

Westwood Civic Association General Meeting Minutes April 21, 2015

Submitted by Karen Strasser, Recording Secretary

Outgoing WCA Board

Present: Jim McNulty, Irene McNulty, Stephen Schramm, Mary Jenkins, Karen Strasser, Joe Corso, Melva Gweyn, Valerie Baumann, Ken Tarvin, Emily Miller-Reynolds, Shawntee Stallworth, Trinetta Zawadzki

Absent: Mary Kuhl, Michelle Conda

Excused: Joel Kimmet, Steve Beckman

The meeting was called to order by Jim McNulty, followed by the Police Department report.

Police – Neighborhood Officer Rich Minella

An arrest has been made in the Epworth murder which was drug money related. The U.S. Bank on Harrison Avenue was also recently robbed. District 3 will host an open house on 6/25 at 6:30p.m. Sergeant Demeco Anderson was introduced and will be taking over the responsibilities of the late Sergeant Eric Sierra. Arrest reports were distributed along with the District 3 newsletter and Officer Minella fielded questions from members.

Jim McNulty welcomed the new Board members and roll call was taken as the new Board took their seats.

New WCA Board

Present: Mary Jenkins, Shawntee Stallworth, Karen Strasser, Joe Corso, Emily Miller-Reynolds, Ken Tarvin, Irene McNulty, Valerie Baumann, Melva Gweyn, Stephen Schramm, Trinetta Zawadzki, Sara Overstake, Larry Eiser

Excused: Joel Kimmet, Steve Beckman

Elections of Officers

President -

Emily Miller-Reynolds nominated Mary Jenkins. By acclamation, Mary Jenkins will be the new WCA President.

1st Vice President -

Ken Tarvin nominated Larry Eiser

Stephen Schramm nominated Shawntee Stallworth. By acclamation, Shawntee Stallworth will be the new WCA 1st Vice President.

2nd Vice President –

Shawntee Stallworth nominated Joel Kimmet. Mary Jenkins held a letter from Joel Kimmet accepting the nomination. By acclamation Joel Kimmet will be the new WCA 2nd Vice President.

Treasurer –

Irene McNulty nominated Valerie Baumann and Valerie declined the nomination.

Larry Eiser nominated Steve Beckman. Mary Jenkins held a letter from Steve Beckman accepting the nomination. By acclamation Steve Beckman will be the ne WCA Treasurer.

Recording Secretary –

Shawntee Stallworth nominated Karen Strasser. By acclamation, Karen Strasser will be the new WCA Recording Secretary.

Membership Secretary –

Irene McNulty declined continuing in this roll. Emily Miller-Reynolds nominated Stephen Schramm. By acclamation, Stephen Schramm is the new Membership Secretary.

Fire Report –

Between Price Hill and Westwood the fire departments makes 12% of the City's runs.

Engine 35 is the 28th busiest company in North America for 2013.

Heroin overdoses are predominantly along Harrison Avenue from Werk Road to McHenry with the second most heroin overdoses in the 3300 block of Glenmore.

Guest Speaker – Tom Baumann, Cheviot Westood Kiwanis.

Mr. Baumann shared a slide show about the Harvest Home Fair and encouraged our involvement and attendance. The fair has been sponsored by the Kiwanis since 1939 and is 156 years old.

Request for Liquor License – Skybox Lounge and Bar at Glen Crossing

We believe this request to be coming to us soon from the City but have not yet seen the application.

Queen City Avenue Cleanup -

Shawntee Stallworth – encouraged volunteers to attend the Queen City Avenue cleanup in cooperation with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful set for 4/25/15 beginning with meeting at Westwood Town Hall at 9a.m. followed by pizza at noon.

Graffiti Removal

Trinette Zawadzki – Bando at work again putting up graffiti. If one sees graffiti, use the City app or website to report it to the City and then send a photo to westwoodgraffitiremoval@gmail.com .

Adopt a Flower Pot

Emily Miller – Reynolds shared information regarding the WCA adopt a flower pot program. More information is posted under initiatives on our WCA website.

Motion by Melva Gweyn, seconded by Shawntee Stallworth to stop the issuance of the Liquor license at the Skybox Lounge until we have more information about the venue.

Discussion followed by members and the Board. The conversation included the idea that for practical reasons, for now, we need to object. Melva Gweyn volunteered to attend a City Council meeting if necessary to make our point.

Vote:

Abstain -Trinette Zawadzki

Yes – Stallworth, Strasser, Corso, Miller, Tarvin, McNulty, Baumann, Gweyn, Schramm, Orverstake, Eiser

Motion passed.

Motion by Larry Eiser, seconded by Irene McNulty for an initial letter to be written to the City supporting the increase of NSP funding.

Discussion followed.

Larry Eiser modified the motion –

Motion by Larry Eiser, seconded by Irene McNulty in support of writing a letter to the City requesting \$10,000 in NSP funding and indicating the desire to have a discussion around the allocation of funds.

Vote – unanimously in favor. Mary Jenkins agreed to write the letter to the City.

Westwood Town Hall Foundation –

Motion by Melva Gweyn, seconded by Irene McNulty supporting a study of the foundation of Westwood Town Hall, spending up to \$600.00 on this study.

Discussion followed.

Vote-

Abstain – Shawntee Stallworth

Yes – Zawadzki, Strasser, Corso, Miller, Tarvin, McNulty, Baumann, Gweyn, Schramm, Orverstake, Eiser

Motion passed

Motion by Melva Gweyn regarding the verbiage of the July General Meeting minutes, but due to time constraints, the subject will be carried forward to the April Steering meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Mary Jenkins.

