewis to approve February Steering and General meeting minutes. **MOTION** passes.

With no further business, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn by Lewis, **SECOND** by Kuhl by at 9:06 p.m.

**Next Meeting: WCA Steering Meeting, 4/13/10 at 7pm
Westwood Town Hall**