

Attendance

Present: Mary Jenkins, Joel Kimmet, Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm, Karen Strasser, Joe Corso, Emily Miller-Reynolds, Henry Frondorf, Valerie Baumann, Melva Gweyn, Stephen Schramm, Trinetta Zawadzki, Sara Overstake

Excused: Irene McNulty, Larry Eiser, Steve Beckman

The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Jenkins.

Motion to approve the agenda by J. Kimmet, seconded by E. Reynolds.

All in favor of the agenda as proposed.

Police Report – Officer Rich Minella

Crime Stats made available to attendees.

Officer Minella updated us on a shoplifting situation that occurred at Target 6/16/15, took questions from members and encouraged new Block Watches to start up.

Student of the Year Awards – Karen Strasser

The Westwood Civic Association presented the Wayne Brinkman Student of the Year Civic Leadership Award to nine distinguished students. Recipients from Westwood schools and schools bordering Westwood, were those students who have exhibited exemplary civic spirit and leadership, through community involvement and/or volunteerism in civic minded endeavors. Nominations were open to all first through twelfth grade students attending a Westwood school and were submitted by teachers, counselors, principals and community members. The awards were presented by Cincinnati City Council member Amy Murray.

Recipients:

Rafael Fernandez-Gomez of Midway School, Svirra Roberts of Gamble Montessori, Danny Feist of St. Catharine of Siena School, Chyna Greene of Westwood School, Rachel Kyle of Our Lady of Lourdes School, Hemen Aklilu of Mother of Mercy High School, Hannah Quillin of Western Hills High School, Brigid Flannery of Dater Montessori and Luis Mejia-Escobar of Gilbert Dater High School

Amy Murray

Councilwoman Amy Murray addressed the membership and talked and fielded questions on everything from the new police recruit class to the street car to possible water rate increases.

Cincinnati Urban Promise – Abe Brandyberry

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First started in Northside in 2007, CUP was given the donation of the building formerly home to Greystone Nursing Home at McHenry and Harrison. This facility will be a community resource offering day camp, tutoring, teaching life skills and building neighborhood partnerships. There will be a church housed in part of this space and CUP is talking to a day care center at this time who may be interested in being part of this project.

District 3 Grand Opening – 6/25 at 6:30p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the D3 Grand Opening.

(8:30 PM)

Vice-President Joel Kimmet began taking the MINUTES from 8:30 PM until the end of the Meeting.

President Jenkins told all the guests present that extra copies of the June Newsletter were available on the table for anyone who needs one, and some extra Westwood green porch banners are also available for sale, at \$20.00 each. A sample green porch banner was opened up for members to look at.

Graffiti Report by Trinetta Zawadzki.

The WCA website is now set up for graffiti reporting. You can make a report on any graffiti that you find, and WCA will work on getting it fixed as soon as it is reported. President Jenkins thanked Trinetta for all her hard work on the Graffiti issue, and getting the website set up for reporting.

Discussion on 3032 Glenmore.

A large raid and drug arrests were made by Cincinnati Police at this address earlier this week.

Discussion for several minutes on what happened at this address, and the fact that guns and drugs were seized at the time of the raid. Also, six individuals were present and arrested at the time of the raid.

The owner may or may not have known that this activity was going on at the apartment building.

MOTION by Emily Reynolds, SECOND by Joe Corso, that WCA write a letter to the owner of 3032 Glenmore, inviting him to attend a WCA meeting, to discuss the situation and criminal activity that was occurring at his property which ultimately caused the police raid to take place. Discussion.

MOTION PASSED – Unanimously. President Jenkins will write the letter.

WCA Pots and Plants.

Receipts were presented by Melva Gweyn totaling \$500.00 for the Harrison Avenue Pots.

MOTION by Shawntee Stallworth, SECOND by Joe Corso, to reimburse Melva Gweyn the \$500.00.

Discussion. MOTION PASSED – Unanimously.

Westwood Town Hall Report by Sharon Montevon.

A review of summer activities and programs at WTH was covered by Sharon Montevon. The Vineyard Church is having a large event at WTH on Thurs 6/25/15 from 12 noon – 3:00 pm.

Discussion on Zoning Variance Requested for 3049 Daytona Avenue.

Vice-Pres. Joel Kimmet, of the Buildings and Properties Committee, responded to this address today, and looked at the area in the back yard where the residents want to build a garage. He could see no issues with the site for the proposed garage, or its relation to the neighbors. Just 3 doors down, on the same side of the street, is another 2-story garage. All the other houses have some kind of a garage in the rear corner of the back yard. This address (3049) is the only house that does not have a detached garage. VP Kimmet asked WCA to support this proposal and the variance. Discussion. No action taken.

There are three events coming up in Westwood during the next month: 1) WW Women's Fair at the WTH, 2) WW Plant Swap at Dunham Park, and 3) WW Pop-Up Beer Garden, at St. James Church.

With nothing further, MOTION to Adjourn by Emily Reynolds, SECOND by Joe Corso.

Meeting Adjourned by President Jenkins at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Joel Kimmet.