

**Westwood Civic Association**  
**MINUTES – General Meeting – July 15, 2014**

1. Call to Order by President Jim McNulty at 7:00 pm. Meeting was held in the Conference Room, of the Westwood Town Hall, 3017 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211. (Valerie Baumann – Acting Secretary).
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President McNulty.
3. Roll Call of Board Members: 13 Present, 2 Excused. Present were: Jim McNulty, Irene McNulty, Valerie Baumann, Michelle Conda, Joe Corso, Karen Strasser, Melva Gweyn, Emily Miller, Leslie Rich, Shawntee Stallworth, Ken Tarvin, Becky Weber, and Mary Kuhl. Excused: Mary Jenkins and Joel Kimmet.
4. Fire Department Report, given by Lt. Cliff Nieman, and Probationary Fireman Brian Thomas. Last month, there were 445 total runs, 16 Fire Runs, 391 EMS Runs, and 38 Non-Fire Runs. There was a recent drowning at the CRC Pool. All parents must be mindful, the pools are very crowded this time of year. CPR Kits have been distributed to the CRC. When performing CPR, the chest compression is the most important. Mouth to Mouth is not as important, unless you know the victim. At this time, persons age 12 and older are allowed at the pool without an adult. Always remember: Fireworks should only be lit by professionals.
5. Police Report, given by Officer Rich Minella. Violent Crime is down by 16%. Property Crime is down by 4%. A total reduction by 5% overall. National Night Out is August 5, 2014, at the Glencrossing Mall. Question: Is District 3 going to be split in ½? There is an uptick in street robberies around the Westmont Apartments on Wyoming Avenue. A drug arrest made on 3266 Hanna Avenue: 8 felony counts, 5 trafficking, and 2 weapons charges. One adult male was arrested. The mother, who is the homeowner, may possibly be charged, this is in close proximity to Midway School.
6. Variance Request: 2872 Morningview Court. Applicant, Denise DelVera is requesting a variance to extend the rear outdoor deck, and asks WCA not to object to the Variance Request. Plans and drawings were previously submitted for review. MOTION by Irene McNulty, SECOND by Emily Miller to APPROVE the DelVera Variance Request. Discussion. **MOTION PASSED, Unanimously.**
7. Westwood Flags. A short discussion occurred about the Westwood Flags, and what price should we sell them at? MOTION by Leslie Rich, SECOND by Melva Gweyn, that WCA should sell the flags at \$25.00 each. Discussion. **MOTION PASSED, Unanimously.**
8. Westwood Town Hall Yard Sale. The Giant Yard Sale is this Saturday, July 19, 2014. Items can be brought to the sale and dropped off at 8:00 AM. Look for the WCA Booths.
9. Westwood Historical Society Report. WHS is sponsoring a dedication ceremony to honor James N. Gamble on Saturday, August 9, 2014. The State of Ohio is placing an Ohio Historical Marker at Westwood Town Hall, on the north side of the building. The ceremony will take place from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with speakers and refreshments.

10. Zoning Discussion. Guests: Alex Peppers and Ann Marie Kerby.

WCA must work closely with the City to get the best results for Westwood. We will focus on less density and more single-family zoning, to work on getting closer to our goal of 60% Single Family/ 40% Multi-Family. Alex Peppers (City Planning Department) stated that with the First Draft of the Zoning Plan, the City will fix SF designations, with no auxiliary designations.

Ann Marie Kerby said the Planning Department is looking for comments from the neighborhoods, so the 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Draft can be out in August, 2014, with the goal to make Zoning more transparent.

The Westwood neighborhood is requesting a larger map, with more detail, so each property can be looked at. Alex Peppers will work on that. Alex Peppers stated that if any revisions to the "Form Based Code" text were necessary, they could be revised with the Land Development Code process.

Bill Spetz has requested that a copy of the entire Zoning Code Book be provided to all Neighborhood Civic groups. Alex Peppers stated that HUD is a part of the funding for planning, along with EPA, and the Ohio Department of Transportation, but they have no influence on local Zoning Codes.

It was requested that the Zoning Map should conform as much to Westwood's Strategic Plan as possible. WCA would like to reach out to as many Westwood residents as possible, possibly with mailers, and/or the Western Hills Press.

WCA wants to make sure that there are general codes that Westwood can use, ex: Commercial includes Multi-Family. That code won't work in Westwood.

Alex Peppers will provide WCA a liaison to work with in this review process, for answering questions, as this Zoning Review Process goes forward. Discussion.

MOTION by Valerie Baumann, SECOND by Irene McNulty, that WCA asks that any changes that are made to the Zoning Plan conform with the Westwood Strategic Plan, approved by City Council in 2010.

Discussion. **YES: Baumann, Weber, Gweyn, Tarvin, McNulty, Kuhl, Conda. NO: Corso. ABSTAIN: Miller, Stallworth, Rich, Strasser.** MOTION PASSES, Tally: Yes-7, No-1, Abstain-4.

11. Tall Grass Czar, Catherine Ross Report.

For 2014, 232 complaints have been logged in Westwood. So far, 128 have been complete, and 104 are not complete. Only 3 lots have been cut by the City as of this date, and they are closed. Of 49 new complaints this month, 45 are believed to be City property.

12. Liquor License Permit Extension for 2026 Harrison Avenue.

Discussion about 2026 Harrison Avenue Liquor License Extension.

MOTION by Irene McNulty, SECOND by Joe Corso, to OPPOSE the Liquor Permit for 2026 Harrison Avenue. **MOTION PASSED, Unanimously.**

13. Discussion on placing the Westwood Boundaries into the Westwood Constitution, as suggested to all neighborhoods by the City. WCA also needs to start a "Bylaws Review Process".

MOTION by Ken Tarvin, and SECOND by Michelle Conda, that WCA propose a Constitution Change to add the neighborhood boundaries to the Constitution, and to start the "Bylaws Review Committee".

Discussion. **MOTION PASSED, Unanimously.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:11 PM by President McNulty.