

Westwood Civic Association November 17, 2015 General Meeting Minutes

submitted by Karen Strasser, Recording Secretary

Present:

Mary Jenkins, Joel Kimmet, Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm, Karen Strasser, Joe Corso, Emily Miller-Reynolds, Irene McNulty, Valerie Baumann, Melva Gweyn, Larry Eiser

Excused:

Henry Frondorf, Stephen Schramm, Trinetta Zawadzki, Sara Overstake, Steve Beckman

Meeting called to order by President Mary Jenkins and she requested that the agenda be revised with the addition of adding the need for a President's and Member's Nominating committee to agenda item # 7.

The agenda was approved.

Fire Report – Lieutenant Jeff McDonough

- 425 responses for October 2015
- Use turkey fryers outdoors only
- Call a professional to check out your home furnace
- Buy updated carbon monoxide detectors and place in the bedroom
- Have a fire extinguisher in your home, preferably in the kitchen.
- Never spray a fire extinguisher onto hot, burning oil.

Police Report – Captain Aaron Jones

Captain Jones has been meeting with the Head of Violent Crime and delving into gun crime. The police department is doing everything they can to assist with the gun violence problem. He will also look into making the Community Room at the new D3 Headquarters available for meetings by reservation.

Neighborhood Liaison Officer Rich Minella was also present and shared ways to contact him via the form which is also posted on the WCA website.

Restoring Humanity office is now located at Montana and Harrison Avenues.

Nominating Committee Appointments – Mary Jenkins

Per our WCA Constitution, the WCA President must appointment three individuals to the President's Nominating committee. The members must also appoint three members to form the Member's Nominating committee. President Mary Jenkins appointed Karen Strasser, Joel Kimmet and Joe Corso to form the President's Nominating Committee.

The members nominated Mary Fichter, Larry Eiser and Emily Miller-Reynolds to form the Member's Nominating Committee.

WCA Constitutional Amendment Proposal – Joel Kimmet

The revised Bylaws are shown on the WCA website. All of November, December and half of January, members can review the new, proposed Bylaws. At the December General Meeting, all talk will be dedicated to the bylaws proposal. At the January 19th General Meeting, we will vote to approve the new bylaws. A vote to approve will require a 2/3 yes vote of the membership present. Mary Jenkins is now formally in receipt of the proposed, revised bylaws. Additionally, we will mail a paper copy to anyone who requests a copy.

Good News In Westwood – discussion in small groups

We divided into small groups and took some time to list good news in Westwood. Here is a sampling of what was heard:

- Residents of Ferncroft have formed an official Block Watch with a sign and everything!
- Affordable homes
- Tree lined streets
- Convenient location which is close to the highways
- Economic integration – lots of diversity
- COPPS
- Wonderful Community Gardens
- Lots of activities at Westwood Town Hall
- Great YMCA
- Growing community partnerships
- Very friendly neighbors willing to reach out to help
- Neighborhood coming together more
- Reputation of Westwood improving
- Great CRC activities
- Girls on the Run at Town Hall
- Mother of Mercy is a Blue Ribbon School
- New D3 building with an active and involved new Captain
- Please take the time to read about Westwood Uniting Against Gun Violence under initiative on the WCA website
- Also under initiative, is My Westwood – tell your story to everyone
- Use #mywestwood

Holiday Yard of the Week – Irene McNulty

Call Irene at 513-662-8560 to nominate a Holiday Yard of the Week.

WCA Holiday Dinner December 18 at Henke Winery – Joel Kimmet

Happy Hour is at 6p.m., dinner at 6:30p.m.

Choice of steak, chicken or fish along with a vegetarian choice.

Rsvp to Joel Kimmet at jjkimmet@yahoo.com . Price per entrée is about \$15.00.

Motion by Stephen Schramm, seconded by Emily Miller-Reynolds that \$100.00 be spent on appetizers by WCA at the Holiday party on December 18th.

Motion passed.

All in favor.

Sunshine Avenue Report – Mary Jenkins

Officer Minella has gone there and taken note of the problems. Joel Kimmet will be following up with Ed Cunningham. Do remember that all of us can report issues at 5916000.com or use the app, Fix It Cincy.

3197 Harrison Avenue Zoning Issue- Mary Jenkins

This property is the VIP Smoke Shop at Harrison and Boudinot. WCA made a complaint for violations of code regarding signage and lighting. At the recent zoning hearing, it was determined that this retail business is against the code. The decision granted the owners a variance to allow for the retail business, but ordered that they address the lights, signs and property maintenance issues.

2518 Queen City Avenue – Warth Stone House

WCA formally opposed demolition of the house.

Deck the Hall 2015 –

The event will be held at Westwood Town Hall on November 29th. WCA is providing \$125.00 for the purchase of hot chocolate. The event will be held from 3 – 6p.m. A big thank you to Helen Russo and Mary Fichter who volunteered to help. Councilwoman Yvette Simpson will light the tree.

Art Show and Deck the Hall, WCA sponsorship expense and NSP issue

- In September, the neighborhood voted to allocate \$1,000 to the Art Show through NSP funding, but this no longer works out because of the strict NSP fund usage timeline. The NSP funds must be used between Oct 1 and June 30th.
- Deck the Halls
\$300.00 in NSP funds was approved to help pay for the holiday tree and lights.
This event has about \$3,600 in expenses.

Mt. Airy Advisory Council Insurance Rider Issue

Mt. Airy needs to use an insurance rider from another organization. They will create a proposal for a specific event and then approach us to use our insurance via a rider.

Other Business:

- Westwood Town Hall – Sharon Montivan. The chimes are being repaired. A new program bulletin will be out at the end of November.
- Melva Gweyn suggests that the grounds of Town Hall need more lighting.

Motion to adjourn by Joel Kimmet, seconded by Emily Miller-Reynolds.

All in favor, meeting adjourned.

