

Westwood Civic Association
General Membership Meeting February 20, 2018
Minutes

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

Absences: Trinette Zawadzki, Joe Corso

1. Call to Order – Shawntee
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda – Emily motions to approve agenda, Larry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
5. Approval of January minutes – tabled for March
6. **Police** – Captain Paul Broxterman, new District 3 commander, on the department 30 years, lived in Westwood for 10 years, from Price Hill. Westwood crime is majority theft (retail stores). It's been over a year since a shooting at Baltimore and McHenry and close to 6 months since a shooting at Harrison and McHenry, which shows our work to combat violence is working. Officer Minella gave quick updates. Double shooting January 23 at the Renata apartments on Westwood Northern Blvd, but an arrest has been made. Capt. Broxterman is asking for anyone who has cameras on their property to notify District 3 so they are aware of who has camera footage that could be of use to their investigations (camera registry). This is voluntary, but could be helpful. Contact Detective Jennifer Dawson with information.
Fire – Kincaid, new lieutenant on Engine 35, Total run numbers – 439 runs, 371 were EMS runs, and 35 were fire runs, 33 were others. Narcan usage is down, with only 7 times in January, truck company only used narcan two times. EMS runs cover many different types of calls. Monthly focus is to prevent cooking fires. Do not fall asleep while cooking, do not leave items unattended, do not wear loose-fitted clothing, make sure handles are pushed in on the stove. There is a phone number to contact if you need smoke detectors installed. Fire Department has openings for hire.
7. CRC – Jincey – Teens had an overnight with the teens on Friday. Youth Council continues to meet the 3rd Friday of the month. Jincey is taking teenagers to the Mayor's Job Fair in Price Hill, March 3, ages 14-17. Sewing classes are available. Girls on the run takes place at Westwood Town Hall, grades 3-5. Summer Day Camp registrations are available online. Spinning at the brewery on March 11. Senior chair exercise on Monday, Wednesday at 11:30-12:15. Senior Olympics registration is happening now and starts on April 6. River Track is taking place again this year, July

23-27, free, ages 12-17. Memberships available – valid for one year, people are encouraged to join and renew their memberships. There is a scholarship program. Thanks to Westwood Works for the Deck the Hall event and to the park board for the tree. Rentals are available in the building. Fitness classes – spin room in the basement, Zumba classes.

8. Aftab Pureval – Run for United States Congress – Aftab is new to politics. Parents are from India and Tibet, and came to US in 1980 to give Aftab's brother and him a better life than he had. He graduated from The Ohio State University and completed law school at University of Cincinnati. He has experience as an attorney for battered women, and his most recent role was global brand attorney. He is now the Clerk of Courts. He made sure his employees have a liveable wage of at least \$30,000 with maternity leave and sick leave. Washington D.C. is "broken", for example the Western Hills Viaduct does not have federal support to be repaired. Health care is a problem. He is concerned about the heroin epidemic. This is a divisive time, but he is focused on a future for our children that is better than us. He plans to stand up for those who are marginalized. He will be visible and in the town halls, always willing to face constituents.
9. Ken Wilson – Cincinnati Works – Nonprofit organization, in existence 20 years specializing in employment, helping people move from poverty to livable wages. There are people in all communities under-employed and unemployed. Help people with sustainable full-time employment. Services are free, include employment coaching, resume writing, interview training, etc. Website is cincinnatiworks.org, phone number is 513-744-work. 95% of funding is from donations. They have job fairs twice a year.
10. Dr. Garcia – VOCA Grant – trauma-focused therapy for families affected by gun violence. Westwood will be a focus for applying for the grant.
11. Finance Committee – Fundraiser Status – WCA is planning an annual fundraiser, called Westwood Gala and Auction, held at EP Manor, involving a wine and beer tasting with an auction on May 19. Tickets are possibly \$40 per person and \$60 per couple. Steve B. will check with insurance agent to make sure our insurance covers this event. There is a proposed budget of \$1200. Donations are needed for the auction items (baskets, tickets, gift cards, etc.) We should incorporate the 150th Westwood anniversary into the event.
 - a) Budget approval – Henry motions that WCA has a \$1200 budget for the event, taken from WCA savings. Larry seconded. Question about whether the amount would be needed upfront, and that the amount would have to come out of savings. Motion passes unanimously.
 - b) Letter for donations – Wine rep said he could get donations with a letter from WCA. Permit needed for wine and beer. Henry motions that WCA writes a letter asking for donations, which can be changed depending on the business or need. Geneva seconded. We need additional people on the committee asking for donations. Motion passes unanimously.

12. Youth Council Update – Emily – Teen night every Friday night, 6:30-9:00pm. Leaders meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00pm Third Presbyterian, for youth 12-18. There are about 20 attending consistently, with a leadership team of 6. They are planning their service project this year. Partnering with Westwood Works on Second Saturday events.
13. Westwood Uniting Update – Westwood Uniting meeting Feb. 27th, 7pm @ District 3, goal for this meeting is to pull together businesses, organizations, and institutions from the hot spots that are in focus.
14. Outreach Update – Emily reported that we gave Mary Jenkins the Westwood Hero Award. There is a focus on increasing membership, with a plan to send an email/postcard to people with memberships expired with a reminder to renew, and also an ask to sign up for electronic newsletter. Would like up to \$50 for flyers and mailings to communicate. Westwood Works offered to let WCA use a format they purchase for. Emily motions to approve up to \$50 for mailing and printing of postcards and offer Westwood Works a small add in Westwords in exchange for their form-builder software (Wufoo). Thomas S. seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Next meeting will cover recruiting new people. Next meeting is March 12 at 6:30pm.
15. Clean the Green Westwood – Clean the Green April 7th, 9:30-12:30p! We need your help and leadership! A call for Site Leaders, focus is on the gateways to Westwood.
16. Other Business
 - a) Question about Westwood Auction time? Event will be in early evening, possibly 4-9pm, but is not set yet.
 - b) Westwood Coalition update – Henry – Home tour is on May 12, all homes are walking distance from the business district, Second Saturdays will happen again June-September, WestCURC is sending out Request for Proposals for the firehouse (family-friendly restaurants), for Westwood Town Hall ground there is a rebidding process with goal to start this spring, Cheviot is celebrating 200 years of existence
 - c) Western Hills Viaduct Coalition meeting – Thomas – 81 people attended the first meeting. City engineer gave a very informative presentation about the viaduct. A lot of feedback was collected. Anyone is welcome to get involved. Another meeting will be held in late March, location will rotate to different communities each month.
 - d) Plans are in motion for home tour on May 12, and tickets will be available online through Cincinnati preservation association or at Henke. Tickets are \$20 ahead, \$25 day of. There will be smaller events, i.e. Greg Hand is having a presentation at Muse Café Wed. Feb. 28 at 9:00 on Western Hills UFOs. Also hoping to tie in the Sesquicentennial to Second Saturdays and other events.
 - e) Westwood Works – Larry mentioned meetings are the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. February will be held at West Side Brewing and March will be at Muse Café.

- f) We can request a "Square" for taking payments at the event. There is a small fee, but it will be convenient.
- g) Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit is March 10. Engage Cincy grant is given out each year. On July 21st, opening ceremonies for Cincinnati Neighborhood Games with a bike torch ride through every neighborhood. People can participate.

Announcements:

Westwood Civic Association meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7pm, @Town hall. Tell your neighbors about our efforts in the community!

Pinnacle Treatment Center is hosting an open house Feb. 23rd, 12-2pm, 5122 Glencrossing Way.

Reminder: Adopt-a-pot Spring is around the corner, don't forget to renew your pot today! Previous adopters have first dibs.

Youth Council: Is for youth 12-18. We meet at town hall every third Friday of the month. For more information, go to cincyunityouth.org.

Shawntee adjourned the meeting.