

Westwood Civic Association  
General Membership Meeting August 15, 2017  
Minutes

Present: Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Sara Overstake, Steve Beckman, John Bowen, Stephen Schramm, Henry Frondorf, Emily Miller Reynolds, Geneva Clark, Anne Murphy, Abe Brandyberry, Larry Eiser,

Absences: April Stephens, Trinette Zawadzki, Thomas Sauter, Joe Corso

1. Call to Order – Shawntee’ Stallworth-Schramm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call
4. Approval of Agenda – Changes proposed include adding Yvette Simpson as a speaker, Tim Sharp to speak about resurfacing of streets, and Cory Smith to speak about a fence variance. **Motion to approve the agenda with these changes. Motion passes unanimously.**
5. Approval of July general meeting minutes – **Emily motions to approve the July general meeting minutes. Abe seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**
6. Fire – unable to attend
7. Police – Officer Minella – Crime stats are available on the table. Last Wednesday around 12:15, Cheviot officers attempted to stop a car and chased it into District 3 where it wrecked at Daytona and Boudinot. Five kids ran from the car. Four of the five kids have been caught. A helicopter was circling the area. No weapons were apprehended. An arrest has been made in the shooting situation from last month. He was a juvenile. On Friday, search warrants were served on West 8<sup>th</sup> with one of the people having a connection to Westwood. Many drugs and guns were confiscated. National Night Out went well. Comment about the area feeling safer and “thank you” to Officer Minella. Kids have been stealing cell phones and selling them to Walmart. Walmart reported a suspicious person, and police recovered more stolen items from the kids. There will be a press conference on Thursday at 2:30 in front of the Jubilee market to discuss the positive changes in Westwood. Violence prevention vehicles are still stationed around Westwood with their lights on. CPS begins tomorrow – be careful of kids and buses.
8. CRC - Jincey – Youth Council Hope in the Shadows Saturday August 26 at 10:00am. Next meeting is this Friday 8/18 at 6:30. After school programming and preschool are here at Westwood Town Hall. Fitness programs are offered as well.

Spinning, Crush Fit, Clogging, Taekwondo, and Zumbo. Senior programs between 10:00am and 1:00pm during the week. Club CRC ages 6-12 with scholarships available – 2:30-4:30pm Mon-Fri.

9. Yvette Simpson – 9-0 vote to support MSD deal as a result of the public input. This is a 45 year deal and process. The city is excited about Muse opening, as well as West Side Brewing. There is an increase in violence prevention in the city budget for next year, Westwood has already done so much in this area. There is work throughout the state to get a civil protection order for domestic violence for unmarried people. Psych trauma team is in some areas of the city, but not in Westwood yet. If we would like to have the psyche trauma team here, we can let her know.

10. Rich Williams – Homeownership Initiative – President of Homeownership Center of Greater Cincinnati – Partnering with the city of Cincinnati, this organization continues to offer products after NEP was completed. Opportunities to receive funding for code violation upgrades to property. If you are an owner and live in the home, you are eligible. Call 961-2800 and ask for Audrey if you are interested. An example is an opportunity to receive up to \$5,000 in specific areas to make a repair on the home. The goal is to improve the neighborhood and house values. Homeowner pays the interest (about \$9 per month). If you pay the interest each month over 3 years, you will not pay the \$5,000. There are no income guidelines.

11. Tim Sharp – Strasser construction team – August and September, their team will be sealcoating multiple streets in Westwood. There are 99 streets getting resurfaced. Information will be given to neighbors about timeframe and what to do in cooperation with the crew. Go to [cincystreets.com](http://cincystreets.com) for more information. Length of time that the street will not be available depends on the process that is required. Cars will be towed after a 24-36 hour notice to move the car.

12. Cory Smith – Homeowner on the corner of McKinley putting in a fence. Side fence is too high because it is considered a front yard. They have support from the neighbors, but need support from the community council. **Emily motions to support the variance for the fence. Steve Beckman seconded. Motion passes unanimously.** Shawntee will write a letter and sign the pictures.

13. Transfer of Liquor license – 3222 McHenry – The police have no objections. Officer Minella did ask him to clean up the property. WCA will take no action.

14. Youth Council Update – Emily – Next meeting Friday 8/18 at 6:30pm at Westwood Town Hall. Age is 12-18 year olds. The officers have been elected, and they will have t-shirts with a logo. They are involved in the Second Sunday events. Hope in the Shadows Walk August 26 at 10:00am. There will be speakers and a

balloon release. Jincey has flyers. Volunteers are needed.

15. Banners on Harrison – Discussion of NSP funds – Joel - The contract for NSP for this year expires at the end of August. There is about \$1,345.73 left to be spent before August 31. We talked about giving \$500 to Payton for the Eagle Scout project – gazebo at the Community Gardens. **Emily motions to move the \$10 from Community Gardens to Neighborhood Improvement. Henry seconded. Motion passes with one abstention. Motion to not use \$500 toward the deposit of the gazebo this year, but to use it next year. Steve B seconded. Passes with one abstention.** There is \$845.73 to be spent out of Neighborhood Improvement. **Emily motions to get three estimates on parking signs to spend the remainder of the funding. Henry seconds. The signs would go at the public parking lots. Motion passes unanimously.**

16. Fall Cleanup - Shawntee - Hopefully having UC students back for Fall Cleanup around October.

17. WUTSTV – Meeting September 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> to stay focused on public safety and keep good momentum. September 23 seems to be a better date.

18. Other business

- a) Laure Quinlivan distributed flyers about the documentary about the District 3 Net Zero Energy Police Station. There will be community screenings with food and drinks. CET will air it until the end of March, and it will be offered to the entire country after that.
- b) Stephen renewed the domain for \$11.59 and needs a reimbursement. **Stephen motioned to get reimbursed for the renewal and to have the renewal charges put on the WCA debit card. Emily seconded. Motion passes, one abstention.**
- c) Traffic calming and Infrastructure meeting regarding the busy section of Harrison for the business owners. Any information can be shared with that group. It would be good to have Martha from DOTE to attend.
- d) Friendly's Market has a new owner and now there is no dumpster. The nearby business now is leaving trash overflow near this area. Yvette Simpson will look into it.

19. Geneva motioned to adjourn. Emily seconded.

### **Announcements:**

Please join **WCA and Westwood Works** for the **Multicultural Fest Aug. 26th, 11-4pm**

**Also, please enjoy next months events:**  
**September 9 - Westwood Art Show 11-5p and join us in the evening**  
**for Second Saturday, "Create", 5-10p!**

**Next Youth Council:** This is for youth 12-18. For more information go  
to [cincyunitedyouth.org](http://cincyunitedyouth.org)