

Westwood Civic Association
General Membership Meeting January 16, 2018
Minutes

Present: Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Sara Overstake, Steve Beckman, Emily Miller Reynolds, Larry Eiser, Anne Murphy, Henry Frondorf, Trinette Zawadzki, Joe Corso

Absences: Stephen Schramm, Geneva Clark, April Stephens, Thomas Sauter, Abe Brandyberry, John Bowen

1. Call to Order – Shawntee
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda – accepted with adding Joel Kimmet with an update about Community Gardens.
5. Approval of January minutes
6. Police – Officer Rich Minella, copies of crime stats are available. There is also a flyer with tips for cold weather readiness. For last month, overall crime was down except for auto thefts (people leaving cars running in cold weather), one theft involved a 7 year old in the back seat, who was dropped off at Walgreens. The other stat that was up was robberies, but many arrests have been made (US Bank, UDF, etc.) Officer Minella is unsure if those robberies are tied to the situation with pedestrians getting robbed on Harrison. Captain Jones is transferred to District 2, and we have Captain Paul Broxterman in District 3 now. He is from the west side of Cincinnati, and Officer Minella does not expect anything to change. He is hoping to get to the next WCA general meeting. He has been a police officer for 30 years.
7. Fire – Unable to attend
8. CRC – Jincey – 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.

9. Youth Council Update – Emily – Teen night every Friday night, 6:30-9:00pm. Field trip took place in December at Dunham with multiple locations for Urban Art. Youth Council meets every 3rd Friday night, and this week they are planning to go to Sky Zone. The teen leaders meet on the 1st Friday of each month. Donations of snacks are needed for teens.
10. Wardall Street calming – There have been problems with speeding on Wardall. We received a notification that there was a vote for street calming on Wardall and Montclair. Postcards were sent to residents on Wardall and Montclair, and the percentage of responses from residents was high enough to warrant getting speed bumps. The speed bumps are planned for Fall 2018.
11. Nominating Committee Reports – President's committee and membership committee, Larry's committee (with Joe and Geneva) – this committee proposes nominating Larry, Sara, Joe, Emily, and Steve B to serve for a second term. His committee also discussed planning for future years when we need to nominate new people to the board. Mary's membership committee is suggesting we do the same thing. Members of WCA and the community are encouraged to take on leadership roles, other than board member positions, in order to be ready for taking positions on the board. There were no nominations from the floor. Shawntee thanks the committees for their hard work on the committees and releases them of their duties.
12. Community Gardens – Joel Kimmet – They are gearing up for their 9th season at the community gardens. Location is at Harrison and Talbott. Fence is fixed. They are looking for new gardeners. There is a link on the WCA website with information. It costs \$25 for the whole season for a bed or section of farm row. There is a core team of members from the community gardens that meeting every month to take care of issues and concerns. The Eagle Scout working on the gazebo has all of his funding, and that project should take place this year. There is a zoning issue with the gazebo in the community gardens. Sara motions for WCA to provide a letter of support for the changes to the zoning for a gazebo to be placed in the center of community gardens. Henry seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

13. Finance committee – Fundraiser announcement – Henry volunteered to lead a large-scale fundraiser to help WCA with financials. A group has been identified to work on the event.
14. Zoning Update – email from Alex Peppers, the city is working on the land development code. Some history – back in 2014, a lot of work was done on neighborhood zoning, but there has not been communication from the city regarding the recommendations. The email informed us that the city is looking at zoning for all communities and will follow up. There will be some time to revisit recommendations and resubmit. Shawntee will let us know when she hears more information from them.
15. WUTSTV – Meeting will be 01/23/18, 7pm at District 3 – there are leaders for each “hot spot” area, and they are reaching out to stakeholders in those areas. The hot spots are Glenmore/Montana, Boudinot/Harrison, and McHenry/Harrison (including Bracken Woods).
16. Outreach Meeting Announcement – Monday 01/22/18 at Anne’s house 6:30pm. Conversation will be around growing membership. Others are welcome, bring snacks
17. Other Business
 - a) Catherine O’Shea – resource coordinator at Dater High School, working on safety with students crossing Glenway, fun events and educational events. Question about the new walking trail, and it has been a great addition to that area. Tennis courts are being converted to basketball courts, aquaponics greenhouse (coming soon), and an outdoor auditorium. 20% of student population is in the special college preparatory program, which is lower than the past. Dater High School is the 3rd largest high school in the district. 2nd largest ESL program in the district. There are conversations about the future of Dater High School and the hopes of some west side families to have a Walnut Hills on the west side. Question about Mercy location, but there are no answers.
 - b) Question about status of renovation of the grounds. Bid date is moved from tomorrow to January 24. Once bid is determined, a contract is issued, and we expect April for work to begin, according to Henry. This is a good time to look for bids because companies are looking for jobs for the spring. Drawings are available at www.revitalizewestwood.org. This includes the triangle. Concern

about preserving the plants that are in the pots on the triangle. The planters belong to Westwood Works. Jincey will be notified before work begins because the playground will be removed at the beginning of the project. Community-wide meeting will be held at Westwood Town Hall with information once it is decided.

- c) Western Hills Viaduct Coalition is moving forward Feb. 13 at 7pm in the auditorium at WTH with representatives from the city present. This is an open meeting. The intent is for the committee to act quickly with letters of support or actions needed.
- d) Neighborhood Games – Karen Strasser is the official captain for Westwood. Captain orientation is on Saturday. 26 neighborhoods have captains.
- e) Shawntee will reach out to Capt. Jones about taking him to dinner.

Announcements: Westwood Civic meets every third Tuesday of the month 7p, @ Townhall. Tell your neighbor about our efforts in the community!

District-3 has a new Captain! Captain, Paul Broxterman.

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

Next Youth Council: This is for youth 12-18. For more information go to cincyunitedyouth.org Announcements:

Westwood Uniting - **A call to action**, will be meeting at the community room at District 3 Tues. 28th @ 7pm. We are focusing on three hot spot locations decided by the community.

18.Adjourn – Emily, seconded by Steve B.