

Westwood Civic Association
July 19, 2016 General Meeting Minutes
Submitted by Sara Overstake

Present: Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Karen Strasser, Joe Corso, Emily Miller Reynolds, Henry Frondorf, Thomas Sauter, April Stevens, Stephen Schramm, Trinette Zawadzki, Sara Overstake, Larry Eiser, Steve Beckman. Excused absences – Mary Jenkins, Joel Kimmet, Anne Murphy

Welcome, call to order by Shawntee Stallworth Schramm.

Motion by Thomas Sauter to approve agenda with amendments – Westside Brewery conditional use permit presented by Larry Eiser, Westwood School initiative, Neighborhood Games, seconded by Emily. Motion passes unanimously.

Approval of May minutes - pushed to August meeting.

Police report. Officer Rich Minella, Crime stats available at the meeting. Arrest made in recent homicide. Search warrant at U.S. Market after the crime work at McHenry and Harrison. Arrests were made, ongoing investigation. 3612 Higby tenants are being evicted after a drive-by shooting. National Night Out August 2, 5:30-8:00 at Midway park. F&N Goode Chicken fundraiser July 20 for National Night Out. Sgt Rose Chatman said it has been proposed to move it for next year to a place that is more convenient to Westwood. She also reported a Police Call In this week – anyone violating probation is able to report in to the police. Owner of Friendly's Market spoke about his concern that he is getting negative messages on social media instead of support from the community. Emily encouraged him to respond to Mary Jenkins about strategies to cut down on problems.

Fire Report – Mike Gundrum 435 EMS calls in June, up from 402 in May. Pool Safety – secure private pools and lock fences, supervise kids, even at public pools. There were 11 heroin overdoses in May in this area. There is a drug going around that is an elephant tranquilizer, and narcan does not reverse its effects.

Westwood Hero Award - Helen Russo received the Westwood Hero Award for her hard work with Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence – Fischer/Harrison committee.

Westwood School – 5th and 6th grade students are learning how to run their own business. By January the students will have created their own businesses. Business owners and professionals are needed to present educational sessions for students and parents. Westwood Back to School Kickoff Sunday August 14, 2-4pm, all are invited.

Councilmember Wendell Young – no representative present

Greater Cincinnati Water Works – Lead in Water – presented by Paul Vondermuellen, Kathy Frey. Kathy said Cincinnati has a corrosion control in place if lead pipes are present. She suggests having your water lines checked. Cincinnati meets/surpasses all standards. Citizens can have their water sampled (lead test kit is free) or lines checked for lead. There are lead lines on the public and private properties. Go to lead.mygcww.org to sign up for updates or get more info. There may be funding from the government in the future to resolve lead issues. Polymer linings may be a temporary fix.

Nicholsen Avenue, Will Worthen – lives on Nicholsen, off of Fife. The street is in need of repair. He got two proposals from contractors to repair the damage. **Thomas motioned for the board to assign two volunteers to contact the city about affirmative steps for the city to address or not address the problem conditions at Nicholson, seconded by Stephen Schramm.** Motion passes unanimously. Volunteers are Thomas Sauter and Henry Frondorf. They will report back next month.

Westside Brewing – going into the Sign Store location. They have an architect, brewers, and timeline to open April 2017, but cannot use the entertainment district license. They will serve some food and have food trucks. There is a hearing on August 10 to get a conditional permit to serve alcohol. **Larry motioned for WCA to write a letter of support for the Westside Brewing liquor license, Thomas seconded.** Motion passes unanimously. Thomas will talk to Mary about who will write the letter of support.

Fundraising Brainstorm Session – Two small groups discussed ideas for fundraising. Ideas shared: t-shirt sale, flower sale, bake sale, garden tour, car wash, art sale, coupon book, dinner/dance, event, picnic in the park; 5K (out of shapers), beer arm-bending fundraiser, multiple yard sales, auction event, trivia night, dance (ho-down), donation jars, gofundme account.

Cincinnati Neighborhood Games report – Henry Frondorf, president and founder of CNG, gave brief report. Joe Corso was team captain, with help from Karen Strasser, Larry Eiser. 41 medal ceremonies with Westwood winning 22 medals, winning first place and the Cincinnati Neighborhood Games Cup!

Giant Yard Sale – Shawntee reported that we brought in \$220 (\$2 higher than last year). Thank you to Shawntee and April for volunteering for the entire day. Helen mentioned the placement of the tent may not have been convenient.

Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence – Saturday July 23 meeting, 10-12 at Westwood United Methodist Church to report back from the groups on the three focus areas. Neighbors are encouraged to participate and volunteer to help with next steps.

Other business:

-Maple Ridge Lodge liquor permit is up for renewal. No action is needed.

-Parking issue on Meyer, resident is parking in front of another resident's house all the time. Resident said Officer Minella is looking into it. Larry will get her information and help her communicate with the police.

-Andrea reported that the CRC is planning their fall schedules, so if anyone has requests to let her know. Neighbor is donating an American flag to replace the tattered flag. Karen's Girl Scout troop is lending theirs to CRC.

-Question about movement on the parking meters. Henry reported there has been no movement on the issue at this point. Westwood Coalition infrastructure committee is working on the issue.

-Joe Corso - Fix it Cincy app is working well. He reported high weeds and heard back within 2 days.

-Special meeting may be called on August 9 for the board.

Thomas Sauter motioned to adjourn the meeting, Karen seconded. Meeting adjourned.