

Westwood Civic Association September 15, 2015 General Meeting Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Karen Strasser, Recording Secretary

Present:

Mary Jenkins, Joel Kimmet, Shawntee Stallworth, Karen Strasser, Joe Corso, Emily Miller-Reynolds, Henry Frondorf, Irene McNulty, Valerie Baumann, Melva Gweyn, Stephen Schramm, Trinette Zawadzki, Sara Overstake, Larry Eiser

Excused:

Steve Beckman

President Mary Jenkins welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Motion by Emily Miller-Reynolds, seconded by Larry Eiser that we adopt the agenda as proposed.
All in favor, motion passed.**

Fire Department Report – Ken LeMaster

August had 400 plus runs which made Engine 35 the busiest firehouse in the City.

The CFD has been busy enforcing the City's policy regarding smoke detectors in four family and above apartment buildings. 50% of landlords are in compliance.

Police Report – Officer Rich Minella

The overpass at Montana and I-74 has now been cleaned up and that problem resolved. Quality of life officer teams were instrumental in this situation whereby several homeless people were living under the overpass.

Citizens for Cincinnati Parks – Chris Watkins

Mr. Watkins spoke to WCA membership encouraging our support of the upcoming Parks Levy.

Save Our Parks – Gwen Marshall

Ms. Marshall spoke to WCA membership discouraging our support of the upcoming Parks Levy.

Member Survey

Mary Jenkins referenced the 2015 WCA member survey and the summary of results, now available on the WCA website. She asked attendees to break into small groups to briefly address two questions and report back to the larger group.

First, how might WCA grow its membership? Second, how should WCA use its meeting time?

- More pop up beer gardens asking Mr. Henke to donate wine
- Have more events like the Art Show
- Promote Block Parties
- Set policy that one who brings in a new member, receives a free WCA membership
- Reach out to younger people
- Get more business participation
- Email the newsletter to non members
- Host more events
- Nominate various streets and host Block Parties
- Get to know people and invite diversity

- Have meetings on specific topics
- Take care of business before getting to the guts of the meeting

Neighborhood Activation Plan – Joel Kimmet

All 52 Community Councils were invited to meet with Mayor John Cranley.

Mayor Cranley is asking for support of the Cincinnati Parks Levy.

Mayor Cranley announced a onetime gift of \$20,000,000 to the City which will be put into a permanent endowment and given to the neighborhoods for activities. The rules of use will be strict and handled much like a grant process. More details to follow after the State of the City address on October 5th.

Deck the Halls – Larry Eiser

Free hot chocolate will be given at the Deck the Halls event.

Motion by Larry Eiser, seconded by Stephen Schramm, that WCA sponsor the Deck the Halls event spending up to \$125.00 for hot chocolate, cups and other necessary hot chocolate supplies.

All in favor – motion passed.

WCA Adopt a Garden Program at Westwood Town Hall – Joe Corso

We are introducing the Adopt a Garden program at Westwood Town Hall. We will be contacting our membership and area schools to promote the program. More details at a later date.

Motion by Joe Corso, seconded by Trinette Zawadzki, to reimburse Emily Miller-Reynolds for the \$6.00 that she spent on WCA logo banners.

All in favor, motion passed.

WCA/Works Art Show Beer Booth –

WCA profited \$315.00 from the Art Show beer Booth.

Meeting adjourned by President Mary Jenkins.