

**Westwood Civic Association Agenda**  
**Steering Meeting 3/9/10**  
**7 pm Westwood Town Hall**

Meeting Called to Order by President Sess at 7:00 pm. 12 Board Members present, 1 excused, and 2 absent. A quorum was present. Secretary: Kathy Bach.

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

Speaker: Ms. Sue Leisring R.N. at Mt. Saint Joseph College/Cincinnati Public Health Department—surveys and information gathering for health planning for Westwood. They hope to have a program that will be a permanent part of our community.

Guests:

Mr. Kenneth Workaman—Kimmel invited Mr. Workamen to the WCA meeting after meeting him at the Gamble House hearing.

Mr. Scott Ryan, Inspector, Department of Community Development.

Westwood Art Show - September 18th is the tentative date. Amanda Carlisle and Promotions and Membership Committee will coordinate.

Beppo's at Boudinot and Harrison—Mr. Carnevale acquired a permit for the work being done here.

We need to get the flower pots back on the sidewalk in front of this property.

Invest meeting with communities March 4<sup>th</sup>—Lewis and Kimmel reported the meeting was cancelled, but WCA has fulfilled all our obligations in order to continue funding.

Pancakes Event—Sunday, March 14, 2010 at California Park.

Rezoning of 2487-95 Harrison—**MOTION** by McNulty, **SECOND** by Boyd to ask the City of Cincinnati to rezone this property as SF6. Discussion. **MOTION** passes. Sess will write the letter.

Federal NSP money—Discussion concerning how much money is left in this fund. Sess will write a letter.

Daylight Savings Time—Reminder to set your clocks ahead before going to bed on March 13<sup>th</sup>

Firefighter's Memorial (request for donation)—**MOTION** by McNulty, **SECOND** by Kuhl to buy a brick paver for \$100 with our emblem and name on it. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Police Academy—Class Begins April 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ms. Monica Ervin at 513-357-7554 for information.

Liquor Permit Renewal Hearings—These will be held in April. Discussion concerning whether to object to any other liquor licenses. Kuhl suggests we invite upper management from UDF to discuss problems with liquor licenses at the UDF located at Montana and Glenmore.

2153 Harrison Avenue—Kimmel reports he spoke to Mr. Herman Bowling and is setting up a meeting to discuss acquiring this site for the Westwood Community Gardens. They would like for a couple WCA members to attend.

Imperial House—Mr. Ryan reports this property is in receivership and they are in the process of coming in to compliance with the Vacated Building Maintenance License (VBML). Discussion. Sess will write a letter to Mr. Cervay and Mr. Cunningham stating this property is a nuisance to the community.

Westwood Strategic Plan to Planning Commission—There will be a presentation on March 19 at 9 a.m. in Centennial Plaza 2, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor. We encourage people to attend. Ms. Liz Kissel reports she has been in discussions with Mr. Felix Bere regarding the status of the Plan. **MOTION** by Kuhl, **SECOND** by McConn to adopt the Westwood 2010 Strategic Plan. Discussion. **MOTION** passes. Ms. Sharon Lewis expressed concerns over the maps in the Strategic Plan. Mr. Chris Kearney volunteers to help out with revamping the maps.

Gamble Mansion—Ms. Liz Kissel of the Westwood Historical Society reports the Gamble House is a step closer to being on the Local Historic Register. Pre-hearing for the Planning Commission will be on Monday, March 14 at 3 p.m. in Centennial Plaza 2, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor. There will be another meeting on Friday, March 19 at 9 a.m. in Centennial Plaza 2, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor. Discussion.

Kuhl is concerned that we may need a lawyer to represent us at these hearings.

**MOTION** by Kuhl, **SECOND** by Lewis to establish a fund for the following purposes in relation to the Gamble House: Obtain a lawyer, purchase, stabilize, renovate, and operate this property. Should the process stop at any point the money will be refunded to the donor's minus the fees. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

**MOTION** by Kuhl, **SECOND** by McConn to put on retainer John Cranley up to \$2,000 out of the General Fund for preservation of the Gamble House. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

Chronic Nuisance—Weber reports Mr. Rust of CMHA will be at the March General Membership meeting. 2400 Harrison Ave is one of CMHA's properties and has been causing Chronic Nuisance problems. We will focus on the four most problematic properties:

- 2400 Harrison
- Four Towers
- 2201 2203 Harrison
- Glenmore and Broadwell

Treasures of Cincinnati—program at Westwood United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. Jeffrey L. Stec, Board Chair for Civic Renewal—2011-2012 budget with the City. They are trying to engage citizens before the budget vote in a dialogue based environment. Contact: jeffreystec@gmail.com

**MOTION** by McNulty, **SECOND** by Lewis to have our annual election of officers at the April Steering committee, election of officers, LSDMC for Schools steering committee and standing committees. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

**MOTION** by Kimmet, **SECOND** by Kuhl to have April General Membership meeting/dinner at Henke Winery. **MOTION** passes.

McNulty asks what CPD3 has planned for the warm weather.

WestFest 2010—**MOTION** by Gweyn, **SECOND** by Kimmet to apply for WestFest and spend up to \$275 on the application fee. Discussion. **MOTION** passes.

With no further business, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn by Bach, **SECOND** by Kuhl at 9:03 p.m.

**Next Meeting: WCA General Membership 3/16/10 at 7pm  
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