

Westwood Civic Association Steering Meeting

October 11, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Westwood Town Hall

Attendance

Present: J. McNulty, B. Weber, J. Hildebrand, J. Sess, V. Baumann, J. Kimmet, Sr. Anne Rene McConn, M. Jenkins, M. Gweyn, M. Kuhl, I. McNulty, J. Minor, J. Henke, K. Strasser, and guests S. Lewis, Don Owens, Joyce Owens, Ron Goetke, Annie Goetke

Recording Secretary: Mary Jenkins

Call to Order and Minutes

J. McNulty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the September 13, 2011 were reviewed and approved. MOTION by J. Sess to approve the September 13, 2011 steering meeting minutes.

SECONDED by J. Kimmet.

PASSED unanimously.

Jeremy Murphy, Status

Several board members commented on the history and status of incidents related to Jeremy Murphy, currently wanted for breaking and entering on Pickbury. Board members were reminded by Mrs. Owens and Mr. Owens of details of an attack on Joyce Owens three years ago. Mrs. Goetke detailed the October 3 breaking and entering at her home. J. Sess and J. Kimmet noted that we have assurances that Mr. Murphy is being sought by Cincinnati police and by the U.S. Marshall's Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team. J. Sess explained that Mr. Murphy's claim of seeking refuge had some bearing on the police decision not to press charges immediately. M. Kuhl commented positively on Captain Neville's competence and remarked that, with others reiterating her points, the problem in this situation is with break downs in parole violation enforcement and prosecution.

August Queen City Ave. Incident

S. Lewis complained that she has not received any response to her public records request for information on an August 29, 2011 incident on Queen City Ave. J. McNulty offered WCA board assistance in urging release of the records. J. Sess reported that it involved a drug deal.

Court Watch

J. McNulty commented that WCA needs volunteers to participate in Court Watch to monitor cases in the courts and news and advocate for satisfactory resolution. He noted that WCA should not have to make waves to see justice done. Mrs. Owens urged continued pressure on District 3 and the legal system, generally.

3303 Epworth Dog Attack

J. McNulty and K. Strasser offered a review of the lethal attack by a dog owned by residents of 3303 Epworth on Morgan Pierce's small dog at Epworth and Daytona on October 8, 2011. The dog owner is cited for failure to restrain the dog and for not having it licensed. Representatives of the city prosecutor's office say that the dog had not previously been involved in an attack and therefore wasn't labeled vicious or dangerous already. Following discussion of state and local dog laws and enforcement issues, J. McNulty agreed to invite city and county officials to a WCA meeting to discuss.

CMHA Concern

M. Kuhl reported a concern with a Section 8 rental in her neighborhood.

Day Care Issue

Mrs. Owens reported a concern with a day care center in her neighborhood that appears to be in violation of code related to number of children in its care.

Newsletter

B. Weber reported that WCA earned \$600 in advertising income for ads in Westwords, adding up to \$3,470 in revenue since the inception of paid advertisements.

NSP Funds

J. Kimmet noted that we are approaching the close out of NSP funds for 2011. There is still \$230 available. He suggested that WCA designate uses of \$2,500 in NSP funds for 2012 at its November or December meeting.

December Meeting

J. McNulty suggested a WCA dinner meeting in December, with details to be decided at a November meeting.

Website

M. Kuhl suggested that WCA explore options for a more Web 2.0 interactive website. She added that she is not suggesting dissatisfaction with the current site, but thinks the WCA would benefit from more interaction with readers.

Neighborhood Boundaries

J. McNulty reported that the Westwood boundaries that WCA denoted on a map recently submitted to the city, and including homes on West Fork Road, were accepted as submitted. However, there will be another vote later which provides an opportunity to work with Northside on agreement to avoid a designation of contested.

City Gospel Mission

WCA was not called to testify in the case of West End opposition to the move of the City Gospel Mission.

Patrick's Pub Liquor License

WCA received notice of a requested transfer of liquor license for Patrick's Pub on Crookshank. There was no concern.

Westwood Community Gardens

J. Kimmet and M. Jenkins reported on plans for modifying slightly the placement of the shed on the WCG site, to set it further from the property line. The first check from the City for the fence purchase has been approved. V. Baumann will send payment to Mills Fence.

3080 McHenry

J. McNulty noted that residents have been ordered to vacate 3080 McHenry.

3454 McHenry

J. McNulty announced recent of a request for meeting from Alex Peppers of the planning commission. WCA will meet with the planners and stakeholders.

3224 Werk

J. McNulty reported that the tenants and owner of 3224 Werk were successful in their appeal regarding their driveway project. They have two years to get permits for work already completed.

Adjournment

There being no other business before the board, J. McNulty adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.