

WESTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MARCH 15, 2011

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Officers.

PRESENT- Sess, Weber, Gwen, McNulty, Kuhl, Lewis, Kimmett, McConn, and Baumann

Excused- Neeld, Hildebrand, Henke, Bach, Boyd, Hollan

POLICE REPORT

Captain Neville reported crime in Westwood is down 5% over this month last year.

He discussed other issues including sector policing followed by Q & A.

Officer Rich Minella informed the group of the District Three open house scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th as part of Police Week. He also advised that a group- of students from Cincinnati Christian University are looking for service hours. They are willing to help with community activities or perform work for elderly or needy families. Contact P.O. Jen Dawson at 263-8381 for more information.

Officer Matt Thompson spoke on several issues including pan-handlers soliciting funds at intersections, littering, loud music emanating from cars, and Tattoo Parlors.

FIRE REPORT

Lieutenant Mozer introduced himself as one of the new officers at Fire House 35. Many new faces, including the Captain now man our fire house. After a few Q & A, he was called out on an emergency run.

Committee Reports

Problem Properties

Jim McNulty reported 2240 Harrison; the Imperial House is scheduled for demolition. He also reported other multi-unit buildings are moving forward on the Nuisance Abatement list.

Joel Kimmett advised he will attend the upcoming nuisance property meeting on March 25th.

Motion by Gwen and seconded by McConn to support demolition of 3118 Sunshine and 3161 Bracken Woods Ln.

Properties were voted on separately, but both motions passed (BWL-unan, Sunshine 6-2-1)

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Becky Weber reported Jamie Schwartz of Congressman Chabot's office is working with Councilman Winburn to move the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance along. Moving the enforcement responsibilities from the Police to the Building department should be more efficient. She also attended a recent Citizen for Civic Renewal (CCR) meeting, dealing with the Police Department funding. Another community meeting on this issue is scheduled for April 26th at Westwood Town Hall, to be facilitated by Mary Jenkins.

PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

Mary Kuhl reported there will be a rally at the Gamble House on Thursday, March 17th from 4-6 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend and wear your I LOVE WESTWOOD gear. Also, the City Council meeting will vote on funds for the streetcar on Wednesday, March 16th. Public speaking begins at 1:30. Motion by Kuhl, and seconded by Gwen to spend up to \$100.00 to subscribe to Cincinnati Business Courier for one year. Motion passed unan.

Jim McNulty reported next month's membership meeting will be held at the Cancun Restaurant on Glen Crossing, April 19th, 2011. Socializing 6:30, followed by brief business meeting and dinner.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Sr. Ann Rene McConn reported 50-75 young folks representing Give Back Cincinnati will be touring Westwood on foot, observing the architecture and housing in our neighborhood on Saturday, March 26th. They are meeting at the Westwood Presbyterian Church at 9:30 AM.

Motion made by McConn, seconded by Lewis, to donate \$500.00 to the Ryan Pool fund. Motion passed 6-2-1

Motion made by Kuhl, seconded by Kimmett to send a letter to CRC Dr. Merrifield, and copied to the CRC Foundation, requesting they raise the rates for admission to the city pools and solicit sponsors for next year to eliminate the need for community donations. Passed unan.

GUEST COMMENTS

P.G. Sittenfeld, city council candidate, addressed the membership.

Marvin Hawkins, aide to Council Member Laurie Quinlivan fielded questions about recycling and other issues.

Joey Adams, representing Council Member Leslie Ghiz was in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.