

Westwood Civic Association

April 12, 2016 Steering Committee Minutes

Submitted by April Stephens, Recording Secretary

Present:

Mary Jenkins, Joel Kimmet, Shawnteé Stallworth-Schramm, Karen Strasser, Joe Corso, Emily Miller-Reynolds, Henry Fondorf, Anne Murphy, Thomas Sauter, April Stephens, Stephen Schramm, Trinetta Zawadzki, Sara Overstake, Larry Eiser, Steve Beckman

President Mary Jenkins called meeting to order. Welcome new board members Thomas Sauter, April Stephens, Anne Murphy

Motions to approve the agenda by Joel Kimmet, second by Emily Miller-Reynolds, motion passed all in favor.

Election of Officers:

Motion by Joel Kimmet, second by Stephen Schramm to nominate Mary Jenkins for president, motion passed 14-yes, 1- abstention.

Motion by Larry Eiser, second by Steve Beckman to nominate Shawnteé Stallworth-Schramm for 1st vice president, motion passed. 14 yes, 1- abstention.

Motion by Henry Fondorf, second by Emily Miller-Reynolds to nominate Karen Strasser for vice-president motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Joel Kimmet, second by Karen Strasser to nominate April Stephens as recording secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Joel Kimmet, second by Stephen Schramm to nominate for Treasurer, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Emily Miller-Reynolds, second by Shawnteé Stallworth Schramm to nominate Stephen Schramm for membership secretary, motion passed 14-yes, 1-abstention.

Motion by Karen Strasser, second by Joel Kimmet to approve minutes of January steering, January general, February general March general, motion passed. 12-yes, 3-abstentions.

Student of the year update- Deadline May 1st for nominations of exemplary volunteers, nine schools involved. Nominees will receive a plaque and a \$5.00 Putz's gift card.

Motion by Karen Strasser, second by Emily Reynolds to spend up to \$200.00 for plaques and Putz's gift card. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt-A-Pot – Emily Miller Reynolds, Jessica Thayer consulting on sample pot design. Design information will be emailed to all participants.

Westwood Town Hall garden- Horticulturist from Cincinnati Park Board will consult in maintaining the community garden. Gamble Montessori students coming to work the grounds in May.

Clean the Green / Reimbursement report by Shawntee' Stallworth Schramm- The event was held April 2nd 2016, over 80 students participated. Volunteers tackled Harrison Avenue near Fairmont, Queen Avenue down from Aspen Village to Sunset Avenue. Reimbursement for drinks and pizza. \$28.00.

Motion by Emily Miller-Reynolds, second by Joel Kimmet to approve reimbursements to Shawntee' Stallworth-Schramm upon presentation of receipts, 14 yes, 1-abstention. Motion passed.

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Project- April 16, 9am-12n, Mary Jenkins, coordinating, Patti Hogan clean up support in collaboration with Westwood Civic will target Harrison and McHenry, April 30, 9am-1p Bracken Woods and Gobel Avenue.

Muse Café proposed liquor license application- Owners Stephen Schramm, Shawntee' Stallworth Schramm, Jeff Boley scheduled to open June 2016. This will be a new entertainment license serving pastries, sandwiches, craft beer and coffee. Question on this topic: proximity to schools? Hours of operation? 7pm – 10pm Owners are working with Westwood Elementary school administrators and Cincinnati police Department.

Motion by Joel Kimmet, second by Thomas Sauter to support Muse Café Liquor application. 13 yes, 2 abstentions, motion passed.

Motion by Stephen Schramm, second by Thomas Sauter to support Standing Committee leadership: Buildings & Properties, Outreach, Public Safety, Finance, Zoning & Land Development, Beautification & Infrastructure, School Enhancement. Motion passed unanimously.

Priorities, initiatives:

Youth Council, Westwood Civic Association membership and fundraisers, Push Pride in the community, Communications-social media, expand partnerships engage all of Westwood including other councils, work with coalition, continue partnership with West CURC, support Westwood Community Garden, expand second garden, parking meters-siphon back into Historical Business District, Historical Business District revitalization, succession planning, integrate fun into meetings, increase diversity expansion of electronic West words, marketing/rebranding Westwood Civic Association, public safety, blight/abatement, benches, branding for new professionals, city council, fundraisers for beautification project.

President Appoints chair:

Public Safety- Mary Jenkins

School enhancement-Sara Overstake

Zoning & Land Development-Shawntee' Stallworth Schramm

Outreach- Emily Miller-Reynolds

Membership Promotions-Stephen Schramm

Finance-Shawnteé Stallworth-Schramm

Infrastructure/Beautification-Joe Corso

Building & Properties- Joel Kimmet

Yard of the Month – Joe Corso will continue to work with the project, Thomas Sauter will assist.

Giant Yard Sale- July 16, hosted by Cincinnati Recreation Center.

Discussion: Joel Kimmet- new fundraiser ideas.

Finance report- Steve Beckman, Joel Kimmet will report in the future.

Motion by Emily Miller-Reynolds, second by Shawnteé Stallworth-Schramm to authorize payment of post office bill. Motion passed unanimously.

New president of West CURC-Larry Eiser.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation.