

April 8, 2014 WCA Steering minutes
submitted by Karen Strasser, Recording Secretary

Present:

Jim McNulty, Irene McNulty, Becky Weber, Joe Corso, Mary Jenkins, Michelle Conda, Karen Strasser, Joel Kimmet, Mary Kuhl, Tom Hodges, leslie

Excused:

Melva Gweyn, Tom Minor, Jill Minor

Westwood Art Show Report – Leslie Rich

The IRS status of WCA may make it impossible for the WCA to sponsor the Art Show this year. The Westwood Art Show may need to look for another sponsor. It could possibly work to have WestCURC or another Westwood group sponsor the event. The liquor control board is wanting the sponsor to be of nonprofit classification. The deadline for sponsorship would be next week because this is when the information packets need to be turned over to the artist.

(Conda) What would be the liability for WestCURC to do this?

(Jessica) WestCURC has the liability insurance and did this the first couple years.

(Kimmet) We can keep this in Westwood, it just has to be sponsored by a nonprofit. It could be another year before we are reinstated.

(Rich) The \$951.00 profit from last year's event would be the seed money. The art show's funds are in Civic's account right now.

(Jenkins) We have a logistical issue right now with regard to the Art Show. What kind of role would WCA have in the Art Show this year?

(Jessica) Everything would be the same as last year. WCA could keep the profit from the food and drink booth.

(Conda) Would WestCURC be willing to return the Art Show to us after this year?

(Kimmet) The City is trying to encourage all community councils to be 501C3.

Motion by Rich that the WCA cut a check for \$951.96 to WestCURC contingent upon WestCURC being willing to sponsor the Art Show for 2014, seconded by Tom Hodges.

Jenkins) Is our liability insurance event specific?

(Kimmet) It is for all of our activities.

Motion passed 9 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain

Yes –

J. McNulty

Irene McNulty

Joe Corso

Mary Jenkins

Michelle Conda

Karen Strasser

Joel Kimmet

Tom Hodges
Leslie Rich

No -
Mary Kuhl

Abstain
Becky Weber

Motion to approve January general and steering minutes, seconded by Michelle Conda.

Motion approved.

Yes –
J. McNulty
Irene McNulty
Joe Corso
Mary Jenkins
Michelle Conda
Karen Strasser
Joel Kimmet
Tom Hodges
Leslie Rich
Mary Kuhl

Becky Weber - abstain

Webpage Update – Mary Jenkins

(Jenkins) The WCA webpage is on the Host Gator host. It looks like the old website, but it is migrated exactly the same. Brian Lee was thanked for his years of service. He is not going to be our webmaster anymore.

Scenic Road Rally – Mary Kuhl

Joel Kimmet volunteered to call Satolley Glassmire and ask for dates. Are we thinking sometime in the Fall? Did we want it to just be Westwood locations? Joel will email the Board regarding what the Road Rally involves.

Bracken Woods Lane project Updates

(Joel Kimmet) All that has been done so far, is that WestCURC has been purchasing properties to be torn down. At that time, all 6 acres will be deeded over to the City. At that point, WestCURC's involvement in the project stops. It might be the City's wish that WCA take over the project then.

(I McNulty) The conditions down and around Bracken Woods are horrible.

(Jenkins) Is it set in stone that nothing happens down on Bracken Woods until all 6 acres are vacant? What action was taken to insure that none of the 6 acres could be sold off?

(Kimmet) 8 out of 28 have been demolished. Last week one property owner just called and said he is interested in negotiating. They are all interconnected. Several are Boarded up and vacated.

(Corso) We could be a decade away from all 28 lots in Bracken woods.

(Corso) It may be a good idea to have an interim project going on in Bracken Woods since we may be far away from all of the properties being owned by the City.

(Kimmet) For the past 6 months, very little has happened with the Bracken Woods Project.

(Kuhl) I would like to see monthly updates given to WCA regarding the activities of WestCURC.

Newsletter Report – Becky Weber

Mike at Printworks is going to retire. Reliable Letter has been recommended to us. We have a quote from Reliable and that quote is right in line with what we were previously charged by Printworks.

Motion by Karen Strasser That Western Hills University High School and Gilbert-Dater High School be recognized as part of the Student awards, seconded by Irene McNulty.

Motion passes 7 yes, 2 no

Opposed – Mary Kuhl
Becky Weber

Yes –
Michelle Conda
Irene McNulty
Jim McNulty
Karen Strasser
Joel Kimmet
Mary Jenkins
Joe Corso

Irene McNulty will help Karen Strasser with the School Awards.

(J. McNulty) The Port Authority may help us acquire and landbank 2911 Harrison Ave, Heart Beat Motors. Joel Kimmet has a meeting this week with the Port Authority regarding this matter.

Real Estate Showcase for Westwood – Jim McNulty

This has been done before – it would be great to have a real estate showcase. We just need to make the phone calls. Mary Jenkins and Jim McNulty will work on this.

(J. McNulty) With regard to 2294 Harrison Ave, we need to put a list together of Historical properties. We need to do the work and get it done. We will be working with Westwood Historical Society. We as a Board should make historical preservation a priority.

Coalition Report – Mary Jenkins

On 4/16/2014 a community meeting will be held at Westwood Town Hall.

The focus will be on the current state of the historic business district and the conditions necessary for vitality and development. Later in May, there will be a big community meeting and Transportation and Engineering will be present.

(Strasser) Is it accurate to state that the May meeting will be an update of the progress of the Feasibility Study done by Transportation and Engineering focusing on the concept of a Westwood Square.

(Jenkins) Planning, Transportation, Engineering are among the many departments involved in the Business District Project.

(Jenkins) The Coalition is the host of these meetings. The Coalition took the input to the City regarding the input sessions. Transportation and Engineering is working on the Feasibility Study. In the end, it is going to be looked at by many departments. There will be public input at the meeting in May.

(J. McNulty) I have an idea that the grounds of Town Hall would become the new square and traffic would be routed around Town Hall. (Jim will send his sketch to Mary Jenkins.)

(Jenkins) There has not been time for the past 3 months for me to give a Coalition report. I encourage everyone to attend the meeting on 4/16. The information that is shared should help drive what happens next.

(Jenkins) As the Coalition works to plan the May meeting, I will make sure that the meeting is structured in such a way that many are able to give input.

Westwood Community Garden report – Mary Jenkins

We built 10 more beds and the tool shed is up and we will be painting it in a week.
An urban agriculture grant from the Civic Garden Center is paying for the new beds.

(Weber) A community garden has been proposed on my street.

(Jenkins) One has also been proposed on Koenig.

Liquor license request – 2444 Harrison Ave and 2194 Queen City

Motion by Becky Weber, seconded by Mary Kuhl that we write letter opposing this liquor license request.

Michelle Conda will email Valerie (Copps) to see what the activity is around 2444 Harrison. 2194 will be handled by Karen Strasser and Joel Kimmet.

(Kimmet) Do we want to approve a certain amount of money for appetizers at the Annual Election Dinner.

**Motion by I. McNulty, seconded by M. Jenkins for \$100.00 for the Elections Dinner.
All in favor.**

Joel Kimmet will talk to Jill Minor about Yard of the Month

Becky Weber will have a Chronic Nuisance meeting with Mark Manning the end of April.

(J. McNulty) We need a court watch program. It is very important and many people are excited and this is a great time to get people involved in court watch.

Motion to adjourn by President Joel Kimmet

