

Westwood Civic Association

May 17, 2016 General Meeting Minutes

Present: Mary Jenkins, Shawnteé Stallworth-Schramm, Joel Kimmet, Karen Strasser, Joe Corso, Emily Miller Reynolds, Henry Frondorf, Thomas Sauter, Anne Murphy, April Stephens, Sara Overstake, Stephen Schramm, Larry Eiser

Excused: Trinetta Zawadzki, Steve Beckman

President Mary Jenkins called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll call of directors was taken.

Motion to approve the agenda by Emily Miller Reynolds, seconded by Joel Kimmet. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve April 12 and 19, 2016 meeting minutes by Shawnteé Stallworth-Schramm, seconded by Thomas Sauter. Stephen Schramm abstained. Motion passes.

Police Report- Officer Rich Minella Neighborhood Liaison Officer for Westwood and East Westwood- District 3 open house, over 100 area students toured. Crime stats- car thefts are down, please remember to remove all valuable possession from cars including loose change. Crime overall is down as compared to last year. The Gang Enforcement Unit and PIVOT are focusing on Westwood and days between shootings are greatly increased as compared to last year. Officer Minella introduced Neighborhood Liaison Sgt. Rose Chatman.

Cincinnati Fire Department Engine 35 Report, C. Nieman reported 416 runs, 26 fire and 360 medical runs. He offered tips on preparing for a tornado: seek shelter, go to the lowest level, even if a ditch.

Councilwoman Yvette Simpson- acknowledges families and friends for supporting the recipients of the **Wayne Brinkman Student of the Year Award**. She urged attendees to cherish our young people.

Karen Strasser, Sara Overstake, and Councilmember Simpson presented the Wayne Brinkman Student of the Year Awards to students from each of our nine Westwood Schools.

Boudinot Ave Rehabilitation Project, D.O.T.E design engineer - Marty Theurer

Mr. Theurer reported on the Boudinot Ave Rehabilitation Project, currently underway. There was a request for traffic signal timing changes at Glenway and Queen City Avenues. A center turn lane is being added from Glenway to Queen City and the intersection at Westwood Northern is being modified to include a longer left turn. Every neighborhood is looked at every three years for possible road improvements. Boudinot pavement is being ground, resurfaced, and restriped. A fact sheet is on the WCA site and abutters were all notified. M. Jenkins requested consideration of a left turn signal at Werk. The focus of the rehabilitation project is on the worst rated streets.

3006 Harrison Avenue (former Sontag Cleaners) – Eric Leaks

Application for Zone variance. Eric Leaks spoke about his plans to open a restaurant including outdoor dining and entertainment. Occupancy 100 on the first floor, 80 on the second floor. Estimated cost for

construction of the dining and kitchen areas is \$70,000. He has experience flipping houses. Anticipates mechanical work in July and August.

Motion by Thomas Sauter, seconded by Joel Kimmet that WCA take no position on the limited use permit at 3006 Harrison Ave. all in favor (11)- abstentions (2)-Stephen Schramm, Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm

NBDIP Proposal support, Town Hall Park and Triangle – Elizabeth Bartley

Ms. Bartley reported on a grant application by WestCURC to the City for the construction of Urwiler Plaza a.k.a. Gaines Triangle with the road closure happening before July 18th. Included is a minor ask for a traffic study after the road closure.

Motion by Stephen Schramm, seconded by Henry Frondorf to support WCURC's \$240,000 NBDIP proposal for construction of the Urwiler Plaza and \$30,000 minor ask for a traffic study after the road closure at the same location. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Neighborhood Support Program funds, informal amendment to move funds, \$33.41 balance

Joel Kimmet reported that the yearly goal is to get down to a zero balance by August 31 with regard to NSP funds. In order to achieve this goal, this is a proposal for an informal amendment to reallocate NSP funds approved by Westwood residents. Originally, residents voted to budget \$500.00 from the NSP funds for the Public Safety Summit. There is \$33.41 left over from the budgeted amount of \$500.00. Joel proposed moving the \$33.41 to NSP Project #4 which is the Westwood Community Gardens. Additionally, \$500.00 of NSP was approved by Westwood residents to be allocated to Westwood Strategic Plan redevelopment. The Westwood Strategic Plan redevelopment has not yet needed to use this money and we will lose it on August 31 if it is not reallocated. This \$500.00 should be moved to NSP Project #2 Neighborhood Improvements.

Motion by Joel Kimmet, seconded by Stephen Schramm, to pass the informal amendment reallocating WCA NSP funds as follows:

**\$33.41 from NSP project #5 Public Safety Summit to NSP project # 4 Westwood Community Gardens
\$500.00 from NSP project #7 Westwood Strategic Plan Redevelopment to NSP project #2 neighborhood improvements. Motion passed unanimously**

Litter clean up, June 4, Public Services Blitz June 6-10 -Shawntee Stallworth Schramm

Two dumpsters will be brought to Westwood on June 7th and picked up on June 10th. The City will empty the dumpsters and return them mid-week if necessary. The dumpsters will be for residents to dispose of small and large items. The City will do street sweeping and maintain right-of-ways.

Reimbursement Tool Bank – Shawntee Stallworth-Schramm

WCA borrowed tools from the City Tool Bank. \$126.22 in tools were lost/missing during a cleanup.

Motion by Stephen Schramm, seconded by Emily Miller-Reynolds, that WCA reimburse \$126.22 to the Tool Bank to replace the lost tools. Motion passed unanimously

Cincinnati Urban Promise KaBoom Project Support Proposal

Motion by Thomas Sauter, seconded by Joel Kimmet, to write a letter of support for the KaBoom Playground project at Cincinnati Urban Promise. Discussion followed. "Support" means general encouragement and soliciting volunteers, not monetary support or financial liability. Motion passed unanimously.

Westwood Citizenship Award – Emily Miller-Reynolds

Motion by Emily Miller-Reynolds, seconded by Shawntée Stallworth Schramm, to create the Good Neighbor Award not more than quarterly to a person who lives or works in Westwood, but not current Board members of WCA. Awardee to be recommended by the Outreach Committee and approved by the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Yard of the Month

Thomas Sauter invited assistance with the Yard of the Month program. Joe Corso committed to delivering and picking up signs monthly, in coordination with Thomas.

Community Budget Requests

Mary Jenkins noted that the City's Community Budget Requests will be due in September and invited input from Westwood residents and WCA directors about the proposals.

Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board and given the lateness of the hour, Mary Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by April Stephens, Recording Secretary, with Karen Strasser