

**WCA Steering Meeting
September 14, 2010
7:00 P.M.
Westwood Town Hall**

Attendance

Present: Bach, Baumann, Gweyn, Henke, Kimmet, Kuhl, Neeld, Sess, Weber

Excused: Boyd, Lee, Lewis, McNulty, McConn

Absent: Hollan

Recording Secretary

Mitch Neeld

Diehl Road

Diehl Road resident Tim Renaud spoke about the Hamilton County Mt Airy Center becoming a homeless shelter. There are issues of high traffic on an otherwise quiet street. The shelter is having an adverse affect on the neighborhood. There are plans for expanding the shelter. The owner, Talbert House, denies any problems. He has written letters to the Hamilton County Commissioners. He is part of a working group regarding the issue. The shelter is actually located in Westwood not Green Township. The neighbors are located in Green Township. They want the facility re-located to a non-residential area. He is working with Todd Portune. Zoning issues are limiting the sites that the working group is looking at. Tim is pushing for a location in Bond Hill – a closed down school on the edge of a golf course. A sewer expansion project was underway for the shelter. Tim had the plans. Todd Portune told Time that he has put a stop to the sewer expansion. Sess volunteered to be a member of the working group.

MOTION by Kimmet that WCA write a letter to go on record that WCA:

- 1.) opposes the expansion of the shelter,
- 2.) opposes the sewer expansion, and
- 3.) supports the relocation of the facility.

SECOND by Kuhl

DISCUSSION – Sess asked to whom do we address the letter - to Hamilton County Commissioners and City of Cincinnati – Michael Cervay. Sess asked if we should defer the submission of the letter until Mr. Renaud's group has had a chance to let their plan play out.

PASSED unanimously

3324 Hannah

Mr. Clyde Gulstone – the owner of the apartment building was in attendance and addressed issues related to the property. Mr. Gulstone noted that no police officer has been in contact with him regarding issues at the property. The property has been on the chronic nuisance list. Visitors to apartment 4 have been causing the majority of the problems. Another tenant that was causing problems has been evicted and is now gone. He has attempted to contact Sgt Stefano and visited District 3 and received no returned call. He was told to handle the

problems himself. Weber stated that the problems are at apartments 4, 8 and 11 (according to neighbors). One member stated that there are nine residents living in apartment 11. Mr. Gulstone committed to: 1.) start the eviction process on tenants in apt. 4; 2.) contact the tenant in apt. 11 and tell them that the non-residents can not stay; and 3.) address the issue with the tenant in apt. 8.

Sarvis Ct

The Livable Communities Meeting met on Sept 14. Weber was in attendance. Council Member Qualls was upset at the prior reports of compliance. They are sending a CERT team to the building tomorrow. She asked the City Solicitor for options. Council Member Winburn mentioned eminent domain as an option. Calls for service are up. The individual that threatened the Rigacci's is back living in the building. Sess mentioned that Weber wrote letters to Judges Ruhlman and Dlott regarding the Downtown Properties Management case and the fines imposed and argued Westwood's case.

Volunteer Opportunities in Westwood

Sess mentioned an opportunity to be a Big Brother or Big Sister at Roll Hill Elementary

Field Trip Funding

Alison Scholl – a teacher at Westwood Elementary – had requested resources for funding for field trip to farm. Gweyn offered to take her as a guest to Kiwanis meeting. Gweyn suggested that she should request that the Green Acres Foundation could fund field trip.

Regional Neighborhood Network Conference

Hollan is attending on behalf of Invest In Neighborhoods. The workshops and seminars are in Dayton, OH.

Westside Summit

The Westside Summit will be held on October 5, 2010 at Westwood Town Hall. Included (among others) are all neighborhoods in District 3, Northside and Mt. Airy. They will discuss, in addition to other topics, neighborhood boundaries. An official from the zoning department with maps will be in attendance. Chris Kearney will talk on the topic of chronic nuisance. Individuals running for public office have been invited to hear the issues.

Westwood Strategic Plan

The Westwood Strategic plan was approved by the Livable Communities Committee without problem. It is headed to City Council tomorrow.

Yearling Ct

The City is considering forgiveness of a loan and interest totaling \$920,000 to the Bethany House on Yearling Ct. McNulty has written a letter to City Council opposing the action.

Zoning Process Change

Weber stated that Council Member Berding was proposing that no more multi-family loans and no more single to multi-family conversions be approved for Westwood.

Hotdogs for Broadwell

Karen Strasser requested funds for event.

MOTION by Weber to fund \$50 for food for block watch event

SECOND by Bach

DISCUSSION none

PASSED unanimously

MSD Breakfast

The Metropolitan Sewer District Breakfast event is being held on October 26.

Western Economic Council

MOTION by Gweyn to pay \$60 dues to Western Economic Council

SECOND by Kuhl

DISCUSSION none

PASSED unanimously

Member stated that he has been told eight times by Mr. Gulstone that he will evict tenants in apt 4 at 3324 Hanna. Sess noted that we now have a plan and a time table.

Westwood United Methodist Church Window Replacement

The Westwood United Methodist Church has requested that we write a letter in favor of a grant application to the L&L Nippert Foundation for historical restoration to cover window replacement.

MOTION by Kuhl to request that WUMC write a letter to L&L Nippert Foundation to save Gamble house

SECOND by Baumann

DISCUSSION none

PASSED unanimously

Henke

Joe mentioned that the Westwood Art Show is this Saturday at 10:00. The ArtWorks mural unveiling will be held at noon.

Sharon Lewis

Sharon discussed a driveway construction project at a rental property on Werk Road for which there were no permits issued. Roger Foster is involved.

Regarding the catwalk, the City has not yet received a letter from WCA regarding it's support of the closing of the catwalk. Sess will follow up

Bach

Kathy met with the Madcap Board of Directors. They visited the Bell Building.

Neeld

Mitch reported that the \$1000 check to WCA for the Cincinnati Soapbox Derby Mayor's Cup third place finish is finally being released. Baumann has been in contact with the woman (from Duke Energy?) who is cutting the check.

Baumann

Vickie asked about the Welcome to Westwood signs. Kimmet will start installing them this weekend. Sess spoke about I-74 office park building trash and grass issues at bottom of Montana – embarrassed to have Welcome to Westwood sign there.

Kimmet

Joel and Jim McNulty are working on a "Top 10 Worst of the Worst Buildings" list. Joel noted that the Imperial House on Harrison Ave – which is out of compliance with it's VBML – is on the list. Also included are Sarvis Ct. and Harrison Ave. and building at end of Bracken Woods Ln. Recommendations for 2610 Harrison Ave. and 2280 Harrison Ave. were made. Weber provided a list of 10 building that were agreed to by the City in 2008. Only four of the ten have been demolished. Joel asked where the Welcome to Westwood signs should be placed. It was suggested that one be installed on McHenry Ave. near Westwood Northern Blvd. and another at the edge of the Cheviot in the Business District. Sharon Lewis recommended that we place one at Glenmore Ave. and Glenway Ave. – possibly in the triangle. Kuhl recommended that we attempt to have UDF adopt the triangle. Joel will check the location.

Gweyn

Melva mentioned that Abe Messer is going by the alias of Dave Green (in lawsuits?). Melva mentioned a recent nuisance at 2610 Harrison Ave. where 15 to 20 individuals were screaming and yelling.

Weber

Becky reported on that her, Ken, Melva and Liz Kissel attended the Livable Communities Committee meeting and that Hyde Park was first on the agenda while Westwood was last on agenda. Becky reminded about the picnic next Tuesday. Kroger is donating the chicken. WCA Board Members should bring a dish. The picnic is at 5:30. Sess requested that we send an email to the membership. Weber will ask Lee to send the email from his list.

Kuhl

Mary gave an update on the Gamble House – Green Acres second lawsuit. The utilities are being separated. This is a bad sign as it is a precursor to demolition. A suggestion was made to get P&G shareholders involved. Kimmet suggested a PowerPoint presentation at an upcoming shareholders meeting. Kuhl mentioned

a meet-and-greet with State Representative candidate Mike Robison being held at 3121 Daytona Ave. tomorrow from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

MOTION by Kimmet to write a letter to express WCA's displeasure regarding the lack of enforcement on health related issues in Westwood.

SECOND by Gweyn

DISCUSSION – send the letter to Mi

Utilities being separated – a bad sign

Suggestion to get P&G shareholders involved to implore

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Meet and Greet - Mike Robison - 3121 Daytona Ave tomorrow 6 – 8 PM

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SECOND by Gweyn

DISCUSSION - send to City Manager, Milton Dohoney, Cc to Board of Health and Health Commissioner.

PASSED unanimously

MOTION by Kuhl to adjourn

SECOND by Gweyn

DISCUSSION none

PASSED unanimously