

November 10, 2015 Westwood Civic Association Steering Minutes

submitted by Karen Strasser, Recording Secretary

Present:

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

Excused:

Steve Beckman

President Mary Jenkins called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve the September 8, 2015 Steering minutes, October 13, 2015 Steering minutes and October 20, 2015 General meeting minutes by Joel Kimmet, seconded by Larry Eiser.

Motion passed.

Yes – 7

Abstain – 3

Zoning Administrator, City of Cincinnati – Matthew Shad

Contact number – 513-3523

Mr. Shad is involved in the process of revising the Zoning department. People felt that changes needed to be made in the process and everyone is looking for peace of mind in how these issues are treated. In 2015, 40% of the staff was dismissed. The current system is a hindrance and is broken. The Zoning Department is being restructured with 20% of the Buildings Department being new. A new Communication Director has been hired.

2518 Queen City Avenue – Warth Stone House Update

The new owner intends to demolish the building. Westwood Historical Society lists the building as historical and WCA has spoken against the demolition.

3167 Gobel – Demolition and Land Bank Acquisition

Demolition will follow the asbestos abatement. Spring Demolition has the bid for the job and is ready to go forward.

3197 Harrison Avenue - Zoning Hearing Update

VIP Smoke Shop. Cited for lights and large signs. Currently zoned T-4 with a question about whether or not it should be zoned T-5.

Maple Ridge Lodge Liquor Permit Request

The deadline to object to the permits November 11. (tomorrow)

Larry Eiser is looking into this location for a Westwood Works Pop up Beer Garden.

This would just be a temporary/special event license which is called an F8.

This permit would not be transferable and would be for specific events.

WCA will voice no objection.

GMAX LLC Liquor Permit Hearing

WCA previously opposed the permit transfer from the Golden Nugget to GMAXX. There will be a hearing on 11/16/15.

Mary Jenkins and Melva Gweyn will attend and voice the WCA objection based on information we have to date.

Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence Update – Mary Jenkins

This event will be held at Westwood United Methodist Church. The seating capacity is 250. There has been good publicity. The new District 3 Captain will be attending.

Westwords Printing Proposal – Trinette Zawadzki

We have spoken to Reliable Letter. There will be substantial savings if Kahny prints our newsletter in the future. The number of electronic copies being sent is increasing. The number of hard copies being mailed is decreasing. There will be no contract with Kahny.

Motion by Joel Kimmet, seconded by Emily Miller-Reynolds to change to Kahny, Inc. for the printing of our monthly newsletter, Westwords.

Discussion followed.

Motion passed.

Yes – 12

Abstain - 1

Bylaws Committee Report and Proposed Timeline – Joel Kimmet

The Bylaws are completed. Proposed an announcement of this fact at the November General Meeting, thanking previous committee because much of their content was used to create the document. A link to the document will be on the WCA website. We would like to set aside the December General Meeting to talk and discuss the Bylaws. The vote to adopt the Bylaws would be at the January General Meeting. Printed copies will be available at Westwood Town Hall immediately.

**Motion by Emily Miller – Reynolds, seconded by Larry Eiser to approve Joel Kimmet’s proposed timeline as follows:
Set aside December General Meeting to field questions and discuss the proposed Bylaws.
Vote to adopt the Bylaws at the January General Meeting.**

Motion passed.

Yes – 12

No - 1

WCA Finance Report – Joel Kimmet

Steve Beckman will provide a full report at the December Steering Meeting. Steve is creating a spreadsheet showing inflow and outflow of WCA monies. Joel suggested that we consider fundraising and not rely on NSP funds and member dues for all income.

Host Gator Invoice – Mary Jenkins

Host Gator hosts our WCA website. This basic plan includes our domain name and email and the cost is \$262.80 for two years.

Motion by Emily Miller-Reynolds, seconded by Stephen Schramm, that we look to see if there is a lower cost option web hosting plan with Host Gator and then switch to that plan and if not, approve \$262.80 to pay for another two years with Host Gator as our website host.

Motion passed.

All in favor.

Westwood Banners – Mary Jenkins

The last Westwood banner has been sold. The cost to buy more will be \$27.00 per banner.

Motion by Stephen Schramm, seconded by Joel Kimmet, to purchase 25 banners at \$27.00 each and sell them for \$30.00 each.

Motion passed.

All in favor.

American Flags Removal

At 8a.m. Sunday, 11/15, the flag crew will remove the American flags.

New Business

- Trinetta Zawadzki requests that the Board engage in Westwords by submitting articles.
- We need a financial report on the Westwood Art Show and Deck the Halls at the December Steering Meeting specific to WCA contributions.
- Per Joe Corso, the Mt. Airy Advisory Council lacks insurance and needs to partner with insured sources. Additional information will be provided to us at the December Steering Meeting.
- The annual Holiday dinner will be Friday, December 18 and Joel Kimmet will make the arrangements.

Motion to adjourn by Emily Miller-Reynolds, seconded by Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm.

All in favor, meeting adjourned.