

**January 14, 2014 Westwood Civic Association Steering Committee  
submitted by Karen Strasser, Recording Secretary**

President Joel Kimmet called the meeting to order.

**Present:**

Jim McNulty, Irene McNulty, Becky Weber, Joe Corso, Mary Jenkins, Michelle Conda, Karen Strasser, Joel Kimmet, Mary Kuhl, Tom Hodges, Leslie Rich, Tom Minor, Melva Gweyn

**Excused:**

Jill Minor, Valerie Baumann

**Satolli Glassmeyer, owner of Scenic Road Ralleys**

Mr. Glassmeyer designs and conduct automobile Road Ralleys in the area and has done a rally for Price Hill the past two years. Price Hill would like to challenge another neighborhood to a road rally.

The road rally events are designed to promote the businesses and the historic district in the area. Many companies cosponsor the events which are non alcoholic family oriented events appealing to all ages. Teams are challenged to complete a photo challenge and a scavenger hunt and receive points for completion of tasks.

We need 15 businesses to cosponsor the event. Cosponsor pays \$99.00 per business plus a \$25.00 gift and receives vouchers for 3 teams to participate in the event. Each voucher allows the entire carload to participate. There is a minimum fee of \$1485.00 to do the event which is 15 businesses each paying \$99.00. A percentage of the proceeds is donated back to charity. The rallies are typically held on Saturday and start around 10a.m. and end around 2p.m. Price Hill has set the date of June 21<sup>st</sup> for their Road Rally. One volunteer will be needed for every ten cars.

The Outreach committee will discuss the possibility of WCA getting involved in a Road Rally.

**Motion by Becky Weber for WCA to pay \$126.00 to continue Constant Contact subscription, seconded by Tom Hodges.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

(Weber) Greg Johnson, CMHA Director, would like to visit WCA to discuss the CMHA Strategic Plan. Weber will followup with the CMHA office.

Mayor John Cranley would like to visit WCA. Mary Kuhl will contact the Mayor's office to arrange for a visit.

(Kimmet) We are eligible for \$5,000 in NSP . We will need to decide where we want the funds to go and come up with projects. The newsletter cost about \$3,000 per year which leaves \$2,000 for special projects. The membership will vote on these special projects.

Although we know that a portion of NSP funds may be used for general liability insurance, Kimmet will look into these funds being used to reimburse WCA for taxes and insurance.

**Traffic and Engineering at Harrison and Montana - Joel Kimmet**

With regard to the 4 way turn situation at Harrison and Montana Avenues, Traffic and Engineering has done a study and does not believe that any changes are necessary at this time.

Joel Kimmet will call Traffic and Engineering to invite them to a meeting to discuss the 4 way turn situation at Harrison and Montana Avenues.

We received confirmation from the IRS that the WCA 501c4 application has been received. The IRS will soon be making a determination.

Transfer of ownership for Applebees at 5050 Crookshank.  
No opposition to this request therefore no further action is required.

Transfer of ownership request for One Stop Market 3344 Glenmore. A letter must be received no later than 2/3/14 if we wish to oppose this application.

**Motion by Jim McNulty to object to the request of One Stop Market being given a liquor license, seconded by Mary Kuhl.**

Discussion followed:

This has been a hot spot for crime for many years. This prohibits business at UDF. Change of ownership doesn't help and we have complaints from neighbors in the area. Karen Strasser will write the letter.

**Motion passed, all in favor**

**Motion by Mary Jenkins to approve the November General meeting minutes, seconded by Michelle Conda.**

**12 in favor**

**Abstention- Mary Kuhl**

**Motion Passed**

**Westwood Dog Walk Event – Mary Jenkins**

There is an effort among some Westwood residents to host a dog walk in Westwood later this spring. Emily Miller, Karen Strasser and Mary Jenkins attended the organizational

meeting last week. There is backing from Kong products. This is an invitation to anyone who would like to get involved in this very early planning. At this point, there is no date and no name. The SPCA is very much on board and the sponsors will match donations. This will be a great way to promote Westwood.

2/10/14 There will be a public meeting to approve the Cincinnati Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan.

#### **Flower Pots along Harrison Avenue**

We Received a letter came from the Cincinnati Park Board.

The cost to maintain each flower pot along Harrison Avenue is \$200.00 per pot annually.

Discussion followed about the flower pots and suggestions included volunteers utilizing the big water tank that we own that can be put in the back of a truck. This situation will be discussed with Mayer Cranley when he visits WCA.

#### **Board Book - Mary Jenkins**

**Motion by Mary Jenkins that we move forward with a Board Book that will list and outline the responsibilities and activities of Westwood Civic therein, seconded by Michelle Conda.**

**12 in favor**

**Opposed – Irene McNulty**

**Motion passed**

Michelle Conda and Mary Jenkins will begin drafting the Board Book.

#### **Upcoming Elections –**

The Chairs of the Nominating Committees are Tom Hodges and Joe Corso.

A brief discussion was held regarding the upcoming WCA election.

**Motion by Joe Corso, seconded by Mary Kuhl to approve up to \$200 if needed for mailbox rental for the return of ballots during the upcoming WCA election.**

**12 in favor**

**1 abstention**

**motion passed.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tom Hodges, seconded by Michelle Conda.**

**Meeting adjourned.**